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## Well-deserved recognition

Tom Sheehan presented with Sagamore of the Wabash Award

#### The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Comlates Thomas "Tom" Sheehan on being recognized as a Sagamore of the Wabash by Gov. Eric J. Holcomb. This prestigious honor is reserved for individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary service and dedication to the state of Indiana, and Sheehan's impact on the community makes him a truly deserving recipient.

Sheehan's journey is a testament to the power of hard work, humility, and a heart for service. After serving in the Army, he began his career selling encyclopedias door-todoor, eventually founding Carmel Financial Corporation. His professional success laid the groundwork for his and his late wife Soni's lifelong dedication to giving back.

Through their philanthropy, Tom, Soni, and their family have transformed countless lives. More than \$15 million has been awarded throughout \$1 million just in 2024.

Tom and Soni's generosimunity Foundation congratu- ty extends beyond the Tom & Soni Sheehan Fund, including as stalwart supporters of numerous local organizations, from raising funds for St. Vincent de Paul to collecting food through Carmel Financial for the Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County. Tom also served on the Riverview Hospital Foundation Board, where his leadership contributed to projects that continue to benefit Hamilton County residents today.

The Sheehan family's generosity can be seen throughout Hamilton County, from the chapel at Riverview Hospital, dedicated to the memory of Tom's late son, Timothy, to ongoing efforts to strengthen local nonprofits. Tom's story reminds us all that philanthropy isn't reserved for a select few it begins with a drive to make a difference, no matter the size of the gift.

In celebration of Tom Sheehan's well-deserved recognition their lifetime - including nearly as a Sagamore of the Wabash,



Tom and Tracey Sheehan, shown here with Tom's Sagamore of the Wabash Award. Congratulations, Tom, and thank you for your lifetime dedication to Hamilton County.

ship, and service.

Tom, thank you for your un- erosity and compassion.

Hamilton County Community wavering commitment to mak-Foundation honors his continuing Hamilton County a better ing legacy of kindness, leader- place. Your contributions inspire everyone to lead with gen-



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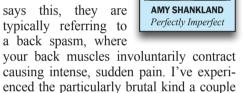
COLUMNIST

Our columnist discovered that the 'grabber' can be a lifesaver during certain episodes of middle-age.

## Backing up & getting creative

I think it's almost a rite of passage when you reach middle age to encounter issues with your back. What I commonly people saying is, "My back went out yesterday."

When someone says this, they are typically referring to a back spasm, where



of times, where I can hardly get out of bed, let alone walk. Last Sunday started out completely normal. I did my usual chores and took my dog for a walk before lunch time. I noticed when I bent over to take care of her ... deposit ...

ternoon, I could no longer bend over. Thankfully I could still walk, but I knew at if I didn't take care of myself, things would get much worse. I got out the heating pad, ice pack, and ibuprofen, then parked

that my back felt a little "off." By early af-

myself in the recliner for the rest of the day. What's frustrating about back spasms is that it's sometimes hard to pinpoint what causes them. In fact, I do everything you're supposed to, including:

1. Exercising to strengthen my core

2. Avoiding heavy lifting and always lifting items properly

3. Maintaining good posture and a

healthy weight 4. Avoiding sitting for long periods of

5. Stretching my back often

In this instance, I can't recall doing anything to have caused my latest issue. This is frustrating because the first thing people ask is, "What did you do?" While I did some deep cleaning last Saturday, it was in two small rooms, and there it didn't involve any heavy lifting or strenuous activity.

Since Sunday, I've been relying on my husband John and my son Jacob for anything that requires bending over. But when they're not around, I have to think outside

I've been using my foot to do atypical tasks like shutting the dishwasher door, opening the recycling lid, and much more. I've been performing unusual contortions holding firmly onto the wall and balancing on one leg to reach things. And you should see my creativity with the "grabber" (sadly, yes, we've had this item in our household for a few years now).

I shared a saying on my social media recently that I saw on a church sign,

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## **Kiwanis Club of Greater Sheridan invites** community to pulled pork fundraiser

Dinner will coincide with Feb. 21 JV basketball game

#### **Submitted by Sheridan Kiwanis Club**

Mark your calendars for Friday, Feb. 21. The Kiwanis Club of Greater Sheridan is will hold a fantastic fundraising dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Sheridan High School cafeteria, 24185 Hinesley Road.

Enjoy a delicious meal featuring pulled pork, baked beans, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, dessert, and a drink. Presale tickets are just \$10 and can be purchased from current Sheridan Kiwanis members, at The Farmers Bank, or at Bragg Insurance. Tickets will be \$12



at the door, and children 10 and under can join the fun for

only \$6.

burg Community High School with tipoff at 6 p.m.

"This event is all about The dinner will be served coming together as a combefore and during the home JV munity to support our local basketball game against Edin- children," Kiwanis of Great-

from Sheridan Elementary School assisting us that night. They will help with clearing tables and refilling drinks for everyone." Bring your family, friends,

er Sheridan President Brian

Zachery said. "We are excited

to have our local K-Kids Club

and neighbors for an evening of great food, community spirit, and support for a wonderful cause. All proceeds will go towards benefiting the children of Greater Sheridan, ensuring they have the resources and opportunities they need to thrive.

Schools is Indiana's third larg-

est school district, serving more

than 21,000 students across

Fishers and parts of Noblesville.

been guided by its mission to

"Our district has always

## **Hamilton Southeastern Schools expands** enrollment to include out-of-district students

### **Submitted**

Hamilton Southeastern Schools (HSE) announced Tuesday evening that for the first time in its history, families living outside the district's boundaries will have the opportunity to apply for enrollment. This decision, approved by the Board of School Trustees, opens the door for more K-12 students to join one of Indiana's said. "By welcoming top-performing districts.

Applications for out-of-district enrollment will go live Friday, Feb. 21 and will follow a to the high-quality process based on eligibility criteria and campus availability at tunities that define HSE while source allocation. select schools.



### **Hamilton** Southeastern **Schools**

"This is an important moment for Hamilton Southeastern Schools," Superintendent Pat Mapes students from outside our district, we are able to expand access educational oppor-

strengthening our ability to



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munity."

policy reflects HSE's commitment to adapting to the evolving landscape of public education, ensuring financial enrollment and re-

Southeastern

provide excellence in education and opportunities for all stuserve the greater comnity." dents," Superintendent Mapes
The change in said. "By extending enrollment, we are able to equip the next generation with the skills needed to achieve their goals and contribute positively to an ever-changing world." For more details on the enstability

through maximized rollment process, including eligibility requirements and participating schools, please visit hseschools.org/enrollment.

## Local Lions Clubs & University H.S. baseball team assist Gleaners



Photos provided by Jake Doll, Noblesville Lions Club On Tuesday, the Noblesville, Carmel, and Westfield Lions Clubs assisted with several members of the University High School (Carmel) baseball team in helping the Gleaners Mobile Pantry. As well as helping with the pantry, the high school team presented a donation of \$250 to Gleaners. The Lions wish to thank these students for their help with this project and involvement in community service. (RIGHT) The University High School baseball team presents a check to Gleaners. Lions members in attendance, but not pictured were, (from Carmel) Bill Ryan, Bob Yunker, and Lynn

Thompson; (from Noblesville) Bruce Moss, Skylar Herold, Jeff Kozicki, Jeanne Auffrey, John Einsfeld, Joe Connerley, Lisa Rohe, Ron Sinicki, and Scott Willis; (from Westfield) Don Collins, Gary Smith, and Bill Nesbitt.



## **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

#### BACK UP! —

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go through." I'm trying to focus on how blessed I am during this latest back episode and staying positive. Things could be so much worse.

I'm glad that I can at least walk around, continue working, and do most of my normal tasks, albeit with some creativity. I'll still be able to enjoy dinner out with my Valentine this evening.

ning, which always does nue.info.

"Grow through what you wonders for me. I know by next week I'll slowly be returning to normal.

> Final note ... as always, dear readers, if you encounter a back issue – whether you're middle aged or not – please reach out to your doctor/healthcare provider.

Amy Shankland is a writer and fundraising professional living in Noblesville with her husband John, two sons, two dogs, and a Thankfully I had a mas- cat. You can reach her via sage last Wednesday eve- email at amys@greenave-

## Thanks for reading The Reporter!

## Register now for Hamilton County InterFaith Summit

The REPORTER

Good Samaritan Net- to take part in work (GSN) will play host an in-depth disto an InterFaith Summit from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18 at the Renaissance Indianapolis North Hotel, 11925 N. Meridian St., Carmel.

The InterFaith Summit is free and includes entry, complimentary continental breakfast, and a boxed lunch. Space is limited, and online registrations are required. The registration deadline is Friday, March 14. Click here to register.

"Our objective for the day is to address significant challenges facing Hamilton County and its residents," GSN Executive Director Nancy Chance said. "We want to recognize our similarities and embrace our differences, identify and consider solutions, and work together to be prepared."

This gathering aims to strengthen collaboration among churches, faithbased organizations, and places of worship and engage individuals and agencies committed to making a difference. Together, attendees will explore practical strategies and initiatives that empower all residents of Hamilton County.

Please plan cussion distinguished guest speakers and expert panel members as we tackle pressing issues affecting our community,

including housing, mental health, volunteerism, and community safety. InterFaith Summit will engage in dialogue and possible plans to provide care methods for Hamilton County families in different areas, such as affordable housing, mental health, volunteerism, and more.

"The ability to bring together Hamilton County residents and especially the inter-faith community to increase awareness and engagement with an eventual outcome of being prepared during a devastating disaster or emergency," Chance said, "is really a return to the grassroots of being a caring community."

Chance also said, "Sponsors like Gaylor Electric – Chuck Goodrich are crucial in making this free event possible for Hamilton County, and they deserve our support for taking



unique event!"

Sponsorships are still available for: EVENT Sponsor, PARTNER Sponsor, and PRIVATE Sponsor. Besides RSVP signup, sponsorship details and signup links are listed online at **gsnlive.org**/ interfaithsummit.

#### **Hamilton County Challenges Breakout Sessions &**

Panel Discussions The summit will include a Q&A, breakout sessions, presentation handouts, and panel discussion topics to build a prepared Hamilton County community. Panel-

discussions, including: · Homelessness, Housing Instability, and Uncertainties: Andrea Muirragui Davis, Executive Director,

ists are assembled from a

cross-section of varied lo-

cal organizations to lead the

CFRM, HAND Inc. · Mental Health Services: Amy Chaudion, Director, LIFEhouse Ministries; Holly Homan, LCSW, LCAC, Owner, Chief of Unlimited Potential, JRNY Counseling; Monica Greer, Executive Director, Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs; Dr. Mary Beth Woehrle, Founder/President, IGNITE Transform & IGNITE Center 4 Community; James R. Ginder, MS, NREMT, PI, CHES, NCEE, PAI, CCHW, Health Education Specialist, Hamilton County Health Department; and Kaitlyn Ervin, Director of Crisis Services, Aspire In-

• Volunteerism: Kim Rogers-Hatfield, CVA, Director of Community Resources with Heart of Indiana United Way

"Understanding our differences while recognizing our similarities and working together to be better prepared and more resilient as a community is critical - especially in a disaster or emergency," Chance said.



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## Noblesville school board gets look at high school construction progress













Photos provided by Noblesville Schools

Noblesville School Board members toured Noblesville High School construction progress this week, checking in on the expansion that will include welding bays, engineering rooms, biomedical labs, a new cafe, a makerspace, study areas, meeting space and more. Performing arts spaces are also being renovated and all work in being funded through a bond with no increase to the tax rate. (TOP ROW, from left) Dr. Hile explains a new area to board members Misti Ray and Christi Crosser. NHS Assistant Principal Kevin Stuckwisch shows the board, Superintendent Dan Hile and NHS Principal Craig McCaffrey the latest progress in the welding area. Board member Joe Forgey peeks out a window facing Cumberland Road. (ABOVE, from left) Board member Misti Ray. Board members Christi Crosser (left) and Stephanie Lambert stand on the new seating stairs that are a central feature of the cafe and event space area. Board member Bret Richardson.

## Indiana Health Commissioner to speak at February Eggs & Issues

of Commerce and the One- ing how locally based de-

Zone Chamber of Commerce will welcome Indiana State Health Commissioner, Dr. Lindsay Weaver to the Eggs February & Issues event at The Bridgewater Club, 3535 E. 161st St.



Weaver

**Agenda** 

• 8 a.m.: Registration, Breakfast, and Light Networking

• 8:30 a.m.: Program • 9:30 a.m.: Event Concludes

All chamber members and non-members are invited to attend. Breakfast and coffee will be provided.

Click here to register through OneZone. About Dr. Lindsay Weaver

Dr. Weaver was reappointed Indiana State Health Commissioner by Governor Mike Braun on Jan. 13, 2025, having been named to the position by Governor Eric J. Holcomb in June 2023. She brings to the role a passion for improving the health of Hoosiers through a focus on prevention, data-informed programming, and access to care in all corners of the

As state health commissioner. Dr. Weaver also leads the implementation of Health First Indiana (HFI), an initiative aimed at improving the health of all Hoosiers through an investment in prevention and the delivery of core public health services. She visited all 92 Indiana coun-

ties during her first year as The Westfield Chamber commissioner, highlight-

cision-making is a central tenet of HFI as health departments know best how to address the needs in their communities.

Prior to her appointment, she had served since Feb. 3, 2020, as

the chief medical officer for the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH), where she helped to lead the state's pandemic response by spearheading the development of the statewide lab testing network to expand COVID-19 testing capacity in Indiana and led the statewide distribution of COVID-19 vaccines and therapeutics.

Dr. Weaver is also an assistant professor of clinical emergency medicine at the Indiana University School of Medicine and continues to practice emergency medicine at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.

She earned her undergraduate degree in biology at the University of Kentucky and graduated from the University of Louisville School of Medicine. She received residency training in emergency medicine and fellowship training in hospice and palliative medicine at Indiana University School of Medicine, and she completed a fellowship in ethics at the Charles Warren Fairbanks Center for Medical Ethics at Indiana University Health.

Dr. Weaver and her husband have five daughters.

## Advocates urge lawmakers to take action to reduce tobacco use

**Submitted** 

Roughly 500 advocates, including 300 students, from across the state traveled to the Statehouse on Wednesday to meet with their elected officials during Tobacco Free Indiana Advocacy Day. They told lawmakers that Indicigarette ana can and must do better tax by \$2 co on Hoosiers.

Advocates met with lawmakers to ask them to increase the state's cigarette tax by \$2 per pack and the tax on all other tobacco

products. including e-cigarettes, parallel to the new cigarette tax. Increasing Indiana's

new annual revenue, keep 7,000 kids from becoming adults who smoke, help 32,400 adults who currently smoke quit and wards reducing tobacco

**American** Cancer Society Cancer Action Network\*

ate over \$318 million in grams that prevent tobacco use and help those already addicted quit. In taking these actions, Indiana will take a decisive step to-

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save 9.900 use and its devastating toll on our communities. lives.

Over 42,000 Hoosiers thermore, will be diagnosed with advocates cancer, and over 14,000 shared that are expected to die from lawmakers the devastating disease this year. A total of 33.8 should increase the percent of those cancer state's indeaths will be caused by vestment cigarette smoking. Those to reduce the toll of tobac- per pack would gener- to \$15 million for pro- gathered at the Statehouse Wednesday called on Indiana lawmakers to change this by taking steps to prioritize the fight for a healthier Indiana by reducing tobacco use.



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## Hamilton County is undeniably bipartisan

Not long ago, Hamilton County, Indiana, was a GOP stronghold with uncontested general election races and a longstanding political monopoly. Today, we are undeniably a bipartisan coun-

ty that is politically balanced. We have grown into a richly diverse community with a variety of perspectives.

Democrats in Hamilton County are no longer invisible, they are expected. They are seen as active contributors to our community, just like Hamilton County neighbors are – dedicated to local service, bipartisan balance, and good government for all.

Balance is a requirement of good government that serves people well. A longstanding political monopoly of any party jeopardizes transparency, openness, and accountability. Although Democrats haven't yet achieved all the Hamilton County election victories that are hoped for, there are many facts that prove our county is achieving bipartisan balance. MSNBC highlighted Hamilton County as one of the top 10 counties in the nation that has shifted most to Democrats, +28 since 2012. The New York Times showed that Hamilton County was one of only 319 counties in the country (11 percent) that did not



from support Notably, 2020. Democratic the Presidential candidate won both Carmel and Fishers for the very first time in 2024. Reversing a

increase

Trump

national trend and

consistently moving toward Democrats for the past 12 years in our red state of Indiana is remarkable. This momentum is not simply the result of our growing population. This consistent shift to Democrats is the result of more strong Democratic candidates who bravely run for an office that has been held by Republicans and hours of hard work from volunteers.

When Hamilton County citizens voted in 2024, they saw one of the most competitive ballots in the entire state. These Democratic candidates won strong support from a cross-section of voters - Deborah Pickett, Joel Levi, Matt McNally, Josh Lowry, Chris Hartig, Stephanie Jo Yocum, Keely Gladieaux, and Tom Wilson.

The Democratic incumbent on the ballot was State Representative Victoria Garcia Wilburn and she won her reelection decisively. Indiana was one of only reelected all their Democratic office holders. Representative Garcia Wilburn



won the cities of Carmel and Fishers for the first time and represents all Hamilton County residents as a Democrat in the statehouse.

Overall, Democratic candidates did very well in Hamilton County amid statewide GOP dominance. For the first time in 20 years, Indiana's gubernatorial candidate won Hamilton County cities. Jennifer McCormick made Hamilton County one of the top priorities in her campaign, even generously sharing her HQ office space with the other local Democratic candidates.

The Hamilton County four states in the nation that Democratic Party launched its largest countywide Get Out The Vote campaign ever in 2024. This campaign was

activated by over 235 volunteers across the county. Over 44.000 Hamilton County Democratic voters were reached during the fall campaign. For the second year in a row, Hamilton County Democrats canvassed the most doors in the state. That distinction proves engagement of local Democrats who directly impacted voter turnout. In 2024, overall voter turnout in Hamilton County was 71 percent – one of the highest voter turnouts for the 2024 general election in the entire state. Additionally, Democratic straight-ticket voters in Hamilton County reached an all-time high, while Republican straight-ticket voters in

Hamilton County declined. The first several weeks

of 2025 has brought early fundraising successes, and new Hamilton County Democratic Party members join daily. The Hamilton County Democratic Party will elect new county party officers in March. This new leadership team will ensure that the momentum continues and will guide the party into the next election cycle with new ideas, strong outreach and energetic teamwork. The outgoing county party officers have served the growing Democratic community well. Dayna Colbert led the way in Hamilton County for three years as county party chair and currently serves Democrats statewide as the Executive Director of the

Indiana Democratic Party. Hamilton County, In-

diana, has grown into a bipartisan county with political balance. It is a pleasant and healthy place to live where different political viewpoints can coexist in a neighborly way. Ultimately, balance helps remind us how special our county is and how much we share.

If you are interested in joining the Hamilton County Democratic Party, visit hamcodemsin.org.

Jocelyn Vare is the chairperson of the Hamilton County (Indiana) Democratic Party. She was the first Democrat elected by the City of Fishers and served as an At-Large city councilor. She also ran for State Senate to represent Fishers residents at the

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## Gov. Braun says state departments collaborating on avian flu monitoring

Submitted by Office of the Governor

Governor Mike Braun issued the following statement regarding avian flu monitoring in Indiana.

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"Hoosiers can rest as- Board of Animal sured that state government Health (BOAH), is monitoring the Avian Flu situation. At my direction, ment of Agrithere is regular collaboration between the Indiana Department

Indiana Departculture, Indiana Natural Resources (DNR), and In-

diana Department of Health (IDOH) and I receive regular interagency briefings. "The Indiana Depart-

ment of Agriculture, work- Office of Health and Family ing with the Board of Ani- Services, as they coordinate mal Health, is engaging with these efforts." poultry producers, whether large scale or hobby farms, to ensure close communication and cooperation. DNR is monitoring the situation as it impacts recreation, hunting, and sports. IDOH is responsible for monitoring potential human

exposure to the Avian Flu. "I am grateful for the cooperation and leader-

ship of Lt. Gov. Micah Beckwith; Cabinet Secretary Suzie Jaworowski, Office of Energy and Natural Resources; and Cabinet Secretary Gloria Sachdev,

While the health risk to the public is classified as low, Hoosiers and poultry owners who notice sick or dead birds should not touch the bird and instead contact their veterinarian or the

Healthy Birds Hotline at

### (866) 536-7593. House supports Jeter's legislation to add courts & magistrates in Hamilton County

The REPORTER

The Indiana House of Representatives on Tuesday ana Judicial Branch's 2023

Rep. Chris Jeter's (R-Fishers) legislation to establish two new superior courts and appoint additional magistrates Hamilton County.

According to Jeter, Hamilton County currently has 11 judges but

needs 15. House Bill 1144 nary hearings. They also aswould allow for two new Hamilton Superior Court judges to be elected in November 2026. It would also allow Hamilton County judges to appoint two additional magistrates.

"Due to the steady and continued growth in Hamilton County over the last decade, there's a need for more judicial officers," said Jeter, who chairs the House Judiciary Committee. "This is a proactive step to ensure our court system has the resources needed to continue serving Hoosiers with timely access to their constitutional rights."

According to the Indiunanimously advanced State Weighted Caseload Study,

Hamilton County ranked first in need of judicial officers.

Jeter said unlike judges who are elected, magistrates are hired to preside over minor civil and criminal cases and

Jeter conduct prelimisist with judicial caseloads by administering oaths, compelling the attendance of witnesses, setting bail, conducting hearings and trials, and imposing criminal sentences.

HB 1144 now moves to the Senate for further consideration. For more information, or to watch session and committees live, visit iga.in.gov.

State Rep. Chris Jeter (*R*-*Fishers*) represents House District 88, which includes portions of Hamilton, Hancock, Madison and Marion counties.



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## Hamilton'County Veterans Community Pa

#### **Hamilton County Veteran Service Organizations**

**American Legion Posts** 

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

Cicero Post 341 Tye Anderson

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

Fishers Post 470 Pat Menc

9091 E 126<sup>th</sup> St Treasure Hunt Fri 8pm \$25K Fishers, in 46038 Trivia Wed 6pm 317-842-5944 Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> St Sheridan, In 46069 317-758-5007

#### **VFW Posts**

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

Noblesville Post 6246 Eric Behrends 654 S 9<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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#### Welcome to the annual Community **Integration Survey!**

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

services and appreciate your participation in this important effort. Who Can Take the Survey?: Veterans and

service members. However, family members, caregivers, and community advocates may

participate. Click here to take the survey -

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

America's Warrior Partnership is

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

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

Join the Indy Vet Center for "The Weekly Grind" Every Thursday 10am-noon



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.

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

**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

Coffee With a Vet at Schoolhouse 7 Café



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A gathering to get to know veterans in our community



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February 25, 2025 6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.

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American Legion & VFW Bar & Restaurant Hours

M,Tu 3-10pm, W,Th 10a-10p, F 10a-11a, Sa 8a-11p, Su 8a-8p. Restaurant -Sa 8a-8p, Su 8a-12p Lunch W-F 11a-2p, Dinner W-F 5-8p

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

M-Th 3-10p, F-Sa 12-11p, Su 12-10p. Restaurant Tu, W, F 4-8pm, Public P/U Tu-W, F

**Fishers Legion** 

eat in or carry out

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

**Noblesville Legion** 

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

Noblesville VFW

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

**Sheridan Legion** 

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

**Christmas In June Care Package Drive** 





"Christmas in June" Care Package Drive for our Deployed Hoosiers - Feb 12th till May 10th

Please help us collect gifts to send care packages to our deployed Hoosier troops for a "Christmas in June". Purchase gifts on the list below and bring them to your local Hamilton County VFW or American Legion Post where they will be collected and brought to the Fishers American Legion Post for wrapping and packaging on May 10 at 5pm. We also need to raise money for shipping costs, so please donate online at https://donorbox.org/hamilton-county-veterans-corp or drop off funds at your Legion & VFW where you leave the goods for the care packages. We need the gifts and funds delivered by May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!!!

Here are your local Hamilton County VFW & American Legion Post's addresses. Carmel American Legion Post 155 - 852 West Main St, Carmel, In 46032 Carmel VFW Post 10003 - 12863 Old Meridian ST, Carmel, In 46032 Cicero American Legion Post 341 - 50 Washington Ave, Cicero, In Fishers American Legion Post 470 - 9091 E 126th St, Fishers, In Noblesville American Legion Post 45 - 273 S 8th St, Noblesville, In 46060 Noblesville VFW Post 6246 - 654 S 9th St, Noblesville, In 46060 Sheridan American Legion Post 67 - 406 E 10th St, Sheridan, In

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### Fraudster sentenced to 10 years, ordered to pay nearly \$2M

#### **Submitted by Office of** tinue holding accountable insurance debit the Attorney General

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita worked with the Federal Bureau of Investigation to take down a southside Indianapolis-based serial fraudster, James Henley, and secured an order for him to pay back nearly \$2 million in restitution.

Henley has been sentenced to 10 years in federal prison, followed by three years of supervised release after pleading guilty to aggravated identity theft, conspiracy to commit access device fraud, two counts of money laundering, and eight counts of wire fraud. He has also been ordered to pay \$1,887,426.63 in restitution.

Henley reportedly told federal agents, who worked alongside Indiana's Homeowner Protection Unit, he was inspired in part to commit mass fraud after watching a crime TV show.

"Our attorneys and federal investigators made sure this man was prosecuted for these flagrant and insidious criminal acts against regular Hoosiers," AG Rokita said. "I'm certainly proud of everyone who works in our own Homeowner Protection Unit for their role in helping bring this blatant perpetrator of fraud and theft to justice. We will con-

all those who aim to enrich themselves by illegally deceiving and exploiting innocent victims."

As part of his fraud schemes, Henley registered five fake businesses (On-Track Real Estate Solutions, LDI Investments Corp. Lucario Investments, 317 Traffic, and Henley Real Estate Solutions) with the states of Indiana and Kentucky, claiming to serve as the Chief Executive Officer for majority of them yet none of the businesses were legitimate. He used the businesses to mask his identity, make his schemes appear more credible, and launder the stolen money resulting in a total loss of \$2,927,758.95 to individual homeowners, an Indiana attorney, a bank, and 10 state governments.

Henley's schemes are broken down as follows:

#### **COVID-19 fraud**

Between May 2020 and March 2021, James Henley, his wife Jameka Henley, and his associate Jimmie Bickers used the stolen personally identifiable information of 76 real individuals to submit 120 unemployment insurance applications to 10 states during the COVID-19 pandemic. Once the applications were approved, the trio used 65 unemployment to steal and sell an addition-

cards to make purchases at retailers and withdraw cash at ATMs in the Evansville and Indianapolis areas. The states paid a total of \$1.119.426.63 in

unemployment benefits in connection with the group's fraudulent applications. In July 2020, Henley used funds withdrawn from ATMs to buy a Chevrolet Camaro for \$22,801.

Bickers and Jameka Henley have been formally charged for their roles in this scheme but have not pleaded guilty.

#### **Home title fraud**

Between December 2021 and May 2023, Henley stole five homes in Indianapolis by filing fraudulent deeds with the Marion County Recorder's Office. Through the filings, Henley claimed that the homeowners had sold their homes to his fake businesses, but, in reality, he had never even spoken with the homeowners. Unbeknownst to the victims, Henley filed these fraudulent deeds and then sold the homes for significantly less than their market value, pocketing more than \$260,000 in profits.

Henley also attempted



Indianapolis and Evansville. With one exception, the individuals who bought the homes from Henley took possession and ultimately kept the homes.

Rokita

For one homeowner, the property Henley stole was her childhood home. She purchased the home while her mother was in the hospital with the hope that, when her mother's condition improved, her mother would be able to live out her remaining years in the house.

#### **Mortgage fraud**

In November 2021, an associate of Henley's purchased a home in Indianapolis using a mortgage loan from a bank. In April 2022, Henley filed a fraudulent document with the Marion County Recorder's Office to make it seem as if the mortgage loan had been paid off, when it had not been paid. Henley then filed a deed naming himself a joint owner of the home. Henley and his associate subsequently sold the property for \$255,000, pocketing all the proceeds, even though the bank should have received the majority of the funds.

**Auto Ioan fraud** 

al 14 homes in ley purchased a Dodge Durango in Indianapolis for \$71,479, using an auto loan from Everwise Credit Union. A few months later, in June 2023, Henley purchased a Chevrolet Silverado in Plainfield for \$54,270, using a second loan from Everwise Credit Union.

> In October 2023, Henley connected a JPMorgan Chase bank account to his auto loans, via Everwise's online payment portal. Henley falsely represented that the Chase account belonged to Jimmie Bickers, and that he had authority to make payments on his loans using funds from the Chase account.

> The Chase account was actually an Indiana attorney's Interest on Lawyers' Trust Account (IOLTA), which is a highly regulated bank account used by lawyers to hold client funds. The interest earned on IOL-TA accounts is used to fund grants for nonprofit groups that promote pro bono and access to justice programs. Henley did not have the attorney's permission to access or withdraw funds from the IOLTA account.

Between October and November 2023, Henley used the IOLTA account to make two payments, totaling \$98,000, toward his In March 2023, Hen- auto loans.

Henley has prior felony convictions for financial crimes, including theft, forgery, and fraud.

"I would also like to thank HPU Investigator Lynn Wilkins for her respective role in assisting the FBI in uncovering the deed fraud." AG Rokita said. "We are lucky to have public servants like her working every day to ensure that our office does everything that we can to protect Hoosiers."

The Homeowner Protection Unit remains dedicated to protecting the rights of tenants and ensuring equal access to safe housing. This victory underscores the commitment of the Office of the Indiana Attorney General to uphold the law and protect Hoosiers from deceptive practices.

The mission of the Homeowner Protection Unit is to protect the rights of all individuals involved in the housing market, including tenants, homeowners, and aspiring homeowners, by investigating and redressing deceptive acts in connection with mortgage lending and violations of relevant state and federal laws.

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### **Ascension St. Vincent Heart Center hosts Pacers for Heart Month celebration**

#### The REPORTER

In celebration of Heart Ascension St. Month, Vincent Heart Center welcomed Indiana Pacers Guard Johnny Furphy and former player Scot Pollard this week, marking the occasion with heartfelt gestures and gratitude.

Amidst an atmosphere of celebration, Scot Pollard honored Cynthia Cartee, a longtime Heart Center associate, for her years of dedicated service, while also commemorating his first anniversary of a life-saving heart transplant, underscoring the critical role of Ascension St. Vincent's exceptional care and support.

Associates enjoyed a memorable celebration as they met players for photos and autographs, spun for prizes and marked a remarkable achievement – becoming the No. 1 heart program in the state and No. 2 in the nation for cardiac care, as recognized by Money's Best Hospitals for Cardiac Care 2024. The event also highlighted the program's recent ranking among the Top 50 Cardiovascular Hospitals in the Nation by Premier Inc.

Former Pacers player and heart transplant patient ate, skilled team – can truly



Scot Pollard joined the fes- be the difference between tivities as this month marks struggling and thriving." one year since his heart received his pre-transplant care and ongoing cardiac treatment at Ascension St. Vincent, expressed his deep appreciation for the care and

support he has received. for the extraordinary care and support I received at Ascension St. Vincent," Pollard said. "This journey has shown me just how vital it is to listen to your body. Early intervention - combined with a compassion-

"We are immensely transplant. Pollard, who proud to be recognized as the top-ranked cardiac care hospital in Indiana and second in the nation," said Lori Shannon, President of Ascension St. Vincent Heart Center. "Our achievements "I'm beyond grateful reflect the dedication, teamwork, and passion of every associate here. Moments like today, where we celebrate patient milestones and honor exceptional service, remind us that every day we are making a difference in the lives of our community."

Ascension St. Vincent Heart Center is proudly physician owned and provides comprehensive and innovative Cardiovascular care, offering advanced treatments for a range of complex heart conditions. As Indiana's only five-star heart hospital, Ascension St. Vincent Heart Center specializes in complex heart care, surgery, using minimally invasive techniques and quality outcomes for the full spectrum of Heart care. The team also leads groundbreaking research to improve cardiovascular care and patient outcomes.

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### Celebrate legendary ladies of TV variety shows

#### The REPORTER

tory Month in March with a screening of a new PBS documentary that draws from its extensive Songbook Library & Archives.

Showstoppers! Great Women of TV Variety

honors artists such as Carol sible seating for groups may Burnett, Cher, Ann-Margret, Diahann Carroll, Della Reese, Doris Day, Mitzi Gaynor, Lily Tomlin and other trailblazing icons who ing, attendees can enjoy an changed American popular in-person panel discussion March 2 will feature cos- the Palladium. culture through the network television musical variety series and specials of the 1960s and '70s. Hosted by three-time Grammy Award winner Debby Boone, the one-hour special features full-length song, dance and comedy performances as well as interviews with the stars and others involved.

The Songbook Foundation will screen the film at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 2, at the Tarkington at Allied Solutions Center for the

Performing Arts, 3 Carter The Great American Green, Carmel. WFYI Pub-Songbook Foundation is lic Media is partnering with celebrating Women's His- the Foundation on the event,

which is part of the WFYI Live event series. General admission tickets at \$10 for adults and \$5 for students are available now at The-Songbook.org/ **Showstoppers** or

by phone at (317) **Boone** 843-3800. Accesbe reserved by phone or via

email at Tickets@TheCen-

terPresents.org. Following the screenwith the film's host, Debby Boone; its Emmy-winning tured in the documentary, filmmakers, René Reyes and Shane Rosamonda; and Holly Foster Wells, granddaughter of the late Peggy Lee and president of Peggy Lee Associates, who is featured in the film. Attendees also will receive pre-recorded greetings from some exciting special guests.

In conjunction with the screening, a temporary display in the adjacent Studio Theater from 1 to 5 p.m. book Exhibit Gallery at



tumes worn by stars feamany of them Songbook Hall of Fame members. No ticket is required to view the items, worn by artists

- including: • Mitzi Gaynor
  - Ella Fitzgerald • The Lennon Sisters
  - Peggy Lee
  - Eydie Gormé

For the remainder of March, the costumes will be displayed in the Song-

The Songbook Foundation supported the making of the documentary by providing access to its archival collections and materials of artists featured in the film, including Gaynor, Diahann Carroll, Florence Henderson, and the Lennon Sisters.

Showstoppers! The event is generously supported by the Loser family of Indianapolis with additional support from the City of Carmel.

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## Blood donors needed now to build supply

#### The REPORTER

The American Red Cross urges donors to give blood in February to help build up the blood supply after thousands of donations went uncollected last month. People of all blood types – especially those with type O negative blood - are encouraged to make and keep their donation appointments so hospitals can continue to ensure critical care for patients this winter.

Since the beginning of the year, hundreds of blood drives have been canceled

and more than 16,000 blood donations have gone uncollected due to severe winter weather and wildfires. As February continues, so does the potential for additional weather systems to disrupt blood drives. Flu and other seasonal illnesses are spreading, which could also force more people to cancel scheduled donation appointments, compounding the impact to collecting lifesaving blood products.

Give with your whole heart this month. To book a time to give blood, use the

#### **Upcoming donation opportunities**

Feb. 22, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Delta Faucet, 55 E. 111th St. Feb. 23, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Delta Faucet, 55 E. 111th St. Feb. 26, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.: TVF, Inc., 401 W. Carmel Drive

Feb. 18, 2 to 6 p.m.: IU Health Saxony Hospital, 13100 E. 136th St. Feb. 20, 1 to 6 p.m.: Billericay Park Multi-Purpose Community Building, 12690

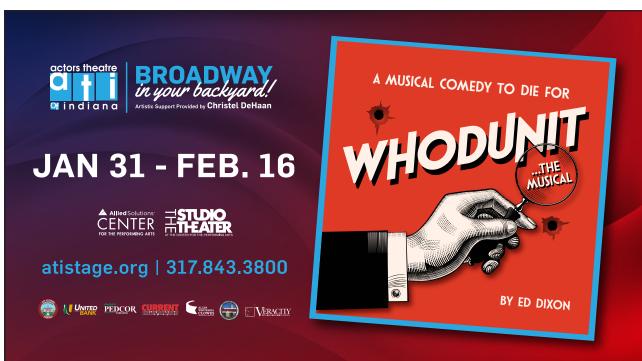
Feb. 25, 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.: Sun King Brewing, 9713 District N. Drive, Suite

Zionsville

Feb. 28, noon to 5 p.m.: Security Federal Savings Bank, 10880 Michigan Road

Red Cross Blood Donor come to give now through App, visit RedCrossBlood. org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). As a thank-you, all who

Feb. 28 will get a \$15 e-gift card to a merchant of choice. See RedCrossBlood.org/ Flurry for details.



#### **Meeting Notices**

The Delaware Township Board and Trustee will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2025, at the Delaware Township Government Center, 9090 E. 131st St., Fishers, The agenda will include adoption of the Jan. 7 meeting minutes, 2025 Township Guidelines, Annual Financial Report, Township Assistance TA-7 Report, and 2025 Encumbrance.

Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2025, in the Board Room at the Noblesville Schools Educational Services Center, 18025 River Road.

Noblesville

**Send Meeting Notices to:** News@ReadTheReporter.com

The Hamilton Heights School Corporation Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2025, at the Hamilton Heights Student Activity Center, 420 W. North St. Arcadia, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9)(5) To receive information about and inter-view prospective employees: and IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b) (9)(11) To train school board members with an outside consultant and the performance of the role of the members as public officials.

The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will meet for a work session at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, 2025, in the Board Room at the Noblesville Schools Educational Services Center, 18025 River Road.

#### -WESTFIELD

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RESIDENTIAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

PROGRAM Notice is hereby given that the Westfield Redevelopment Commission (the

"Commission") is considering the establishment of a residential housing development program (the "Program") in a certain portion of the City of Westfield, Indiana (the "City") in accordance with Indiana Code 36-7-14-53, as amended, as part of the economic development plan that the Commission is considering for a proposed new economic development area in the City, to be known as "Wood Wind Economic Development Area."

Notice is further given that representatives of the Commission, as governing body of the City's Department of Redevelopment, will conduct a public meeting in accordance with Indiana Code 36-7-14-53(d)(3), on Monday, March 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. (local time), in the Assembly Room of Westfield City Hall, located at 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074, at which time those in attendance will be afforded an opportunity to learn more about, and express their views regarding the proposed Program.

WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT

## **Thanks for reading!**

#### **Carol Reid**

April 7, 1939 - February 11, 2025

Carol Reid, 85, Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday,



February 11, 2025, at her home. She was born on April 7, 1939, to W.S. and Juanita (Courter) Woodmansee in Marion, Ind. Carol was raised on a farm near Marion.

Carol was a nurse receiving a degree from Indiana University. She was an active member of the North Harbour Gardening Club, and liked to go fishing and traveling. She was a Sun-

day School teacher and attended Bible Study. Carol had a strong faith in God through Jesus Christ. Her passion was taking care of her family, hosting family get-togethers, and planning family vacations.

She is survived by her husband, William "Bill" Reid; daughter, Pamela (John) LeCount; sons, Donald (Sarah) Reid and Gregory Reid; brothers, Allan (Betty) Woodmansee and Foster (Robyn) Woodmansee; daughter-in-law, Betsey Reid; 14 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Douglas Reid.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 1, 2025, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Visitation will follow the service until 12:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Private burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville at a later time.

Memorial contributions may be made to Compassion International, 12290 Voyager Pkwy., Colorado Springs, CO 80997 (compassion.com); or Young Life, P.O. Box 5184, Harlan, IA 51593-0684 (younglife.org).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

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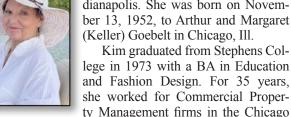
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#### Kim Dawn Eisterhold

November 13, 1952 – February 12, 2025

Kim Dawn Eisterhold, 72, Fishers, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at Compassus Hospice in Indianapolis. She was born on November 13, 1952, to Arthur and Margaret



area. Kim married Paul Eisterhold on December 29, 1973. They resided in Columbia, Mo., Wheeling, Ill., and Lincolnwood, Ill., before retiring in Fishers in 2017. Kim enjoyed gardening, sewing, home decorating, playing cards, foreign travel, and sea cruising.

She is survived by her husband, Paul David Eisterhold; daughter, Brandy (Adam) Craig of Noblesville; grandchildren, Piper and Dexter; sister, Linda Thompson of Arizona, and Diane (Danny) Burke of Florida; and her nephews, Rhett (Ellie) of California, and Dan Jr. (Linda) of Florida.

In addition to her parents, Kim was preceded in death by her nephew, Travis.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to noon, with a memorial service at noon, on Thursday, February 20, 2025, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers. Rev. Ashley Valentine-Derrer and Rev. Brian D. Derrer will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to Christ The Savior Lutheran Church, 10500 E. 126th St., Fishers, IN 46038; or Community MD Anderson Cancer Hospital, 7979 N. Shadeland Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46260; Compassus Hospice Hospital, 8450 N. Payne Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268; or Fishers Armed Services Commission, 3 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038.

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#### TODAY'S BIBLE READING

MATERIALS FOR THE TABERNACLE

Then the whole Israelite community withdrew from Moses' presence, and everyone who was willing and whose heart moved them came and brought an offering to the Lord for the work on the tent of meeting, for all its service, and for the sacred garments. All who were willing, men and women alike, came and brought gold jewelry of all kinds: brooches, earrings, rings and ornaments. They all presented their gold as a wave offering to the Lord. Everyone who had blue, purple or scarlet yarn or fine linen, or goat hair, ram skins dyed red or the other durable leather brought them. Those presenting an offering of silver or bronze brought it as an offering to the Lord, and everyone who had acacia wood for any part of the work brought it. Every skilled woman spun with her hands and brought what she had spun blue, purple or scarlet yarn or fine linen. And all the women who were willing and had the skill spun the goat hair. The leaders brought onyx stones and other gems to be mounted on the ephod and breastpiece. They also brought spices and olive oil for the light and for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense. All the Israelite men and women who were willing brought to the Lord freewill offerings for all the work the Lord through Moses had commanded them to do.

Exodus 35:20-29 (NIV)

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Girls Basketball -

## Regional championship preview: Class 4A, Marion Southeastern set to play Homestead

By CRAIG ADKINS For The Reporter

No. 3 Homestead (24-2) vs. No. 1 Hamilton Southeastern (25-0)

Class 4A No. 1 Hamilton Southeastern takes its unbeaten record into a regional championship matchup at 7 p.m. Saturday with a very good thirdranked Homestead (24-2) team in Regional 4 at Marion's Bill Green Arena.

The Regional 3 matchup at 4 p.m. features McCutcheon (23-3) vs. Fort Wayne Snider (13-11). The IHSAA will draw for semi-state the matchups and locations on Sunday.

Head coach Brian Satterfield is in his fourth season with a record of 81-15. The prior 20 seasons before that, Satterfield coached the boys at Southeastern to the tune of 322-151. The Royals won three sectionals in that span.

Satterfield coached back-to-back Mr. Basketball recipients Gary Harris (2012) and Zak Irvin (2013).

HSE won its fifth sectional title at Noblesville last week with victories in the title game over Westfield (46-38), semifinal over Zionsville (59-40) and first round against Fishers (46-

It took a little longer for the Royals to counteract what Westfield brought, but once they turned it around,

there was no stopping them. bit longer than we want-

ed to, but we were able to do it. But you got to give Westfield credit," Satterfield said. He also said the Shamrocks were "still building off what they did the night before" when they beat Noblesville in the sectional semifinals.

The Royals overcame and made a 19-point turnaround to come back to defeat Westfield in the Sectional 8 championship, but it wasn't easy.

"As you go through the tournament, you're going to have teams that make runs at you," said Satterfield.

The coach said the biggest thing for his team is to "figure out ways to get the tide turned."

The tide turned on the Shamrocks and HSE mounted a comeback of all comebacks. Junior guard Antonette Green nailed a big three late in the third, starting a run that Westfield couldn't stop.

"Ant hit that big 3. That gave us some energy. I thought our crowd was huge. We were more efficient offensively, once we settled down," said Satterfield.

Along with a perfect 7-0 league mark in the Hoosier Crossroads Conference, the Royals found ways to win in convincing fashion over many quality opponents throughout the season.

Opening the season with "I think it took a little a win over Lawrence North, Chicago's Fremd, Pendleton Heights, Plainfield, Center Grove and Pike. In mid-season, the Royals won the Hall of Fame Classic in New Castle over 2A's topranked South Knox (67-59) and the championship over then-No. 1 Lawrence Central on a buzzer-beater (52-

The Royals are led by Indiana commit. all-star. all-state and Miss Basketball candidate Maya Makalusky. She scores 22.3 points and brings down 7.0 rebounds per game and shoots 50 percent overall and 41 percent from threepoint range, while also knocking down 80 percent at the foul line. Junior allstate candidate Kennedy Holman is at 11.6 points, 5.1 boards and 5.8 assists per game. Fellow junior Kayla Stidham is the third Royal in double-figures at 10.1 per contest and grabs 4.5 rebounds and dishes out 2.3 assists.

Homestead grabbed its 19th sectional crown last weekend and are in search of their sixth regional title in program history. They've won two semi-states with the latest in 2017 resulting in a state championship over Pike. The Spartans also were state runner-up to Columbus North in 2015.



Photo by Joshua Herd

Hamilton Southeastern's Kennedy Holman is averaging 11.6 points, 5.1 See Royals . . . Page 10 rebounds and 5.8 assists for the Royals this season.

## Regional championship preview: Class 2A, Lapel Sheridan will face off against Lewis Cass

**Bv CRAIG ADKINS** 

For The Reporter

#### Lewis Cass (19-6) vs. No. 11 Sheridan (24-1)

Sheridan is back in the regional for the second straight season and is out to make a statement. The Blackhawks are on a 22game winning streak, with just a three-point loss at home to Brebeuf Jesuit in the third game of the season.

The nightcap at 7 p.m. at the Class 2A Lapel features the Lewis Cass Kings and Sheridan playing for the Regional 20 championship. The two teams have only met once previously. Lewis Cass won the only meeting between the two and that was in the 2002 sectional. The 4 p.m. Regional 27 title tilt pits Monroe Central (20-6) vs. Lafayette Central Catholic (22-4) in Class 1A.

The IHSAA will draw for semi-state the matchups and locations on Sunday.

Bradshaw is in her seventh Sheridan. The Blackhawks are having their best season historically. Last weekend won just the third sectional title and Saturday they aim for their second regional crown in a row. Sheridan fell in the semi-state semifi-

The Blackhawks have big wins in this 22-game streak over Eastern Hancock, University, Lapel twice and Clinton Central. Sheridan also went a perfect 8-0 in the Hoosier Heartland Conference.

overtime, 62-54 in 2024.

At this point in the tournament, it's all about keeping your focus on that one game at a time mentality.

"There's a good chance they might throw something different. Teams, us included, are pulling out everything. We're trying to keep our kids mentally focused and prepared for whatever anyone might bring our Head coach Jaidlin way," said Bradshaw.

Sheridan took advanyear with a 101-52 record at tage of hosting sectional and cruised through their first round and semifinals with dominating wins over Frankton (58-26) and Tipton (62-12). They took the sectional championship over Lapel, 54-47.

The approach to Lewnals to Eastern Hancock in is Cass will be no different than any other opponent.

"We watched a couple games from them this year," Bradshaw said. This week "has been a ton of preparation on what they do, what their kids individually do" and how the Blackhawks can find a way to beat the

The Kings don't give up many points per game, just 31.6. So, it will for sure be a challenge for the Blackhawks.

"They are a very disciplined 2-3 zone defense team. That's pretty much the only thing we've seen from them," Bradshaw stated.

"Their rotations are great out of the 2-3 zone. A big point of emphasis has been how do we beat them, and then preparing just in

See Hawks... Page 10 Blackhawks.



Photo by Allison Waitt

Sheridan senior Cecilia Timme averages 10.9 points per game for the

### John Simmonds hired as Carmel girls soccer coach

The REPORTER

Carmel High School has hired John Simmonds the Greyhounds' new girls soccer coach.

The nouncement was made Thursday afternoon on Car-

account. Simmonds has coached at Park Tudor



2019, 2022 and 2023. Park Tudor was also the 1A

with the Panthers.

runner-up 2020. Simmonds mel's X (formerly Twit- compiled a record of 88-14-3 during his six seasons

the previous six

years, leading the

Panthers to three

Class 1A state

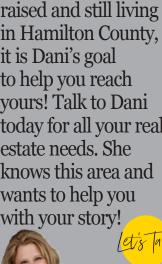
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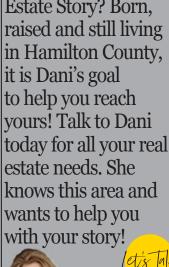
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## Who's ready to play pickleball? 24/7 DINK cuts the ribbon



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On Wednesday, 24/7 DINK, a new pickleball facility in Fishers, celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting. Co-founders John Hurley and Scott Brenton were joined by Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness and OneZone Chamber of Commerce President Jack Russell. The 20-court facility will open to the public on Saturday, Feb. 15 and has options for players of all skill levels, from newbies to pros, and has zero membership fees, offering a pay-to-play model. Click here to learn more.

#### ROYALS-

Head coach Rod Parker is 449-142 in his 24th season at Homestead. Parker has won 11 sectionals, four regional, two semi-state and one state championship.

The Spartans waltzed right through the Summit Conference with a 9-0 record. Homestead also had key wins at Northridge, at Pike, Norwell, at Noblesville, Bellmont, South Knox

(Hall of Fame consolation team." Satterfield said the game), Lake Central and Spartans "have so many weapons. They've got mul-

Junior all-state candidate Myah Epps leads the way. Other key contributors are juniors Carley Moellering, Whitney Ankenbruck and Gabby Helsom, along with senior Liv Fry. No statistics are available online for Homestead.

"They're a really good

team." Satterfield said the Spartans "have so many weapons. They've got multiple girls that can shoot it. But at the same time, they got some players that can

put it on the floor."

"It's going to be a challenge for us to make sure we're on the same page.
"They're a team that can get going."

"On the offensive end,

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we've just got to be patient and execute and see if we can get them to break down," Satterfield said.

The all-time series is tied 1-1. HSE won the lone tournament meeting in 2019 at the Kokomo regional (57-47), on its way to the state title. Homestead got a home holiday tournament win against the Royals in 2021 (58-56).

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getting deep down the tournament trail last season and is ready to go further. This is a team that can play anywhere and has high hopes.

The Blackhawks practiced at Lapel's gym earlier this week. Bradshaw noted that there are some differences; for example, the Bulldogs have bleachers on both sides under the basket. The bleachers were pulled out during Sheridan's practice, which Bradshaw said "will help us for Saturday evening."

#### Men's Basketball———

## Mad Ants finish road trip with dominant win in Birmingham

#### The REPORTER

The Indiana Mad Ants concluded their three-game road trip Thursday night against the Birmingham Squadron (New Orleans Pelicans affiliate). The Mad Ants never trailed the Squadron on their way to a 127-105 victory. Six of the eight active players scored in double figures for Indiana. RayJ Dennis (27) and Quenton Jackson (25) carried the offense. The Mad Ants finished their threegame road trip winning two of the three games.

The Mad Ants were once again shorthanded with no Stephan Hicks, Josiah-Jordan James, Kyle Mangas or Dakota Mathias. Obadiah Noel scored the first points of the night. On the second possession of the game, Noel knocked down a three-pointer. Jackson scored on the following possession with a running layup.

Halfway through the first quarter, Jackson added to his point total with a contested layup. His field goal made it a 15-12 lead for Indiana and led to a timeout called by Birmingham. After the timeout, Dennis drove the lane and missed a close-range field goal. Cameron McGriff cleaned up the miss with a put-back slam on top of a Squadron defender.

In the final minutes of the quarter, Yor Anei drew a foul and made the one-fortwo free throw attempt. On the next possession, Jackson found an opening and knocked down a mid-ranger jumper. Next time down the floor, Keisei Tominaga drilled a three-pointer. With time winding down in the quarter, Jackson drew a shooting foul and converted the one-for-two free throw.

Indiana shot an impressive 72 percent from the field in the first quarter. They made 13 of 18 field goal attempts on their way to a 36-27 lead. Jackson led the Mad Ants with 10 points in the first quarter.

Anei scored the first points of the second quarter. The big man was left open on the perimeter, and he knocked down the three-point field goal. Den-

nis scored on the following possession with a mid-range jumper.

Leading 48-36 with just under seven minutes to go in the first half, Tominaga drained a corner three giving him eight points off the bench. Tominaga entered the night leading the team with a 61 percent three-point percentage in the regular season.

With under three minutes remaining in the half, Dennis drove the lane and drew a shooting foul. The two-way guard knocked down the free throw worth two points. On the next possession, Ishmael Lane scored with a baseline jumper. McGriff scored 30 seconds later after drawing a foul and making his one-fortwo free throw attempt. Next time down the floor, McGriff found Lane who rocked the rim with a two-handed dunk. Indiana had a 63-52 lead at halftime. Lane led the Mad Ants with 14 first half points.

Jackson scored the first points of the second half. On the first possession of the third quarter, the two-way guard made a long-range jumper worth two points. About a minute later, Lane drew a foul and made the one-for-two free throw.

Halfway through the third quarter, Jackson scored with a fadeaway jumper from the mid-range. Next time down the floor, Dennis knocked down a three-pointer. Lane added to his point total 20 seconds later with a close-range basket. The Mad Ants led 85-65 with six minutes remaining in the quarter.

McGriff added to his point total after making a three-pointer with 2:30 remaining in the third quarter. Two possessions later, Tominaga scored two more points. After missing his initial shot, he scored with a put-back bucket. Dennis intercepted Birmingham's inbound pass for a layup. With time winding down in the quarter, Jackson scored on an acrobatic layup. Indiana had a 103-80 lead heading into the fourth quarter. Dennis led the team with 26 points through three quarters.

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#### HAWKS-

case they do have something up their sleeve and being ready for whatever they bring our way."

Sheridan is led by all-state candidate Kenzie Garner. The Ferris State commit averages 21.6 points, 9.6 rebounds, 4.0 assists, 3.3 steals and 1.6 blocks per game. Classmate Cecilia Timme scores 10.9, grabs 4.9 boards, dishes 4.0 assists and makes 3.2 steals. Sophomore Brielle Garner is at 7.1 points and Shelby Eaton 6.4.

Lewis Cass won its 14th sectional last week and is playing in just their second regional in program history. The Kings lost in the semistate semifinals to Andrean in 2024.

Head coach Kyle Amor is 67-75 in his sixth season at Cass. Amor is 196-134 overall in 14 seasons.

The Kings have key wins against Northwestern, Rossville, Twin Lakes Logansport and University.

Averaging just 43.7 points offensively, Cass is

led by junior Aftin Griffin at 12.2 points and 2.9 assists. Senior Mylie Sipe scores 9.2 and grabs 4.4 rebounds. Anna Hedrick stuffs the stat sheet with 8.0 points, 4.3 rebounds, 3.3 assists and 2.4 steals.

"They have some super quick and athletic guards," Bradshaw said. "A main goal is trying to make their guards uncomfortable. Working on keeping them in front of us will be huge for us."

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## Sauerteig signs to cheer for Grace College

#### The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights senior Carlie Sauerteig has signed a letter of intent to cheer for the Grace College Lancers this fall. Grace College is a member of the Crossroads League and a NAIA athletic institution. She is the daughter of Jeff and Wendy Sauerteig.

Sauerteig said there were many things that inspired her to choose Grace College including but not limited to the people she has met, the ability to earn her bachelor's and master's degrees in four years and the opportunity to continue cheering.

"In November, I attended a scholarship day and cheer open gym," she explained. "I fell in love with the beauty of the campus and the surrounding area. Moreover, the people I met truly made me feel like I found my home. There was some down time during the interviews on scholarship day, so other prospective students and I played games and got to know each other. Everyone was so authentic and caring. The way they let God's light shine throughout their daily activities is so clear and inspiring."

Sauerteig continued, "The open gym I attended with the current cheer team was perfect. I felt so supported and empowered and was able to do skills that I had not done in years. Coaches Durando and Anderson were so kind and welcoming. The next day, I received the offer and opportunity to continue cheerleading at the college level. They were extremely patient with me throughout my decision process."

Sauerteig plans to seek a degree in facility and event management with minors in sports manage-



Photo by Jen Kauffman

Hamilton Heights' senior Carlie Sauerteig has signed a letter of intent to join the cheerleading squad for the Grace College Lancers at Winona Lake, Ind. Sauerteig (seated) is pictured (from left) with Amanda Sauerteig (sisterin-law), Tyler Sauerteig (brother), holding Peyton Sauerteig (niece), Austin Sauerteig (brother), Shirley Pfanstiel (grandma), Madison Rolston (sister), Wendy Sauerteig (mom), and Jeff Sauerteig (dad).

college, she hopes to become a wedding planner and coordinator.

Sauerteig is a dedicated student athlete who has served as a Student Athletic Aide during the spring season since her freshman year. She earned her varsity letter blanket and four-year varsity letters for both fall and winter cheerleading seasons. Within the cheer program she received the leadership award, which is voted on by her fellow teammates. Academically, she has been among the 10 percent in her class all four years of high school. In addition, she is a member of the National Honor Society and works at Erika's Place.

"I have been passionate about my sports since I was six years old," recalled Sauerteig, who began cheering competitively in kindergarten. After an injury sidelined her as a Amanda Engle said. "She

ment and Spanish. After competitive cheerleader in is incredibly organized and middle school, she began building her skills back in 2019. As a high school cheerleader, she attended all practices, games, and works to improve every day. "I can't wait to see my progress over the next four years at Grace!"

She credits her sister Madison as being the biggest influence on the person she is becoming, supporting her through all the highs and lows, never leaving her side. She is also grateful for her parents who have attended every game she has cheered and supported her through this journey as well. "I am so thankful for the foundation of love provided to me by my family," she added.

"Carlie is a natural-born leader who loves her school and her peers," Hamilton Heights Varsity Cheerleading Coach always makes sure everyone has what they need to be successful. Carlie has been a joy to coach for the past four years as she is always willing to fill-in any stunting position that is asked of her as well as take lead in any capacity. Carlie's leadership skills, work ethic, organizational skills, spirit, and smile will be incredibly missed next year! Grace is extremely lucky to be gaining such an all-around wonderful cheerleader."

"Carlie is the ultimate role model for Hamilton Heights High School," Hamilton Heights Athletic Director Kurt Ogden said. "Smart, athletic, personable, and coachable all describe Carlie Sauerteig the past four years. She will be a great addition to the Grace College Lancers cheerleading squad, and we wish her the best."

#### ANTS

After some empty possessions to start the quarter, Tominaga scored the first points for either team with a three-pointer. On the next possession, Jackson scored with a contested layup. He drew a foul and made the free throw to convert the and-one.

With seven minutes left in regulation, Tominaga drew a foul and made his one-for-two free throw attempt. Nearly a minute later, Noel knocked down a three-pointer giving him 15 points on the night.

The Mad Ants never

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trailed in the ballgame while six of the eight active players scored in double figures. This included 27 points from Dennis, 25 from Jackson and 17 from Tominaga.

After the All-Star Break, the Mad Ants return home on Feb. 20 to face the Maine Celtics. Tipoff is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. Indiana will remain at home on Feb. 24 to take on the Greensboro Swarm (Charlotte Hornets affiliate). Tip-off for that game is scheduled for 12:30 p.m.

#### Friday, Feb. 14

**BOYS BASKETBALL** 

Brownsburg at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m. Center Grove at Fishers, 7:30 p.m. Guerin Catholic at Danville, 7:30 p.m. Hamilton Southeastern at Carmel, 7:30 p.m. Sheridan at Carroll, 7:30 p.m. Westfield at Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m. Pioneer Conference third-place game Shortridge at University, 7:30 p.m.

**GIRLS SWIMMING** State prelims at IU Natatorium, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 15

**BOYS BASKETBALL** 

Carmel at Avon, 7:30 p.m. **BOYS WRESTLING** 

Semi-state at New Castle, 9 a.m. GIRLS BASKETBALL REGIONALS

At Lapel Sheridan vs. Lewis Cass, 7 p.m.

At Marion Hamilton Southeastern vs. Homestead, 7 p.m.

**GIRLS DIVING** State prelims at IU Natatorium, 9 a.m.

**GYMNASTICS** Noblesville at Connersville Invitational, 10 a.m. Westfield at Logansport, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 18

**BOYS BASKETBALL** Fishers at Lawrence North, 7:30 p.m. Jay County at Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m.

Sheridan at Western Boone, 7:30 p.m. University at Westfield, 7:30 p.m. **GYMNASTICS** 

Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet, 6:30 p.m. at Gymnastics Company

Thursday, Feb. 20

**BOYS SWIMMING SECTIONAL PRELIMINARIES** Fishers, Hamilton Heights at Hamilton Southeastern

Guerin Catholic, Noblesville, Westfield at Carmel University at Lawrence North **GYMNASTICS** 

Fishers at New Palestine, 6:30 p.m.

Please email schedule changes or corrections to sports@readthereporter.com.

## Epic lineup announced for 2025 Indy 500 Coors Light Snake Pit

#### Headliner Illenium joined by Sammy Virji, Two Friends, Kayzo, Oliver Heldens May 25 at IMS

#### **Submitted by IMS**

Dance producer Illenium will headline an all-star lineup of global electronic music artists at the Indy 500 Coors Light Snake Pit on Sunday, May 25 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Sammy Virji, Two Friends, Kayzo and Oliver Heldens also will perform at the Race Day concert during the 109th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge. Performances begin early in the morning on the stage located in the infield adjacent to Turn 3 of the IMS oval, with specific set times to be announced.

"The Indy 500 Coors Light Snake Pit continues to attract some of the world's top talent in dance music, and it is one of the best events of the year for fans who attend," IMS President J. Douglas Boles said. "More than 20,000 people find their Indianapolis 500 Race Day experience in the infield where the sound of the 33 racing INDYCAR SERIES cars provide the backdrop for friends, music and dancing from an unforgettable location – the Snake Pit."

\$55 and \$160, respectively, at **ims.com**. VIP amenities will include access to a raised viewing platform located beside the stage, a private cash bar and private air-conditioned restrooms.

All Snake Pit ticketholders must be at least 18 years old and hold a valid Indy 500 general admission or reserved seat ticket. Ticket my-nominated holders should be prepared to show proper identification to enter the concert.

Packages that include Race Day general admission tickets and Snake Pit wristbands are available. A package featuring general admission to the Indianapolis 500 and Snake Pit is \$105, while a Race Day general admission and Snake Pit VIP package is \$210.

Snake Pit concertgoers are encouraged to buy tickets now, as prices will increase as May approaches and limited quantities of admission wristbands are available.

Nick Miller's 10-year run as dance producer Illenium has been nothing

General admission and short of astounding. From VIP wristbands for the humble bass beginnings Snake Pit are on sale for to chart-topping crossover success and more than 10 billion global streams, the Illenium sound has been honed into an adrenaline-rush style that fits heartfelt ballads, growling drops, emotional acoustic moments and ecstatic explosions alike.

> From his 2016 debut LP "Ashes" to the Gram-"Fallen Embers" and the release of his fifth album "Illenium," his carefully curated performances have wowed crowds around the world and perfected the limitless sound that starts in his Denver studio. The "Illenium" tracks are sweeping, impactful, dynamic and never dull, with collaborations including his teenage heroes Travis Barker, Avril Lavigne and more.

> Sammy Virji is driving the evolution of UKG, as the genre takes the world by storm – again. The London producer/DJ, nominated for Best Producer at DJ Mag's Best Of British Awards in 2023, is an in-demand dance music maker, whether

like "Shella Verse" featur-Grammy-nominated Flowdan, synth-heavy bass house singles like "Summertime Blues" with Chris Lake and Nathan Nicholson or his breakout track "If U Need It." He's crafted an ever-growing discography and unmissable live show, which has propelled him to the forefront of the dance music space.

Two Friends is the musical creation of longtime companions Matt Halper and Eli Sones. Two Friends are pioneering an artistic identity that is simultaneously relatable as it drives fans to the dance floor. On a mission to curate a culture project, they boast authentic, inclusive and nostalgic

the global dance music landscape with their viral remixes of The Killers' "Mr. Brightside," Blink 182's "I Miss You" and their award-winning Big Bootie Mix series. These mixes have become a staple in the duo's musical

that's for screw-face belters outputs. Amassing millions heavy metal's parallel with of streams across YouTube and SoundCloud per installment, the Big Bootie Mix series has become the soundtrack to many a good night out across 10 years of regular releases.

As one of the decade's fastest rising electronic artists, Kayzo is a pioneer of the dance/rock crossover scene, with hard-hitting songs, rebellious live performances and die-hard global fans. After winning Insomniac's Discovery Project in 2012, Kayzo's rework of Papa Roach's "Last Resort" broke barriers between mainstream electronic and heavy metal.

Kayzo's album "New around the Two Friends Breed" showcases his talent of intertwining a rock and electronic feel. With a collection of features from Masters of the remix, POORSTACY, Kamiyada+, Two Friends exploded into GHØSTKID, Siiickbrain, DE'WAYNE conner and more, he seamlessly blends the two genres bringing a feel of nostalgia all while creating something new. From bands in the studio to flames on stage, Kayzo's continuous growth serves as a modern interpretation of dubstep's electrifying bass.

Oliver Heldens has successfully parlayed his career in mainstream dance music into a much-lauded alter-ego in the techno world as HI-LO, gaining widespread acceptance from the underground scene. The name HI-LO is synonymous with cutting-edge, quality, hard-hitting innovative techno, and his tracks "Zeus" and "Kronos" are some of the most played

techno tracks. Combining a big room sensibility with a dark, underground, raw edge, HI-LO has become a trusted tastemaker, with his tracks receiving massive support from luminaries of the scene. HI-LO launched HILOMATIK, a new label showcasing his productions alongside music from hot new talents and techno heroes, which continues to carry significant momentum with recent releases.

Tickets for the 109th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge on Sunday, May 25 and the Sonsio Grand Prix on Saturday, May 10 are available at ims.com.

