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Photos provided by Westfield Lions Club

The Westfield Lions were hard at work getting their new clubhouse ready. (ABOVE RIGHT, from left) Gary Smith, Dave Sobczak, and Jerry Kirby load up the dumpster.

Westfield Lions put finishing touches on renovated clubhouse

Facility should be ready for public rental in April

By JEFF LARRISION

Westfield Lions Club

Last Saturday, Feb. 22, the Westfield Lions spent the day cleaning and prepping the clubhouse so they can resume holding their meetings there and begin renting the facility out to the public. Sixteen Lions cleaned up construction debris, mopped floors, washed winset up their new kitchen.

under renovations for the past several months. The original building has been completely renovated, including expanding the square footage for a new kitchen, conference room, ADA-compliant bathrooms, and a larger meeting room.

rent sometime in April. Final out ahead of the event. The clubhouse, located at steps are being taken to develop 1101 E. 169th St., has been a building rental policy and rate, and install the IT system which includes public Wi-Fi, built-in been serving Westfield and projector, security system, and Hamilton County since 1930. large-screen TVs.

A public open house will be held on Saturday, May 3. This will give everyone a chance to see first-hand just how amazing The Lions anticipate mak- the project turned out. Details dows, cleaned bathrooms, and ing the building available for on the open house will be sent WestfieldLions.org.

About the Westfield Lions Club

The Westfield Lions have They are looking for men and women who would like to make a difference in their community. For more information on the Westfield Lions Club and how to become a member, go to

Legislation would put some reins on prior authorization

State Senator Tyler Johnson has again authored a bill in the Indiana General Assembly that would put some reins on "prior authorization" for medical services and prescriptions by insurance entities.



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Prior authorization is a method by which

insurance companies scrutinize medical provider orders for services and prescriptions before coverage is approved. His legislation last session did not survive despite strong bipartisan support because of concerns over potential increased costs to state employee health plans and Medicaid.

Physicians and other medical providers will tell you that PA is out of control and has transcended any legitimate rationale for its establishment. It was advanced as a way to address health system waste, fraud and abuse, and better assure that medical care provided was safe, high-quality, cost-effective, evidenced-based, and medically necessary.

However, the medical community views PA as primarily a method for employers to cut costs and for the insurance industry to limit or delay payments to increase profits. "Deny and delay" is the mantra commonly recited by PA critics. Medical providers can recount endless examples of the PA system denying or delaying reasonable and needed care, testing, and prescriptions essential to optimal care in the best interests of patients. Denials can also result in cost shifting to patients.

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Carmel's inaugural 'She L.E.A.D.S.' conference packs 502 East Event Centre

Submitted by City of Carmel

The She L.E.A.D.S. 2025 Mayor's Conference, nosted by Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam, attracted a capacity audience on Feb. 20, with 350 professional women and 160 middle school students learning and networking as part of the inaugural event.

Funded through generous sponsorships, the conference held at 502 East Event Centre focused on inspiring women and middle school-aged girls in Carmel through Leadership, Empowerment, Advancement, Development, and Service.

She L.E.A.D.S. was designed to bridge generations to create mentorship, professional growth and career exploration opportunities. The event's interactive programming, presented in two engaging sessions, inspired attendees to dream big and achieve their goals. By fostering connections, providing resources, and showcasing women as role models, the event was committed to ensur-









Photos provided by City of Carmel (TOP LEFT) Beairshelle Edmé (left) of Fox59 News, who emceed the event, and Mayor Sue Finkam. (ABOVE RIGHT) Duke Energy Government & Community Relations Manager Mark LaBarr spoke during the She L.E.A.D.S. event.

can thrive and lead.

ing that Carmel remains a place and personal fulfillment was a ences and wisdom on this topwhere all generations of women key theme of the women's sessions. Panelists from various Balancing career aspirations professions shared their experi-

ic. Consuelo Poland Lockhart,

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Submitted No Title Needed is a podcast celebrating the passions that enrich everyone's lives. This week, No Title Needed

Frank Basile joined the No Title

Needed podcast on Monday for

Don't put off today

Frank Basile joins 'No Title Needed'

to discuss how he got his start in

speaking, writing, traveling & more

Part 1 of his interview.

welcomed philanthropist Frank Basile for an interview that couldn't be contained in one session.

Basile is a professional speaker, author, columnist, community volunteer, philanthropist, retired property management executive, and world traveler.

Basile and his wife Katrina have contributed to several organizations in a variety of fields. Among these are several to The Herron School of Art and Design, the Indianapolis Arts Center, the Phoenix Theatre, Storytelling Arts of Indiana, the Indiana Theatre Association, the Indiana Historical Society, and Basile Westfield Playhouse.

In 2020, Basile and his wife were presented with the Bicentennial Medal for their distinguished service to Indiana University. He has also received the Outstanding Philanthropist Award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals and the Spirit of Philanthropy Award from Indiana University.

Basile is a native of New Orleans and a graduate of Tulane University. He retired as the senior vice president of the Gene B. Glick Company, where he worked for 33 years. In addition to his philanthropy and community involvement, he has also presented over 1,400 speeches, written 14 books, and has authored more than 1,500 articles.

Listen in for Part 1 with Basile as Scott Osborne shares what a huge influence Basile had on his own life, how he overcame the panic of public speaking

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AGT's semi-finalist heads up free comedy event

CrossRoads Church at Westfield invites community to 'Pizza and Punchlines'

The REPORTER

Three incredibly funny comedians will entertain at this year's ninth annual Pizza and Punchlines. This lineup includes America's Got Talent semi-finalist Brynn Cummings, Derrick Tennant, and Chad Thornsberry.

Church at CrossRoads Westfield's free family-friendly event is set for Saturday, March 1 at Westfield High School Auditorium Door No. 44, 18250 N. Union St. No tickets or reservations are needed. Westfield Greek's Pizza will be served starting at 6 p.m., followed by the comedy show at 7 p.m. For more information, go to crchurch.org/ pizza-and-punchlines-comedy.

over the hearts of people ev-







Photos provided

CrossRoads Church at Westfield will welcome three comedians for Pizza and Punchlines: (from left) Brynn Cummings, Derrick Tennant, and Chad Thornsberry.

performances. She premiered on Season 18 of *America's Got Talent* and received unanimous YES votes from all four judges – including Simon Cowell - and was incredibly excited to be an AGT semi-finalist. Her At just 13 years old, Brynn natural talent and stage pres-Cummings has been winning ence are something to behold for all ages.

erywhere with her creative

As a promising athlete, Derrick Tennant was progressing in his dream for a career in sports when one evening he lied down but did not wake up for three days. Paralyzed and in a coma, he underwent brain surgery from which he became unable to move his left side. It would take years of therapy to re-learn the basics like walking, talking

and simple daily tasks. He worked hard to overcome physical challenges and now works just as hard to help others overcome trials through his comedy and inspirational speaking.

Chad Thornsberry draws on experiences ranging from growing up in a trailer park, being a

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BASILE-

to go on to be on the debate writing 14 books. team and succeed in future speaking situations, how he and his wife came to the conclusion to not put things off, such as travel, and enjoy those things in the here and now, and how he came to write one column for the Indianapolis Business Journal that grew into decades

Next week, tune in for

Part 2 with Basile. Plan to join No Title Needed every week as Scott Osborne and Cindy Collins welcome a new guest and explore what fuels people

9-to-5 grind. of writing for them, writing cast will be recorded inside casts, Deezer, Listen Notes, a travel column, and then Feinstein's at Hotel Car- and Player FM.

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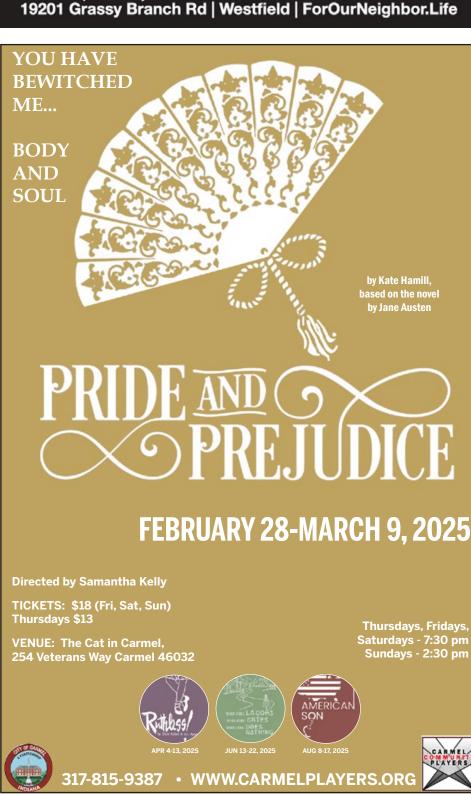
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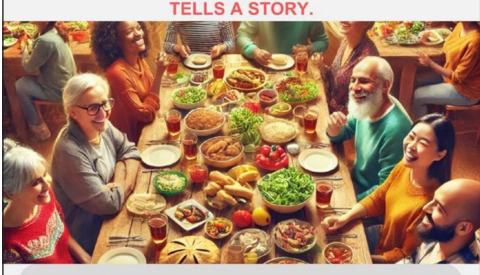


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- Share the meal that reminds you of home.
- Tell the story behind your family's treasured recipe.
- Reflect on how food has shaped your identity and community.

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with routine clinical decision making. Do we really need insurance entities to provide draconian oversight over the expertise of medical professionals in all but and costly cases?

PA adds administrative burdens and increased costs to medical practices necessitating expanded staff and significant physician and staff time submitting PA requests and responding to denials. Better to allocate these resources to direct patient care.

can be a dangerous barrier to care for patients. Interruptions, delays, and denials can result in the worsening of medical conditions leading to even more costly testing, treatments, and avoidable or longer hospitalizations. Examples are the patient who is urgently awaiting a prescription or an MRI approval while the patient's condition deterioessential services or medi-

PA can even interfere cations. There's a legion of peer" case review to be conscenarios.

Here are some of the major PA reforms in Johnson's SB 480 (as introduced):

• A mandate that an inpossibly the most complex surer may only impose PA requirements annually on less than 1 percent of unique healthcare services and less than 1 percent of healthcare providers overall.

• Payment of claims cannot be retrospectively denied if the services were prior approved, submitted appropriately, and in good faith.

· Restrictions on retro-Most importantly, PA spective review or denial of claims in certain circumstances for unanticipated medical-necessary services without a PA.

• Prohibition of PA requirements for emergency services, medications for opioid use disorder, and medications with a net annualized cost of \$100 or less (including step-therapy requirements).

• If adverse PA determirates. Worse are denials for nations are made, providers may request a "peer-tofrom Page 1

ducted within 48 hours of the request. • Adverse PA decisions,

including appeals, must be made by a clinically experienced physician in the same or similar specialty as the requesting provider. PA transparency with

current requirements and restrictions, detailed statistics on approvals and denials, and clinical criteria utilized readily accessible on the entity's website.

 New time limitations on PA determination responses for various services, prescriptions, and emergency and urgent health-care situations.

Although the bill will undoubtedly be modified in the legislative process, the need for this legislation is undeniable. Let's hope for its enactment this year.

Richard D. Feldman, M.D. is an Indianapolis family physician and former Indiana State Health Commissioner who served in the administration of Governor Frank O'Bannon.

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founder of the Latinas Welding Guild and Executive Director of Project Azul, powerfully conveyed the importance of self-advocacy, saying, "Build the chair you want at the table."

Building on the success of the inaugural event, plans are already taking shape to repeat the offering in 2026 with a companion event supporting emerging male students and leaders.

"This is just the beginning," Finkam said. "We're already envisioning an even more impactful event next year, expanding our reach while deepening the connections that make She L.E.A.D.S. special. Together, we're creating a legacy of women who lead with purpose, lift as they climb and transform their communities."

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former public school teacher, his marriage, kids, and all of life's everyday problems. His own unique view of life has him quickly becoming one of the most sought-after clean comedians today. A contrast to the high energy, in-your-face comedians that are prevalent today, his slow-paced, conversational style immediately puts audiences at ease.

CrossRoads Church's Lead Pastor Eric Lohe said he believes that free pizza and comedy acts are a perfect mix to bring the com-

lines is part of the Westfield church's For Our Neighbor strategy to serve the local community. Greek's Pizzeria in Westfield is teaming up with CrossRoads to provide great pizza to start off this grand night.

Seeking to meet, know,

enjoy, and serve local neighbors, CrossRoads Church at Westfield provides free pet food every first Saturday of the month from 9 to 11 a.m., free Zumba every Tuesday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 8 a.m., Shepherd Center's Together Today for senior adults every Tuesday from munity together in the midst 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Celof a cold and often dreary ebrate Recovery – a faithwinter. Pizza and Punch- based recovery program -

every Thursday night from 6:15 to 9 p.m. on the campus at 19201 Grassy Branch Road, Westfield.

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The church also sponsors the well-attended and immensely popular Wild, Wild Westfield Fall Festival and Premier Chili-Cook-off, this year being held on Saturday, Sept. 27 4 to 7 p.m. on the church's campus.

This summer, Cross-Roads Church will welcome 200 high school students from all over the country for a week to do free home repairs for local Hamilton County residents.

Find out more about CrossRoads Church at crchurch.org.



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… and more readers!



This Tony Award winner for Best Musical includes:

"Sherry"

"Big Girls Don't Cry"

"Can't Take My Eyes Off You"

"Workin' My Way Back To You"

"My Eyes Adored You"

Now on stage — Saturday matinees added!



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Spring is in the air at **Tipton County Public Library**

The REPORTER

Tipton County Public Library (TCPL) invites the community to discover its outstanding programming and events in March, April, and May.

 Adults looking for a group of like-minded writers are invited to join the adult writing group. Writing Like You are Writing Out of Time Writer's Group meets at the main library monthly on the second Wednesday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

 LEGO Club invites kids of all ages to get creative and build something one-of-a-kind. This event is offered at both library

locations the fourth Monday and Tuesday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

· Gaming and Art Classes for Teens: Teen Gaming takes place on the first Thursday of each month, and Teen Art takes place on the third Tuesday. Teen programs begin at 3:30 p.m. in the Creation Station.

1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 19. new releases in the library's collection, sign up for a library card, and/or find out about library services and online resources.

• TCPL will celebrate Na-

to the Library, celebrate how es: research, study, exploration, entertainment, connection, and ble library resources, including

The Tipton branch is located Clennan St.

For more details, access

47 Hamilton County students make Wabash College dean's list

The REPORTER

Wabash College has announced that 47 Hamilton County students are on the dean's list for the fall 2024 semester. These students maintained a 3.5 grade-point average or better on a 4.0-point scale.

The 47 students are:

• Evan T. Bair, Westfield • Ryan W. Bartley, Carmel

• Mark A. Berger, Noblesville

• Jehan M. Boyers, Carmel

• Benjamin B. Church, Westfield

• Jordan S. Donsky, Westfield

• Jacob G. Edwards Jr., Noblesville

· Kaleb L. Faber, Fishers

· Cameron J. Fecht, Carmel

• Carson A. Fettig, Noblesville

 William H. Fremion, Carmel • Henry G. Giesel, Carmel

• Jackson T. Gilbert, Westfield • Paul R. Glenn Jr., Fishers

Miles C. Goss, Arcadia

· Gage J. Gulley, Noblesville Owen T. Hauber, Carmel

• Landon J. Huber, Noblesville

· John F. Huisden, Westfield

• Quinn M. Hundt, Fishers • Kade J. Irwin, Fishers

• Augustus J. Isaac, Fishers

• Ethan M. Johns, Carmel

• Troy A. Jonas, Carmel · Colin M. Krekeler, Fishers

• David J. Leal, Noblesville

• Jackson C. Leeper, Carmel • Quinn P. Manford, Fishers

Aidan A. McConnell, Carmel

 Matthew McIlvenna, Carmel • Cooper H. Navarro, Noblesville

• Evan J. Neukam, Carmel

• Ike T. O'Neill, Westfield • Nathanael E. Plake, Carmel

• Nathan J. Powell, Carmel James J. Ransford, Sheridan

· Augustin J. Sanchez, Carmel

• Justin L. Santiago, Westfield • Matthew R. Stitle, Carmel

• Quinn P. Sweeney, Carmel

• John E. Wagner, Noblesville

• Zachary R. Wagner, Noblesville

· Aidan J. Walker, Westfield • Jacob T. Weber, Fishers

• Egan Williams, Carmel

· Shad A. Wilson, Carmel

• Nicholas C. Witte, Wilkinson Located in Crawfordsville and found-

ed in 1832, Wabash is a private liberal arts college which teaches men to think critically, act responsibly, lead effectively, and live humanely.

• Join TCPL on the Road at the tional Library Week April 6 to TCPL's newest addition, the Li-Kempton Community Center from 12. This year's theme, Drawn brary of Things. Patrons can check out a variety of the library is used in different at 127 E. Madison St., and the

ways and for various purposgrowth. Check out the incredi-

Windfall branch is at 104 Mc-

TCPL 24/7 at tiptoncountyli-

Health Department implements body art & eyelash extension ordinance

New law aims to ensure safe & sanitary practices

The REPORTER

County The Hamilton Health Department has implemented a new Body Art and Eyelash Extension Ordinance to ensure safe and sanitary practices for residents who get infection piercings, eyelash extensions, and other legal body art. The ordinance went into effect on Jan. 1, 2025.

The ordinance mandates from the Hamilton County that all body art and eyelash extension facilities, including the artists and operators, maintain icant growth in body art and duces a robust enforcement sanitary premises and equipand use only jewelry that meets specified materials and hygiene Establishments are also required to maintain ly," Health Department Ad-

thorough records, including client consent forms and protocols, and to obtain proper

dislicensing

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Health Department. "We have witnessed signifeyelash extension services in comes an increased responsibility to ensure these businesses operate safely and hygienical-



Underhill

upheld across the county." The ordinance also introsystem, including routine inprocess for non-compliance. Body art establishments and

artists found in violation may

the highest standards of care are

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ed, and that

ministra- face penalties ranging from tor Jason fines to temporary suspension Lemaster or permanent revocation of said. "This their licenses. ordinance "We already conduct reguensures lar inspections of body art and that both

evelash extension establishments," said Kaylen Underhill, a health educator who inspects body art establishments. "This ordinance provides clarity and consistency, and it gives us the tools necessary to ensure compliance and maintain strict health standards."

For more information on ment, hold appropriate licenses Hamilton County, and with that spections, penalties, fines, and the new ordinance, licensing a suspension and revocation requirements, or to schedule an inspection, visit hamiltoncounty.in.gov/1925/ **Health-Department.**

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Lt. Gov. Beckwith speaks at FFA Blue & Gold Gala





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Lt. Governor Micah Beckwith spoke at the Indiana FFA Foundation's fifth annual Blue & Gold Gala, held last Saturday, Feb. 22 at The Edge Barn in Noblesville, owned by Gary Reynolds. Featuring a dinner, a silent auction, and a live auction, the Gala raises money for the Indiana FFA Foundation to continue its support of agricultural education for Hoosier students. Learn more at INFFA.org.

Braun invites applicants to the Indiana Governor's Fellowship program

The REPORTER

Governor Mike Braun announced Tuesday that applications will be accepted through March 24 for the 2025-2026 Governor's Fellowship.

The Governor's Fellowship is highly selective and provides a unique experience in Indiana state government by placing fellows in various state

agencies on a rotating basis throughout the year.

"The opportunity to lege be a Governor's Fellow is a unique way to serve our state while learning through hands-on exposure," Gov. Braun said. "Please encourage those or fall of 2024 or early in their careers to spring of 2025 consider this fellowship as well as those professional experience." have at least two years to successful careers in marked or submitted via

The program is open to colgraduates receive who associate or bachelor's degrees beginning in either summer

ernor's Fellow as a building block in their without a degree who participants have gone on materials must be post-

of full-time pro- both the public and private sectors - with some rience. Fellows serving at the highest levels of local, state, and federal government.

The application and submission guidelines can be found online at this link. To be eligible for Many Gov- consideration, the application and all supporting email by March 24.

Applicants should know if they have been selected for an interview no later than Tuesday, April 15. Recipients of the Fellowship will begin July 1.

If you have questions about the fellowship, contact Jessica Roeder at the Governor's Office at jroeder@gov.in.gov.

Banks' bill would ban foreign adversaries from buying American farmland

The REPORTER

Last week, U.S. Senators Jim Banks (R-Ind.) and Tommy Tuberville (R-Ala.) introduced the Protecting America's Agricultural Land from Foreign Harm Act, which would prohibit the sale of U.S. agricultural land to any individual or entity tied to the governments of Iran, North Korea, China, or Russia.

U.S. Representative Dale Strong (R-Ala.-05) also introduced companion legislation in the House of Representatives.

"Food security is na- Harm tional security," Sen. Banks said. "Leaving America's basic needs vulnerable to eign ownership of extortion by foreign control U.S. agricultural is not an option. This bill prevents foreign adversaries, including communist China, from owning American farmland in Indiana and across the U.S. - a no-brainer. Proud to lead this effort alongside Senator Tuberville and Rep.

Strong." Key provisions of the Protecting America's AgriAct

 Restrict forland, forests, and timberland Iran, North Korea, China, and Russia

• Prohibit participation in certain U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs for individuals from Iran, North Korea, China, and Russia

 Close loopholes to cultural Land from Foreign ensure adequate reporting

of foreign owned land and amend civil penalties

Banks

through online database • Require USDA, Department of National Intelligence (DNI), and Government Accountability Office (GAO) to submit individual reports to Congress.

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Click here to read the full text of the bill. **Background**

Last year, then-Senafederal tax lien if tor-elect Banks authored a violation occurs this piece on protecting Indiana farmland from

foreign buyers.

In part he wrote: "Hoosier farmers are the fifth largest producers of corn and soybean in the country and as the representative for northeast Indiana during the past eight years, it has been an honor to represent many of them in Congress. Farmers are the backbone of our

nation. Their long hours and hard work not only put food on our plates but protects America's national security.'

Additionally, as a Member of the House of Representatives, then-Congressman Banks co-wrote a letter with then-Senator Mike Braun (R-Ind.) in support of State Rep. Kendell Culp's (R-Rensselaer) bill to protect Hoosier agricultural land. Sen. Braun introduced the Protecting America's Agricultural Land from Foreign Harm Act in 2023.

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Most people don't know that the Bible revealed a wealth of incredible scientific and medical facts long before science discovered them.

The Bible Reveals	Passage Found.	Date Science Discovered.	Years prior.
There was an origin of creation and life.	Genesis 1:1; 2:7 (1440-1400 BC)	1920's	3,300+
Earth is free floating.	Job 26:7 (7th to 4th Century BC)	1650's	2,000+
Earth is round.	Isaiah 40:22 (740-681 BC)	16th century (first practical proof)	2,200+
First law of Thermodynamics.	Genesis 2:1 (1440-1400 BC)	1850's	3,200+
The Hydrologic Cycle.	Ecclesiastes 1:7 (930 BC)	1580's	2,500+
Life is in the blood.	Leviticus 17:11 (1440-1400 BC)	1620's	3 000

And those are just a few of many examples.



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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

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president@hamiltoncountyveterans.com Meets 2nd Thurs 630pm at Gingers 1804 Conner St Noblesville

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

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Indy Vet Center Is At Recovery Café on Tuesdays, 8am-6pm, to Help Our **Hamilton County Veteran Community**



Hamilton County Military Veteran

Carmel American Legion Breakfast every Saturday and Sunday 8am-12pm





Fishers American Legion Breakfast 1st & 3rd Sat

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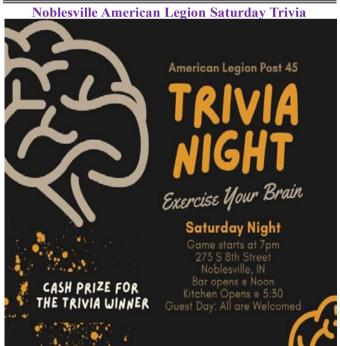
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Su-Sa 11a-11p. Restaurant - Breakfast 2nd & 4th Sa 8a-11a, Lunch 11a-2p & food service till 8p daily

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

Fishers Legion

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

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

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

Sheridan Legion

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

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 2nd 2025. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!!!

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Care Package Gifts Needed for Our Deployed Troops

Suggested items requested by those deployed include Card games (Phase 10, Uno...), Puzzles, small boxes of Keurig cups, Graphic t-shirts Men's and Women's (Sizes S - 3x), water bottles, throw blankets, Decorations -Christmas lights, signs, banners as people love to decorate their living quarters or office space. If you've been deployed, bring what you wanted back then.

Questions or if you wish to volunteer for packaging day, please contact; Lynn at treasurer@hamiltoncountyveterans.com

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HCRW to welcome Mayor Sue Finkam to March meeting

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Republican Women's Club (HCRW) will hold its next meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 12 at the Carmel Clay GOP Headquarters, 452 E. Carmel Drive to celebrate International Women's Day.

This month's special guest speaker is Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam. She will provide updates on the Carmel and discuss unique challenges women

face in leadership roles.

Food and drink will be provided. There is no cost for members to attend, but guests are \$5.

HCRW members will collecting items for donation to The O'Connor House. Currently requested items

• Chlorox/disinfectant bar soap



• Liquid laundetergent and baby detergent

• Twin bed cotton blankets, quilts and sheets Cleaning supplies

- Paper towel · Baby lotion and body lotion for women
 - Basic baby monitors
 - Face wash or dove
- Walmart Gift Cards

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You can also renew your membership or contribute as a Platinum Sponsor the club online at hamcogopwomen.org/membership. Other sponsorships can be completed via mail or in person at the meeting.

Please RSVP by March 11 to hamcogopwomen@ **gmail.com**. Thank you for your continued support.

team," said Sarah Randall,

estate planning attorney at

CCHA Law. "We are excit-

ed to welcome her and look

forward to the contributions

Vice President of a fantastic addition to our



Spartz: only President Trump can give Ukrainian people chance to win war now & peace in future

Submitted by the Office remember and cherish your of Rep. Victoria Spartz

Congresswoman Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05) issued the following statement on Monday, the third anniversary of the Russian full-scale invasion of Ukraine:

"My heart goes out to the brave Ukrainian soldiers and their families who sacrificed so much. Thanks to your courage – despite your worthless government, Putin was not able to take over Ukraine and move further into Europe.

"Even if you do not get much appreciation and recognition from your current government now - on the contrary, politicly-motivated prosecutions, future generations of Ukrainians will

sacrifice for their freedoms. You saved Ukraine and Europe from destruction with your blood, bravery and the ultimate sacrifice! Unfortunately, it's hard to win a war without strong and capable leaders, but you won some very tough battles, so the war is not completely lost yet.

"I would also like to express my deepest appreciation to my fellow Americans who have helped the Ukrainian people and others around the world - with blood and money. President Trump is the right leader to stop this war for now, so the Ukrainian people might have a chance to ultimately win the war and peace in the future."

CHA Law welcomes Laura Ross to firm

The REPORTER

Church Church Hittle & Antrim (CCHA Law) has announced that Laura Ross joined the firm, contributing her expertise to the firm's Estate Planning and Estate Administration practice groups.

Ross brings valuable experience to CCHA Law, having previously served at the Office of the Indiana Attorney General. Her legal background includes estate planning, estate administration, and a strong commitment to serving individuals and families in their longneeds.

A proud alumna of Indiana University-Bloomington, Ross earned her Bachelor of Science in Public Affairs with a minor in Community De-

velopment and Urban Planning before obtaining her Juris Doctor from Saint Louis University School of Law. While in law school, she competed on the Phillip C. her clients and her commit-Jessup International Moot ment to estate planning and Court Team and served as administration make her



Ross

the Student Bar Association. Ross is admitted to practice in

Indiana, as well as

the Northern and

Philanthropy for

Southern Districts of Indiana. She is a member of the Indianapolis Bar Association, where she remains engaged in professional de-

velopment and networking. "Laura's dedication to

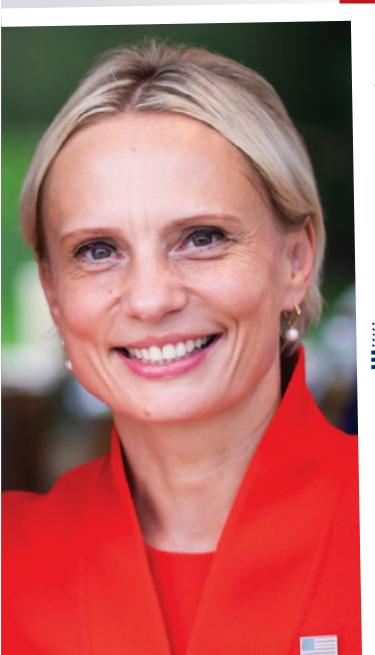
she will make to our firm and our clients." Outside of work, Ross enjoys spending time with family and friends, exploring new areas of the city,

reading, and crafting cock-CCHA Law welcomes Laura Ross to the firm and looks forward to the positive impact she will have on

its clients and community.

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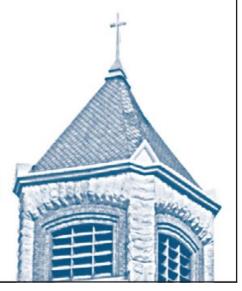
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Heirbrandt elected to ICC district office

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt was elected as the 2025 President of the Indiana County Commissioners (ICC) East Central District during the annual conference.

"Mark will be a great spokesperson for his county and his district, and he is dedicated to building stronger Indiana counties," ICC Executive Director Tyler Warman said.

As District President, Heirbrandt will represent the elected County Commissioners in the East Central district of the state, which

includes the following counties: Delaware, Fayette, Franklin, Hamilton, Hancock, Henry, Johnson, Madison, Marion, Randolph, Rush, Shelby, Tipton, Union, and Wayne. The

districts in the state. He will Counties (AIC) in 2023. serve on the ICC's Board of Directors, which determines policies and legislative goals for the Association.



Heirbrandt

Distinguished County Commissioner of the Year Award in 2022 by the Indiana County Commissioners and was recognized as County Commissioner

of the Year by ICC is represented by six the Association of Indiana

Hancock County Commissioner Bill Spalding was elected District Vice President during the meeting as Heirbrandt also served well. The district meeting as the ICC President from also included discussion on 2023 to 2024 and received current issues pertaining to

prestigious county government in the East Central District.

The elections were held during the ICC's 2024 Annual Conference this month.

About the Indiana **County Commissioners**

Based in Indianapolis, the Indiana County Commissioners (ICC) is dedicated to serving and supporting county commissioners across the state. By fostering collaboration and providing essential resources, the ICC empowers leaders to tackle pressing issues, enhance local infrastructure, and strengthen Indiana communities.

Daniel Shock has a lot to say about Little Women the play

By DANIEL SHOCK

A Seat on the Aisle

I have never read Little Women. But I fell for Little Women in 1994 when Winona Ryder and Susan Sarandon brought it to life on screen. That movie hit me just right – a story about a family of wildly different personalities who love hard, fight hard, and somehow come out stronger in the end. I still haven't seen any other adaptation until last night not the musical, not the other films. I'm not sure why, but that one film from the '90s feels like mine, like my generation's Little Women.

At its heart, Little Women is the coming-of-age story of the four March sisters – rebellious and ambitious Jo (Emily Haus), gentle and nurturing Meg (Emma Gedig), sweet and fragile Beth (Lizzie Schultz), and fiery and dramatic Amy (Natalie Piggush) – as they grow up in Civil Warera New England under the care of their wise and loving mother, Marmee (Mary



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(Clockwise from lower left) Natalie Piggush as Amy, Emily Haus as Jo, ary Garner as Marmee, Emma Gedig as Meg, and Lizzie Schultz as Beth.

neighbor, Laurie (Gideon Roark); his reserved tutor, John Brooke (Samuel Smith); their sharp-tongued Aunt March (Christina Burch); and Jo's unlikely intellectual companion, Professor Bhaer (James heartbreaks, and triumphs her character's fragility and love, ambition, and loss.

Let's start with the big complaint: the sound. From the very first line, there were problems. The actors were all miked, and while dialogue was sometimes clear, it was often distorted by interference or other extraneous noises. Worse, the sound design in the venue lacked directionality or subtlety – it felt flat, making everything seem like it was happening on the same plane. Sometimes one actor would sound perfectly fine, while another in the same scene would suddenly seem like they were broadcasting from an oldtime radio play. I suspect this isn't the fault of the actors, but rather inconsistencies in the microphones.

show (and others in this space) would be better if the actors simply projected without microphones. As distracting as the sound issues were, though, the Little Women story is strong enough to overcome them. relationships, warmth, the struggles – all of it still draws you in.

for me was Emma Gedig as Meg. She was so natural and grounded, it felt like

war. Alongside them are off the '94 film set and onto their wealthy and charming this stage. Emily Haus as Jo brought the right mix of humor and attitude, nailing the character's rebellious streak without ever feeling forced. Natalie Piggush as Amy also had an entertaining oddball streak, landing moments of humor even in Semmelroth Darnell). The serious situations. And Lizstory follows their joys, zie Schultz as Beth captured that there were definitely some teary eyes in the audience. The four sisters were beautifully cast.

Among the supporting cast, Rob Lawson shined as Father, radiating warmth as a man who had been away from his children for too long. Mary Garner as Marmee had a gentle, maternal presence, and Christina Burch as Aunt March added her own quirky humor to the mix. The young men Gideon Roark as Laurie and Samuel Smith as John Brooke - grew into their characters as they became more entwined with the family. The one performance that didn't fully land for me was James Semmelroth Darnell as Professor Frankly, I think this Bhaer. While he played the role well, the chemistry between him and Jo didn't quite feel like it belonged in the same story.

Director Barcia Alejos' technical team did a respectable job bringing the world of Little Women to life. Jay Ganz's and José Alejos' set was sharp and well-crafted, and Karissa Henschen's The absolute highlight lighting was simple but effective - except for one unintentional comedy moment when the lights came

(Rob Lawson) is away at she could've walked right up early on a stagehand, who gave the booth a look we've all seen (or given) before. Just keep moving, my guy. Costumes, designed by Jillian Fleck, Emma Gedig, Barcia Alejos, and Daniel Alejos, were solid overall, with a few standout pieces - Amy's Act III dress, for example, was particularly striking. As for the sheer number of hoop skirts? It felt like maybe there were Garner), while their father as they navigate family, sweetness so effectively two or three too many. But

what do I know? The best compliment I can give this show? I never once checked the time. The story moves along so well that I was fully engaged from start to finish. Little Women is one of those tales that overcomes any technical flaws because the heart of it is so strong. More than anything, this cast genuinely seems to adore one another, and that connection

shines through. If you love *Little Women* as I do, you should take the time to see this production. You won't be disappointed. The Belfry Theatre's Little Women runs through March 2 at Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St. Showtimes are 8 p.m. on Feb. 27 and 28 and 2 p.m. on March 1 and 2. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for students, military, and veterans, with a special \$10 ticket night on Feb. 27 – which is a pretty sweet deal.

If this story is close to your heart (or if you just want to see a classic done well), grab your seats now at thebelfrytheatre.com or call/text (317) 773-1085.

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Janice Elaine Barker July 4, 1942 – February 24, 2025

Janice Elaine Barker, 82, Noblesville, passed away on



Monday, February 24, 2025, at her home. She was born on July 4, 1942, to Robert and Jane (Miller) Boser in Noblesville.

Jan and her husband, Victor C. Barker, operated Cardinal Building Company for many years. She was the head cook at Durbin Elementary for Hamilton Southeastern Schools for over 13 years. Jan was a member

of Clarksville Christian Church and the Lapel American Legion Auxiliary #212. She enjoyed camping at New Lisbon Campgrounds where she made many friends over the years. Jan was loved and cherished by her grandchildren, who lovingly called her "Nana." She loved her pets, especially Lacie Jane and Miss Muggsie.

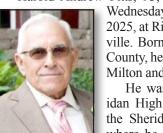
She is survived by her children, David (Rhonda) Barker and Vicki (John) Hagerman; grandchildren, Daniel (Brittani) Barker, Victor (Alicia) Barker, and Katy (Jacob) Hochstetler, and great-grandchildren, Lexi, Preston, Drake, Layne, Dean, Presley, Elliot, Adley, and Liam.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Victor C. Barker; brother, Gerald Boser; niece, Amy Willett; grandson, Jeremy Barker; and two infant children, David Lee and Andrea Sue.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 3, 2025, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, with Richard Barker officiating. Visitation will be from noon to the time of the service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Prairie Baptist Cemetery in Noblesville.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Harold Andrew Pitts June 4, 1931 – February 19, 2025



Harold Andrew Pitts, 93, Sheridan, passed away on Wednesday afternoon, February 19, 2025, at Riverview Hospital in Noblesville. Born June 4, 1931, in Hamilton County, he was the son of the late Percy Milton and Rowena Mae (Dell) Pitts.

He was a 1949 graduate of Sheridan High School, and a member of the Sheridan First Christian Church, where he served the congregation as a Deacon for many years before being

appointed Deacon Emeritus. His strong faith helped guide him throughout his life.

Harold married the love of his life, Marcia Lee Fancher, on October 18, 1953. Anyone they met could instantly see their love for each other in the way that Harold would tease her, and she would just roll her eyes, and shake her head slowly with a subtle grin. Together they built a beautiful family, and to Harold there was nothing more important than that.

Growing up, Harold helped his dad on the farm. Those early years, doing the grunt work around the farm, helped shape his life in ways he never would have imagined. With his attention to detail and strong work ethic, Harold turned his attention to carpentry for a few years. However, the call to return to farming was just too strong, so that is exactly what he did. Together, he and Marcia successfully operated their family farm for more than 50 years.

Harold had a lifelong involvement with sports - playing, coaching, and watching his sons play. He enjoyed his time coaching Little League, and in later years transitioned to running the field sidelines as a stats keeper for Sheridan Blackhawk Football.

Harold actively followed his son Greg's racing career as well. Tinkering with the car was always a bonus, but spending time with his family and the racing community was what he enjoyed the most about the experience.

Another favorite activity was the annual fishing trips to Pelican Lake in Minnesota, starting in the early days of his marriage with his in-laws, to eventually taking his own kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids. Many hours were spent in the boat telling fish stories and sharing life lessons.

He also liked to play cards, hosting Euchre Club along with Marcia at their house for many years.

Harold was a very giving man who would do anything for anyone. He never looked for a thank you or any acknowledgement at all. He humbly helped those in need because it was the right thing to do.

Harold is survived by two sons, Charles David Pitts of Sheridan and Jeffrey Lynn Pitts (Kathy) of Atlanta; his two granddaughters, whom he talked about every chance he was afforded, Megan McGuire (Mathew) of Atlanta and Meredith Cripe (Andrew) of Sheridan; and his pride and joy, his five great-grandchildren, Ashtyn, Grant, Jackson, Madelyn, and Jacob, who immediately became "Grandpa Great's" entire world the moment each one entered this world. Also surviving are one sister, one brother, and one brother-in-law.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Percy Milton and Rowena Mae (Dell) Pitts; by his loving wife, Marcia Lee (Fancher) Pitts; and his son, Gregory Allan Pitts. He was also preceded in death by two sisters, one half-brother, one sister-in-law, and by his loving companion, Rebecca "Becky" Mendenhall.

Visitation and services were held Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at the Sheridan First Christian Church, 107 W. 3rd St., Sheridan. Burial followed at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. Reverend Michael Srbljan officiated.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to the Sheridan First Christian Church, P.O. Box 111, Sheridan, IN 46069.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kercheval Funeral Home in Sheridan.

Condolences: kerchevalfuneralhome.com

Meeting Notices

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners Highway meeting scheduled for on Friday, March 7, 2025, has been canceled.

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold its monthly Capital and Construction Committee meeting at 4:30 p.m. Monday, March 3, 2025, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zi-

Send Meeting Notices to: News@ReadTheReporter.com

Build BW announces Troy Woodruff as chief growth officer

Build BW, a leader in BW, we're not construction and development, has announced Troy Woodruff as Chief Growth Officer.

Woodruff joins co-owners Dustin Frye and Brad complementing Battin, their expertise in construction and development with his strategic growth experi-

While Woodruff has always been an owner and part of Build BW's foundation, his new role marks an exclusive focus on the growth and impact of Build BW. Woodruff is responsible for strengthening client relationships, developing employees, and driving

committed just to delivering exceptional work; we're dedicated to building partnerships that stand the test of time," Woodruff said. "I'm excited

about working alongside a team that values collaboration, transparency, and doing what's best for both our clients and the communities we serve."

Previously, Woodruff served as CEO of RQAW DCCM, where he helped scale the firm from a nine-person team to nearly 140 employees, increasing revenue from \$500,000 to



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Build BW has experienced significant growth over the past decade, with a strong focus on Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) construction projects, particularly in the municipal and public safety sectors. The company's work includes jails, police stations, and

over \$23 million fire stations, as well as projects in commercial, retail, mixed-use, and multi-family development.

One notable project currently underway is the \$85 million Hamilton County Public Safety Center. Build BW is the construction partner and delivering the project via BOT.

Additionally, development division recently announced its will develop a \$30 million restaurant and retail space at The Crossing at Fishers District, home to the new Fishers Event Center. This 35,000 square-foot development will introduce new dining and retail options to the growing entertainment district.

Indiana529 surpasses \$8 billion in education investment accounts

The REPORTER

Indiana Treasurer of State Daniel Elliott announced Monday that the Indiana529 education savings plans have exceeded \$8 billion in assets in more than 447,000 accounts.

"Every hard-earned dollar invested in an Indiana529 plan is one less that will have to be borrowed and repaid with interest," Elliott said. "These investment accounts benefit from both tax-deferred growth and Indiana's generous state tax credit, making an Indiana529 plan an incredibly powerful tool for funding education. We're proud to offer this program to families investing for a future with less student loan debt."

provides Indiana529 families with flexibility and choice when it comes to

saving for education after high school. Funds can be used at any eligible school or qualified apprenticeship program, both in- and outof-state. Accounts grow tax-deferred and distributions are tax-free as long as the money is withdrawn to pay for qualified education expenses like tuition, books, equipment, and fees.

Indiana taxpayers may also be eligible for an annual state income tax credit of 20 percent of contributions to Indiana529 accounts, worth up to \$1,500 each year (\$750 for married couples filing separately).

"Eight billion dollars is an amazing milestone given that Hoosiers can start saving with as little as 10 dollars," Program Executive Director Marissa Rowe said. "The secret to investing is to



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Treasurer of State Daniel Elliott says the program is a powerful tool for families to save for college.

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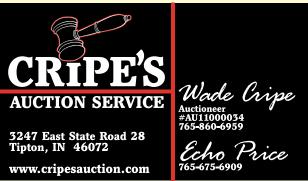
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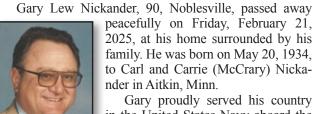
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Gary Lew Nickander

May 20, 1934 – February 21, 2025



peacefully on Friday, February 21, 2025, at his home surrounded by his family. He was born on May 20, 1934, to Carl and Carrie (McCrary) Nickander in Aitkin, Minn.



in the United States Navy aboard the USS Hancock from 1952 to 1956. He met the love of his life, Joan Elizabeth Fieber, in his hometown of Madison, Minn., and they were married on September 20, 1958. Their first son was born a year to the day after they were married, and their first grandchild was also born on their anniversary. Gary graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1960 with a degree in Forestry. He was an entrepreneur and business owner of Nickander Associates which sold wood products. Gary had a zest for life, loved the lake life, traveling, bird watching, and telling a good story. He was very generous and supported many charitable organizations.

Gary is survived by his wife of 66 years, Joan Nickander; sister, Sue Johnson; son, Dan (Kaylynn) Nickander; daughters, Carla (Bill) Crask, Kelly (Mike) McVey, and Kari (Adam) Perry, grandchildren, Marci (Alex) Burrow, Lindsey McVey, Madi Nickander, Mitch McVey, Carl (Kylie) Nickander, Bonnie Nickander, Otto Perry, and Ava Perry; and his great-grandchildren, Dalyla, Arlo, and Bronson Burrow.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Rodney Nickander.

Gary's legacy lives on through his family, his stories, and the many lives he touched with his kindness and generosity. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m., with Mass at 11 a.m., on Monday, March 3, 2025, at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St., Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Noblesville Society of St. Vincent De Paul Noble Cause, 1391 Greenfield Ave., Noblesville, IN 46060 (svdpnoblecause.com). Condolences: randallroberts.com

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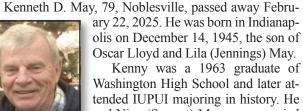
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Your Hometown

Kenneth D. May

December 14, 1945 – February 22, 2025



Kenny was a 1963 graduate of Washington High School and later attended IUPUI majoring in history. He and Nina (Secrest) May were married on November 2, 1991. Kenny worked for Link Belt/FMC/Rexnord bearing manufacturer for 43 years.

Kenny had been a member of Carmel Friends since 1991, actively serving as an usher, member of the Christian Education Committee, and many other capacities.

Other memberships included the Kiwanis Golden K Club, serving as a past president and earning the George F. Hixson Fellowship Award.

He worked many years fundraising for Riley Hospital through selling popcorn at Carmel Gazebo Concerts and was a Salvation Army bell ringer. He enjoyed meeting with his Yokefellows every Tuesday for lunch. He was a longtime member of the Steelworkers Union.

Kenny was proud of his Haughville roots. He was an avid golfer, often golfing a couple times a week with friends. He proudly achieved the 2 Hole in One award. Kenny bowled for many years in leagues as well as the ABC tournaments. He also played softball and coached youth baseball, softball, and basketball. He was a New York Yankees fan.

Kenny was truly a man of faith and loved his family deeply. His pancakes and breakfast were legendary among his grandkids. He treasured getting to spend time with his youngest grandson every week.

Most importantly, Kenny loved the Lord with all his heart and served Him faithfully in every aspect of his life.

In addition to his parents, Kenny was preceded in death by his brother Eddie May.

Survivors include his wife, Nina Jo Secrest May; children, Kenneth May Jr., Dawn May, Jeffrey May, Kelly May, Brandon (Amy) Dennis, Aileen (David) McDivitt, Nathan (Karen) Dennis, and Kyle (Hilary) May, grandchildren, Dawn (Erich) Bolander, Brooke Morrison, Hannah (Jack) Garner, Ethan and Caleb Dennis, Tiernan, Ashtin, and Ella McDivitt, William and Jenna Dennis, and Atticus Kenneth May; great-grandchildren, Cassion Bolander; and brother, Steve (Joanne) May.

Family and friends will gather from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 2, 2025, at Carmel Friends Church, 651 W. Main St., Carmel, where the Funeral Service will take place at 11 a.m. Monday, March 3, 2025. A Committal Service will follow in Carmel Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Carmel Friends Church, 651 W. Main St., Carmel, IN 46032; Quaker Haven Camp, 111 EMS D16C Lane #8051, Syracuse, IN 46567; or Kiwanis Golden K Club, 15120 Count Fleet Ct., Carmel, IN 46032. Envelopes will be available at the service.

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the May family with arrangements.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

THE TABERNACLE

They made the curtain of blue, purple and scarlet yarn and finely twisted linen, with cherubim woven into it by a skilled worker. They made four posts of acacia wood for it and overlaid them with gold. They made gold hooks for them and cast their four silver bases. For the entrance to the tent they made a curtain of blue, purple and scarlet yarn and finely twisted linen the work of an embroiderer; and they made five posts with hooks for them. They overlaid the tops of the posts and their bands with gold and made their five bases of bronze.

Exodus 36:35-38 (NIV)

Dennis Lee Ganz

December 20, 1947 – February 20, 2025

On February 20, 2025, the world lost a gem of a person, Dennis Lee Ganz, born on December 20, 1947, in Chicago, Ill.

Dennis was known for his loving, loyal, humble, and supportive nature. He was a steadfast figure in the lives of many, a beacon of consistency and compassion. As a master technician, he was respected in his profession, but it was his personal life that truly defined him. He was a man who found joy in

the simple pleasures of life, and whether it was drag racing, fishing, bowling, being out on the lake, or even playing pool, Dennis lived life fully and heartily.

Dennis was a picture of love and dedication, his family being the center of his universe. His marriage to Charmaine Ganz on November 10, 1973, was the start of a beautiful journey marked by shared dreams, laughter, and an enduring love. Their bond was a testament to their mutual respect and understanding and was a source of inspiration for many. Being a loving father to his son, Christopher, and a doting grandfather to Jaxson, Dennis instilled in them the values of commitment, care, and compassion. He is also survived by his sister, Debby, and several nephews who will forever remember his kindness and generosity.

Dennis, however, had his share of profound losses. He was preceded in death by his father, Sergio Ganz, his mother, Patricia Ganz, his son, Denny Ganz, and his brothers, Robert, Ricky, and Gary Ganz. Yet, despite these losses, he carried on with life, displaying resilience and strength that was admired by all who knew him.

The visitation will take place at noon on Friday, February 28, 2025, at Hartley Funeral Homes, Cicero. This will be followed by a memorial service at 2 p.m. and a private burial at 3 p.m.

Dennis Ganz was a man of many virtues, and he left an indelible mark on the hearts of those he touched. His memory will live on in the stories, laughter, and love he left behind. As we celebrate his life, we invite you to share your memories and upload photos of Dennis on the memorial page. Let us come together to remember a life well-lived, and a man greatly loved.

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Boys Diving

Five county divers qualify for state

By RICHIE HALL

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FISHERS – Five Hamilton County divers qualified for the IHSAA state meet on Tuesday after their performances at the Fishers diving regional.

The competition at the Tigers' aquatic center featured some extremely talented divers, including six that had sectional scores over 480 points. The winner was Oak Hill senior Grant Cates, who totaled 614.15 points in his 11 dives. A Southern Methodist University recruit, Cates scored 78.00 points on his seventh dive, a reverse 2-1/2 somersault tuck, and scored three 10s right before that on his sixth dive, a reverse pike.

Cates ran away with first place, but the county divers held their own. Senior Jacob Schade led a parade of three Fishers divers to make it to state, as he placed second with a score of 507.75 points.

Schade performed a reverse 2-1/2 somersault tuck for his seventh dive and scored 63.00 points. He eclipsed the 50-point mark on two other dives as well. This will be the third year in a row for Schade at state; he placed fourth as a sophomore and fifth last year as a junior.

"I thought I dove pretty well overall," said Schade. "Obviously there's dives and skills to improve upon for Saturday, but I thought it was overall a pretty solid meet and hopefully I can build on it for Saturday prelims in the morning."

The top eight divers from the regional advance to the state meet, which begins with the preliminaries at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Junior Mason Lawson was right behind Schade, scoring 496.05 points to place third. Lawson brought out some big dives early, scoring 58.90 on his second dive (inward 2-1/2 somersault tuck) and following that with another 50-point dive.

Lawson then scored 50-plus points on his last two dives, including 56.00 on his finale, a forward 2-1/2 somersault, one twist pike. He had five dives score over 50 points at the meet but believes he can do better.

"I'll improve for state," said Lawson. "I'll be ready for state."

The third Fishers state qualifier is junior Kirby Danglade. He finished fifth with 431.55 points. Danglade's second and third dives both scored 50-plus points, then he scored the highest on his 11th dive, totaling 53.30 points on a forward 1-1/2 somersault, two twist free.

Danglade said he dove "pretty good for some of them," but "left a lot out on the table in other places. But I can definitely figure it out in time for Saturday.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Five Hamilton County divers qualified for the IHSAA state meet after their performance at the Fishers regional on Tuesday. Pictured: Carmel's Henry Summers, Fishers' Jacob Schade, Kirby Danglade and Mason Lawson, and Noblesville's Aiden Kless.

I know what I can fix and how to do it, so just going to see if I can get it done."

Seniors Kless, **Summers advance**

Noblesville senior Aiden Kless, already a twotime state qualifier, advanced to state for the third time by finishing fourth with a score of 490.45 points.

Kless scored 58.50 points on three separate dives. He reached that level for both his third and fourth

dives, respectively a forward 2-1/2 somersault pike and a forward 1-1/2 somersault, two twist free. Kless totaled 58.50 a third time on his eighth dive, a reverse 2-1/2 somersault tuck.

Kless said he per- I was last year." formed "pretty well" at the regional.

"Some dives went not so great, but some dives went great," said Kless, who noted that "you can't really think of the bad ones" and let them ruin

the competition. Kless was fifth at state two years ago as a sophomore and seventh as a junior.

"I think I'll do a lot better," said Kless. "I'm in a way better head space than

Carmel senior Henry Summers just missed qualifying for state last season, placing ninth at the regional. He made it this year, finishing in eighth place with a score of 348.30 points.

Summers' best dive

was his fifth, a back 1-1/2 somersault 1-1/2 twist free. He totaled 42.50 points.

"It's pretty exciting," said Summers. "I'm really liking the competition, just diving with all my friends."

Carmel freshman Alrik Mansberger placed ninth at the regional this year, with a score of 322.95 points. Mansberger scored highest on his 11th dive, a forward two somersault pike on which he scored 35.65 points.

Boys Basketball-

Cardinal reaches 1,000 points, leads Golden Eagles past Blazers

By RICHARD TORRES

For The Reporter

Monday night, Bryson Cardinal worked out with his father, Brian, a former Purdue standout, and focused specifically on 3-pointers.

Twenty-four hours later during Class 3A fifthranked Guerin Catholic's home and regular-season finale against 2A University, the duo's training ses-

sion paid off. Just 30 points shy from reaching 1,000 in his career, Cardinal scored 23 in the first half to help turn a 14-11 deficit into a 42-22 lead by halftime, and then he locked in on history.

Cardinal, a 6-foot-7 senior, converted a pair of shots in the post to start the second half before finding space on the perimeter where he buried his third of four 3-pointers in the game, which brought the Golden Eagles' faithful to their feet.

"For my 1,000th, it was a great pass from Hayden (Rogers), and then I was able to hit the shot," Cardinal said. "It was awesome to get it right away to kind of take that off my shoulders and get that over with because that was something I was really hoping to do. It was an awesome moment."

Cardinal became the seventh Guerin Catholic player in program history to reach the mark, and it only took 17 minutes, 40 seconds to achieve the feat, as the Golden Eagles (20-4) rolled to a 73-47 win.

coach Bobby Allen said. tering the second frame un-NOBLESVILLE - On "When you have players til a 5:35 scoring drought that are 1,000-point scorers in your program, as a coach, you just feel blessed to be around kids like that who can do that. Not only is he a great individual player. He's just a great team leader for us, and that's probably what's most important for us."

Cardinal posted his sixth 30-point game of the season and his fourth three-ormore made 3-pointer performance. He finished the game with a double-double (13 rebounds), which was his 16th this year.

"Our whole thing the entire season has been let it come to me. Don't force anything, and I was just hoping to go out there and do my thing," Cardinal said. "I got lucky enough to get the ball the first two possessions, and my teammates put me in a great po-

sition to get a bucket." Senior Ryne Paris led the Golden Eagles with six assists to go with seven points, while Rogers, a sophomore, dished out five. Both fueled a 15-0 run in the second quarter, as Guerin Catholic swarmed the glass, got out in transition and created offense off seven University turnovers before halftime.

Guerin won the overall points off turnovers battle 18-8, out rebounded the Trailblazers (13-9) 35-16 and tallied 13 second-chance buckets compared to University's three.

University led late in

"He was great tonight," the first quarter and held Catholic head the advantage, 14-11, enand turnovers opened the door for Cardinal and the Golden Eagles.

Guerin Catholic won the second quarter, 31-8.

"We regrouped, and that second quarter was incredible," Allen said. "That's what we're capable of doing. Our guys need to believe that and understand that we can do that when we want to."

Cardinal believed, knocking down back-toback 3-pointers to end the first half, including a buzzer-beater to put Guerin ahead 42-22.

"It's something my dad and I have put a ton of time in to. Yesterday, we put up 150, make 150 threes, so it was really awesome to be able to hit the three tonight," Cardinal said.

His milestone trey halted the game momentarily, as the public address announcer recognized the team captain for his career achievement.

See Cardinal ... Page 12 University on Tuesday. Cardinal is pictured with his family.



Photo by Richard Torres Guerin Catholic's Bryson Cardinal was recognized after reaching the 1,000-point milestone, which he reached during the Golden Eagles' win over

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Boys Basketball-

Fishers completes unbeaten regular season

The REPORTER

The Fishers boys basketball team completed its first undefeated regular season in program history on Tuesday.

The Class 4A No. 1 Tigers rolled past North Central 86-56 in an away game. Fishers led 24-9 after one quarter, with Cooper Zachary scoring eight points, including two 3-pointers. Zachary repeated himself in the second period, again nailing two 3s to score eight points. Justin Kirby added six points, part of a 47-26

Tigers halftime lead.

Fishers blasted through the third quarter, pouring in 31 points for a 78-45 advantage. Seven different Tigers players scored in the third, including nine from Jason Gardner Jr.

Zachary finished the game with 22 points, followed by Gardner and JonAnthony Hall with 16 each. Hall scored six points in the third quarter. Kirby finished with 15 points.

The Tigers are 24-0 and play Westfield Tuesday in a first-round game at the Carmel sectional.

FISHERS 86,	, NOR1	TH CEN	TRAL	56
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Cooper Zachary	8	2-2	22	3
Jason Gardner Jr.	5	6-7	16	0
Justin Kirby	6	2-2	15	1
JonAnthony Hall	7	2-2	16	0
Nathan Baker	0	0-0	0	3
Millen McCartney	2	0-0	6	1
Logan Sigler	3	0-0	7	1
Torey Breland	0	2-2	2	1
Jean-Claude L'Homme	0	2-2	2	3
Levi Walker	0	0-0	0	0
Jalen Campbell	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	31	16-17	86	13
S	core by Q	uarters		
Fishers	24	23	31	8 – 86
North Central	9	17	19	11 – 56

Fishers 3-pointers (8) Zachary 4, McCartney 2, Kirby, Sigler.

past Rushville their lead to 51-31 after Hamilton Heights three quarters, with Saun-

Huskies power

The REPORTER

posted another big win on Tuesday, closing its regular season with a 71-40 home victory over Rushville.

The Huskies outscored the Lions in each of the four quarters. Heights led 15-11 after the first period, then zoomed ahead 34-20 by halftime. Gavin Saunders scored 12 points in the second period, including a pair of 3-pointers.

The Huskies increased

Heights Tyler Champion ders scoring another seven points. Saunders finished the game with 24 points, including four 3s and also made four steals.

Jack Kakasuleff added 10 points, while Tyler Champion dished out four assists. Carson Felger and Aidan Unger both collected four rebounds.

Heights is 14-8 and plays Connersville Tuesday in a Sectional 24 firstround game at New Castle.

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s Knapp 1-3 son Felger 1-4 Kakasuleff 4-7 1-2 in Saunders 9-18 s Nobbe Dreydin Serna 2-3 3-3 Aidan Unger 0-0 Austin Day Justin Overton 1-2 Jackson Cantlon 0-0 0-0 0 Hayden Spicer 0-1 1 Jackson Mikesell 0-0 25-51 **Totals** 14-18 18 Score by Quarters

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HAMILTON HEIGHTS 71, RUSHVILLE 40

1-5

20 - 71Heights 3-point shooting (7-18) Saunders 4-10, Knapp 1-2, Kakasuleff 1-2, Serna 1-1, Champion 0-1, Felger 0-1, Overton 0-1. Heights rebounds (24) Felger 4, Unger 4, Kakasuleff 3, Champion 2, Nobbe 2, Knapp 2, Mikesell 2, Spicer 2, Overton 1, Saunders 1, Cantlon 1.

Rocks get past Marauders in

The REPORTER

Westfield finished the regular season with an overtime win on the road Tuesday.

The Class 4A No. 3 Shamrocks got past Mount Vernon 62-58, making a fourth-quarter comeback to force the extra period. The Marauders led 16-11 after the first period, then extended their lead to 27-17 by halftime.

Mount Vernon was up 43-34 after three quarters; Will Harvey threw in three 3-pointers in that quarter for at Carmel.

nine points. Durante Morton took over for Westfield in the fourth, pouring in 18 of the Shamrocks' 20 points in that period. That helped Westfield tie the game at 54-54 by the end of regulation. The 'Rocks outscored the Marauders 8-4 in overtime.

Morton finished with 26 points. Jalen Malone scored 10 points, including seven in the first quarter.

Westfield is 18-3 and plays Fishers Tuesday in a first-round Sectional 8 game

WESTFIELD 62, MOUNT VERNON 58					
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Westfield	FG	F1	Γ	TP	PF
Will Harvey	3	2-	2	11	1
Jalen Malone	4	0-	0	10	4
Durante Morton	12	2-	4	26	3
Drew Haffner	1	2-	4	4	1
Rylan Rauch	1	0-	0	3	2
Brock Detamore	2	3-	4	7	1
Ryan Hunsucker	0	1-:	2	1	0
Luke Vandegriff	0	0-	0	0	0
Totals	23	10	-16	62	12
Score by Quarters					
Westfield	11	6	17	20	8 - 62
Mount Vernon	16	11	16	11	4 – 58

Westfield 3-pointers (6) Harvey 3, Malone 2, Rauch.

Guerin Catholic wins conference title

The REPORTER

Guerin Catholic beat Roncalli 55-46 last Saturday to clinch the Circle City Conference championship.

The Royals led 12-9 af-

17 late in the second quarter then outscored Roncalli 20before the Golden Eagles 11 in the fourth quarter. cut that lead to 26-21 by came back to tie the game Paris and Bryson Cardinal

Jake Grissom led GC halftime. Guerin Catholic with 17 points, while Ryne

ter the first quarter and 26- at 35-35 after three periods, both scored 12 points. Cardinal pulled 10 rebounds for a double-double.

> Guerin Catholic finished conference play with a perfect 4-0 record.

> > from Page 11

CARDINAL

game that I needed another 30-point game, and it's hard to do, but I think every bucket I had was assisted by my teammates, so I'm just blessed to be in the position I'm in to score 1,000 points and have teammates that gave me as many open looks as I

had tonight," Cardinal said. "My grandparents came in from up north. Everyone being here to support me, it was truly amazing. I looked up there right after I hit the shot, and my mom (Danielle) was already in tears."

Cardinal was subbed out after he reached his intended total, and the Golden Eagles pushed the margin to 28 points before the fourth quarter.

Sophomore Jake Grissom had six points. Senior Jake Toles finished with eight points. Senior Jackson Carey added six and sophomore Andrew Riethman chipped in five.

University senior Max McComb paced the Blaz-

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by junior Blake Gray with eight. Junior Noah Cortez and sophomore Joshua Henderson each had six points.

The Golden Eagles won their first outright Circle City Conference title this year with a 4-0 run in league play and will head to Sectional 25 in Lebanon to face the host Tigers (16-6) on March 5.

"We're excited. We felt like the season went well for us. Feel like we still even have room to improve before next week, and it's going to be a difficult task, but we're up for it. I'm excited to see how they perform against three great teams, hopefully, over the next week," Allen said. "This is what it's all about. You have a good season, and now you have to go prove it when it's

time in March." Cardinal knows what the postseason can bring. The senior was part of Guerin's 3A state runner-up lineup in 2023 and played a key role

"We knew before the ers with 14 points followed in the team's final four berth all the way. I think we are in 2024.

> "Sophomore year, we made it to the finals and lost. Last year, we made it to the final four and lost.

This year, I'm hoping to go **GUERIN CATHOLIC 73. UNIVERSITY 47** University

1-4, Henderson 1-1, Cortez 0-3, Bland 0-1, Mohamud 0-1. University rebounds (16) McComb 4, Gray 3, Cammack 3, Hender-

son 2, Cortez 1, Willis 1, Mohamud 1, team 1.				
Guerin Catholic	FG	FT	TP	PF
Jake Grissom	2-4	1-1	6	2
Malcolm Houze	0-3	0-0	0	1
Ryne Paris	2-5	3-3	7	2
Hayden Rogers	0-1	0-0	0	1
Bryson Cardinal	12-20	3-4	30	1
Carter Murans	2-4	2-2	7	1
Jack Toles	3-7	2-2	8	3
RJ Hill	0-0	0-0	0	2
Julian Melendez	1-2	2-2	4	0
Andrew Reithman	2-3	0-0	5	1
Jackson Carey	2-3	1-2	6	1
Will Bach	0-1	0-0	0	1
Sawyer Holman	0-0	0-0	0	0
Jack Linden	0-0	0-0	0	0
Drew Burnett	0-1	0-0	0	0
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Guerin Catholic 3-point shooting (7-17) Cardinal 3-4, Grissom 1-2,

Toles 1, Holman 1, Linden 1, team 1.

niversity	14	8	9	16 – 47
uerin Catholic	11	31	17	14 – 73

an incredible team and an incredible group of just super resilient guys and guys who work super hard. I'm finished the game with a hoping we can do it all this 23-point fourth quarter. year," Cardinal said.

Zien Bland	2-3	0-1	4	1
Max McComb	4-7	4-8	14	4
Blake Gray	2-7	2-2	8	1
aisal Mohamud	0-5	1-2	1	1
Cooper Cammack	1-1	0-0	2	3
loshua Henderson	2-4	1-2	6	4
Noah Cortez	3-6	0-0	6	1
Peter Morales	1-5	0-0	3	1
OJ Willis	1-2	1-1	3	0
loshua Bledsoe	0-0	0-2	0	0
ucas Ciaccia	0-0	0-0	0	0
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Bryson Cardinal	12-20	3-4	30	1
Carter Murans	2-4	2-2	7	1
Jack Toles	3-7	2-2	8	3
RJ Hill	0-0	0-0	0	2
Julian Melendez	1-2	2-2	4	0
Andrew Reithman	2-3	0-0	5	1
Jackson Carey	2-3	1-2	6	1
Will Bach	0-1	0-0	0	1
Sawyer Holman	0-0	0-0	0	0
Jack Linden	0-0	0-0	0	0
Drew Burnett	0-1	0-0	0	0
Totals	26.54	1/_16	73	16

Reithman 1-2, Murans 1-2, Carey 1-1, Houze 0-1, Paris 0-1, Melendez 0-1, Rogers 0-1, Burnett 0-1.

Guerin Catholic rebounds (35) Cardinal 13, Houze 3, Melendez 3, Carey 3, Grissom 2, Rogers 2, Reithman 2, Murans 2, Paris 1,

Score by Quarters				
14	8	9	16 – 47	
11	31	17	14 – 73	
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Royals fall to Wildcats

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Rushville

Hamilton Southeastern game.

The Wildcats led 16-14 after one quarter, then pulled further ahead in the second quarter for a 38-26 halftime lead. The Royals played even with LN in the third period, as both teams scored 17 points, but the Wildcats

Lucas Weemer scored finals.

17 points for Southeastern. Braeden Totten hit four dropped its regular-season 3-pointers on his way to 14 finale to Lawrence North points, while Jack Jacobs 78-60 in a Tuesday home scored 11 points. Totten led the rebounds with six and handed out four assists, while Varscon Clark dished out six assists and blocked two shots.

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The Royals are 13-11 and will play the winner of a first-round sectional game between Carmel and Noblesville in next Friday's (March 7) Sectional 8 semi-

LAWRENCE NORTH 78, HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 60

Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Jack Jacobs	1-3	0-0	2	1
Maverick Young	4-9	2-4	11	2
Braeden Totten	5-8	0-0	14	3
Landon Osswald	2-6	0-0	5	1
Varschon Clark	4-7	0-0	9	3
Lucas Weemer	6-10	2-2	17	3
Kian Kelly	0-2	0-0	0	2
Kallen Hoeft	0-0	0-0	0	1
Christopher Beck	1-1	0-0	2	0
Alexander Weber	0-0	0-0	0	0
Maksim Radovich	0-0	0-0	0	1
Totals	23-46	4-6	60	17
S	core by Qu	uarters		
Lawrence North	16	22	17	23 - 78
Hamilton Southeastern	14	12	17	17 - 60
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Southeastern 3-point shooting (10-18) Totten 4-6, Weemer 3-4, Young 1-3, Clark 1-3, Osswald 1-1, Kelly 0-1.

Southeastern rebounds (20) Totten 6, Clark 4, Young 3, Weemer 3, Osswald 2, Jacobs 1, team 1.

Millers roll at Mississinewa

The REPORTER

Noblesville finished its regular season at Mississinewa on Tuesday and rolled to an 83-32 victory.

The Millers were in front from the start, leading 22-5 after the first quarter. Noblesville led 42-19 at halftime, then cruised through the third period, outscoring the Indians 23-4 for a 65-23 advantage.

Baron Walker had an outstanding game, scoring tional 8 game. NODIECVILLE 02 MICCICCINEMA 22

27 points, including three 3-pointers, and eight rebounds. Walker was the first of four Millers in double figures: T.J. Davidson totaled 16 points and also dished out four assists. Justin Curry added 13 points and pulled five rebounds, while Max Flanagan scored 10 points.

Noblesville is 17-5 and plays at host Carmel Tuesday for a first-round Sec-

NOBLESVILLE 83, MISSISSINEWA 32						
Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF		
T.J. Davidson	7-7	0-0	16	2		
Adam Fine	1-4	2-3	4	1		
Justin Curry	6-12	0-0	13	0		
Aiden Brewer	0-3	1-2	1	3		
Baron Walker	11-16	2-3	27	2		
Ryan Vetor	1-1	4-6	7	2		
Max Flanagan	4-7	0-0	10	3		
Max Miller	0-1	0-0	0	0		
Luke Davis	1-1	0-0	2	2		
Luke Fogg	1-2	0-0	3	0		
Totals	32-54	9-14	83	15		
S	core by Q	uarters				
Noblesville	22	20	23	18 - 83		
Mississinewa	5	14	4	9 - 32		
Noblesville 3-point shooting (10-18) Walker 3-4, Flanagan 2-4, Da-						
vidson 2-2, Curry 1-5, Fogg 1-1, Vetor 1-1, Fine 0-1.						

Noblesville rebounds (32) Walker 8. Curry 5. Miller 4. Vetor 4. Fla-

nagan 4, Davidson 2, Davis 2, Brewer 2, Fine 1.

SPORTS SCHEDULE Girls Basketball

Thursday, Feb. 27

BOYS BASKETBALL Phalen Academy at University, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 28

BOYS BASKETBALL

Sheridan at Waldron, 7:30 p.m. **BOYS SWIMMING**

IHSAA state prelims, 6 p.m. at IU Natatorium **GYMNASTICS SECTIONALS** Fishers, Noblesville at Franklin Central, 6:30 p.m.

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IHSAA announces boys basketball sectional draws

The REPORTER

The IHSAA revealed the sectional pairings for its state boys basketball tournament last Sunday.

Carmel will host Class 4A Sectional 8, with action taking place on Bill Shepherd Court at the Eric Clark Activity Center. The Greyhounds will be first out of the gate, hosting Noblesville at 6 p.m. Tuesday in a firstround game. Fishers, the No. 1-ranked team in Indiana and the defending 4A state champion, plays No. 3 Westfield in the second Tuesday game, to start around 7:30 p.m.

In the Friday, March 7 semifinals, Hamilton Southeastern takes on the Carmel-Noblesville winner in the first game at 6 p.m. Zionsville will play the Fishers-Westfield winner in the second semifinal, which starts around 7:30 p.m.

In Class 3A, Hamilton Heights travels to New Castle for Sectional 24. The Huskies play the second opening-round game on Tuesday, facing Connersville. That game follows a contest between Jay County and Yorktown. The first Friday, March 7 semifinal will see Delta play the Jay County-Yorktown winner, while the host Trojans take on the Heights-Connersville winner in the second semifinal.

Guerin Catholic will travel to Frankfort's Case Arena ner. to compete in 3A Sectional 25 a seven-team site. The tournament opens Tuesday March 8.

with the host Hot Dogs playing Danville.

The first round continues on Wednesday, March 5. The Golden Eagles play Lebanon in that evening's first contest, to be followed by Brebeuf Jesuit playing Crawfordsville. Tri-West got the bye into the Friday, March 7 semifinals and will play the Frankfort-Danville winner. The Wednesday winners will face off in the second semifinal.

In Class 2A, Sheridan heads to Frankfort to compete in Sectional 39. That sectional opens on Tuesday with a 6 p.m. game between Taylor and Tipton, followed by a contest between Elwood and the host Eagles.

Sheridan got one of the byes and will play the Taylor-Tipton winner in the first Friday, March 7 semifinal. Lapel plays in the second semifinal, against the Elwood-Frankton winner.

University will make a short trip to Park Tudor next week to play in 2A Sectional 42. The Trailblazers take on Covenant Christian in that site's opening game, set for 6 p.m. Tuesday. The host Panthers will play Cardinal Ritter in the second Tuesday game.

In the Friday, March 7 semifinals, Monrovia will take on the University-Covenant Christian winner, with Riverside playing the Park Tudor-Cardinal Ritter win-

All sectional championships are set for Saturday

IBCA boys basketball poll - Week of Feb. 24

Rank 1	Fishers (22)	Points 440	Record 23-0
2	Greenfield-Central	388	20-3
3	Cathedral	377	18-4
4	Westfield	366	17-3
5	Avon	336	18-3
6	Crown Point	299	17-2
7	Anderson	290	20-2
8	Lawrence North	239	16-6
9	New Palestine	232	20-3
10	Jeffersonville	226	16-5
11	South Bend St. Joseph	222	18-3
12	Warsaw	216	21-4
13	Brownstown Central	175	19-1
14	New Albany	141	16-3
15	Ben Davis	140	15-7
16	Noblesville	138	16-5
17	Northridge	109	18-3
18	Mount Vernon	60	16-4
19	Guerin Catholic	57	19-4
20	Crispus Attucks	46	15-6
	First place votes are in parei	ntheses.	

Other schools receiving votes, with records Blackhawk Christian (19-3), Clay City (20-1), Columbus North (18-3), Evansville Reitz (14-4), Evansville Harrison (14-7), Fort Wayne Wayne (16-5), Homestead (18-5), Lafayette Jefferson (19-3), Lawrence Central (11-9), Northview (21-1), NorthWood (17-4), Pike (11-9), Princeton Community (20-2), Silver Creek (20-3), South Bend Riley



Photo provided

The Hamilton Heights Middle School eighth-grade girls basketball team is this year's Mid-Indiana Conference champions. The team is coached by Meg Hite, head coach, and Travis Comer, assistant coach.

Huskies bring home MIC Championship trophy

By MEG HITE

HHMS 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach

Over the weekend, the Hamilton Heights eighthgrade girls basketball team competed at Tipton for this year's Mid-Indiana Con-

ference (MIC) Champion- in the second half to hold and everyone did their job ship title.

In the semifinals, the Huskies took on an aggressive Western team that game, it was a total team made the ladies work hard effort all around against for every basket. They were only up three at the

them to 11 points and score 24 points.

In the championship an aggressive Kokomo team. The Huskies got in half and came out strong some foul trouble early

and accepted their responsibility. The ladies fought through the adversity and controlled what they could to bring home the MIC trophy by defeating Kokomo for a big TEAM win! Congratulations!

Men's Basketball

Mad Ants dominate Greensboro in Monday matinee victory

The REPORTER

The Indiana Mad Ants faced off with the Greensboro Swarm (Charlotte Hornets affiliate) Monday afternoon. In one of their finest performances of the season. the Mad Ants secured a 121-93 victory over the Swarm. The 28-point differential was one shy of the season-high for Indiana. Jahlil Okafor led the team with 26 points while Quenton Jackson and Enrique Freeman had 24 and 22 points respectively.

The Mad Ants had twoway players Enrique Freeman and Quenton Jackson active for today's game. Johnny Furphy was also with the team on assignment from the Pacers. Furphy scored the first points of the game with a layup at the end of the shot clock. Two possessions later, Freeman scored with a layup after recovering an offensive re-

Jahlil Okafor returned to the Mad Ants for his first game since early February. The veteran center signed a 10-day contract with the Pacers on February 10th and appeared in one game. He scored his basket four minutes into the game. On the next possession, Okafor scored again with a close-

range hook shot. After falling behind 8-6, Tom Hankins called a timIndiana went on an 18-0 again with a driving layup lowed the Mad Ants to gain Jackson drew a foul and the quarter.

phy drew a shooting foul after recovering an offense rebound. He knocked down the one-for-two free throw attempt. On the next possession, Kyle Mangas found Furphy down low, and the first-year pro finished the reverse layup. Under a minute to go, Josiah-Jordan James drained a three-pointer to beat the shot clock. After one quarter, the Mad Ants had a 31-12 lead. Furphy led the team with eight points.

points of the second quarter. The two-way forward drove into the lane and scored with a layup. Next time down the floor, Cameron McGriff rocked the rim with a ferocious dunk.

With six minutes left in had a 46-23 lead. On the next possession for Indiana, Okafor posterized his defender with a one-handed slam. He made six of his first seven field goal attempts in his return to the team.

In the final minutes of the quarter, Freeman added to Indiana's lead with a cor-

eout. Following the break, ner three. Freeman scored each had 20 points heading run. The scoring run al- next time down the floor. a lead of 24-8. Greensboro converted a one-for-two ended their scoring drought free throw. Dakota Mathiwith three minutes left in as added to the lead with a three-pointer. The Purdown in the quarter, Fur- mid-ranger jumper his next time down the floor. The Mad Ants had a 64-35 lead after the first half. Okafor led all scorers with 16 firsthalf points.

Jackson scored the first points of the second half for the Mad Ants. The two-way guard knocked down a midrange jumper giving him 10 points on the day. Next time down the floor, Freeman drained a corner three giving him 14 points.

Halfway through the Freeman scored the first third quarter, Furphy added to his point total with a layup. On the next possession, Okafor reached 20 points with a close-range jumper. Indiana had an 80-55 lead with 5:30 remaining in the quarter.

Down the stretch, Freethe first half, the Mad Ants man increased the lead with a put-back layup following an offensive rebound. With a minute to go, Freeman scored again with a layup. The Akron alum scored another layup 30 seconds later giving him 20 points on the day. After three quarters of play, Indiana had a 90-67 lead. Freeman and Okafor into the fourth quarter.

Okafor got the scoring started in the fourth quarter. The 29-year-old scored with a layup giving him 22 points on the day. Two possessions later, Okafor scored again With time winding due alum knocked down a with a close-range hook shot. He made 12 of his first 14 field goal attempts.

Leading 105-79 halfway through the fourth quarter, Jackson attacked the lane and made a contested layup. Fouled on the play, he made it a three-point play with the and-one free throw. 30 seconds later, he demonstrated his range with a three-pointer the traditional way.

Indiana had a 120-90 lead with two minutes left in regulation. After drawing a foul, Ishmael Lane sank one of his two free throw attempts. The Mad Ants secured one of their largest wins of the season; the 28-point differential was one shy of the largest for Indiana this season.

The Indiana Mad Ants will hit the road for a twogame series with the San Diego Clippers beginning on Thursday. Tip-off is scheduled for 10 p.m. Game two of the series will be Saturday again at 10:00 p.m. Indiana's next home game will be on Monday against the Raptors 905. Tip-off for that game is scheduled for 12:30 p.m.

