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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Partly to mostly sunny.
 Tonight: Mostly clear.



HIGH: 45 LOW: 30

Getting to the grassroots with Governor Mike Braun

Discussions on water use, land regulation, property taxes & local government

By **RAY ADLER**
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Governor Mike Braun has been holding grassroots meetings at the Governor's Mansion. He is inviting conservative leaders from around the state to hear their concerns and to update his actions. His goal is to do so at least twice per month.

I was fortunate to be one of the 16 people this week that were invited to participate. State Controller Elise M. Nie-shalla, Secretary of State Diego Morales, and Attorney General Todd Rokita joined Gov. Braun and Lt. Gov. Micah Beckwith for the listening session with conservatives from around the state. Lt. Gov. Beckwith and each of the state officers provided input as well.

It is a wise man who has many advisors. An encourage-

ment was made for the Senate to have similar meetings.

When asked to start the session, I brought up an issue in Hamilton County: water. The LEAP District and transfer of water to Boone County projects are concerning. Three-foot diameter water mains are being constructed in the southern part of the county headed west.

Hamilton County has been on the forefront in this area, investigating our water resources and their preservation. Our County Commissioners are working to safeguard the supply that we have and to plan for continued growth and opportunities in this county.

The governor commented on the previous plan to move water from the Wabash River. He indicated it was not economically profitable to move water more than 40 miles and noted that the Wabash was



Reporter photo
The Reporter's own Ray Adler had a seat at the table during a recent "grassroots meeting" with state officials held at the Governor's Mansion.

wide and shallow. He opined it was not a good source for the LEAP District water. He's been encouraging data centers to re-use water. It appears these centers will not be as extensive wa-

ter users as originally thought. He projected they could get by on 10 percent of the original calculation of water usage.

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Dear Small Business Owner

Dear Small Business Owner,

I see, hear, and empathize with you. For almost 10 years, I've been in your shoes leading a small fundraising consultancy. We specialize in finding grants and writing proposals to (hopefully) win them for nonprofits. I now lead this organization alongside two wonderful partners, Anne and Leigh.

Mind you, I've never taken one business course. Fortunately, I belong to the Grant Professionals Association and network with other consultants. Both have taught me a great deal about successful consulting.

When I worked for small businesses or organizations years ago, I must admit, I was stumped about why my boss or the business owner forgot certain things. I couldn't understand why it took them a long time to complete certain tasks. I'm embarrassed to admit I was a bit . . . well . . . "judgy." Fast forward to today, and my goodness, do I ever understand now.

I read an excellent book years ago that said business owners need to make time to work ON the business vs. always working IN it. I realize that is easier said than done.

Take my business for instance. I have four retainer clients I work with every day. I also pay all six team members, check and monitor our bank account every day, regularly supervise two team members, meet with potential clients, and dozens of other tasks. Oh yeah, and I write columns for two newspapers and am an author who's about to launch another book.

Add in my home caring; family, friend, pet, volunteering, exercising, and church tasks; and – like a lot of you readers – it leads to little extra time. But it's still important work on the business.

My partners and I carve out an hour or two on our calendar every Friday afternoon to (attempt) to do this. And, little by little, we're getting there. We now market our business regularly . . . sorta kinda.

I'm proud to say that I complete our cash flow sheet once a month to determine our profit margin. Doesn't that sound like I know what I'm talking about? I truly do.

If someone had told me years ago I'd have my own company, I would have laughed. But here I am, learning something new almost every day. I make mistakes, but I know I wouldn't want to do anything else.

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Westfield PD moves to district policing model

Submitted by **City of Westfield**

The Westfield Police Department has adopted a policing district model, assigning officers to designated zones to improve response times while increasing proactive patrols and visibility in neighborhoods, schools, trails, and business areas, which began Jan. 1.

District policing divides the city into four geographic districts. Officers are assigned to the same district for one to three months at a time and are tasked with patrolling and completing proactive work primarily within that area. While officers may still assist citywide as needed, the model is designed to promote consistency, faster response, and stronger familiarity with their assigned district. This marks a shift from the previous patrol approach, in which officers had areas of responsibility but could complete duties anywhere in the city, which sometimes led to longer response times.

"By having officers assigned to a specific area, we will ensure we have a consistent presence in every corner of the community," Westfield Police Chief Shawn Keen said. "Officers will become more familiar with the people, streets, businesses, and recurring issues within their district, allowing them to be more proactive and responsive."

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Sheridan's future healthcare workers get an up-close look at nursing programs

Submitted by **Sheridan Community Schools**

Last Friday, 20 Sheridan High School (SHS) students interested in healthcare careers met with representatives from Ivy Tech Community College and Community Health Network during a special luncheon organized by SHS.

Ivy Tech Community College offers top-tier training programs for Registered Nurses and several other medical careers. In fact, one of three nurses in Indiana are trained through the programming offered by Ivy Tech.

Community Health Network also joined in on the luncheon as they expanded into Hamilton County last year with a campus near 191st and East streets in Westfield. A Medical Office Building opened on the campus last spring and a six-story hospital now under construction is set to open in the spring of 2027. Because of the new hospital, Community Health will need hundreds of new employees, so SHS students were able to explore internships and career

opportunities that the future hospital will offer.

SHS was honored to welcome Dr. Rachel Kartz, Ivy Tech's Hamilton County Chancellor, and Quelyn Hughes, Vice President and Chief Nurse Executive for Community Health Network's campuses in Westfield and Kokomo, as well as several members of the Community Health Network and Ivy Tech teams.

SHS students did not disappoint and shared their enthusiasm for the workforce and the opportunity to learn and work firsthand.

One representative said, "I was truly impressed with your students, faculty, and facility. Your students are ambitious, engaged, and eager to learn – an excellent combination for a successful future in the healthcare field!"

Principal Rick Davis said, "This was a terrific opportunity to bring together Ivy Tech, Community Health Network, and our awesome students in order to help bridge the connection from high school to



Photos by Allison Waitt

Representatives from Ivy Tech and Community Health Network spoke with students during the luncheon.

post-secondary training to the workforce."

Thank you to Mr. Davis and

Ms. Jill Cali for helping make this one-of-a-kind opportunity possible for Sheridan students.

Well, spit fire and throw out the matches!

By **STU CLAMPITT**
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Starting this weekend, Carmel Community Players (CCP) is taking audiences to the tiny town of Gilead, Wis., for an inspirational musical story called *The Spitfire Grill*, staging at The Switch Theatre, 10029 126th St., Fishers, from Feb. 27 through March 8.

If you've seen the 1996 movie, you still need to see the play because, according to CCP Director Kathleen Horri-gan, the play is very different in significant ways.

"They made the movie into a musical and I didn't love the movie," Horri-gan said. "The movie is very different, especially the last half of it. The main character drowns. When I heard that they had made a musical of it, I thought, 'No, wait a minute. You can't have that kind of an ending.'"

Horri-gan said she was familiar with the music from

the Broadway play, but not the play itself. Once she read the script, she understood the allure of this show.

"I fell in love with the spirit of it and how they changed it," Horri-gan told The Reporter. "I saw that a lot of theaters were doing it because of the storyline, and then I looked deeper into it. It opened on Broadway right before Sept. 11, 2001, and of course it had to close for a little bit. Then when it reopened, it closed in October of 2001 because people weren't going to the theater. I think that's why it's been under-represented. I think more people should have paid attention to it because the music is lovely and the storyline is heartwarming and about redemption."

The story centers around Percy, a spirited parolee who follows her dreams to the small town of Gilead, hoping to create a new life for herself. She takes a job working at the Spitfire Grill, which has long been up for sale with no tak-



Photo by Rob Slaven / IndyGhostLight.com

Percy ponders her place in a less than picture perfect world during Carmel Community Players' latest show.

ers. Percy convinces its owner, Hannah, to raffle it off with a letter-writing contest, and the entire town is changed as a

result in this story of perseverance, grace, and friendship.

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Westfield engineering firm celebrates 60 years in business in central Indiana

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Ball Systems, a central-Indiana owned and operated engineering test system manufacturer, is celebrating 60 years in business this year. Founded by Dr. Irvin Ball, the company supports global aerospace, defense, automotive, medical, and industrial manufacturers.

"Sixty years for any business is an incredible milestone, and it speaks directly to the trust our customers have placed in us generation after generation," Vice President of Corporate Strategy Pat Turley said. "Ball Systems has always been about more than creating test equipment. It's about long-term relationships, accountability, and delivering exactly what our

customers need on time." While other companies in the engineering test space have outsourced work to other parts of the world, Ball Systems remains wholly American-owned and operated, with corporate headquarters in Westfield and a regional office in Detroit, Mich.

"Our customers come to us with some of their most challenging problems," Turley said. "Our role is to execute with discipline, communicate clearly, and deliver systems they can trust in real-world electronic test environments."

Ball Systems' customers include Boeing, Honeywell, BorgWarner, General Dynamics, and many more. The company is also on approved vendor lists



Photo provided

Pat Turley, Vice President of Corporate Strategy, and Andy Caine, Executive President, Board Secretary & Treasurer, and Co-Owner.

for Department of Defense projects.

About Ball Systems

Ball Systems designs, develops, and delivers custom test systems and produces comprehensive build-to-print systems for

companies creating or manufacturing critical electronic or electro-mechanical components for automotive, aerospace and defense and consumer appliance applications. Visit ballsystems.com to learn more.

Westfield & Noblesville Meijer stores to hold free Heart Health Wellness Expo

The REPORTER

As part of American Heart Month, Meijer will hold another in-store wellness event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28.

Two local Meijer stores participating include:

- Noblesville: 5956 Promenade Shops Blvd.
- Westfield: 225 W. Spring Mill Pointe Drive

Customers can discover Meijer's top wellness brands and receive complimentary in-store samples and coupons while supplies last. They can also take advantage of free cholesterol screenings (while supplies last), free



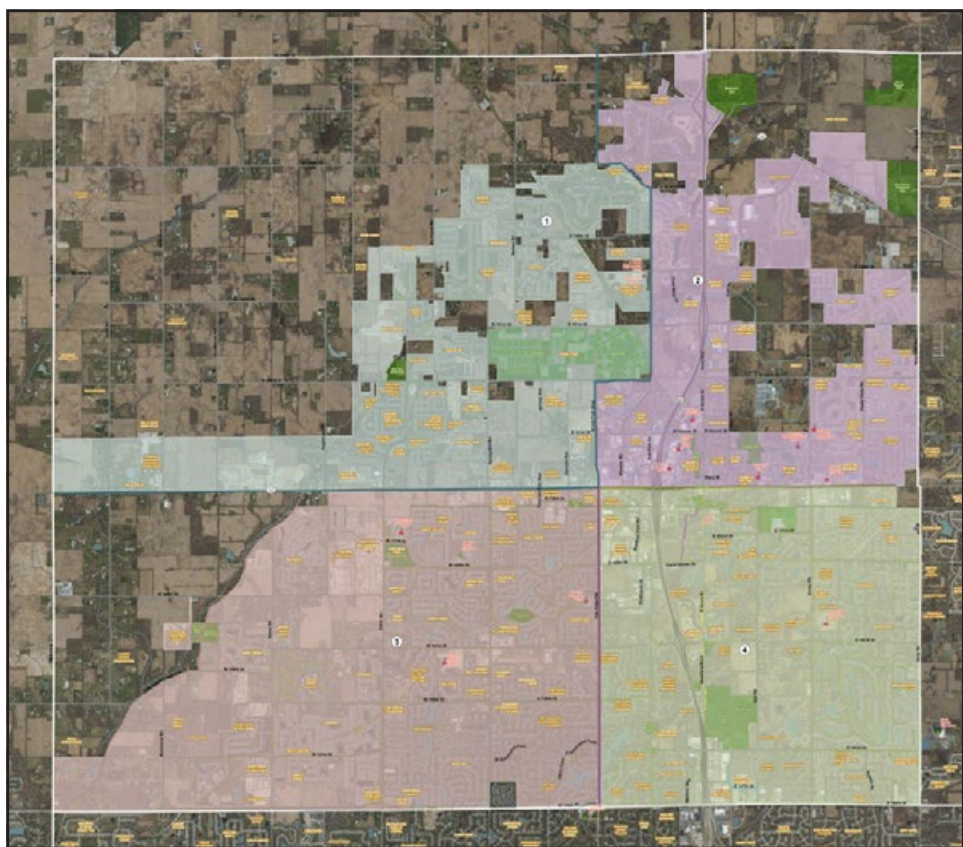
blood pressure screenings, and a great opportunity to get up to date on vaccinations.

Some of the in-store giveaways include:

- Meijer Wellness Booklet
- Pork Board Nutrition/Recipe Card
- Chobani Coupon
- Nasoya Coupon
- I Can't Believe It's Not Butter Coupon
- Emergen-C
- Sensodyne Toothpaste
- Parodontax AGR Mint Toothpaste

POLICING

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Graphic provided by City of Westfield

To support district policing, the department adjusted staffing assignments to ensure consistent coverage within each district while maintaining flexibility for citywide needs. Officers bid which district rotation they would like based on officer seniority, and supervisors are assigned to oversee specific districts, improving communication and accountability.

This updated policing model also gives officers the time and structure to engage

proactively by attending neighborhood gatherings and building trust through regular, positive connections.

"My administration has emphasized the importance of public safety since day one," Mayor Scott Willis said. "This approach will help our residents build trust with our officers instead of only seeing them



Willis

during emergencies. By having officers out in our neighborhoods and on our trails more often, increasing their visibility and day-to-day presence, we're creating more opportunities for positive interactions and stronger relationships within the community."

For more information, go to westfieldin.gov/police.

ROOTS

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Other participants were advocating for local control of property regulations. Discussion was had on the whole new slate of members on the IURC. The governor noted he was signing more executive orders than previous governors and had very few challenges to them. Representatives from Harrison County, Clark County, and Boone County discussed the inflation caused by the Biden Administration, the mental health crisis, and how the governor has encouraged religious organizations that provide services free of charge.

Property taxes were on everyone's mind as well. The biggest opponents to the governor's plan for tax reduction have been members of local governments. It was noted that local subdivisions' budgets are growing faster than

inflation. The rate of growth to local governments has been reduced, but the total amount spent has increased.

Discussion was had concerning the State Constitution, paper ballots, election laws, and Indiana's economy. Under Gov. Braun, Indiana is growing two times faster than Illinois and Ohio, and three times faster than Kentucky. We are growing six times faster than Michigan.

Indiana is lucky to have an exceptional businessman improving our lives. Time ran out, preventing this group from discussing all the areas of concern that could



Reporter photo

AG Todd Rokita and Gov. Mike Braun were kind enough to pose for The Reporter's camera.

have been covered.

Governor, keep up the listening sessions. Everyone walked away with a clearer understanding.

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SMALL BUSINESS

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The U.S. Chamber of Commerce states that small businesses make up well over 99 percent all of U.S. businesses, and 49 percent have just one to four workers. Small businesses fuel our economy.

So, fellow Small Business Owner, I apologize that I couldn't fully grasp your

challenges and the dozens of things you must juggle every day. I understand your world better, and I respect you more than ever. Thank you for all you do for so many of us, day in and day out.

And if you forget something or take a long time to get to a task, give yourself grace and keep going. Your courage

and drive are admirable.

Best wishes,
Amy
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SPITFIRE

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CCP's Percy is a woman named Breanna Helms, whom Horrigan has worked with before.

"In looking at this show, I had no idea that she was interested in auditioning for it," Horrigan said. "I wasn't even expecting her to come to auditions and actually, she wasn't either, but at the last minute she decided, 'You know what? I think I want to work with Kathleen again.' That was very thoughtful. Once she came on, the staff and I said she's the best choice."

Horrigan told The Reporter she has been very fortunate with all of her cast and crew, right down to the actor who has no lines in the play.

"I was extremely lucky that a gentlemen came who had played the part before several years ago," Horrigan said. "He understood it completely and got it hands down. I'm so grateful to have him because that was a worry of mine."

This show is a musical, and while the actors will be singing live, the music is pre-recorded. One reason for that is because of the venue itself, but the playwright also scored the play to use music in the background to set tone and mood. That tracked music does, however, impose strict timing on the actors.

"This show is underscored during a lot of the dialogue," Horrigan said. "They decided that they wanted music underneath



Photo by Rob Slaven / IndyGhostLight.com

Forgiveness, fellowship, fresh starts, and life lessons are always on the menu at The Spitfire Grill.

Get Your Tickets for "The Spitfire Grill"

When: Feb. 27 to March 8. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday shows at 7:30 p.m. Sunday shows at 2:30 p.m.
Where: The Switch Theatre, 10029 126th St., Fishers.
Cost: \$22 for general admission. Thursday, March 5 show is \$17.
Where to buy: Go to CarmelPlayers.org or call (317) 815-9387 for tickets.

it like a movie, so we know exactly how long this show is going to last every night. Fortunately for us, our tech person in charge of that has been coming to rehearsals to get a feel for where we need to start this and what it's going to look like. It's made the rehearsal process go a lot smoother since she's invested and said she wanted to help by getting to know the show and knowing when things are going to happen."

When talking to The Reporter, Horrigan repeatedly gave most of the credit for how good this show will be to the people around her.

"I like to surround my-

self with great people, and I've been very fortunate to continue to make good connections," Horrigan said. "A lot of times it's hit or miss with technical people because none of us get paid in community theater. To find someone that is this dedicated - again the whole team - I'm so grateful."

Because of mature themes, this play is recommended for audiences at least 13 and older.

The Spitfire Grill is on stage at The Switch Theatre, 10029 126th St., Fishers, through March 8. Get your tickets online as CarmelPlayers.org or by calling (317) 815-9387.

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The talented Christopher Cross will make his debut at the Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts on June 21.

Christopher Cross coming to Carmel

Tickets on sale 10 a.m. Friday for '80s hitmaker & guitar whiz

The REPORTER

Known for timeless hits like "Sailing" and "Ride Like the Wind," singer, songwriter, and guitarist Christopher Cross will make his debut appearance at Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in June.

The performance is set for 7:30 p.m. Sunday, June 21, at the Payne & Mencias Palladium, 1 Carter Green, Carmel. Tickets starting at \$35 go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday at TheCenterPresents.org, by phone at (317) 843-3800, or in person at the Payne & Mencias Palladium's Fifth Third Bank Box Office.

The concert is part of the Printing Partners Encore Series and the 2025-2026 Center Presents Season spon-

sored by Allied Solutions.

Cross burst onto the music scene in 1980 with his self-titled debut album, which featured the No. 2 single "Ride Like the Wind" and won five Grammy Awards, including Album of the Year and Best New Artist as well as Record of the Year and Song of the Year for the No. 1 single "Sailing." He co-wrote "Arthur's Theme" for the movie *Arthur*, another No. 1 hit that won the Academy Award for Best Song.

Since 2007, Cross has released eight albums of new material, marking his 40th anniversary in 2020 with *The Complete Works*, a collection of all 12 previously released CDs with bonus tracks.

Saucy tart steals reviewer's heart

Most everyone has seen the 1990 hit film *Pretty Woman* starring Julia Roberts and Richard Gere. The popular story of Hollywood streetwalker Vivian Ward meeting corporate raider Edward Lewis and their life-changing week together was adapted into a musical in 2018 with words and music by Bryan Adams and Jim Vallance. It lost none of its appeal in the process. In fact, it may be even more enjoyable as the added music is both fresh and meaningful.

Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre's production, directed by Adam du Plessis, sparkles and shines with a lively, inspired cast headlined by former National Tour members Dani Kucera as Vivian and Charlie Fusari as Edward. Both bring their impressive voices and interpretations to the stage and both bring a special chemistry to their onstage relationship. Darius-Antho-

COLUMNIST

KEN KLINGEMEIER
A Seat on the Aisle

ny Robinson adds Happy Man/Mr. Thompson with panache, happily lifting the show with a comic brilliance that is all his own.

Logan Moore skillfully handles the villainous Philip Stuckey with a harsh presence, Ariana Valdez is perfect as Vivian's friend, Kit De Luca, and Joey Boos impresses with his broad and active turn as hotel bellhop, Giulio. The show's hardworking ensemble of singers and dancers fills the stage with colorful movement as they perform Kenny Shepherd's sharp choreography in Kathy Henry's costume designs. Music director Kristy Templet's hand is evident in the soaring musical structure of the show.

Bottom line: This production is a top-level telling of the familiar story featuring a combination of an effective score, wonderful portrayals, strong and dynamic vocals, plus crisp, original choreography. It



Photo by Rob Slaven / IndyGhostLight.com

Charlie Fusari as Edward, with Dani Kucera as Vivian.

has a spirit-raising quality, I think, due to the sincere commitment of all the players to entertain their audience. I would even say this: *Pretty Woman: The Musical* is one of the top 10 productions that I have seen at B&B and well worth your attentions!

Pretty Woman: The Musical continues at B&B through April 4. Dates and times for performances can be found by calling (317) 872-9664 or by visiting BeefAndBoards.com.

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

Carmel steps up parking enforcement to serve businesses, residents & visitors

Submitted by City of Carmel

Parking enforcement will be enhanced in the City of Carmel in the coming months in support of business needs and improved access for residents and visitors.

"Parking issues can create numerous challenges for residents, local businesses and patrons," Carmel Police Department (CPD) Chief Drake Sterling said. "Excessive parking violations contribute to traffic congestion, reduced accessibility to commercial areas and create challenges to our small business-friendly downtown model."

Business owners and

residents have expressed concerns over parking compliance, noting an increase in parking violations, including unauthorized parking in marked disability spots and loading zones, or remaining in a three-hour or 15-minute parking spot past the posted time limit.

CPD researched methods to best enhance parking compliance, examining multiple options before determining that the most effective ways to address enforcement include:

- Equipping CPD vehi-



Sterling

cles with technology that assists with enforcement.

- The addition of two positions for part-time enforcement officers to address day-to-day parking violations.

The officers will be scheduled at peak times when violations are the highest.

Initial costs for the increased enforcement are covered by CPD's current budget, with no additional appropriations needed in 2026 and revenue from violation fines supporting continued enforcement.

Chief Sterling said prior

efforts to increase enforcement have been successful, pointing to an increase of 58 percent in identification of violations following the addition of a single officer in March 2025.

"We are eager to see how the additional attention to this issue improves compliance," Sterling said. "With enhanced equipment, I am confident that we can make a positive impact for livability in our great city."

CPD will additionally be working with the city's engineering department and the City Council as part of their ongoing parking study, anticipating further recommendations in the future.

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Co-chairs named for Allied Solutions Center's 2026 gala

Annual Center Celebration supports arts & educational programming

The REPORTER

With Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts' annual fundraising gala coming in September, its steering committee is already making plans under the leadership of this year's committee co-chairs.

The Center Celebration 2026 presented by Ice Miller, set for Sept. 19 at the Payne & Mencias Palladium, promises to be an unforgettable evening featuring a cocktail reception, dinner, a live auction, after-parties, and entertainment by host Michael Feinstein and a headline artist to be announced in March, when the remaining tables are put on sale. All proceeds support Allied Solutions Center's arts programming and its growing menu of education and enrichment opportunities for people of all ages. More information is available at TheCenterPresents.org/Gala.

Leading the Gala Steering Committee this year are longtime Carmel residents David and Annette Greene, now serving their second year as co-chairs, and Carl Butler and Jeffrey Goens, serving the first of their two years as co-chairs.

David Greene is a retired central Indiana banking executive, and Annette is a Certified Clinical Medical Assistant with Northwest Radiology. They are frequent patrons of Allied Solutions Center and served on the steering committee for several years before becoming co-chairs last year.

"That's where we were educated on the mission of Allied Solutions Center. We have truly become huge fans and advocates – hook, line and sinker," David said. "We believe the Center isn't merely a venue, it's the centerpiece of our community, and we love the way it welcomes everyone to experience the wonder of the arts, reaching out to segments of the community that are often underserved."

Butler and Goens are



Photo by Joshua Hasty

Chairing this year's Gala Steering Committee for Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts' annual Center Celebration are longtime Carmel residents (from left) David and Annette Greene, Carl Butler, and Jeffrey Goens.

attorneys who have been concert season subscribers at Allied Solutions Center since its opening and perform in the Indiana Wind Symphony, one of its six resident arts companies. Butler also serves on the Allied Solutions Center Board of Directors.

"Jeff and I were initially attracted to Allied Solutions Center because it provided easy access to a variety of truly outstanding performances in world-class venues, but we became more involved when we learned of the many incredible outreach programs that provide opportunities for all members of our broader community, regardless of their background or circumstance, to experience, engage in, and learn from the life-changing performances presented here," Butler said. "I can personally attest that education in, and exposure to, the performing arts can put one's life on an improved trajectory."

Programs supported by the gala proceeds include the Peanut Butter & Jam performance series for families with young children; the Prism Project, a performing arts summer camp for youth with disabilities; free matinee performances

and science presentations for school groups; a donor-funded Transportation Grant Program that reimburses transportation costs for school groups attending events; and arts classes for adults, including vocal music, songwriting, two levels of stand-up comedy instruction and three levels of ukulele instruction. The gala revenue is generated through table reservations, corporate partnerships, direct donations, and the auction for prize packages including luxury getaways and VIP professional sports experiences, donated by Allied Solutions Center supporters.

Last year's Center Celebration 2025 presented by Ice Miller, with rocker Richard Marx as the headliner, generated a record \$708,000 in support of Allied Solutions Center's mission "to inspire and engage the Indiana community with enriching arts experiences."

"The gala really is a communitywide celebration," President/CEO Jeffrey C. McDermott said. "Each year, I am amazed and grateful to see how our staff, donors, sponsors, partners and artists put all the pieces together to create an

event unlike any other in this region."

About Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts

The mission of Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts, celebrating its 15th anniversary in 2026, is to engage and inspire the Indiana community through enriching arts experiences. The nonprofit organization's campus in Carmel includes the 1,500-seat Payne & Mencias Palladium concert hall, the 500-seat Tarkington proscenium theater and the black-box Studio Theater. Allied Solutions Center presents and hosts hundreds of events each year, including the annual Center Presents performance season, featuring the best in classical music, jazz, pop, rock, country, comedy, and other genres. Educational and experiential programming for all ages includes children's concerts and camps, book clubs, lectures, and classes in music and stand-up comedy. Allied Solutions Center is home to the affiliated Great American Songbook Foundation and provides space and support services for six resident arts companies. More information is available at TheCenterPresents.org.

Carmel Clay Parks & Rec releases annual report

The REPORTER

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation has released its 2025 Annual Report, which highlights the department's progress and impact over the past year.

From the opening of the Bur Oak Bridge, which connects communities

across the White River, to the launch of the Monon Station indoor playground that offers families a year-round play space, 2025 was a year defined by meaningful milestones and growth.

[Click here](#) to read the 2025 Annual Report.

Two local students make dean's list at University of Wyoming

The REPORTER

The University of Wyoming lists the following students from Hamilton County on the 2025 fall semester academic Dean's and Dean's Freshman Honors Rolls.

- Cooper Kane of Fishers
 - Eli Day of Westfield
- The honor rolls consist

of regularly enrolled undergraduates above freshman standing who earned a 3.4 or better grade-point average, and freshmen who have earned a 3.25 or better grade-point average. To be eligible, students must have been enrolled for a minimum of 12 credit hours taken for letter grades.

Clean campaigning



Reporter photo

Trampas Whalin (left) and Chadwick Hill are running for judge's seat in Superior Court No. 4. They are modeling the ideal race: cordial, respectable, and friendly. Both gentlemen were at the Northern Hamilton County GOP meeting on Monday, Feb. 23.

Community News

Wayne-Fall Lions invite you to Chicken & Noodle Dinner

The Wayne-Fall Lions Club invites the community to a Chicken & Noodle Dinner from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28. All donations will go to the Hamilton Southeastern FFA, and FFA Members will serve the meals.

The menu will include chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, desserts, and drinks. Chili dogs will also be available.

The Wayne-Fall Lions Club, 11940 E. 191st St., Noblesville, is located on the north side of 191st Street at Deshane and Victory Chapel Road.

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Letter to the Editor

Let's continue our Olympic unity

Dear Editor:

The recent celebrations of patriotism attached to the just-ended Winter Olympics in Italy certainly showed what we as a united people can experience in prideful feelings for the USA.

Personally, I thrilled at the women's and men's hockey victories, was moved by the skating victory by Alysa Liu, and was proud of the good sportsmanship by Ilia Malinin after his crushing loss in Men's Figure Skating. And on and on. I know I wasn't alone. The nation soared with feelings of accomplishment and pride. We love the USA!

The Olympics provide us with an all-too-rare opportunity to experience nationalism. Those are our countrymen out

there – wearing our flag – trying their best after years of dedication and working toward a chance to be the best!

Why is it that with the rest of our time we settle into being so divided? One word: politics. Another word: politicians.

Politicians of all stripes dedicate their lives to being that wedge that divides us, creating a turmoil and then telling us only they have the best way to fix it. Spoiling tranquility by making sure there is chaos and division.

Will we ever learn? Probably not. This game that politicians play with our feelings and emotions is way too easy for them. They know how to push all the buttons.

Morris Bedlam
Noblesville

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Sheridan Community Schools honors three outstanding teachers for decades of service

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools
Scott Ison

Mr. Scott Ison has served for 34 incredible years at Sheridan Community Schools (SCS). He has remained a dedicated Agriculture teacher and FFA sponsor over the years, as he shapes countless students through hands-on learning, leadership opportunities, and a deep commitment to agricultural education. His passion for teaching and unwavering support of the FFA program have made a lasting impact on students, families, and our school community.

Scott Ellis

Mr. Scott Ellis has served for 35 years at SCS and 41 overall. His dedication, service, and commitment to students and excellence in the classroom have made a lasting impact on countless lives. SCS recognizes Ellis for his outstanding work, passion for teaching, and the positive difference he makes every day. Thank you, Mr. E!

Brian Prange

Mr. Brian Prange has served at SCS for 26 years, making a lasting impact as a P.E. teacher and soccer coach. He has encouraged students to stay active, work hard, and compete with integrity. His leadership on the field and in the gym has shaped not only athletes, but also confident, disciplined young people.



Photos provided by Sheridan Community Schools
(FROM TOP) Scott Ison, Scott Ellis, and Brian Prange have taught multiple generations of students at Sheridan Community Schools.

Dixon gets two more endorsements in race for Hamilton County Sheriff

The REPORTER

This week, Dustin Dixon, candidate for Hamilton County Sheriff, has announced two more endorsements.

On Tuesday, Feb. 24, the Carmel Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 185 endorsed Dixon.

“The members of Carmel Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 185 overwhelmingly voted to endorse Dustin Dixon for Sheriff,” said Matthew Broadnax, Vice President of Carmel FOP Lodge 185. “We are confident he will stand shoulder to shoulder with our officers, support law enforcement, and provide the leadership necessary to keep Carmel and Hamilton County among the safest communities in the country.”

This endorsement builds

on the strong backing Dixon has already received from the Hamilton County Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 103 and adds to a growing coalition of respected community and law enforcement leaders across the region.

Then, on Wednesday, Feb. 25, Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam announced her endorsement.

“Public safety is my highest responsibility, and our residents expect nothing less,” Mayor Finkam said. “With the support of our city’s Fraternal Order of Police, I’m proud to endorse Dustin Dixon for Hamilton County Sheriff. He has the experience, the plan, and the



Dixon

commitment to support our officers and keep our community safe.”

Mayor Finkam’s endorsement adds to the strong and unified backing Dixon continues to receive from law enforcement and community leaders throughout the county, including:

- Carmel Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 185
- Hamilton County Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 103
- Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness
- Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen
- Former Indiana State Police Superintendent and former Hamilton County Sheriff Doug Carter

Baldwin’s bill to establish requirements for proxy advisors goes to governor

Submitted by Office of State Sen. Scott Baldwin

A bill sponsored by State Sen. Scott Baldwin (R-Noblesville) that would establish transparency requirements for proxy advisors who issue voting recommendations on entity management to shareholders and companies passed the Indiana House of Representatives Wednesday, Feb. 25 with bipartisan support.

Under **House Enrolled Act 1273**, people who are compensated for giving advice to shareholders and companies would be considered proxy advisors. This would require them to make certain disclosures based on their use or lack of use of a written financial analysis when recommending a shareholder or company vote against entity management, which is a business management group or a person offering business management services.

“These provisions would

provide more transparency for investors, prevent shareholders from relying on recommendations without financial analysis and promote higher-quality proxy advisory services,”

State Sen. Baldwin said. “I am glad to see this bill pass the Senate and House, and I appreciate State Rep. Kyle Pierce for his work on House Enrolled Act 1273.”

When a proxy advisor uses a written financial analysis for their recommendation, they are required to disclose that they analyzed short- and long-term costs and benefits, concluded the action that provides the most positive effect on the shareholder and explained their processes and qualifications.

If a proxy advisor does not use a written financial analysis, they would be required to disclose the ser-



Baldwin

vices they are providing, their recommendation on the issues and share that their suggestions are made without a written financial analysis to shareholders and entity management.

The proxy advisor would also be required to display on their website that their recommendation was made without a financial analysis while providing services for the specific shareholder or company.

HEA 1273 would make any violation of the bill’s provisions by a proxy advisor a deceptive act.

The bill now heads to governor for further consideration.

State Sen. Scott Baldwin (R-Noblesville) represents Senate District 20, which includes Noblesville, Carmel, Cicero, and unincorporated areas of Hamilton County.

Walker’s bill to expedite advanced metastatic cancer treatments passes Senate

Submitted by Office of State Sen. Kyle Walker

A bill sponsored by State Sen. Kyle Walker (R-Lawrence) that would prohibit health insurers from requiring step therapy for patients undergoing treatment for advanced metastatic cancer before gaining coverage for another prescription drug passed the Senate on Tuesday, Feb. 24 with bipartisan support.

“House Enrolled Act 1114 would help increase and expedite Hoosiers’ access to health care when facing advanced metastatic cancer,” Walker said. “I appreciate the work of HEA 1114’s author and co-authors

to address this issue, and I am glad to see this bill move closer to the finish line.”

House Enrolled Act 1114 would apply to a state employee health plan, policy of accident and sickness insurance, and a health maintenance organization that covers an individual or group contract. These plans would be restrained from requiring patients to fail to respond to a prescription drug or prove a history of failure to respond to a prescription drug before coverage is provided



Walker

for another prescription drug.

Under the bill, a prescription drug that would be covered by one of the three plans must be consistent with best practices for treatment, supported by peer reviewed research and is approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

HEA 1114 now moves to the governor for further consideration.

State Sen. Kyle Walker (R-Lawrence) represents Senate District 31, which includes portions of Hamilton and Marion counties.

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‘Get Up, Stand Up’ for Broadway star Joshua Henry

The REPORTER

Taking a break from an acclaimed starring role in the Broadway revival of *Ragtime*, Joshua Henry makes his headlining debut at Allied Solutions Center. The show is set for 8 p.m. Friday, March 13.

Get Up, Stand Up is described as “a soulful bop through the songs that have moved and grooved us through the decades,” featuring “Feeling Good,” “Wait for It,” “A Change is Gonna Come,” “If I Loved You,” “What’s

Goin’ On,” and more.

Henry is best known for his Tony-nominated leading roles in *Carousel*, *The Scottsboro Boys*, and *Violet* on Broadway, as well as his portrayal of Aaron Burr in the Chicago production and First National Tour of *Hamilton*. He also is a BMG recording artist.

Special Guest: Mikayla Smith, an alumna of the Great American Songbook Foundation’s annual Songbook Academy, will open the show.



Photo provided

Click here for tickets. This show is part of the BHI Senior Living Songbook Series.

William “Bill” Dager

December 28, 1936 – February 18, 2026

William “Bill” Albert Dager, 89, Carmel, was lost to us on Wednesday, February 18, 2026. He was born December 28, 1936, in Leavittsburg, Ohio, to the late William Abraham and Elvera (DeLoreto) Dager. Bill started his college career at Ohio State University and finished by earning his degree in electrical engineering from Tri-State College in Angola, Ind.



Bill began his work life at Bendix Corp where he worked on the Talos Missile. He left Bendix in 1969 and moved to Ann Arbor, Mich., where he became Executive Vice President of Photon Sources, a start-up founded at a time when industrial laser technology was still in its infancy. Bill designed and developed some of the earliest high-power CO₂ lasers and envisioned practical applications that were decades ahead of their time. His innovations contributed directly to technologies now considered commonplace, from laser-drilled time-release pharmaceutical pills to tailor-welded blanks that transformed efficiency and precision in the automotive industry. His work helped lay the foundation for modern laser-based manufacturing and applications used around the world today.

Beyond engineering, Bill’s great passion was golf. He was a longtime member of Barton Hills Country Club and cherished the camaraderie of a close-knit traveling golf group. Together they played many of the world’s great courses, with journeys extending as far as Ireland, experiences Bill valued as much for the friendships as for the fairways. Bill’s legacy lives on in the technologies he helped create the industries he transformed, and the friendships he cultivated both on the factory floor and on the golf course.

Bill enjoyed teaching his girls Lisa and Jennifer how to fly box kites and why they were so special, and he cherished time spent with them at the piano playing “Chopsticks.” He also shared his love of Chopin and Gershwin. Bill was possibly the only person who could sing every Big Ten fight song word for word.

The schemes that his grandsons, Spencer and Trevor, would come up with to try and stump their “Jidu” left them certain that he could build anything, and he always knew the answer to any question. As a friend put it: “Bill always knew where North was.”

In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his sister, Janice Dager Sekela.

Survivors include his loving wife of 65 years, Frances M. Wendt Dager; two daughters, Lisa Dager and Jennifer (Eric) White; two grandsons, Spencer White and Trevor White; and sister, Barbara Dager Kohen.

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As Bill requested, there will not be a funeral scheduled at this time.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: River-view Health Foundation, 395 Westfield Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 (donate.riverview.org/products/DONATE/donate-today); or to the American Kidney Fund (kidneyfund.org).

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

Condolences: bussellfamilyfunerals.com

INDOT implements roadway worker safety initiative: Project Greenlight

The REPORTER

The Indiana Department of Transportation announces a new work zone initiative to increase worker safety. INDOT is implementing Project Greenlight, a program to equip highway workers with Guardian Angel safety lights, to help bring awareness to workers in times of limited visibility.

Guardian Angel safety lights are wearable devices with flashing green patterns that increase worker visibility from all directions. When worn with a high visibility vest, these lights help workers become 89 percent more visible to the traveling public, according to a study from Battelle Memorial Institute.

Bright green is the most visible color to the human eye and is the most visible from longer distances. The color green is also easily distinguishable from the rest of INDOT’s standard

work zone lighting.

“Studies show drivers are more likely to move over and slow down when they see these green lights in work zones,” INDOT Commissioner Lyndsay Quist said. “The safety of our team is always our top priority as they make improvements to Indiana’s infrastructure, and we hope this small tool will have a big impact.”

INDOT began piloting the green safety lights in fall 2025 within the three Hoosier Helper patrol areas – Northwest Indiana near Gary, Indianapolis metropolitan area, and Southeast Indiana near Louisville – and within highway maintenance crews in the Indianapolis Subdistrict and various crews throughout the state.

As the program moves forward, approximately 375 lights will be distributed across the state, starting

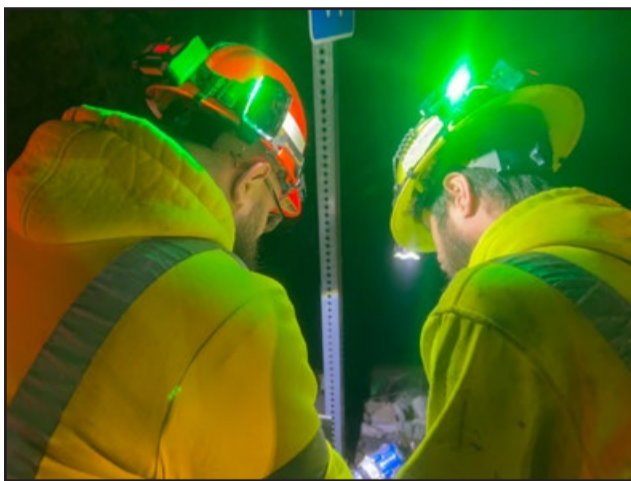


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with the INDOT Northwest District. INDOT Highway Technicians and Hoosier Helpers are encouraged to use the green lights during nighttime operations, as well as during times of inclement weather like fog, rain, or snow, when visibility may be lower.

Green safety lights were brought to INDOT through its **Innovation and Process Improvement Division**.

Innovation is one of INDOT’s core values as the agency looks to challenge the status quo through creative thinking and new technologies. An annual competition is held for INDOT employees to submit innovative ideas that make jobs safer, more efficient, and more effective. Those ideas are then voted on internally and implemented throughout the agency.



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Daniel Powroznik

July 27, 1973 – February 20, 2026

Daniel W. Powroznik, 52, died unexpectedly at his home in Westfield on February 20, 2026. He was born in New Hartford, N.Y., on July 27, 1973, to Thomas and Mary Powroznik and was the youngest of three sons.

After graduating from New Hartford High School in 1991, Daniel pursued his education, studying at Mohawk Valley Community College, SUNY Cortland, and Ball State University where he earned his master's degree in education. Early in his career he worked in NYC and New Jersey as an editor for a medical literature company transcribing medical studies for physician publications. Daniel moved to Indiana where he began his teaching career. He was an adjunct professor at Oakland City University and a clinical supervisor at Western Governors University. Daniel eventually began to work in the Indiana Department of Corrections in the juvenile facilities as an institutional English teacher where he was recognized as an outstanding educator. Daniel also was the special education coordinator for two years and obtained his principal certification with which he also formerly served as an assistant principal.

Daniel's most important highlight in life was that of being a father to his beloved daughter, Vivian Shea Powroznik. She was the brightest spot not only in his entire life, but in each and every day. Daniel was a very involved parent who would provide direction in her education, extracurricular activities and sports. He would not miss an activity or event she was involved in and was very proud of her. Daniel would coach many of her sports teams in soccer. He provided her with all his love and support.

Daniel was preceded in death by his father, Thomas Powroznik, and oldest brother, Stephen Powroznik.

Daniel is survived by his smart, beautiful daughter, Vivian Shea Powroznik of Westfield; loving mother, Mary Powroznik, of Carmel; his older brother, Mark (Debbie) Powroznik of New Hartford, N.Y.; nephew and nieces, Kevin Powroznik of Jacksonville, Fla.; Christine Powroznik of Clay, and Nikki Getman of Little Falls, N.Y., as well as his sister in law, Lisa Getman of Troy, N.Y.

Daniel also leaves behind many friends and coworkers whom he valued and cherished their friendships, both personal and professional.

Family and friends will gather at 9 a.m. Thursday, February 26, 2026, at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, where the Mass of Christian Burial will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. The Eulogy will be shared at 10:15 a.m.

Daniel's final resting place will take place in Calvary Cemetery, Utica, N.Y., at a later date.

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

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Elwin Dee Shull

April 22, 1931 – February 23, 2026

Elwin Dee Shull, who passed away February 23, 2026, was born in Berrien Springs, Mich., on April 22, 1931, to Francis and Eunice Ruth (Johnson) Shull. He was a third-generation Seventh-day Adventist and committed a great portion of his life to serving the church. He attended Indiana Academy in Cicero, IN, and graduated in 1949. He then married his high school sweetheart, Marilyn (Broglin) Shull, on August 17, 1952.

Elwin and Marilyn built a life and family together and had three children – Terresa (1953), Mark Edwin (1955), and Kurtis (1957). Elwin attended Emmanuel Missionary College (Andrews University) in Berrien Springs, Mich., and graduated with a Bachelor of Education in 1952.

Fresh out of school, his first job was in Muncie, Ind., where he taught in a single-room K-8 Seventh-day Adventist elementary school. He then taught all over the country at the primary and secondary grade levels, as well as serving as vice-principal and principal. Over the years, he taught at Indianapolis Junior Academy, South Bend Junior Academy (South Bend, Ind.), Indiana Academy (Cicero), Broadview Academy (LaFox, Ill.), and La Sierra Academy (La Sierra, Calif.). He finished his teaching career at Indiana Academy in 1993, having served there since 1977. During his career, he also obtained his Master's Degree as an Education Specialist.

After retirement, he worked at Conner Prairie Living History Museum as a historical interpreter; his favorite role was Sgt. Hastings, a veteran of the War of 1812. He also served as director of the correspondence Bible school for the Indiana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists for well over 20 years. Finally, he worked at the Indiana Adventist Book Center part-time until he was well into his 90s.

Besides education, Elwin had a passion for serving his church. Over the years, he served as Head Deacon, Head Elder, Sabbath School Teacher, Greeter, and always enjoyed leading hymns for any service. He was always doing Bible studies with as many people as he could.

He is survived by his former wife and the mother of his children, Marilyn Shull; sister, Jeannine Engle (Guy-deceased); children, Terresa Castetter (Philip-deceased), Ed Shull (Sandie), Kurt Shull; grandchildren, Michael Shull (Jen), Matt Castetter (Kristin), Beth Mongenel (Randy); and great-grandchildren, Avery Shull and Lydia Castetter.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Vivian Shull (Ginny).

Elwin will always be remembered for his passion for sharing the love of Christ with all those he encountered, whether through teaching or serving his church.

Elwin's wishes were for a simple cremation, and his care is being provided by Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Homes in Cicero.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING**SUPPLEMENTARY OFFERINGS**

"Everyone who is native-born must do these things in this way when they present a food offering as an aroma pleasing to the Lord. For the generations to come, whenever a foreigner or anyone else living among you presents a food offering as an aroma pleasing to the Lord, they must do exactly as you do. The community is to have the same rules for you and for the foreigner residing among you; this is a lasting ordinance for the generations to come. You and the foreigner shall be the same before the Lord: The same laws and regulations will apply both to you and to the foreigner residing among you."

Numbers 15:13-16 (NIV)

John Robert "Jack" "Jackie" Siebert

December 3, 1937 – February 24, 2026

John Robert "Jack" "Jackie" Siebert, 88, Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, February 24, 2026. He was born on December 3, 1937, to the late William and Margaret (Foster) Siebert in North Bergen, N.J.

Jack grew up in Jersey City, attended St. Aloysius Academy and graduated from Teaneck High School in Teaneck, N.J. He was the third-generation owner of Siebert Trucking Company, and later opened Spindrift Limousine Co. from 1985 to 2004. Jack always had a strong work ethic he got from his father that he passed onto his son.

Jack met his wife, Donna, on a blind date set up by his best friend's wife. For 30 years, they raised their family in Little Silver, N.J., and in 2009 moved to Noblesville to be closer to his granddaughters.

Jack loved spending summers in Sea Bright at the Jersey Shore, where he enjoyed his friend group who named themselves "The Farkles." He loved boating, his Lionel train collection, and cars, especially his first car, a 1955 yellow Ford Thunderbird. Jack also loved collecting records and listening to Big Band music, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and his parents' favorite music. He raised boxer dogs and always had one throughout his life. Most of all, Jack loved being D-Dad to his granddaughters and loved his family.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Donna Siebert; son, John Robert "Jay" Siebert; daughter, Jessica (Keith) Clock; three granddaughters, Lillian, Allison, and Amelia Clock; and Mary Foster Schoales, his cousin who grew up with him like a sister.

Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m., with Mass at 11 a.m., on Monday, March 2, 2026, at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St., Noblesville. Rev. Clayton Thompson will officiate. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 50 E. 91st St., Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240 (alz.org/indiana).

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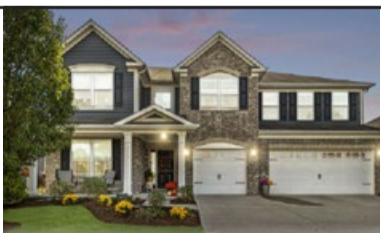
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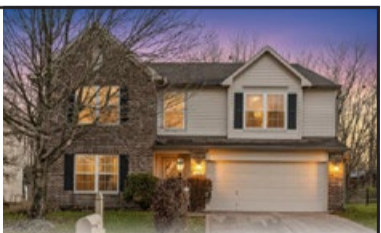
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Basketball

Millers cruise at Muncie Central

By CRAIG ADKINS
For The Reporter

The Noblesville boys basketball team made the trek to the famous Muncie Fieldhouse Tuesday night to face the Bearcats in the regular-season finale.

Everything went the Millers' way and they came home with a 66-55 win.

The Millers led 15-9 after one. Their lead grew to a dozen at halftime with a 17-11 second to take a 32-20 advantage into the locker room.

The two were scoring at every opportunity possible in the second half. Noblesville put up 23 to MC's 18 in the third to lead 55-38.

Muncie Central outscored the Millers 17-11 in the fourth, but it wasn't

enough of a comeback, allowing Noblesville to head home with an 11-point road win.

Baron Walker led all scorers with a game-high 30 points, making 12-of-18 field goals, including converting on 6-for-9 from three-point range. Walker has 82 points in the last three games.

Max Flanagan also scorched the nets with 19 and made 5-of-6 from outside the arc. Luke Fogg scored four, grabbed eight rebounds and had four assists.

Noblesville (12-10) is on a three-game win streak and has won four of their last five. The Millers host 4A Sectional 8 and play Zionsville (13-10) at 6 p.m. in the opening game Tuesday, March 3.

Tigers clinch another perfect regular season

By RICHARD TORRES
For The Reporter

For the second straight season, the Class 4A Fishers Tigers finished the regular season perfect.

Winners of 22 consecutive games prior to Tuesday's tip-off against hapless 4A North Central, the top-ranked Tigers rolled to win No. 23 at home, 82-52.

Fishers led 35-23 by halftime during its regular-season finale inside the Jungle before turning it into a rout behind a 47-point second half.

Junior Cooper Zachary posted a game-high 17 points with three 3-pointers. Both seniors Kai McGrew

and Ethan Hillsman finished with 12 points to give the Tigers a trio of double-digit scorers.

Junior Levi Walker had nine points along with senior Jean-Claude L'Homme. Senior Torey Breland had seven points. Freshman Tristan Breland added six points.

The Tigers now sit idle until the semifinal round of Sectional 8 at Noblesville on Tuesday, March 6. Fishers drew the first-round bye and will face the winner between Westfield and Hamilton Southeastern.

Fishers beat HSE 68-61 on Dec. 19 during the regular season. Westfield lost to Fishers 74-72 in overtime on Feb. 5.

Huskers ready to become Arcadia's hometown team Newest TBL squad begins play Saturday

By RICHIE HALL
sports@readthereporter.com

Fifty years after becoming a star at Hamilton Heights, Doug Mitchell is bringing basketball back to Arcadia.

Not just any kind of basketball. Mitchell is the team manager/owner of the Hamilton County Huskers, a new team that will play in The Basketball League (TBL). The Huskers will compete in the league's Midwest Conference, one of four conferences across the United States.

Mitchell said the planning stages for the Huskers began on Oct. 30.

"We're so fresh at this and we're trying to make sure that things get done before our inaugural tipoff here," said Mitchell.

The Huskers' first game tips off at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Hamilton Heights Student Activity Center (SAC Arena), 420 W. North St., Arcadia. The team's first game is against the Lebanon Leprechauns.

Basketball fans get another chance to see the Huskers on Sunday, when they play their second game at 4:30 p.m. against the Kokomo Bobcats. Both are Midwest Conference games.

Other teams in the conference are the Columbus (Ohio) Wizards, the Glass City Wranglers from Toledo, Ohio, the Grove City (Ohio) Whitetails, the St.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Players and administration attended a Tuesday media session for the Hamilton County Huskers, a new professional team associated with The Basketball League. The Huskers play their first game Saturday at the SAC Arena, the Hamilton Heights Student Activity Center, in Arcadia. (Back row) Jake Mills (assistant general manager), Doug Mitchell (team manager/owner), Grant Weatherford (player), Jaylen Minnett (player), Larry Johnson (player), and Landon Bair (associate head coach). In front is team mascot Harry the Husker (Eli Landis).

Louis Griffins and the Lake County Legacy from Waukegan, Ill.

The choice of playing in Arcadia was intentional.

Mitchell graduated from Hamilton Heights in 1975, leading the Huskies to a sectional title during his senior year. Mitchell scored 1,167

career points and went on to play at Butler University, where he was awarded the

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Huskies win at Rushville

By CRAIG ADKINS
For The Reporter

On Tuesday night, Hamilton Heights closed out the regular season with a road trip to historic Rushville and the 100-year-old Memorial Gym.

The Huskies got off to a great start in the first and kept up a steady pace on the way to a 56-45 win over the host Lions.

Heights caught Rushville off guard with a 21-10 first quarter lead. The Lions kept it a little honest in the second, taking it 12-9, and the Huskies led 30-22 at halftime.

The Huskies stretched their lead to 13 through three, scoring 15 to the Lions' 10 to go up 45-32.

Rushville tried to come back, outscoring Heights 13-11 in the fourth, but it wouldn't be enough as the Huskies held on for the victory.

Three Huskies were in double figures. Will DeStefano led with 16 on 6-for-9 from the floor, including making all three of his three-point attempts. Rees Knapp had 14 and sank 3-of-5 from downtown and Jackson Mikesell was 4-of-7 to net 11 points, grabbed seven rebounds and also dished out four assists.

Hamilton Heights (13-9) next plays Tuesday, March 3 in Class 3A Sectional 24 at the New Castle Fieldhouse and plays the host Trojans in the second game.

Gymnastics

Millers finish regular season with Mountie Invite win

The REPORTER

The Noblesville gymnastics season completed the regular season on a winning note, placing first at the Southmont Mountie Invitational on Saturday, Feb. 21.

The Millers scored 102.35 points as a team. Hailey Nobbe won the all-around with a total of 35.40 points, while Valorey Bittles took second with 34.10.

Nobbe won three events, including a 9.00 on the balance beam. She also scored 8.30 on the uneven bars and tied with Bittles for highest score on the vault with an 8.90.

Complete team scores follow.

All-around scores: 1. Hailey Nobbe 35.40, 2. Valorey



Photo provided

The Noblesville gymnastics team won the Southmont Mountie Invitational on Saturday, Feb. 21 to finish the regular season. The Millers scored 102.35 points for the trophy.

Bittles 34.10, 6. Vera Deichman 32.85.

Vault: T1. Nobbe 8.90; Bittles 8.90, Deichman 8.45, Sterling Southard 8.00, Phoenix Rollins 7.95.

Uneven bars: 1. Nobbe 8.30, 4. Deichman 8.05, 5. Bittles 7.90, Emmerson Leckrone 7.60, Rollins 4.65.

Balance beam: 1. Nobbe 9.00, 4. Bittles 8.60, Deichman 7.85, Leckrone 7.25, Southard 7.00.

Floor exercise: 2. Nobbe 8.20, 6. Bittles 8.70, 8. Deichman 8.50, Southard 7.70, Rollins 6.80.

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compared to this time last year

Sales Change
January pending home sales
compared to this time last year
0.0%

995
More Homes
For Sale
1/25 vs. 1/26

2.3%
Price Increase
1/25 vs. 1/26

Months of Inventory Change
21.9%
1/25 vs. 1/26

Interest Rates
30-Year Fixed
6.0%
With an APR of 6.147%

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Boys Basketball

Rocks fall to Mt. Vernon

The REPORTER

Westfield's boys dropped their regular-season finale on Tuesday, falling to Class 4A No. 4 Mt. Vernon 63-55 at the Shamrocks' CSI Gymnasium.

Westfield led 14-12 after the first quarter and 25-22 at halftime. Drew Haffner scored 11 points in the first half, including eight in the first period; he made three 3-pointers during the half. Graham Wilson nailed two triples in the second quarter while scoring eight points.

But the Marauders took over in the third period, out-

scoring the Rocks 21-12 for a 43-37 lead. Mt. Vernon added another 20 points in the fourth quarter, led by Mr. Basketball candidate Luke Ertel. He finished with 26 points, 18 in the second half.

Haffner kept Westfield in the game by also scoring 18 second-half points. Haffner led all scorers with 29 points and five 3s. Wilson totaled 13 points, including three triples.

The Shamrocks are 13-8 and play Hamilton Southeastern in the second game of the Noblesville sectional on Tuesday.

Carmel gets home win over Attucks

The REPORTER

Carmel's boys finished their regular season with a 60-49 victory over Class 3A No. 8 Crispus Attucks Tuesday on Bill Shepherd Court at the Eric Clark Activity Center.

The 4A No. 11 Greyhounds got off to a good

start, leading 22-10 after the first quarter. The Tigers chipped away at Carmel's lead in the next two periods, getting within 29-22 by halftime and 43-39 after three quarters. But the Hounds pulled away in the fourth, scoring 17 points.

Evan Harrell had an outstanding game, reaching double-double status with 19 points and 15 rebounds. Julian Vogt made three 3-pointers on his way to 13 points and collected four rebounds.

Ben Bremer added nine points and four rebounds,

followed by Jamichael Fountain with eight points. Cash Daniels dished out six assists.

Carmel is 16-5 and awaits the winner of Tuesday's Sectional 8 game between host Noblesville and Zionsville in a Friday, March 6 semifinal contest.

Royals extend win streak by beating LN

By RICHARD TORRES

For The Reporter

The Class 4A No. 12 Hamilton Southeastern Royals ended the regular season by extending their longest winning streak in six years.

The Royals traveled to 4A No. 9 Lawrence North on Tuesday and despite being deadlocked 34-34 at

halftime and trailing 52-51 after the third quarter, HSE prevailed, 76-70.

HSE (14-9) outscored Lawrence North 25-18 in the final eight minutes to push their win streak to seven consecutive games. The Royals last won seven or more games in 2019-20 when the program rattled off 13 straight.

Senior Landon Oss-

wald had a huge night, scoring a game-high 27 points on 10 of 14 shooting overall and 2 of 3 from beyond the arc. He converted 5 of 6 free throws to go with nine rebounds and two assists.

Sophomore Varschon Clark had 23 points on 7 of 11 shooting. He buried 7 of 8 foul shots, a pair of 3s and grabbed four

rebounds.

Senior Luke Weemer added 13 points and four rebounds.

HSE shot 61 percent (25 of 41). LN generated 22 points off turnovers, but the Royals dominated the rebound battle 30-18.

Cameron Webster led the Wildcats (17-5) with 19 points followed by Britton Thomas with 17.

Golden Eagles hold off Blazers in overtime

The REPORTER

Class 3A No. 5 Guerin Catholic closed out their regular season Tuesday night with a thrilling 63-60 win at University in a thrilling all-county contest.

Freshman Luke Keller connected on the go ahead three-pointer with 1:36 left in overtime and the Golden Eagles used their defense to overcome making just three of eight free throws in the last minute.

Keller had all 15 of his points in the second half as Guerin Catholic broke away from a 20-19 halftime deficit to lead until University staged a furious last-minute rally to send the game to overtime.

The Golden Eagles used a 9-0 run early in the third quarter to take a 30-23 lead. Carter Murans had five points and Jake Grissom four in the spurt. The Trailblazers scored the next four points on baskets by

Faisal Mohamed and Jaxen Bennett to crawl back in the game and a late three pointer by Peter Morales cut Guerin Catholic's lead to 38-35 after three.

Keller and Murans helped the Golden Eagles to a 45-38 lead midway through the fourth quarter before a steal and layin by Grissom made the lead 47-38 with 3:55 left. Guerin led 54-45 with 56 seconds left before University mounted their comeback. Josh McGee, who led all scorers with 20 points, started the rally with a pair of free throws. Will Bach split a pair of foul shots with 43 seconds left but McGee answered with a three-point play just four seconds later and the Golden Eagles led 55-50.

An offensive foul by Guerin Catholic on the inbound gave the ball back to University and Noah Cortez hit a three pointer

to cut the lead to 55-53. Hayden Rogers split a pair of free throws with 24 seconds left before a McGee layin with 13.9 seconds left pulled University within one. Grissom made one of two foul shots before McGee tied the game with 8.7 seconds left. A last second Guerin Catholic three pointer was short and the game went to overtime.

Cooper Cammack gave University their only lead of overtime with a free throw with 2:57 left before Keller put the Golden Eagles on top with his three-pointer. Keller made a free throw and Murans made two for a 63-58 Guerin Catholic lead. McGee cut the lead to 63-60 with a basket with 19 seconds left. After two free throw misses by the Golden Eagles, University had a chance to tie the game, but a pair of three-point attempts came up short.

Grissom led the winners

with 18 points. Murans had 16 points. Rogers had team highs in rebounds (nine) and assists (eight). The Golden Eagles outrebounded the Trailblazers 30-23.

McGee had 19 of his season-high 20 points after halftime. Blake Gray had 12 for University.

Guerin Catholic finishes the regular season with a 19-5 record and are riding an 11-game winning streak. The Golden Eagles will open Sectional 25 play Wednesday, March 4 at Frankfort against the host Hot Dogs at 7:30 p.m.

University fell to 14-8. The Trailblazers will close out the regular season Thursday night at home against Indiana Math & Science in a Senior Night contest. University opens Sectional 42 play at Cardinal Ritter on Tuesday, March 3 against Monrovia at 6 p.m.



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HUSKERS

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Hilton U. Brown Mental Attitude award in 1979, his college senior season.

Mitchell went on to have a Hall of Fame coaching career, spending 25 years at North Central. He guided the Panthers to two state championships in 1999 and 2010.

Now he's back at the gym that started it all.

"I played my high school basketball in that gymnasium," said Mitchell. "And what I maybe had forgotten coaching in Indianapolis all those years was just how wonderful these people are."

The Huskers held a media session Tuesday night at Wolfie's Grill in Noblesville, right on Morse Lake. In keeping with the hometown theme, one of the players at the session was Grant Weatherford, a 2015 Hamilton Heights graduate. Weatherford was part of two the Huskies' sectional winning teams, in 2013 and 2015, and went on to play college basketball.

"Being able to play again where it all started for me, back at Heights, is a chance I never thought that I would have," said Weatherford.

The Huskers' assistant general manager is Jake Mills, a 2015 Noblesville graduate who played basketball for the Millers. Mills said that Mitchell had conversations with Weatherford; the two grew up together and played against

each other on their respective high school teams.

Mills said that signing on with the Huskers was "an easy yes," and he immediately got to work with helping the team.

"Building something from scratch, it's a lot of throwing everything at a wall and seeing what sticks," said Mills. "Luckily, we're surrounded by some people that, one, have had experience in this league and building teams, but also, two, with running organizations and running basketball empires with success."

The Basketball League began in 2018 as North America Premier Basketball, changing its name to the present TBL in 2019. The league said on its website that it is "dedicated to delivering a World Class Professional Basketball experience to our community, our fans and business partners."

The experiences include providing communities with a pro team "that gives an affordable/quality family entertainment experience" and allows players "the opportunity to make a living playing the game they love, in America."

Huskies games take place a through mid-May, with all home games taking place at the SAC Arena. More information is available at the team's Instagram account, [Instagram.com/hcohuskies](https://www.instagram.com/hcohuskies).



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