

TODAY'S VERSE

Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Hamilton Happenings

Sometime around next Monday, 196th Street between Victory Chapel Road and Creek Road will be closed to all thru traffic while workers replace "Small Structure #23023." The county thinks the work will take a couple of months and the projected completion date is May 3.

Three Things You Should Know

1 Hoosiers with a debt of \$53k not considered marriage material, survey reveals. A recent survey from the good folks at datingadvice.com found that the majority of people believe lying about money is worse than misrepresenting one's age. They also weighed in with more than half believing married couples should have separate bank accounts. In Indiana, the survey found that if someone has a significant debt, that will influence how the other thinks about a potential marriage. For more on this visit DatingAdvice.com

2 The Hoosier Lottery has released its Fiscal Year 2023 Financial Annual Report. According to the report, the Lottery sold \$1.307 billion in Scratch-offs and \$439 million in Draw games in FY 2023, for a total of \$1.746 billion. Of that total, \$1.35 billion was paid out in prizes and \$119 million was paid in retailer commissions. In addition, \$370.2 million was contributed to the state of Indiana. Since 1989, the Hoosier Lottery has contributed more than \$7 billion to good causes and provides annual contributions of \$30 million to local police and firefighters' pensions and \$30 million to the Teachers' Retirement Fund.

3 How far would you go for a page in the Guinness Book of World Records? Certainly, Denmark's Peter von Tangen Buskov went to great lengths for his. Peter shoved no less than 68 matchsticks into his nostrils for his award. Was it painful? "Surprisingly it didn't really hurt. I have fairly large nostrils and quite stretchy skin. I'm sure that helped a lot," Buskov explained.

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By The Numbers, a look at what's in the news . . . by the numbers. These are just numbers, not suggestions that they mean more or less than what they are. We do not suggest that one number is connected to another. These are simply facts with no extraneous details, bias or slanted reporting. To borrow (and perhaps mangle a bit) a quote from legendary fictional detective Joe Friday, it's just the numbers, ma'am!



Feeding Team

According to feedingteam.org, business owners Mark & Lisa Hall, lived with food insecurity as a young married couple with kids. "We ate many dinners that consisted of one baked potato and a can of Dinty Moore beef stew" says Hall. As average Hoosiers we know that other families face the same challenge, too much month left with not enough money. With over 47,000 food insecure neighbors in our county, the need is big and the solution is simple. Neighbors helping Neighbors through free 24x7 confidential outdoor food pantries. The pantries operate on the honor system "Take What You Need, Give What You Can" and rely on the community and companies to keep non-perishable food in each of the pantries around Central Indiana. Together; individuals, businesses and volunteers deliver, stock and sort over 1,000 non-perishable meals monthly.

47,000

That's how many food challenged neighbors we have in Hamilton County according to Mark Hall.



The number of pantries where those in need can get food. The pantries operate on the honor system.

58



10,000+

How many meals went out in December

30+

The number of volunteer families who unselfishly give of their time, treasure and talents.

2

The number of people who started this movement. Mark and Lisa Hall founded The Feeding Team. They may be reached at lisa@feedingteam.org and mark@feedingteam.org or 317-832-1123.



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How much love and support goes into this wonderful endeavor.



TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

You can usually take grandma's advice to the bank.

Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Times and online at www.thetimes24-7.com



TODAY'S QUOTE

"God gives us difficulties to bring out the best in us."
Marvin J. Ashton

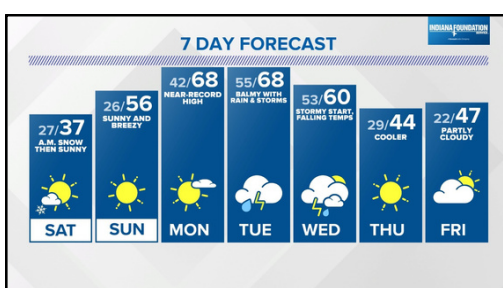
TODAY'S JOKE

How do you know it's almost Leap Day?
It's only a hop, skip and jump away.

OBITUARIES

None

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How Did I Get Here?



MARK HALL
Feeding Team

My name is Mary McBride. I am 28 years old. I live here in Hamilton County where I grew up. After graduating high school in 2014 my boyfriend Justin and I got

married. We had big plans. I would work and put him through drafting school. When he graduated and found work, we'd start our family. I always wanted four kids, two girls and two boys. Justin preferred just two, one of each. Circumstances dictated a different path for our family. Life happened. By 2018 our second daughter was born, Justin's progress towards a degree and a job was still over a year away. My Dad got sick and, being the only daughter around, it fell to me to help my mother care for him. We never planned to be hungry. We never planned to bottom out, it just happened. Looking back on our life together, it's clear that we made some poor choices. First, we couldn't afford tuition so Justin and I both took jobs. We planned to save money so he could go back to school the following year and we'd be back on track. Then the bank repossessed our car. We moved in with my folks but the strain on our marriage was growing with each week. We rented a small two-bedroom place up north. My parents would try to help us with costs, and I am so grateful for all that they did. We knew that we had to make it on our own. The same week that Justin took a job in Oklahoma, I found out that we were pregnant with our third child. Now we are really in a jam, Justin's out of state, I'm working, my retired parents are on a fixed income and can't help. We didn't plan to be here, and we certainly don't want to be here. Then I found out that our soon-to-be family of five makes too much money to qualify for public assistance. We are literally on our own. Boom, then comes the pandemic. Fortunately, Justin's job was what they call "essential" meaning he kept his job. I, however, wasn't so lucky. I can remember people telling me, Mary, hold on, it will get better. As much as I'd like to believe that, I'd see what was in the cupboard. Justin was sending home all that he could and it just wasn't enough to get the family to a place of stability. We were food challenged. The next two years were very tough, I took work where I could. My father passed away. I learned about food pantries at churches and was fortunate to meet the wonderful people at the Good Samaritan Network. I don't know what we would have done if it wasn't for their support. Fast forward to 2024, we are back on track, Justin works as a supervisor for a large manufacturing company

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Tic Taco: The Wolfsies visit Mexico



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

The Wolfsies recently returned from a wonderful vacation in Mexico where we visited with Mary Ellen's brother Tom and his new bride, Cori. In preparation for the trip, I have been learning Spanish with an app called Duo Lingo. When airline safety instructions were given in Spanish, Mary Ellen asked me to translate. The only thing I am sure the flight attendant said was THANKS FOR FLYING AMERICAN... because that part was in English. Here are a few other funny things that happened on our journey... During the flight, there was a mother and baby in the seat across the aisle. The baby never stopped screaming. When the flight landed, the mom apologized and said air travel made the baby's ears hurt. "Yes," I said, "that is exactly how I felt during the last two hours." My wife was not without a few embarrassing moments. At the Indianapolis Airport, most passengers must take off their shoes before going through security. I am exempt from this requirement because I am over 75 years old. The restriction is lifted for super-seniors because if I did have something dangerous stashed in my shoe, it would take me about 20 minutes just to bend over in my seat and extricate the contraband from my sneakers. After we had all passed through airport security, we began to gather our belongings from the rubber trays provided for items like cell phones, belts and wallets so they can move through the X-ray machine. I looked back to the beginning of the line and someone had taken off their shoes but neglected to place them on the conveyor belt. They had been left on the airport floor.

Somewhere, someone was walking around barefoot. By the way, my wife has lovely feet and now everyone about to head for gate 32A knew it. In Mexico one evening, Mary Ellen commented to her brother how beautiful the songbird sounded warbling in the nearby park. But it was the burglar alarm of Tom's car that had accidentally been set off when he exited his vehicle. (Note: Mary Ellen never does goofy stuff like this, but this did make the vacation so much more fun for me.) I was very good at asking questions in Spanish, but terrible at understanding the answers. Where is the bathroom? (Donde esta el banyo?) seemed easy enough. But after simple inquiries, I'd often get lengthy responses that I didn't understand. When I asked the question: "Do you serve beer?" I was hoping for a simple response like "Si, Senior," but I think what I got was a dissertation on Mexican breweries, none of which I understood, although I did catch the words Corona every once in a while. The streets in Puebla were very rocky and Mary Elen told me that if I wasn't careful, I'd eventually trip and hurt myself. She was right. After stumbling for the seventh time, I took a nasty fall on the uneven street. I glared at my wife. "Why are you upset with me?" she asked. "I told you that if you didn't walk carefully, you were going to eventually trip and fall." "Yes, but you didn't tell me which time." On the final night, we all went out to dinner with Cori's immediate family. Her mother leaned over and offered a few thoughts in Spanish. I did the same in English. I have no idea what she said and she had no idea what I said, but I'm pretty sure we were both sharing how happy we were to all be together.

Shawn Keen Named Westfield New Police Chief

Westfield Mayor Scott Willis recently announced the appointment of Shawn Keen as the next Westfield Chief of Police. Keen will assume the role on April 8 and brings more than 25 years of experience with the Terre Haute Police Department. "Chief Keen is well respected by his peers around the State of Indiana," noted Mayor Willis. "His leadership skills and experience will serve the Westfield Police Department and community extremely well. We are looking forward to the number of ways that Chief Keen can advance Westfield through our administration." Keen most recently served as the police chief for Terre Haute and has served in various roles during his 26-year tenure, including in the uniform patrol division, assistant chief to the criminal investigation division, and served on the Special Response Team for more than 17 years. He has also been a member of the department's honor guard for more than 18 years. He is a graduate of the 259th Session of the FBI National Academy and the Indiana Association of



Shawn Keen

Chiefs of Police Executive Leadership Academy. "I am honored and excited to become the police chief of the fastest growing city in Indiana. My commitment is to foster safety, trust, and collaboration within the department and the community. Together, with the dedicated men and women of the Westfield Police Department, we will continue to prioritize the well-being of our community and uphold the highest standards of law enforcement excellence," stated Keen. Keen is an active member of the FBI National Academy Associates and both the International and Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police. Chief Keen and his wife, Shelly, have two children: Kelsey and Brendon.

Primary 11 Weeks Away; Be Sure to Register to Vote

Indiana Secretary of State Diego Morales is reminding Hoosiers that they need to register to vote and vote in the upcoming Election. Hoosiers should note important upcoming dates ahead of Indiana's May Primary Election. The 2024 Election season is under way, and the May Primary is just 11 weeks away. The Indiana Secretary of State's Office has taken several initiatives aimed at increasing voter participation and election integrity such as community outreach efforts, cybersecurity enhancements, and poll worker recruitment. "As Indiana's Chief Election Officer, I'm putting a call out to every eligible Hoosier: Now is the time to register to vote! It is fast, easy, and can be done online. Voting is and will always be very personal to me and that's why I'm so passionate about encouraging every eligible Hoosier to get registered to vote," Morales said.

Here are some key dates leading up to the May Primary Election:

- Voter Registration: Now until April 8
- Early In-Person Voting begins April 9. Check local offices for specific days, locations, and hours.
- Absentee Ballots must be received by May 7 (by 6 p.m.)
- Primary Election Day: May 7 from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

As a reminder, Hoosiers can register to vote online until midnight on April 8. Hoosiers can register to vote in person at county election offices until the end of the business day on April

8. Registering to vote, checking your status, or updating your information is easy and can be done online at Indiana Voters.com or at local county clerk's offices.

Carmel Symphony, Library Focus on Women's History Month

As part of Women's History Month, the Carmel Symphony Orchestra and the Carmel Clay Public Library Foundation are teaming up to present two events designed to explore how to improve the quality of life in the arts and corporate world for women. On March 3, the discussion will focus on "Navigating Mental Health and Valuing Self-care in the Arts and Corporate World." On March 17, the topic is "Preparing for Competition and Handling Pressure and Passion in our work: Perspectives from Female Musicians and Community Leaders." Both events will take place in the library's Community Room from 2-3:30 p.m. They are free and open to the public, but registration is required. Register online at carmelclaylibrary.org. Each event will include brief opening remarks, a 30-minute performance and talk by Carmel Symphony Orchestra musicians featuring works by female classical composers, and a 45-minute panel discussion moderated by CSO Executive Director Anne Marie Chastain. The March 3 event will feature opening remarks by Dr. Jamia Jacobsen, owner of American Behavioral Counseling, LLC followed by the CSO string quartet playing selections by Gabriela Lena Frank, Fanny Mendelssohn and Florence Price. The panel discussion will include Dr. Jacobsen, new Carmel City

Council member Anita Joshi; Wendy Horn, Vice President Business Development for Community Health Network; writer Sandra Hurt; and CSO concertmaster violinist Manami White. The March 17 event will begin with opening remarks by Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam, followed by the CSO woodwind quintet performing the music of Valerie Coleman, Amy Beach and Florence Price. Panelists for this event will be Mayor Finkam; Rachel Cohen, Director Peter Rabbit Nursery; attorney Suzette Bewley; conductor Rebecca Tong; and CSO bassoonist Kara Stolle. "Some of the questions we're going to tackle include how we handle the struggles and obstacles we face as artists and leaders in our work, and how we can better thrive in our workplaces with confidence, especially if we find ourselves feeling unsupported," Chastain said. "Audience members can also expect candid conversations regarding depression, our need for finding support, and addressing power dynamics in the arts and the workforce. I expect a wide-ranging and fascinating conversation." Visit www.carmel-symphony.org for more information

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A Piece of Cake



CARRIE CLASSON
The Postscript

My husband, Peter, and I landed in Mexico again, and we did what we have done in the past. We bought an enormous cake. It's nice to have a cake in the house. I have discovered it is not necessarily a good idea to eat cake every day, as it eventually makes my clothes too small. But I do like cake, and I especially like Mexican cake, and more than anything, I like giving cake away. We love the folks who work at this hotel. When I say "hotel," you might be thinking of some swanky place with long hallways and bellhops and a concierge. This would not be where we are staying. Our hotel has only seven small apartments. We stay with Jorge, the owner, and Lulu, who cleans our room twice a week, and Pepe, who mans the front desk, and Pedro, who is the waiter in the small restaurant, and Daniel, who is the cook. On busy weekends, Jorge will bring in an additional waiter or two. And when all the rooms are filled, Lulu will get some help—sometimes from her granddaughter, Bianca, if she is off from school. Finally, there is Fabricio, who does not work for the hotel but is hired by Jorge to paint. He is Jorge's artist-in-residence, and sometimes he comes with a son and occasionally his daughter. It is a mystery where they could possibly put more art, but Jorge has endless ideas he wants to see painted on wood and ceramic, and he keeps this family busy painting together on the roof. We see these folks nearly every day. So, shortly after we arrive, we buy a cake for our hotel family in Mexico. It is a little too easy to buy cake. The cake shop is just a block away from our

hotel. It does not sell anything but cake. You cannot buy a piece of cake. I asked the woman behind the counter once. She looked surprised and possibly a little offended. "No," she told me, in no uncertain terms. This shop sells only whole cakes. They sell every variety imaginable, and they sell a lot of them. The huge display case, which rounds the corner, is filled with three shelves of cakes. The wall cooler, which goes from floor to ceiling, is filled with cakes. And the back room (which I sometimes get a peek into when the door swings open) is filled with gas-fired ovens and more cakes. "What do you think about a carrot cake?" Peter asked me when we arrived. Peter likes all the cakes, but he is not as fond of tres

leches as some. (I love tres leches, and the cake shop has six varieties.) I ordered a carrot cake and picked it up the next day. We cut it into pieces and gave everyone at the hotel a slice. Then we each had a piece, and there was still plenty of cake for later. "Gracias!" Lulu says, tucking her cake away to take home with her. "Gracias!" Pedro says, eating his cake immediately. "Gracias!" Fabricio says, his paintbrush in hand. "Everyone likes getting cake," I said to Peter. "Uh-huh," he agreed, eating his cake. Getting a piece of cake in the middle of the afternoon adds some unexpected sweetness to the day. Peter and I don't speak enough Spanish to know how to tell these people how grateful we are, how at home we feel, and how much their everyday kindness means to us. So we give them cake. And cake seems to be understood by everyone. Till next time, Carrie

Plumbing Problems



JOHN R. ROBERTS, M.D.
Family Medicine

I'm running through my list of suggested topics from readers, and this one goes out to a reader from Sheridan. It's a common problem, but one of those topics that doesn't usually come up in casual conversation – constipation. There are three times in a person's life when constipation is more likely to become a problem: during early childhood, during periods of inactivity, and during the elder years. Each one has different causes. First, I have to deliver yet another lesson in basic anatomy and physiology. When we eat, food travels through the following structures: mouth, esophagus, stomach, small intestine and finally, the large intestine (colon). This journey is facilitated by peristalsis, a physiologic process where involuntary muscles in the wall of the digestive tract contract to move food from north to south. While constipation can involve trouble anywhere along the way, the vast majority of problems occur in the colon. One of the main jobs of the colon is to reclaim water from the undigested food remaining in the feces. If food is slowed down in its transit through the colon, more water is absorbed, making the feces firmer and more difficult to evacuate. Young children can develop problems with constipation when they put off going to the bathroom for various reasons. When this happens, they can develop a condition called encopresis. They can retain very large amounts of stool in their colons to the point where the muscles are not able to push the stool out and the child may lose the urge to have a bowel movement. These children may pass very large bowel movements and may have a great deal of pain when doing so. They also may have

accidents, passing semi-solid or liquid stool that has leaked around the blockage. Painful movements lead to the child not wanting to have a bowel movement and the vicious cycle repeats. It's important to treat this condition as early as possible using medications and behavioral modification. Another common cause of constipation is a period of inactivity, often following surgery. This is especially true following abdominal surgery, particularly if it involved manipulating the intestines. Handling the intestines tends to interrupt normal peristalsis for a period of time. Taking pain medication post-operatively is also a common cause of constipation, especially in older patients. It's important to minimize the use of narcotics and to prevent post-operative constipation using a bowel regimen started as soon as possible following surgery. Older persons are also more likely to be inactive, so they tend to suffer from bouts of constipation. They are also commonly dehydrated due to not drinking enough fluids. These folks are frequently on medications that can exacerbate the normal age-related slowing of intestinal motility. Common drugs that can result in slowing include Benadryl®, Tylenol PM®, Zantac®, some antidepressants, and anticholinergic medications used to treat bladder spasms and incontinence. As usual, prevention is the best medicine. All people should consume adequate fiber, plenty of fruits and vegetables, and enough fluids to keep the urine clear to pale yellow. Google "high fiber diet" for recommendations. Children need to be taught the habit of sitting on the toilet at least twice a day for ten minutes or so. They should not be rushed and they should have good support for their feet. Along those lines,

a shout out to two of my prior patients for telling me about the Squatty Potty®. This is a simple device that elevates the feet, allowing one to be in a more anatomic position to make it easier to have a bowel movement (www.squattypotty.com). Those planning to have surgery, or who are laid up for another reason, should make sure they are consuming plenty of liquids and taking a stool softener like docusate or an osmotic agent like MiraLAX® immediately following surgery or at the beginning of their illness. The elderly should consume fluids and also remain as active as possible. People joke a lot about prunes, but they are very effective. Young children who have difficulty with bowel movements should be evaluated by their medical provider. The earlier this problem is treated, the easier it is to correct. For adults who are suffering from constipation who do NOT have abdominal pain, laxatives such as Dulcolax® are generally safe and effective for short-term use. If results are not obtained in a couple of days or you develop pain you should consult your medical provider.

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MARK

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here in town and we volunteer providing meals to people in need. I'm telling my story to inform and enlighten people that live in Hamilton County. Hunger is real, the struggle is real, and my family depended on the generosity of others to get us through. I never wanted to be there but if my story helps someone else, wonderful.

EDITORIAL NOTE - this story is a composite of several people's stories. To protect their anonymity, we blended several stories together to illustrate the point.

There are food challenged neighbors in Hamilton County. Hunger is real in our neck of the woods. Feeding Team provides a way and a place for those in need to get food for their family. While each pantry really is just a big wooden yellow box, it means so much more for donors and for families in need. You are welcome to join us as together we fight to eliminate hunger in Hamilton County. With over 47,000 food challenged neighbors in Hamilton County, www.Feedingteam.org is a registered 501C3 not for profit organization that provides outdoor 24x7x365 no questions asked, free food pantries throughout the county. The pantries exist, to meet the food insecurity needs of GAP families, neighbors that may not qualify for public assistance and could use a few meals before payday. The pantries serve as many food-challenged neighbors as possible, and our hearts are with those that, like my

family, could not always make ends meet. Thank you for supporting the pantries. We love serving with so many neighbors across Hamilton County. In future columns we will share more stories about how your generosity served neighbors in times of need. The face of hunger in Hamilton County is not what you may think. In practical terms this straightforward way to help neighbors is having a real impact on lives, families, and our communities. Thank you. A few meals can change the course of a person's life. A can of green beans means so much more when you have nothing to feed your kids. Would you like to get involved? Volunteer opportunities are available. We are evaluating new pantry locations. If you think you have a potential area location, please contact us. www.feedingteam.org facts - 58 pantries, over 10,000 meals in December 2023, over thirty volunteer families. Mark & Lisa Hall are the Founders of The Feeding Team. They may be reached at lisa@feedingteam.org and mark@feedingteam.org or 317-832-1123.

Mark Hall is a Hamilton County Councilman and the Founder and CEO of TLX, Talent Logistix. Feeding Families outdoor Free Food pantries is the corporate charity of his company. Mark and his wife Lisa founded the food charity program the team after living with food insecurity as a young married couple with kids.

Retailer Steps Up to Help Boys & Girls Club

Every year, more than 3 million young people are served by Boys & Girls Clubs across the country. To show their continued support in preparing today's youth for a brighter tomorrow, Ross Stores, Inc. is partnering with Boys & Girls Clubs of America with a three-week program called, "Help Local Kids Thrive." Through March 3 customers in Noblesville can make a monetary contribution at their local Ross Dress for Less store during checkout to be donated to the Tom & Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Clubs of the Noblesville. "This year is special. It marks our 10th annual in-store fundraiser to benefit local Boys & Girls Clubs. The funds raised will directly help kids at Clubs nationwide by supporting Power Hour, a homework tutoring program, nationally sponsored by Ross. We are proud of our strong, long-standing partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs and look forward to coming together with our customers and associates to 'Help Local Kids Thrive,'" said Matt Young, Group Senior Vice President, Ross Stores.

Power Hour provides local youth with a dedicated 60 minutes of one-on-one homework help, small group tutoring, and reading assistance each day. In addition to finishing their homework, Club Kids in Power Hour have the opportunity to participate in fun, educational activities that earn them rewards. The Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville averages about 67 Power Hour participants per day and had a record high of 102 participants this past December. Last year, 94% of Club parents reported that their children's homework was completed more often and their academic performance improved because of Power Hour. The ultimate goal of this program is to see kids graduate high school and find success in life after their education. "We have enjoyed working alongside Ross employees throughout this fundraising campaign," stated BGCN Donor Relations Associate, Emily Crump. "Seeing the employees' eagerness to invest in our local kids' futures has been inspiring! Because we want to



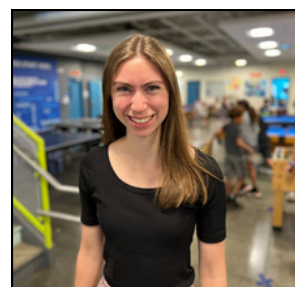
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The efforts from Ross Dress for Less will put smiles on a lot of faces.

ensure all local youth can access resources like Power Hour, the Club only charges a \$60 annual youth membership fee for services that cost the organization approximately \$1,000. Our team is very grateful for faithful partners like Ross that help us meet the needs of our community's kids." Noblesville Ross locations can be found at Hamilton Town Center at 13920 Hoard Dr. and at Stoney Creek Commons at 17090 Mercantile Blvd.

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- BGCN Donor Relations Associate, Emily Crump



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	Local Fund Number	Local Fund Name	Beg Cash & Inv Bal Jan. 1, 2023	Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash & Inv Bal Dec. 31, 2023
Governmental Activities	0061	RAINY DAY FUND	\$48,343.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$48,343.25
	0101	TOWNSHIP FUND	\$194,053.29	\$360,073.37	\$225,953.11	\$328,135.55
	0108	LEVY EXCESS FUND	\$1.64	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.64
	0180	DEBT SERVICE	\$87,546.01	\$150,438.36	\$218,474.14	\$19,510.23
	0401	Donations	\$0.27	\$101.00	\$0.00	\$101.27
	0440	GRANTS / RENTAL INCOME	\$276.00	\$1,240.00	\$0.00	\$1,516.00
	0840	TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE	\$28,267.11	\$73,414.14	\$64,817.63	\$36,863.62
	1111	FIREFIGHTING	\$43,040.13	\$334,961.58	\$304,350.41	\$73,651.30
	1182	FIRE EQUIPMENT LOAN	\$7,782.02	\$56,485.76	\$27,876.57	\$36,391.21
	1190	Cumulative Fire	\$20,309.20	\$38,281.83	\$17,562.77	\$41,028.26
	9999	PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	\$264.95	\$13,438.39	\$13,524.99	\$178.35
		GRAND TOTAL	\$429,883.87	\$1,028,434.43	\$872,559.62	\$585,758.68

CERTIFICATION
State of Indiana
SS:
Hamilton County
I, Laura McNamara, Trustee of WAYNE TOWNSHIP, Montgomery County, Indiana, do solemnly affirm under the penalty of perjury that the preceding report contains the information required by Indiana code 36-6-4-13, and is, true and correct; that the amounts with which I am charged in this report are all of the amounts received by me; and that the various items of expenditures credited have been fully paid in the amounts stated; that such payments were made without express or implied agreement that any portion thereof shall be retained by or repaid to me or to any other person. A complete abstract that contains the statements required under Indiana Code 36-6-4-13(a)(5) and (a)(6) is available for inspection in the county auditor's office.
I further affirm that a complete and detailed annual report, together with all accompanying vouchers showing the names of persons having been paid money by the township, have been filed as required by law in the office of the County Auditor, and that copies of such annual report are in custody of the Township Board and the State Board of Accounts. Said report is subject to inspection by any taxpayer of the township.
Laura McNamara
WAYNE TOWNSHIP Trustee
Telephone: 317-773-3179
Date this report was to be published: February 26, 2024
Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, the Chairman of the Township Board of WAYNE TOWNSHIP at its annual meeting, this 19th day of February, 2024.

Wayne Township Board Chairman
OPTION 1
This report was received, accepted and approved by the Township Board at its annual meeting, this 19th day of February, 2024.
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Ford F-150 Tremor Adds a Little Fashion to the Worksite



CASEY WILLIAMS
Auto Reviews

Last year, I drove the Ford Maverick Tremor and thought it was very cool with its gold accents, black wheels, and enhanced off-road capability. But, let's be honest, the Maverick is essentially a compact crossover with a bed that's better suited to light lawn duty than heavy hauling. For that, we step up to the 2024 Ford F-150 Tremor that's just as stylish, but far more capable.

Off-Road Chic

Like a lot of these stylish all-rovers that have come to vogue – vehicles like Subaru's Wilderness, Chevrolet's ACTIV, Toyota's TRD, and Kia's X-Line – the F-150 Tremor bridges the trail between city life and taming Baja. Let's call it "off-road chic". Check gold accents across the black grille, gold tow hooks, and gold accents on its flanks. TREMOR badges on the bed and 18" black wheels shod in off-road tires glam its broadsides. Around back, look for exposed tow hooks, integrated

trailer hitch, and electrical connections. For work or play, notice spray-in bedliner, tie-down hooks, and two household outlets for running power tools or camp lighting.

Place a foot on the step plate and pop inside. Gold accents continue to the dash, console stitching, and perforations in the heated and ventilated leather seats. Front and center are a 12" touchscreen and flatscreen gauges. Dual-zone automatic climate control, B&O audio, and wireless charging add their own delights. Check the power opening rear window and dual-pane sunroof too. Should work haunt you, the center console flips open for desk space next to an in-dash household outlet. Connect to wi-fi to stay in touch wherever you roam.

Keeping everybody safe in the roomy crew cab is a full suite of safety tech, centered around Ford's Co-pilot 360 2.0 system. Automatic emergency braking, lane keep assist, and blind spot warning are a good start. Add to



that rear cross path detection and trailer sway control to stay in the green zone.

Big V8 Performance

I'm a big fan of Ford's twin-turbo V6, but am warming up to the 5.0-liter V8 in our Tremor. It puts out a romping

400 horsepower and 410 lb.-ft. of torque, all sent to the four-wheel-drive system through a smooth-shifting 10-speed automatic transmission. While bed for off-roading, the thick tires and enhanced shocks provide a calmer ride on pavement. Keeping in mind this is a large and capable pickup, fuel economy rated 15/20-MPG city/highway isn't terrible.

So, what's not to like? Given all of the

technology stuffed inside the F-150 Tremor, it would be even better with a head-up display and heated steering wheel. While the F-150 Lightning EV has an independent rear suspension to improve handling, the gas-version goes without. Handling is tight and ride is smooth for a full-size pickup, but could be even better. And then, there's the window sticker.

The F-150 Tremor is a pretty cool truck that adds some fashion to the worksite. Of course, all of that comes at a price. While a base F-150 starts at \$34,585, our Tremor – all in – is considerably more expensive at \$74,040. Competitors include the Chevy Silverado Trail Boss, GMC Sierra AT4,

Toyota Tundra TRD Pro, and Ram 1500 Rebel.

Storm Forward!

Send comments to Casey at AutoCasey@aol.com; follow him on YouTube @AutoCasey.

2024 Ford F-150 Tremor

Five-passenger, 4WD Pickup
 Powertrain: 5.0-liter V8, 10-spd trans
 Output: 400hp/410 lb.-ft. torque
 Suspension f/r: Ind/Solid Axle
 Wheels f/r: 18"/18" alloy
 Brakes f/r: disc/disc
 Fuel economy: 15/20-mpg city/hwy
 Assembly: Dearborn, MI
 Base/as-tested price: \$34,585/74,040

Likes	Dislikes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stylish exterior Luxurious cabin V8 power 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No head-up display Solid rear axle Hefty price

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Fishers' Disability Awareness Month celebration kicks off March 1

The City of Fishers and Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability will host their annual celebration of National Disability Awareness Month with special events and initiatives throughout March.

The month-long celebration presented by Old National Bank strives to bring awareness to what life is like for those with physical and intellectual disabilities in our community. This year's theme, Fueled for the Future, features a partnership with the Indy Fuel, who will play at the new Fishers Event Center once it opens in late 2024. The 8,500-seat concert and sporting venue will serve as the cornerstone of The Crossing, and expansion of Fishers District that will feature new restaurants, retail, and entertainment.

This year's Fishers Disability Awareness Month program lineup includes events with community partners such as Indy Fuel, HSE Schools, Fishers Arts Council, OneZone Chamber of Commerce, Hamilton East Public Library, and Fishers Parks. Special Needs Living Magazine and Guardian Care are this year's Platinum Sponsors. "We are excited to add the Indy Fuel to the list of community partners for 2024 March Disability Awareness Month," said Cecilia Coble, president of Fishers City Council and co-chair of the Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability. "They are committed to working alongside the City of Fishers and the disability community to provide inclusive and accessible opportunities for all guests at the new Fishers Event Center." "Our theme is Fueled for the Future due to the many accommodations and programs that Fishers is putting in place for those with disabilities," said Stacey Oldham, board member of the Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability and keynote speaker at this year's kickoff event. "The vision is not only for now, but far into the future. Our partnership with Indy Fuel is key. As an example, the Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability, City of Fishers, and the Indy Fuel have worked together to ensure the new Fishers Event Center will be welcoming for all." The celebration will include the return of the popular Ally campaign, which invites residents to become advocates for disability inclusion. Free Ally toolkits will be available for community members to showcase their advocacy, educate themselves and others, and further the

discussion on disability inclusion. Toolkits including a t-shirt, yard sign, stickers, and other materials will be available for pick up at the March Disability Awareness Month Kickoff on March 1 at Launch Fishers (12175 Visionary Way) or at the Fishers City Services Building (3 Municipal Drive), beginning March 2. Virtual toolkits, now available at fishersIN.gov/DisabilityAwareness includes information on how to be an Ally; a language guide and FAQ; social media graphics; Zoom backgrounds; and an Ally pledge.

The 2024 event lineup includes:

2024 Disability Awareness Month Kickoff & Awards: Fueled for the Future Friday, March 1 / 8:30-10 a.m. Launch Fishers Theater Mayor Scott Fadness and the Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability invite the public to celebrate the kick-off of Fishers March Disability Awareness Month. Stacey Oldham, Fishers resident and board member of the Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability, will present the keynote address as she shares the inspiring story of her 40-year journey with Multiple Sclerosis. The morning will also feature the presentation of the annual Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability's Inclusion and Accessibility Awards, which are given to those who inspire and advocate for the disability community. No registration is required for this free event.

Fishers Parks' Storywalk: Just Ask Begins March 4 / Daily, dawn to dusk Brooks School Park (11780 Brooks School Road, Fishers) Enjoy an easy, family-friendly hike around Brooks School Park as you enjoy March's featured book, Just Ask, written by United States Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor. The #1 New York Times bestseller is the winner of the Schneider Family Book Award. No registration is required for this free event. Learn more at playfishers.com/Storywalk.

Fishers Arts Council's Second Friday: March Disability Awareness Art Exhibition Friday, March 8 / 6-9 pm Hamilton County Community Foundation's FAC Hub Gallery Fishers Arts Council hosts an evening for all ages including live music and various kinds of artistic expressions on display in the gallery. All are welcome to this "Second Friday" celebration of artists with different abilities.

Speakers from the Fishers Advisory Committee, Ignite Studio, and the Fishers Arts Council will make comments at 7 p.m. but guests are invited to visit in an open house style. Light refreshments will be available. No registration is required for this free event.

OneZone March Luncheon: Disability Awareness Panel Wednesday, March 13 / 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. FORUM Events Center Find your next great hire at OneZone's March luncheon. Local employers will share their experiences hiring individuals with disabilities and tips on how your company can too. In the lobby after the luncheon, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a reverse job fair with prospective individuals. Registration is required for this paid event. Learn more at onezonechamber.com.

Preparing for Your Next Employment Opportunity Friday, March 15 / 9-11 a.m. Grace Church Fishers With an unemployment rate under 3% in Hamilton County, employers find it difficult to hire for open positions. However, the unemployment rate among qualified potential employees with a disability is well over 50%. Hosted by the Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability's Allies for Disability Employment subcommittee, individuals with disabilities who are ready to work will have an opportunity to participate in an open house style event with stations for resume development, job seeking tips, online interview practice, and mock interviews. Hamilton County resources will also be available to help people learn about seeking, finding, and landing a job. Registration is requested for this free event. Learn more at fishersIN.gov/DisabilityAwareness.

Indy Fuel Game: March Disability Awareness Night Friday, March 22 / 7 p.m. Indiana Farmers Coliseum Come cheer on the Indy Fuel as you support the Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability. Purchase tickets for a special rate of \$25 and a portion of your ticket will go back to support the committee. The first 100 tickets purchased will also receive a special "Fueled for the Future" t-shirt. Purchase tickets at fishersIN.gov/DisabilityAwareness.

Hamilton County Transition Fair Wednesday, March 27 / 6-7:30 p.m.

Hamilton Southeastern High School, enter through door 18 Talk directly with the agencies and providers who support individuals with special needs at all levels and stages of life. No registration is required for this free event.

Hamilton East Public Library Workshops Dates and locations vary Join the Hamilton East Public Library for various workshops and programs themed around Disability Awareness Month. Learn more at hamiltoneastpl.org.

- Get Involved with Special Olympics Indiana | Teens & Adults | Tuesday, March 5 | 6-6:45pm | Fishers Library
- Dyslexia 101 | Adults | Wednesday, March 13 | 5:30-7:30pm | Fishers Library
- Supporting Children with ADHD | Adults | Saturday, March 16 | 2-3pm | Noblesville Library
- Notes on Blindness | Adults | Tuesday, March 19 | 5-5:45pm, 6-6:45pm, 7-7:45pm | Fishers Library
- Preparing for Adulthood on the Autism Spectrum | Adults | Sunday, March 24 | 3-4pm | Virtual

To register for events, download the Ally Toolkit, and learn more about the work of the Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability, visit fishersIN.gov/DisabilityAwareness. Follow along on social media at #FishersDisabilityAwareness.

We appreciate our readers!

Registration Open for 2024 Carmel International Arts Festival



Photo courtesy Carmel International Arts Festival

More than 30,000 people are expected to attend.

Registration is now open for the 27th Annual Carmel International Arts Festival. The festival will take place September 28-29 in Carmel. This major festival in Carmel brings more than 100 talented artists from around the country and around the world. They have an amazing opportunity to share their work with nearly 30,000 people in a 2-day event in the Carmel Arts & Design District. Artists specialize in 9 different mediums including glass, 2D, 3D, paint, jewelry, photography, fiber, ceramics and wood.

This year promises to be bigger and better than ever. "I'm really looking forward to another fantastic year!" stated Jill Gilmer, President of the Carmel International Arts Festival. "The talent we had last year surpassed my expectations. We have extended our footprint, which should allow us to have roughly 150 artists, a few small stages for musicians to entertain our patrons in addition to our Main Stage and West Stage, a wine garden, more ethnic food, and an interactive youth area that has doubled in size! I hope you will join us for an amazing weekend. It is free to come, family friendly,

and dogs are welcome, too!"

Artist booths are set up along the two main arteries of the Arts & Design District: Main Street and Range Line Road. The community is presented with the finest samplings to purchase and take home. Each artist goes through a juried process to ensure their art is unique, not mass produced, and the highest of quality. The artwork is judged at the festival and awards are issued to the artists.

The festival is a juried exhibition with prizes totaling \$7,000. Annually, festival goers enjoy an admission-free opportunity to view and purchase art and mingle with artists. Applications are now open to artists interested in being a part of the Carmel International Arts Festival. Friday, May 31 is the deadline for submitting the application. There are specific rules for artists. To sign up and review requirements, visit <https://www.zapplicati.on.org/event-info.php?ID=12196> Selected artists will be notified on Sunday, June 30, that they have been chosen. Artists can visit the CIAF website at <https://www.carmelartsfestival.org> to learn more about the festival.

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Heights Student Celebrated as Riley Champion Fishers Commission Awards \$60,000 in Arts Grants



Beckett Culp, a patient at Riley Hospital for Children and a student at Hamilton Heights Little Huskies Learning Center (far right), was recently recognized as one of 10 2024 Riley Champions for his charitable work in leading successful toy drives. Pictured with Culp (l-r): Father and Heights graduate, Klark Culp, sister Adelynn, brother Nash, LHLC Instructional Assistant and mother Lauren, and Susan Miles, Kids Caring and Sharing Officer for Riley Children's Foundation.

Beckett Culp, a student at Hamilton Heights Little Huskies Learning Center in Arcadia, Indiana, has been named a 2024 Riley Champion! Culp, who is also a patient at Riley Children's Hospital, was selected for his optimism and ongoing charitable work. A special celebration to recognize this honor and celebrate Culp took place at the preschool. As a baby, Culp was diagnosed with a protein deficiency that affected his liver. By the age of three, he needed a liver transplant. Just three months later he underwent surgery at Riley Children's Hospital to receive his new liver. Culp's donor was Hunter Tuzinski who died at age 7. It was both boys' love of

Hot Wheels that sparked the idea to host a drive for these timeless toys. The Culp and Tuzinski families worked together to collect thousands of Hot Wheels for Riley and the Hospital that treated Hunter. Culp has continued the effort in which his classmates recently collected over 250 Hot Wheels for the Child Life Department at Riley in Hunter's honor. Those deemed "Riley Champions" are part of a Kroger-sponsored program that honors patients from Riley Hospital for Children at Indiana University Health who have inspired communities with their bravery and commitment to help others despite overcoming medical challenges. In this role, Culp and his family serve as ambassadors for Riley as they share their personal



Photos Courtesy Hamilton Heights Schools

Beckett Culp, 5, a student at the Little Huskies Learning Center, is pictured dancing with classmates and Sara Cox, Little Huskies Learning Center Director, celebrating his being named a 2024 Riley Champions.

Riley story of hope and inspiration with donors and other Riley families. "Beckett is the absolute best!" said Sara Cox, Director, Little Huskies Learning Center at Hamilton Heights School Corporation. "His spirit and excitement toward just about everything can turn any mundane February day around in an instant. A hug, a compliment, a silly story, and a sincere 'I love you' are always at an arm's reach with Beckett nearby. He has an innate ability to bring a load of joy wherever he is! Preschool can be . . . a lot sometimes, but Beckett can always bring out the smiles even on the tougher days! I'll be sad to see him graduate to kindergarten, and yet so happy the rest of the world will get to experience Beckett!"

Cicero Kiwanians Learn About Pet Support

When times are tough, people begin to cut back on non-necessities. For some people this includes their pets. Pet care is not inexpensive and the costs can stress an already overburdened family. If the choice is dog food or baby formula, the dog is going to be the one to lose. These animals are either dumped on the streets or taken to already over-crowded shelters. Dog's House, Inc. is working to ensure this scenario doesn't have to happen in Hamilton County through its Free Pet Food Pantries. The Kiwanis Club of Cicero had the pleasure of learning all about the organization and its mission from co-founder Amy McGuffey. Taking care of your pet is a lifetime commitment but it's not always easy, especially when you are struggling financially. If you are in need and can't afford to pay for your pet's food, don't despair, support is available. Dog's House Free Pet Found Pantries currently operates in Cicero with plans to expand county wide, helping pet owners keep their furry companions happy and healthy. "We don't want any pets to go hungry. Our pet food pantries are available to community members who may need assistance feeding their fur babies," McGuffey explained. She also is the owner of Boot Scoop Poopie and co-founder of Dog's House Free Pet Food Pantries. "Our goal is that no one has to make the difficult



choice to surrender a beloved dog or cat that they can't afford to feed." Dog's House Pet Pantries provide free wet and dry pet food, and sometimes other pet supplies, for pet owners struggling financially. Dog's House collect donations of food and then distribute them throughout the community, through their pantry network. "We currently have free pet food pantries located in the foyer at the Hamilton North Public library and at the dog park in Cicero Park," said McGuffey. "Through community partnerships and collaboration, we plan to expand the number of pantries throughout Hamilton County." "By providing support in times of hardship, Dog's House Free Pet Food Pantries can at

times, be the difference between families being able to keep a pet, or having to surrender it to a shelter," stated Todd Clevenger, Kiwanis Club of Cicero President. "The service they are providing ultimately promotes welfare by allowing animals to remain in loving homes and maintain bonds with their owners. Dog's House is helping to ensure that no pet owner must choose between stay or go." If you would like to donate, you can place items directly in the pantries, you can call Amy McGuffey at 317.420.9072 to arrange drop off or pick up or you can find our wish list on Amazon to order items that will ship directly to our office. Our wish list can be found at: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2NQ3UC9QM10B7?REF=wl_share

Fishers Arts & Culture Commission recently announced the grantees for its 2024 Fishers Arts & Culture Grant program, with 11 local organizations awarded \$60,000 in funding. The grant program supports local nonprofits and organizations that uplift the arts community within Fishers. This year's grant cycle featured record high funding requests, awarding an additional \$10,000 compared to 2023. This is the fourth year for the grant program, which was launched in 2021. Funding for the grant program is allocated from the City of Fishers' annual budget. Since the program's launch more than \$202,000 in grants have been awarded to 35 local organizations, funding public art installations, community events, and cultural celebrations throughout Fishers. "One meaningful way the City of Fishers builds community and vibrancy is through the arts," said Jocelyn Vare, chair of the Fishers Arts & Culture Commission. "This year's grant recipients will provide unique experiences that demonstrate the talent and creativity of Fishers. Residents can look forward to enjoying new visual art, a showcase of Black artists, interactive music, a new art and tech event, and much more in 2024. These arts experiences will be an amazing complement to the grand opening of the Fishers Art Center in

the new Fishers Municipal Center later this year." Recipients of the 2024 Fishers Arts & Culture Commission Grant Program include:

- 31Svn Dance Academy (\$4,000) to host five hip-hop dance workshops, including free classes and panel discussions open to the public.
- Academy of Dance Arts (\$7,000) for continued development of the Academy's Dance Ability studio classes and public performance for youth with developmental or intellectual disabilities.
- Brandon Meeks Music (\$7,000) to perform the Harmony in Motion: Jazz Improve Workshop Series, including live public performances, education sessions, and interactive workshops.
- Emerging Pearls Foundation (\$7,000) to host the third annual Art, Culture, and Appetizers event showcasing Black artists in dance, applied arts, spoke word, hair-art, and more at Hub & Spoke in June 2024.
- Fishers Arts Council (\$5,710) to host monthly Second Friday gallery receptions at the FAC Gallery at the Hub located at the Hamilton County Community Foundation, along with musical groups at the

Spark!Fishers Art & Car Show in June and Harvest Fest in September.

- Forward Motion (\$5,040) to host a curated, two concert event entitled Perspective that shares themes of the rotating exhibits of the Ignite Studio at Hamilton East Public Library Fishers.
- Hidden World (\$6,000) to create two unique musical compositions that can be accessed virtually along the Nickel Plate Trail.
- High Frequency Arts (\$5,000) to host a new event called AI: The Intersection of Art & Tech, including interactive film, augmented reality displays, and tech-inspired fashion apparel at Hub & Spoke in June.
- Ignite Studio at Hamilton East Public Library (\$3,750) to install a 75-square-foot mural as you enter the Ignite Studio at the Hamilton East Public Library.
- Lantern Islamic Theater Company (\$7,000) to produce six theater productions and acting competitions at the Alhuda Foundation.
- Noblesville Creates (\$2,500) to host Comic Book in A Day at the Hamilton East Public Library Fishers in January 2025.

For more information, visit FishersIN.gov/grants.

HHMS Girls Hoopsters Win MIC

By Diane Handy, Head Coach, HHMS 7th Grade Girls Basketball

The 7th grade Lady Huskies Basketball team brought home the 2024 Mid-Indiana Conference (MIC) Championship. Early in the season the players demonstrated they had the potential for great things. "Throughout the season we have worked on communication, feedback, mistakes, resolutions, humility, and solutions," explained Diane Handy, Head Coach 7th Grade Girls Basketball Team. "What made the MIC Championship win so special is the girls played with their heart, grit, and refusal to give up. They won with a team-focused approach." "We started off with playing the Kokomo Wildcats for the MIC Tourney on Wednesday, February 14," continued Coach Handy. "All players were able to contribute to this game on the court with points being scored by eight of the players, offensive plays being disrupted, and a passing game that was accurate. The Huskies won 38-11. They moved to semi-finals on Saturday, February 17, playing the Logansport Berries with the goal of making it to the final game against either the Tipton Blue Devils or



Hamilton Heights Middle School 7th Grade Girls Basketball team are this year's MIC Champs. Pictured (l-r) back row: Coach Maddie Herr, Hallie Sheller, Annie Sheller, Reagan Van Kirk, Stella Taylor, Kaylee Smith, Skyler Worthman, Kaitlyn Schakel, and Coach Diane Handy. Front row (l-r): Meredith Robinson, Evie Millsaps, and Gabbi Lowe.

Western Panthers. Again, all players were instrumental in the win with their baskets, their ability to block out and rebound, and their drive. The Huskies won 40-15. "The championship game had our team facing a defensively aggressive team," explained Coach Handy. "At half time, the ladies were down by 3 points and were not playing to their ability. However, they came out after half time ready, as a team, together. In the third quarter they turned the game by playing a team-focused approach. They played together, remembered each other's strengths, and ended the quarter trailing the Panther's by 5 points. In this moment, during a time-out in the 4th quarter, we decided to make a defensive switch, which we believe gave our girls the confidence and the edge to come out on top. The team then saw the court, saw one

another, and together they scored 14 points total while holding the Panthers to 3 points! Huskies take the hard-fought win 38-32!" Coach Handy said each player contributed to the MIC Championship win in her own way and should be proud of the part they played in this important win. "The 7th grade Lady Huskies will continue to build upon their success with continued team reflection and having fun," she added. "While we continue to learn from our mistakes, we will also continue to celebrate our victories and support one another through the challenges. The ladies now know they have what it takes to beat a tough team when they work together and support one another. The unity they showed will carry them to more victories on and off the court."