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# Noblesville Council approves budget

**The REPORTER**

The Noblesville Common Council adopted the 2018 Civil City budget at Tuesday evening's meeting. The 2018 Civil City budget totals \$65,170,297, with a general fund budget of \$40,904,122.

"As a growing community, Nobles-

ville's population increase comes with higher public demands and expectations, which were addressed in this year's budget through more resources and personnel," said Mayor John Ditslear. "The budget also is structured so financial information is tracked and reported to

help policy makers and citizens easily understand how the city is actually using its resources and allocating funding to priorities."

In 2018, public safety accounts for 65 percent of the general fund budget and 45 percent of the overall Civil City budget. It

also includes the hiring of four firefighters and the purchase of a new fire engine. In addition to the NFD personnel, the budget allows for the hiring of seven new full-time positions and converting two part-time

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## Hamilton Heights helps youth



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Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance program on Monday evening conducted the Community Family Resource Night at the Hamilton Heights Primary School. Children came dressed in the Halloween costumes and participated in activities. Various community organizations were on hand for parents to gather information.

## Fishers and affordable housing

By **LARRY LANNAN**  
LarryInFishers.com



With Fishers continuing to grow as a suburb of Indianapolis, affordable housing will be in short supply and city officials are beginning to talk about the housing needs for workers and senior citizens. During a city council work session Oct. 16, City Planner Dale Davis laid out the issues facing the city on the housing front.

The median family income in Fishers is between \$90,000 and \$100,000 a year. The median home price is around \$250,000.

Davis gave an example of a married couple, a firefighter and a teacher, each at roughly the midpoint of their respective careers.

Their combined family income would be just over \$90,000, barely within the local median income.

Using the 30 percent of income figure for housing provided in federal guidelines, that couple should be spending no more than \$1,650 a month for a home. The mortgage on that \$250,000 house would be roughly \$1,646 a month (there are many variables such as amount of the down payment).

"That family would be pretty close to what would be their maximum on that," Davis told council members.

Many startups that are popular in Fishers have people working there making around \$44,000 a year. Davis asked where they would live in the Fishers area.

Davis then turned to the issue of senior citizen housing. Population forecasts indicate the senior

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## Carmel's historic Thornhurst neighborhood featured in this year's Holiday Home Tour

**The REPORTER**

Carmel's historic Thornhurst neighborhood of mid-century modern homes designed by Avriel Shull, one of the nation's most celebrated architectural designers and builders, will be featured in this year's Carmel Clay Historical Society Holiday Home Tour. The event on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1 and 2, will feature self-guided walking tours of a handful of homes inside the city's only neighborhood listed on the National Registry of Historic Places.

Tickets are on sale now for the two-day event. Pre-sale tickets are \$50 for 6 to 10 p.m. on Friday (which

includes a VIP tour and post-tour cocktail party at the Evan Lurie Gallery) and \$25 for 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets at the door are \$60 for Friday (if available) and \$30 for Saturday. Thornhurst is located just west of the Carmel Arts & Design District near the intersection of West Main Street and Guilford Road. Patrons will park nearby and be shuttled to the neighborhood.

All proceeds go to support the mission of the **Carmel Clay Historical Society**. Ticket sales are through **Eventbrite**.

This year is the 21st

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Shull's work remained in high demand even after her death in 1976.

**The REPORTER**

On Thursday, Nov. 9, Legacy Fund, the community foundation serving Hamilton County, will host its ninth annual Celebration of Philanthropy dinner, which honors philanthropy, showcases 48 local not-for-profits and recognizes winners of the first-ever Legacy Fund Community Pillar Awards.

"I am honored to preside over my first Celebration of Philanthropy," says Tom Kilian Jr., who joined Legacy Fund, a Central Indiana Community Foundation affiliate, as president in April of this year. "This event is truly unique, in that we convene the county's greatest not-for-profit with community, business and thought leaders throughout our community. And this year, in addition to this not-for-profit showcase, we are recognizing three pillars of the community and enlisting their help in investing \$15,000 for the betterment of the county."

The Legacy Fund Commu-

nity Pillar Awards honor individuals or corporations doing visionary work to solve pressing challenges, build opportunity and equity and create a brighter future for Hamilton County residents in three leadership areas – college readiness and success, family success and inspiring places. Among other recognition, Pillar Award winners receive \$5,000 each to be granted to a Hamilton County not-for-profit of their choice.

The 2017 Legacy Fund Community Pillars are:

• **Family Success:** Nancy Chance, founder and executive director of the Good Samaritan Network, a network of not-for-profits that provide direct and indirect services throughout Hamilton County.

• **College Readiness and Success:** Alex Volyk, admissions advisor at Eleven Fifty Academy, a not-for-profit coding school that aims to help close the nation's

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## Carmel librarian Nancy Newport chosen to receive statewide library award

**The REPORTER**

Nancy Newport has been selected to receive the 2017 Indiana Library Federation Outstanding Librarian Award. The Outstanding Librarian Award honors and recognizes excellence and innovative leadership in the development of library service and for remarkable service

to the profession.

Nancy Newport serves as the Assistant Director for the Carmel Clay Public Library (CCPL) and in 2015 and 2016 served as the Interim Director for CCPL. She has also served as the Interim Business Manager at various times between 2003 and 2012 and is the manager of the

Mobile Library. After receiving her MLS from Indiana University – Bloomington, Nancy started her career as the OCLC Cataloging Supervisor and original cataloger at Purdue University in West Lafayette. She then moved to North Carolina as the OCLC/SOLINET Coordinator, Assistant Head of Cataloging at East Carolina

University where she was active in the North Carolina Library Association and the Pitt County Librarians Association. Returning to Indiana after five years, she was the Head of the INCOLSA Processing Center in Indianapolis until moving to

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## HOUSING

population in the area will continue increase as Fishers grows, to over 23,000 by the year 2040.

Both young people and seniors want walkability, shops and low maintenance, so Fishers is on the right track for both groups, according to Davis.

"As you think about

IKEA, you think about Top Golf, you think of all these other places that we have around Fishers, there may be a reasonable discussion to think about - can affordable housing make sense in our city?" Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness asked members of the City Council. "I think the senior housing should not be

discounted at all. I think that is going to be a huge, huge need in our city."

The mayor emphasized that to move forward on affordable housing, it will take leadership from himself and members of the city council to get such projects done.

The city council members then had a general dis-

cussion of the issue, and there appeared to be support in general for an affordable housing program, particularly for seniors. Mayor Fadness said he wanted the council to receive information on the issue.

Now we will wait to see what next steps city officials choose to take.

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## LEGACY

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growing technology skills gap.

**Inspiring Places:** Darren Peterson, architect at Peterson Architecture and community volunteer who works to uniquely activate space in downtown Noblesville as a board member for both Nickel Plate Arts and Noblesville Main Street.

Celebration of Philanthropy begins at 6 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 9, at Ritz Charles, 12156 N. Meridian St., Carmel. Tickets can be purchased at [LegacyFund.org](http://LegacyFund.org).

**About Legacy Fund**

Legacy Fund, an affiliate of the Central Indiana Community Foundation, is a \$56 million public foundation that serves Hamilton County by administering charitable funds, foundations and organizational endowments for individuals, families and not-for-profit entities. Established in 1991, Legacy Fund's goal is to inspire philanthropy as it helps people enhance their family and charitable legacies in tax-smart ways. For more information, visit [LegacyFund.org](http://LegacyFund.org).

## NOBLESVILLE BUDGET

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positions into full time. The other positions include two employees in the controller's office, and street and parks departments; and one employee in the clerk's office, maintenance and engineering department.

The 2018 budget is

balanced and builds reserves by approximately \$5 million. It also includes \$2.6 million for road resurfacing and sidewalk/trail improvements. Hamilton County's oldest park, Forest Park, will receive two major renovations in-

cluding the replacement of bathrooms and rehab of the tennis court.

"The efficient use of tax payer dollars continues to be our top priority. The Council and Finance Committee worked closely with Jeff Spalding, our new

controller, throughout this process to make sure that we were presenting a fiscally sound, conservative and transparent budget," Council President Megan Wiles said.

To view the approved 2018 budget, [click here](#).



### City of Noblesville

## 2018 Civil City Budget

# \$65,102,297

### All Civil City Funds

'Doing a job well costs less than doing it cheaply'

### Budget Goals for 2018

1

REALIGNMENT

The 2018 budget was structured so financial information is tracked & reported to help policy makers and citizens easily understand how the city is using and allocating its resources.

2

'RIGHT SIZE'

Noblesville is a growing community with increasing public demands and expectations, which require more resources and personnel.

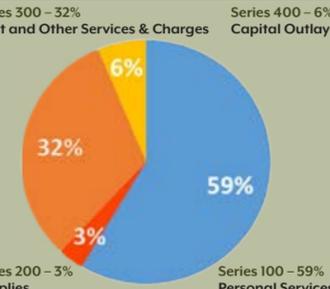
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INCREASE RESERVES

The 2018 balanced budget builds reserves by approximately \$5 million next year.

WHERE THE MONEY GOES TO

- Fire Department - \$18,360,865
- Police Department - \$10,920,617
- Street Department - \$10,896,461
- Other Administrative - \$7,938,008
- Contingency Reserve - \$5,469,500
- Planning/Engineering/ED - \$3,408,507
- Parks Department - \$3,055,414
- Facilities Maintenance - \$2,572,999
- Personal Services Reserve - \$1,663,000
- Pension Obligations - \$816,927



#### WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET

- The city will create two Zagster bike sharing locations in Noblesville to begin bike connectivity throughout Hamilton County.
- Hamilton County's oldest park, Forest Park, will receive two major renovations including the replacement of bathrooms and rehab of the tennis court.
- Partnering with Nickel Plate Arts to directly manage Noblesville's Cultural Arts District, grow the community's arts resources and create further opportunities to develop the local arts economy.
- The 2018 budget allows the hiring of 11 new full-time positions and converting two part-time positions into full time.

#### Public Safety

65%

of the general fund budget



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\$18,360,865



Police  
\$10,920,617



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of the overall Civil City budget

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**TOUR**

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Tour the homes of Carmel's Thornhurst neighborhood the first weekend of December and see the work of famed mid-century modern architect and designer Avriel Shull.

annual Holiday Home Tour and the first time all the homes are located in a single historic neighborhood. These iconic homes will be decorated for the holidays as they provide a nostalgic look back into the 1960's for tour patrons.

"Our annual Holiday Home Tour has always been a must-do holiday tradition for our members and visitors who appreciate exploring local history," said Emily Ehr Gott, executive director. "This year is extra special for local fans of mid-century modern design as we are so happy to feature Carmel's own Avriel Shull, who personally designed this neighborhood. Her passion and her skills come to life as you tour each of these homes."

In her brief, 45 years of life, Avriel Shull became one of Indiana's most significant home designers. With no formal training, she nonetheless had an eye for design and her work has come to signify a post-World War II era of housing, whose popularity continued long after her death with the sale of her designs through national periodicals during the suburban boom of the 1960s and 1970s. Despite suffering from diabetes most of her life, Avriel followed her passion and created an entire neighborhood of her homes. Between 1956 and 1971 she created Thornhurst from a family farm of gently rolling, wooded land on Main Street in what was

**Tour Details**

- **Parking:** This year's tour will be a self-guided walking tour through the Thornhurst neighborhood. Patrons are encouraged to park at Carmel Friends Church on Friday and Carmel Middle School on Saturday. Free shuttles will provide transportation to the tour. Only cars of the Thornhurst residents will be allowed to enter the subdivision during tour hours. Saturday tour: Parking is at Carmel Middle School, 300 S. Guilford Road. Please park at the south end of the school (look for balloons) a shuttle bus will take you to the tour.
- **Friday VIP tour:** The Friday VIP tour will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The cocktail party at the Evan Lurie Gallery in the Arts and Design District will begin at 7 p.m. Channel your 60's vibe for this "Mad Men" themed party with delicious appetizers and wine, smooth "Rat Pack" music, live auction, and some classic memorabilia including cars (weather permitting) for some fun photo ops. Dress like the Drapers and join the tour for this fun adult only party.
- **Guidelines:** Well-behaved children are welcome on the tour with a full-priced ticket. Children one and under are free. Strollers, pets and high heels are prohibited. No picture-taking in homes is allowed. Homes are not wheelchair accessible. Shoes will be removed or covered before entering homes. This event is rain or shine. Due to the fundraising aspect of this event, refunds will not be given. Unused tickets can be given to another person.
- **Tickets:** Patrons must present their printed tickets in order to get a wristband to take the home tour. Included in that price will be local restaurant coupons for a full-day experience that includes the new Christkindlmarkt and The Ice at Center Green.

then a very tiny town of Carmel. Thornhurst solidified her reputation as a master designer and builder in the modern style.

At the time, most of the homes being built in post-war Carmel and other suburbs were ranch style or various other revival styles. While other noted architects in Indianapolis were also designing modern homes, none of them created an entire neighborhood, as Avriel did. Her method of designing homes that extended the living space to the outside featured floor-to-ceiling windows that nearly eliminated boundaries, sliding glass doors opening to walled patios where outdoor

living was almost as private as indoor. It is believed that Avriel began to suffer from diabetes after a car accident when she was 15. That did not stop her from living a full life, marrying Indianapolis newspaper columnist Richard K. Shull and having two daughters. Avriel Shull died in 1976 of a heart attack. But her work lives on. It is noted that her husband continued to fulfill orders for her house designs, on average more than 100 each year, as late as the mid-1980s.

Please come for this annual holiday event as you support the Carmel Clay Historical Society's biggest fundraiser.

**Sergeant David Underwood, retired NPD officer, passes away**

**The REPORTER**

It is with deep sadness that Chief Kevin Jowitt announces the passing of retired Noblesville Police Department Sergeant David Underwood. Sgt. Underwood passed away on the morning of Monday, Oct. 23 at the Roubidoux VA Medical Center. He was 68 years old.

Dave Underwood was a fixture in Hamilton County law enforcement. He first joined the Noblesville Police Department on June 1, 1974, and stayed until October of 1976, when he became a Deputy Sheriff with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department. He left HCSD and returned to the NPD on July 16, 1979, serving an additional 23 years until his retirement on Jan. 4, 2002. Dave was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in February of 1985. He served as a patrol officer, patrol supervisor and as a detective sergeant. He was a founding member of the Crisis Negotiation Team.

His service to the city continued with an additional eight years as a member of the Noblesville Police Merit Commission.

Prior to becoming a law enforcement officer, Dave served his country in the United States Air Force from 1969 to 1972. He was a combat veteran of the Vietnam War and was attached to MACV-SOG.

Sgt. Underwood is survived by his wife Rita, daughter Amber Hagerty, son Brad



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Underwood and seven grandchildren.

Dave was born and raised in Noblesville and didn't know a stranger here. He spent his entire adult life in the service of his country and his community. He will be missed.

Services for Sergeant Dave Underwood are planned for Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017, at Randall and Roberts, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville.

Viewing will be from 5 to 7 p.m.; a service will follow at 7 p.m.

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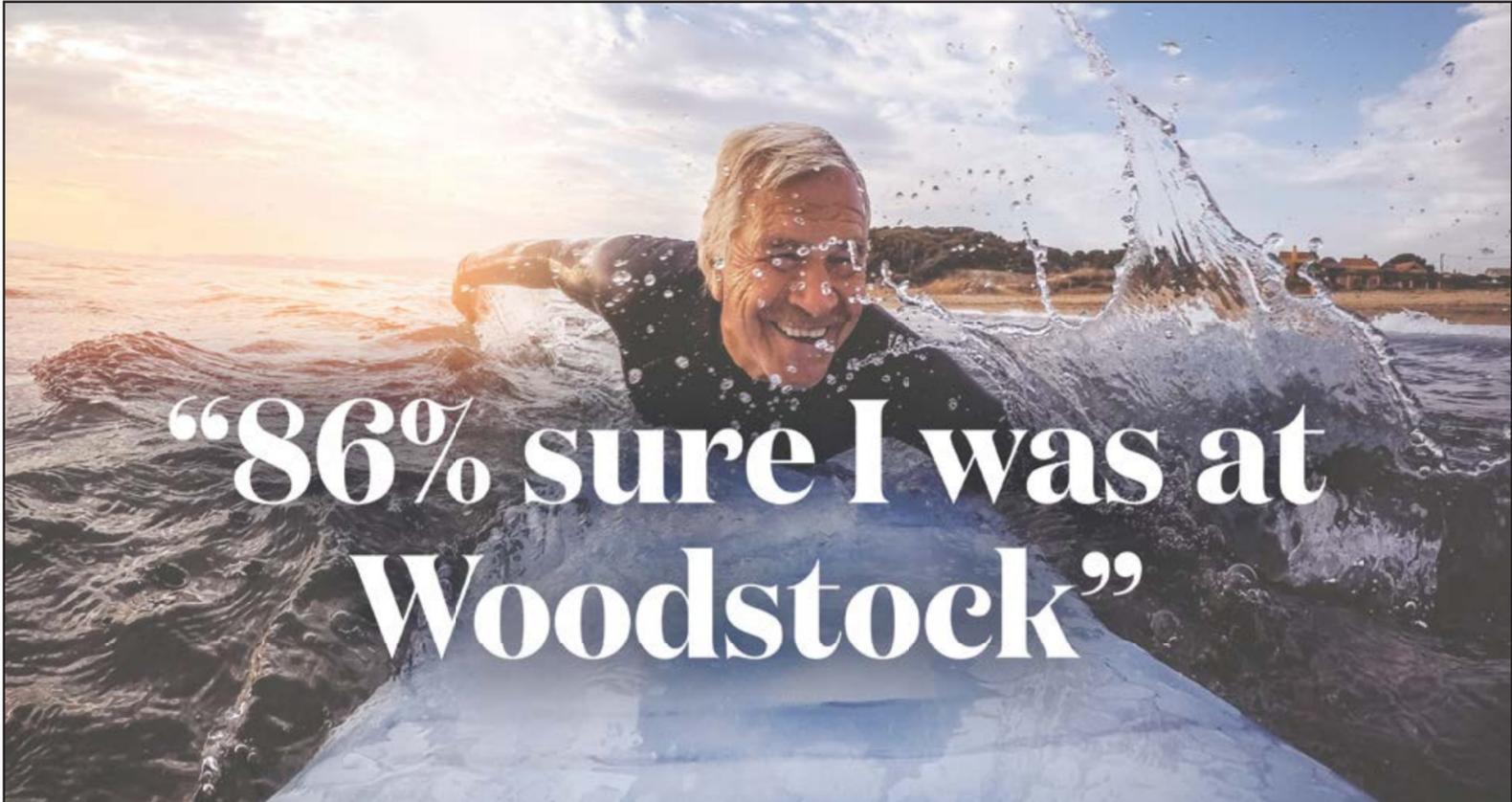
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# Sheridan selling reference works

**The REPORTER**

The Sheridan Public Library is weeding a lot of its reference books and offering them for sale to the public. The sale items include general knowledge encyclopedia sets (World Book, Americana, Britannica), specialty encyclopedia sets, biographic works, dictionaries, atlases, fact books, science and health works and many, many more. The library is getting rid of several hundred items.

According to library director Steve Martin, all of the items are out of date for current informational needs, but they contain information that is still valid. As an example, he says historic information about the kings and queens of England is still valid; it is just the last 20 years that is missing and that is readily available on the Internet.

The sale will be in silent auction format and the books can be seen at the library. The auction begins on Monday, Oct. 30, and bids will be taken up to closing time on Saturday,



**Photo provided**  
Sheridan Public Library director Steve Martin stands next to some of the reference sets being offered up by the library via silent auction.

Nov. 18. Martin says, "If you are doing home schooling and need some basic reference books, this is your opportunity to get some real bargains."

The Sheridan Public Library is located at 103 W. First St. in beautiful uptown Sheridan, just on the country side of Hamilton County. Library hours are 10 a.m.

to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. For further information, please contact the library at 317-758-5201.

# Need WIC help? There's an app for that

**WISH-TV**  
[wish7v.com](http://wish7v.com)

If you're in the Indiana Women, Infants, and Children program, things are about to get a lot easier for you.

Starting Monday, Indiana Department of Health is launching a new app designed to help people in the nutrition program that promotes healthier eating.

Andrea Helms said she works hard by herself to care for her daughter and two-month-old son. But, it's hard to make ends meet.

"It's tight. The budget's tight," Helms said. "I live off a fixed income, get paid once a month. The budget's tight, but I make it work."

That's why she's one of 145,000 Hoosiers who get monthly food benefits from the state's program for women and children.

"Basically, WIC covers almost all of our needs, especially for Jesus' milk," Helms said as she held her infant son.

She said often when she's grocery shopping, things can get a little confusing about what foods are WIC-approved.

"Or I have to ask the lady at the checkout, or I have to stop and call my card and enter my card number and wait to hear all the prompts," Helms said.

Starting Monday, the Department of Health said WIC recipients can download the new smartphone app. It will allow users to scan bar codes on food at the stores and instantly see what's approved. It's all part of a \$1.2 million federal grant and WIC Executive Director Eldon Whetstone said the app is a first in the Midwest.

Whetstone said, "It puts the power of WIC in the clients' hands. They can tell exactly what they have left on their card for that month, where they can use it and what items they can purchase."

"That would be great!" Helms said. "To be able to have that app and check that out before you go to the store."

Helms said this app will save her time and money.

Director Whetstone said recipients can download the app in the Apple and Google Play stores.

He said the Department is staggering rollout across the state, a handful of counties at a time.

He also said recipients should watch for a text message from WIC between now and Thursday. The whole state should be able to use the app by the end of this week.

For more information, call 800-522-0874 or email [inwic@isdh.in.gov](mailto:inwic@isdh.in.gov).

# Join the spooky fun this Halloween weekend at Noblesville parks

**The REPORTER**

From Batman to Queen Elsa, Minecraft to the walking dead, the City of Noblesville is calling for costumed kids and adults to take part in free Halloween activities this weekend at its parks. Both events are rain or shine and guests are encouraged to come dressed for the weather.

The Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department and the Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs invites families to enjoy its annual Halloween par-

ty outdoors from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27 at Forest Park Shelter No. 5. Guests are invited to come dressed in their favorite Halloween costume while trick-or-treating at local vendor booths. Also, there will be plenty of outdoor activities including hayrides, refreshments, kids and family costume contest, music, dancing and the Noblesville Police Department's Trunk-or-Treat. Tenth Street Photography will be hosting a photo booth.

New this year, the No-

blesville Parks Department is hosting "Witches Brew," presented by Nameless Catering, from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28 at Federal Hill Commons. The event includes Jambox performing live music from the '70s and '80s and an adults-only costume contest with categories for scariest, best couple, best original/homemade and best cosplay. Food and drinks may be purchased from local breweries and vendors including Nameless Catering, Hot Box Pizza, Deer Creek Brew-

ery, Grand Junction Brewery, Bier Brewery and Sun King. A free photo booth, provided by Noblesville Urgent Care, will provide fun photo opportunities for party goers.

As a reminder, the official trick-or-treat hours in the City of Noblesville will be from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31. The Noblesville Police Department will have extra patrols out that evening to provide additional security. Motorists are asked to use extra care while driving that night.

**NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS**

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Noblesville Township, Hamilton County, Indiana, that the proper legal officers will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year at their regular meeting place at 836 Division Street, Noblesville, IN, at 4:00 o'clock p.m., on the 8th day of November 2017.

Fund Name: Township	AMOUNT
Major Budget Classification:	
Capital Outlays	\$10,000.00
TOTAL for Township Fund:	\$10,000.00
Fund Name: Township Assistance	AMOUNT
Major Budget Classification:	
Township Assistance	\$20,000.00
TOTAL for Township Assistance Fund:	\$20,000.00

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance (Department). The Department will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action taken.

Dated October 28, 2017

Tom Kenley  
Noblesville Township Trustee  
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# Thanks for reading The Reporter!



## Diabetes Seminar

Join our diabetes educators for an evening of diabetes facts and healthy tips. We'll discuss myths and truths regarding diabetes and conclude the program with a question and answer session. A light dinner will be served.

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# OneZone looks at new research on inclusive regional growth

## The REPORTER

Recent research by the Brookings Institution, IU Public Policy Institute and Indy Chamber shows that, while many parts of the Indianapolis region are thriving, too many jobs are going unfilled, poverty is increasing, the economy is misaligned between employer needs and workforce capability and the barriers to upward mobility are increasing. What that means to the region, including Hamilton

County, will be explored at OneZone's November luncheon.

The luncheon will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2017, at the FORUM Conference Center, 11313 USA Pkwy., Fishers. Reservations are required by noon on Monday, Nov. 6, and can be made online at [onezonecommerce.com](http://onezonecommerce.com) or by phone at 317-436-4653. Cost of the luncheon is \$25 for OneZone members and \$35 for

non-members.

Drew Klacik, Senior Policy Analyst at the IU Public Policy Institute; and the Indy Chamber's Mark Fisher, VP of Government Relations and Policy Development, and Matt Impink, Manager of Policy and Civic Engagement, will take a look at the research results and the strategies for shared prosperity, improved economic outcomes and inclusive sustainable growth throughout the region.

## About OneZone

OneZone, a Hamilton County chamber of commerce, serves the Central Indiana business community as a commerce connector, strong voice, significant presence and business advocate in an ever-changing marketplace. With OneZone, businesses get an organization that reaches across municipal boundaries - just the way business does - to deliver more impact and more opportunities more efficiently.

# Westfield Barktoberfest to raise funds for Humane Society

## The REPORTER

An event this weekend in Westfield will give pet owners a chance to help the Humane Society for Hamilton County.

The first annual Barktoberfest will occur this Saturday and organizers

hope dog-lovers from the area will come together for fun with their furry friends for a good cause.

"What we've molded it into is a fall festival geared towards animal lovers," said Kelley Wells, community event manager for the

city of Westfield.

The event will feature a pet costume contest, canine cabana, agility arena, live music, food and beverage vendors and a K-9 demonstration from the Westfield Police Dept.

The event costs \$5

for attendees 10 and up and runs from 3 to 7 p.m. at the north entrance of Asa Bales Park, 205 W. Hoover St.

For more details and to purchase tickets, visit [westfieldwelcome.com/barktoberfest](http://westfieldwelcome.com/barktoberfest).

# Upcoming sobriety checkpoint this weekend

## The REPORTER

A sobriety checkpoint will be conducted on the night of Saturday, Oct. 28, and the early hours of Sunday, Oct. 29.

Impaired driving is one of our nation's most frequently committed violent crimes. Just in Indiana in 2014, alcohol-related traffic crashes killed 101 people, accounting for approximately thirteen percent of all fatal crashes, and injured another 1,880 people.

About 750 people are convicted of an impaired driving offense annually in Hamilton County alone, and nearly 100 of those are repeat offenders. In 2015 in Hamilton County, for example, the State filed 732 cases of operating while intoxicated. Of these, 106 drivers had prior convictions for operating while intoxicated within the last five years.

To combat this crime, the Hamilton County Traffic Safety Partnership will be setting up sobriety checkpoints around Hamilton County to aggressively deter, detect, and arrest those drivers who make the decision to drive impaired. Sobriety checkpoints have proven successful in both raising awareness of impaired driving and reducing the likelihood of a person driving after they have been drinking.

In order to raise awareness of the prevalence of impaired driving in our community and the efforts of the Partnership to combat the crime, the Partnership maintains a webpage at [hamiltoncounty.in.gov/503](http://hamiltoncounty.in.gov/503).

## How a sobriety checkpoint works

At a sobriety checkpoint, law enforcement officers evaluate drivers for signs of alcohol or drug impairment at a specified point along the roadway, often depending upon the support of local property owners for the use of appropriate land. Checkpoint sites are selected based upon analysis of available crash and impaired driving arrest data and a consideration of officer safety.

Vehicles are stopped in a specific sequence, such as every other vehicle, every third vehicle, every fourth vehicle or by stopping three, four, or five cars in succession and allowing other traffic to proceed while checking the stopped vehicles. The planned sequence in which vehicles are stopped depends on the number of officers available to staff the check-

point, traffic congestion, and other safety concerns.

Upon making contact with the driver, the officer advises them that they've been stopped at an HCTSP sobriety checkpoint and asks for the driver's license and the vehicle's registration. If, in the course of the contact, the officer detects that alcohol may be involved and that the driver may be impaired or if some other issue arises, then the vehicle is directed into a pull-off area for further investigation. Further investigation may involve the Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFSTs). On the other hand, if all looks right during the initial contact, the driver is often on his or her way in less than two minutes.

Officers staffing the sobriety checkpoints work on an overtime basis paid by grant funds from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration through the Indiana Governor's Council on Impaired and Dangerous Driving.

## Are sobriety checkpoints legal?

Sobriety checkpoints are legal in 39 states, including Indiana, and the District of Columbia. In 1990, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that, if conducted properly, sobriety checkpoints do not constitute an illegal search and seizure. In the 2002 case of *State v. Gerschofner*, the Indiana Supreme Court found that sobriety checkpoints are constitutional when conducted properly. Members of the Hamilton County Prosecuting Attorney's Office work with the Partnership to ensure that each checkpoint meets constitutional requirements.

Should you have any questions regarding these sobriety checkpoints, please contact Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Andre Miksha at 317-776-8595.

The Hamilton County Traffic Safety Partnership (HCTSP) is a consortium of law enforcement agencies in Hamilton County working to increase the usage of seatbelts, to combat aggressive driving, and to decrease impaired driving with the overall goal of creating a safer Hamilton County. The HCTSP is comprised of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department, Fishers Police Department, Carmel Police Department, Noblesville Police Department, Westfield Police Department, and Cicero Police Department, with the assistance of the Indiana State Police.

# Help surviving the holidays with DivorceCare

## The REPORTER

"DivorceCare: Surviving the Holidays" is a helpful, encouraging seminar for people facing the holidays after a separation or divorce. The seminar will be held on Friday, Nov. 17, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St., Noblesville.

No registration is necessary and there is no charge for this event. Free childcare is available through age 9. All are welcome.

The seminar features practical suggestions and reassurance through video interviews with Counselors and other people who have experienced the holidays after a separation or divorce.

Topics to be discussed include "Dealing with the Hurt", "New Traditions", "How to Survive Awkward Moments" and more. Our session is led by experienced facilitators that will lead the group in discussion of how to survive different special dates throughout the year and give you new ideas of how to manage your situation.

For more information, email Bill Evers at [wmevers@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wmevers@sbcglobal.net) or call Carol Miller at 317-773-2500 or email her at [cmiller@noblesvillefirst.com](mailto:cmiller@noblesvillefirst.com).

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*Matthew 15:21-22 (KJV)*

### Diana Marie Labus Heiskell March 4, 1947 – October 8, 2017

Diana Marie Labus Heiskell, 70, Noblesville, entered into her eternal rest with her Savior Jesus Christ on Sunday, October 8, 2017. She was born on March 4, 1947 to Roger Harry and Mildred Marie (Krukemeier) Labus in Tiffin, Ohio.

Diana was a 1965 graduate of Lancaster High School in Lancaster, Ohio, and received a BS in Elementary Education from Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, in 1969, and a Master in Education with a specialty in reading instruction from University of Louisville in 1976.

Diana was passionate for her family and married her beloved husband of 49 years, Robert Eugene (Bob) Heiskell, on July 20, 1968, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Lancaster. She loved and nurtured their two children, Christina Marie (Christy), born on Mother's Day in 1971, and Robert Andrew (Andy), born on Father's Day in 1973. She loved and adored their four grandchildren, Jacob Daniel (Jake) Fulton, Samuel John (Sam) Fulton, Aidan Robert Heiskell and Sydney Leigh Heiskell. She hopes to leave to them a legacy of love for Jesus Christ.

Diana loved children and volunteered as a child advocate for Compassion International, a child sponsorship organization serving children in developing countries in the name of Jesus Christ. She was privileged to teach third and fourth graders at North Elementary School in Noblesville for nineteen years, from 1984 until her retirement in 2003. Preceding that, Diana taught third, fourth and fifth graders in Louisville, Ky., at Highview Baptist Christian School and St. Matthews Elementary School. Over the years, she taught Sunday School at St. John Lutheran Church in Louisville and Christ the Savior Lutheran Church in Fishers.

Diana was an active member of Christ The Savior Lutheran Church where she served as congregational president, church council member, Worship and Arts leader, greeter coordinator, usher, lector, communion assistant and participant in the quilting ministry and Bible study. She was also active at Bethel Lutheran Church where she served as a member of the Mission Ministry, an usher, reader and taught The Truth Project classes, as well as her participation in women's Bible studies. Diana also let the ministry Operation Christmas Child to encourage folks to pack shoe boxes full of toys, school supplies and hygiene items for children in developing countries as a mission outreach of Jesus's love for all children. She loved gardening and appreciated the beauty of God's creation and felt a great respect for all animal and plant life. Diana enjoyed traveling and being outdoors to hike and enjoy nature. She was also an avid reader.

She is survived by her husband, Bob Heiskell; mother, Mildred K. Labus of Lancaster, Ohio; daughter, Christy (John) Fulton of Cicero, Ind.; son, Andy (Erin) Heiskell of Swampscott, Mass.; grandsons, Jake and Sam Fulton of Cicero, Ind., and Aidan Heiskell of Swampscott, Mass.; granddaughter, Sydney Heiskell of Swampscott, Mass.; brothers, David R. (Sally) Labus of Lancaster, Ohio, and Daniel B. (Jean) Labus of Indianapolis; brother-in-law, John (Martha) Heiskell of Sandy, Utah; mother-in-law, Edna (Cordle) Heiskell of Sandy, Utah; as well as several cousins, nieces and nephews.

Diana was preceded in death by her dear father, Roger H. Labus; her loving grandparents, William and Elizabeth (Albrecht) Labus, and Henry and Anna (Horvath) Krukemeier; father-in-law, John J. Heiskell; and uncles and aunts, Frederick and Ruth Wolfe, Walter and Marie Krukemeier, and William and Eleanor Labus.

The family and friends will gather to remember Diana's life from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 29, 2017 at Bethel Lutheran Church, 20650 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, before the celebration of her life at 2:30 pm. The service will be led by Pastor Doug Gast. Friends and family are invited to a meal at the church after the service.

Diana hopes to be remembered for her deep love for and devotion to her Savior Jesus Christ and her commitment to her devoted husband, loving parents, daughter, son and her precious, eager, fun-loving grandchildren, friends and the children whose lives she has touched.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate memorial gifts be made to Compassion International, 12290 Voyager Pkwy., Colorado Springs, CO 80997; or Bethel Lutheran Church, 20650 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46062.

Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes of Noblesville has been entrusted with Diana's care.  
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Girls soccer state finals

# Guerin, Penn set up big defensive clash



Richie Hall/File photo

The Guerin Catholic girls soccer team has only allowed three goals during the season on its way to Friday's Class 3A state championship game at Butler University. The Golden Eagles will play Penn, a team that has given up just four goals this season.

When Guerin Catholic and Penn play for the Class 3A girls soccer state championship Friday night, it will be a meeting of two of the best defenses in the state.

The Golden Eagles have only given up three goals during the entire season. The Kingsmen have only allowed four. The teams will play each other for the 3A state title at 8 p.m. at Butler University's Sellick Bowl.

This will be top-ranked Penn's third straight appearance in a state title game. The Kingsmen won the 2A championship last year (when 2A was the highest class), and was runner-up to Brebeuf Jesuit in 2A in 2015. No. 4 Guerin Catholic is making its

first appearance in a title game; the Golden Eagles reached state in 2010 (the last year for the one-class tournament), but lost in the semi-finals to Columbus North.

In a bit of irony, Guerin Catholic beat the No. 13 Bull Dogs 4-1 last Saturday to win the Lawrenceburg semi-state, which sent the Golden Eagles into the state title game. Guerin won its own sectional over Westfield 3-0 and No. 3 Carmel in a dramatic 4-2 penalty-kick game. At the Zionsville regional, GC took care of business over Plainfield 6-0 and No. 12 East Central 3-0.

Overall, Guerin Catholic is 16-1-1 for the season. Its only loss was to No. 2 Brebeuf Jesuit 1-0 on Aug. 26. The Golden

Eagles then played No. 10 Zionsville to a scoreless tie on Sept. 25, their last regular season game.

Guerin's offense is led by a senior and a freshman. The senior is Elle Vuotto, who has tallied the most goals for the Golden Eagles with 16. Quincy McMahon is the freshman, she leads in assists with 19. McMahon's 11 goals give her 41 points for the year. (The point total is computed by multiplying the number of goals by two, then adding the assists.) Vuotto has one assist to give her 33 points. Another senior, Cassidy Lindley, has 10 goals and nine assists for 29 points.

Senior Claire Gavin has been the main goalkeeper for Guerin Catholic, and has 30 saves on the season.

The Golden Eagles will be taking on a Penn team which has not been beaten in almost two years. Since losing to Brebeuf 2-1 in the 2A state title game on Oct. 31, 2015, the Kingsmen have compiled a record of 44-0-2.

Penn finished last season 22-0-1, and have the same record going into the first ever 3A state championship game, with the tie coming to Carmel, 1-1 at the Zionsville Invitational on Sept. 2. The Kingsmen had to get past No. 5 Noblesville to win the Kokomo semi-state, edging out the Millers in penalty kicks 5-4. Before that, Penn breezed through its own sectional with victories over South Bend Riley 9-0, South Bend Adams 6-0 and La Porte 7-0, the won the South Bend Adams regional by defeating Northridge 4-0 and No. 11 Munster 3-1.

The Kingsmen's offense goes through senior Kristina Lynch. As a junior, Lynch was named the Gatorade Indiana Girls Soccer Player of the Year for the 2016-17 season after Penn's state championship run. Lynch scored 38 goals and made 26 assists.

This year, Lynch has improved upon those numbers, with 44 goals and 17 assists for a total of 105 points. She has verbally committed to Florida State. There are other players on the team that can score, though:

Juniors Brooke VanDyck and Maya Lacognato have 13 and 12 goals respectively.

Senior Mackenzie Wood is Penn's main goalkeeper, and she has made 81 saves during the season.

**GUERIN CATHOLIC FACTS**

- The Golden Eagles are making their second appearance in the state finals and first since 2010. Team is seeking its first state title in girls soccer and school's fifth overall.

- Last Guerin team to advance to the state finals was in 2010 and team fell to Columbus North in penalty kicks (4-2) in the state semi-finals.

- Golden Eagles returned seven starters from last season's sectional championship team that finished 9-8-1.

- Finished second in the Circle City Conference race this year with a 3-1-0 record.

- A Class 2A school by enrollment, Guerin Catholic is one of two schools in girls soccer to voluntarily play in a higher classification (Brebeuf Jesuit also plays in 3A).

- Gavin has allowed only three goals in 18 matches and her 0.199 Goals Against Average ranks second in the state according to MaxPreps.com statistics. McMahon ranks 12th in the state with 19 assists.

- Head Coach Jonathan McClure is in the second year of his second stint leading the Golden Eagles and eighth overall as coach.

**Soccer State Tournament History**

IHSAA Membership: 2004-present

First Soccer State Tournament Appearance: 2006

State Finals Appearances (2) 2010, 2017 (3A)

Semi-State Champion (2) 2010, 2017 (3A)

Regional Champion (4) 2008, 2009, 2010, 2017 (3A)

Sectional Champion (5) 2008, 2009, 2010, 2016 (2A), 2017 (3A)

School's IHSAA State Championship History (4)

Boys Basketball (2) 2012 (3A), 2015 (3A)

Boys Soccer (2) 2013 (A), 2014 (2A)

**PENN FACTS**

- Defending state champion Penn girls soccer team will compete in third consecutive state championship match and enters the final match as the top-ranked team for second consecutive year.

- Kingsmen making fifth appearance in the state finals and fourth trip to the state championship match overall.

- Team returned eight starters from last year's championship team which finished 22-0-1.

- Penn has 19 shutouts in its 23 matches and has allowed only four goals all season.

- Penn's 120 goals this season are just shy of last year's team record of 123. The Kingsmen have also only allowed four goals all season.

- Penn captured its state-leading 11th sectional championship with a 7-0 victory over La Porte.

- Lynch ranks fourth in the state with

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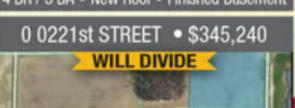
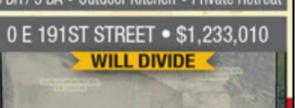
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# Williams kicks it up a notch for Sheridan

By RICHIE HALL

Reporter Sports Editor

The act of kicking extra points in football is so common in football, that it's usually an afterthought.

Those extra points can add up, though. In the case of Sheridan senior Gunnar Williams, those kicks added up to a school record streak.

Williams kicked 65 extra points in a row for the Blackhawks in a streak that started last season and ended a couple weeks ago. Williams ran his streak up through Week 9 of this season, kicking two extra points during Sheridan's 55-13 win over South Decatur before finally missing in the second quarter.

After that, Williams started another streak, which is at 11 - and counting.

"He had a heck of a streak going, 65 in a row," said Sheridan coach Bud Wright. "That's by far the school record here. That's really a heck of a job kicking the ball."

Williams began kicking for the 'Hawks in his sophomore year, slowly taking on those duties as he became a member of the varsity team.

"My sophomore year I worked into it a little bit, so I was ready for my junior year," said Williams. "I didn't do the kickoff duties last year, just the extra points. It was something I had to adjust to, because at the beginning I wasn't too hot."

But once Williams got rolling, he became an automatic seventh point after Sheridan scored a touchdown.

"I just try to do my job," said Williams. "I didn't focus too much on what the amount was."

Williams has had quite a few opportunities to kick, since Sheridan has been scoring quite a few touchdowns this season. The 'Hawks are averaging 41.7 points per game, and have cracked the 50-point mark in six of their games. Twice Sheridan has reached 60 points, scoring 63 against Clinton Prairie and 64 against Taylor in consecutive weeks.

"I think the team's been playing great," said Williams. Sheridan is 8-2 for the season, with its only losses to very good Western Boone and Tipton teams.

Williams plays on both offense and defense for Sheridan, and does pretty well on both sides. The senior has scored eight touchdowns and also kicked a field goal. In fact, Williams is the second-leading scorer in Hamilton County with 101 points. The only player ahead of him is his Blackhawks teammate Joe Callahan, who has 140 points on 23 touchdowns and a two-point conver-



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Sheridan senior Gunnar Williams set a school record by kicking 65 consecutive extra points for the Blackhawks. Williams' streak started in his junior year and lasted through Week 9 of the regular season this year.

sion.

"It's exhausting, but the opportunity is great," said Williams. "Not a lot of people get to play both sides of the ball and that just means I get more playing time. I like to benefit my team as much as possible. I try

to perfect everything I do, whether it's on the offensive side, defensive side or special teams. I'm sure all the other guys could vouch for themselves on that."

As a senior, Williams said he is starting to entertain the possibility of playing in

college.

"I've really considered it," said Williams. "I don't have any offers. If someone's going to pay for my college, I'll definitely take it."

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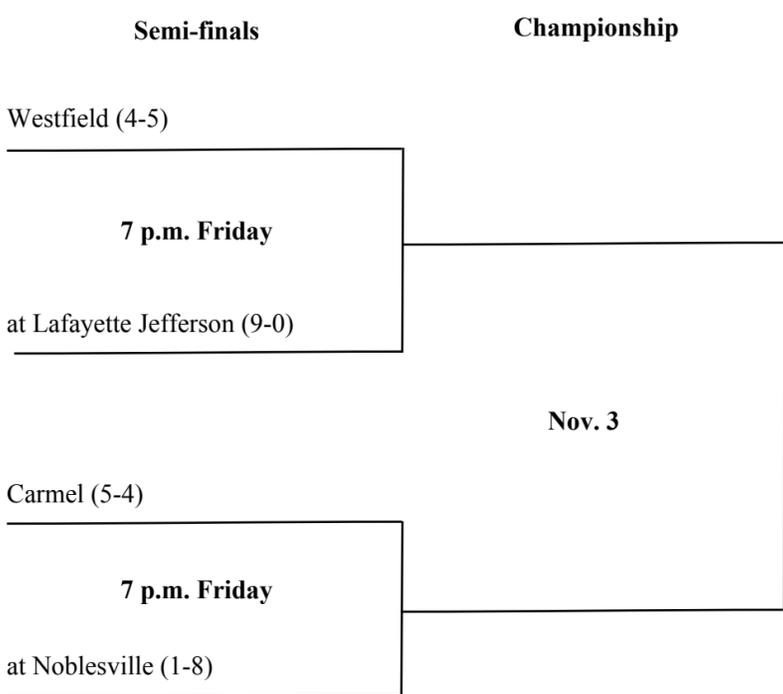
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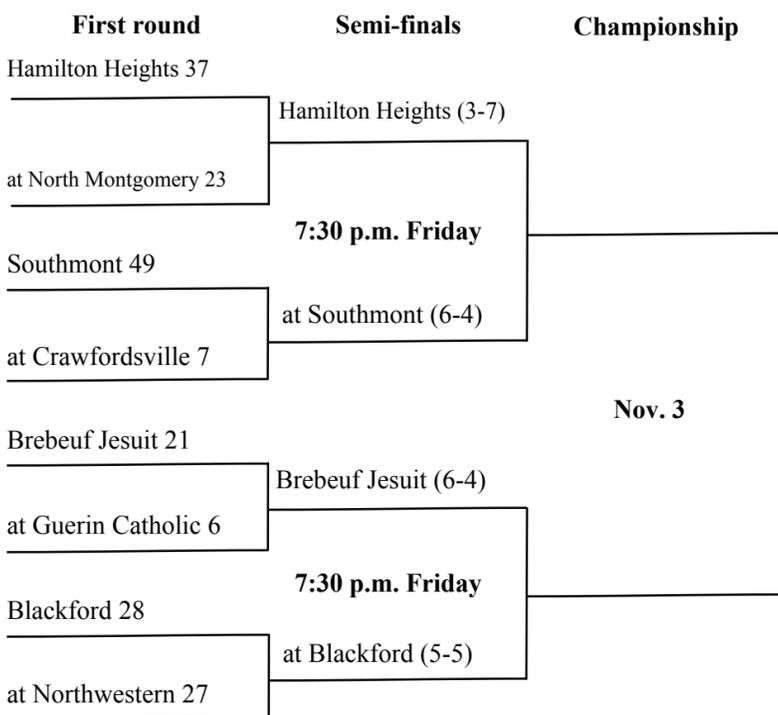


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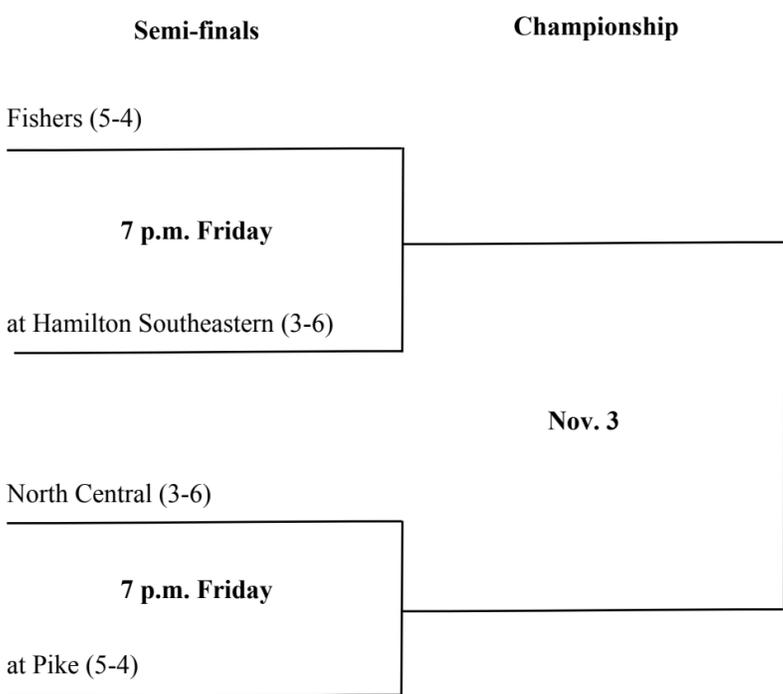
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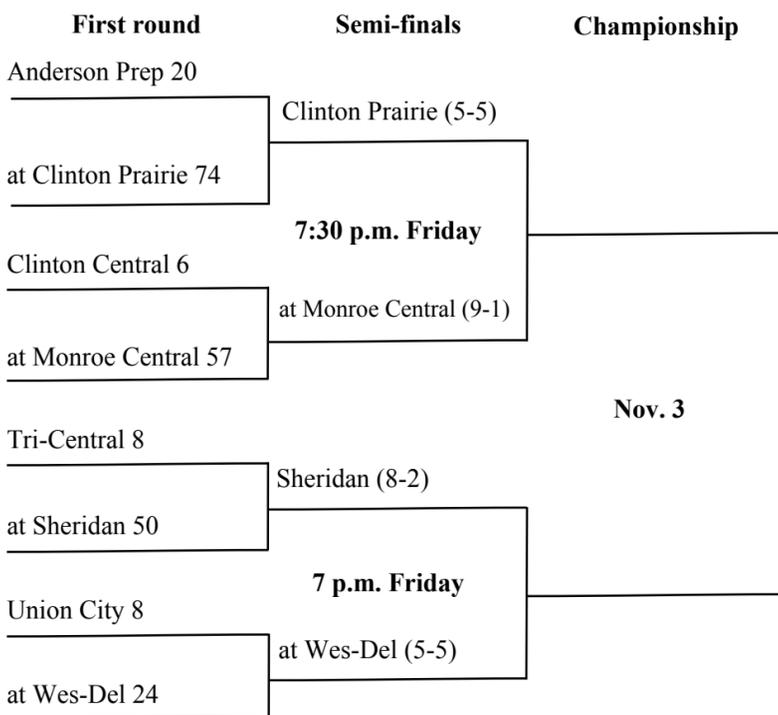
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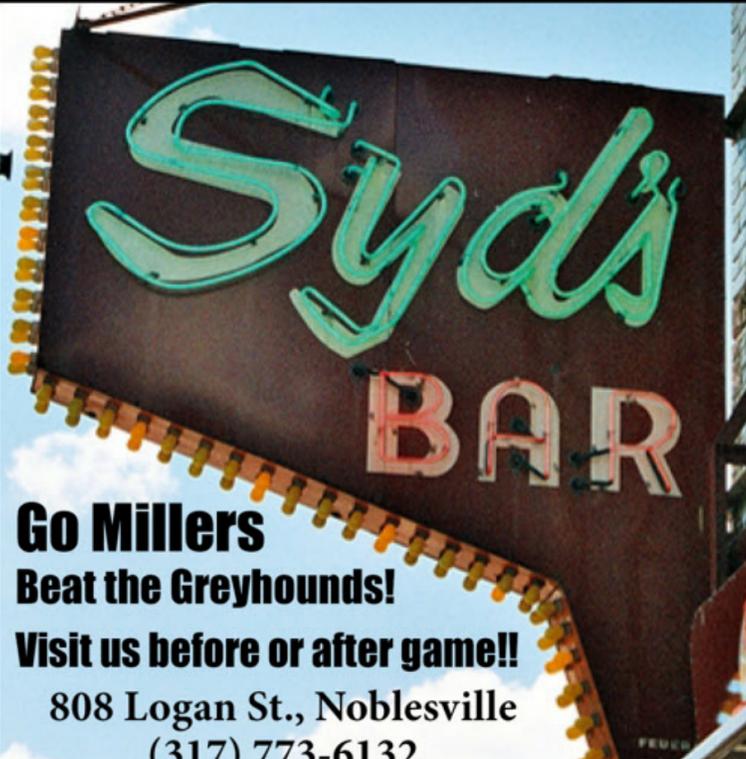
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# Hamilton County football leaders

Player	Scoring				
	TD	FG	1-Pt	2-Pt	TP
Callahan, SHS	23	0	0	1	140
Williams, SHS	8	1	50	0	101
Kaser, GC	9	2	24	0	84
Norton, FHS	0	12	15	0	51
Gnamkey, SHS	8	0	0	0	48
Webel, HH	7	0	0	1	44
Knight, NHS	0	6	15	0	33
Bales, WHS	0	5	18	0	33
Clouse, CHS	5	0	0	0	30
Crossen, GC	5	0	0	0	30
Gremel, NHS	5	0	0	0	30
Hunt, CHS	5	0	0	0	30
Burnell, SHS	5	0	0	0	30

Blevins, NHS	98	299	3.1
Wolff, FHS	62	298	4.8
Gremel, NHS	80	286	3.6
Delph, SHS	65	257	4.0
King, HH	59	248	4.2
Collier, NHS	57	227	4.0
Hauser, WHS	51	217	4.3
Sims, HSE	56	216	3.9

Touchdown Passes: Keller, GC, 14; Delph, SHS, 14; Andis, HH, 8; Nance, WHS, 6; McDonald, CHS, 6; Wolff, FHS, 6; Vore, FHS, 6.

Player	Receiving	
	Rec.	Yards
Clouse, CHS	37	522
Statz, FHS	34	424
Pettijohn, WHS	25	320
Cross, HH	25	427
Gruver, NHS	23	271
McGinnis, GC	22	217
Mutchner, HSE	22	275
Blevins, NHS	21	209
Syrus, FHS	20	461
Knott, HH	20	391
Boysen, HSE	19	165
Meyer, WHS	17	160
Pepiot, WHS	17	346
Dunnuck, FHS	14	164
McFarland, FHS	14	153
Boyle, HSE	14	120

Touchdown Receptions: Clouse, CHS, 5; Downey, GC, 5; Gruver, NHS, 4; Cross, HH, 4; Dunnuck, FHS, 4; Perry, SHS, 4; Gnamkey, SHS, 4; Rodmiel, CHS, 4; Statz, FHS, 3; Syrus, FHS, 3; Burnell, SHS, 3.

Player	Rushing Leaders		
	Att.	Yards	Avg.
Callahan, SHS	209	1489	7.1
Kaser, GC	155	1041	6.7
Webel, HH	181	845	4.7
Hunt, CHS	122	572	4.7
Froelich, WHS	102	499	4.9
Lewis, FHS	102	437	4.3
Downing, CHS	109	391	3.6
Sweeney, HSE	80	391	4.9
Nance, WHS	105	353	3.4

Player	Passing			
	Comp.	Att.	Avg.	Yards
Gremel, NHS	112	217	51.6%	1093
Nance, WHS	92	165	55.8%	1083
Keller, GC	83	151	55.0%	1036
McDonald, CHS	68	135	50.4%	879
Delph, SHS	52	95	54.7%	812
Andis, HH	59	108	54.6%	767
Wolff, FHS	44	78	56.4%	715
Vore, FHS	56	111	50.5%	683
Sparks, HSE	70	162	43.2%	606

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105 points (44 goals, 17 assists). Her 44 goals are also fourth most in the state and 17 assists rank tied for 16th. Junior teammate VanDyck's 14 assists also rank among the state's leaders. Wood has allowed only four goals this season in 23 matches and her 0.225 Goals Against Average ranks third in the state this season.

Runner-Up (2) 2007, 2015 (2A)  
 State Finals Appearances (5) 1996, 2007, 2015 (2A), 2016 (2A), 2017 (3A)  
 Semi-State Championships (5) 1996, 2007, 2015 (2A), 2016 (2A), 2017 (3A)  
 Regional Championships (10) 1996, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2013 (2A), 2015 (2A), 2016 (2A), 2017 (3A)  
 Sectional Championships (16) 1996, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 (2A), 2012 (2A), 2013 (2A), 2014 (2A), 2015 (2A), 2016 (2A), 2017 (3A)  
**School's IHSAA State Championship History (20)**  
 Baseball (4) 1994, 1998 (4A), 2001 (4A), 2015 (4A)  
 Girls Basketball (1) 2016 (4A)  
 Football (5) 1983 (4A), 1995 (5A), 1996 (5A), 1997 (5A), 2000 (5A)  
 Girls Golf (4) 1994, 2002, 2004, 2005  
 Boys Soccer (1) 1999  
 Girls Soccer (1) 2016 (2A)  
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Charlotte 110, Denver 93	Dallas 103, Memphis 94		
Detroit 122, Minnesota 101	Phoenix 97, Utah 88		
Houston 105, Philadelphia 104	Golden State 117, Toronto 112		
Brooklyn 112, Cleveland 107	L.A. Lakers 102, Washington 99, OT		
San Antonio 117, Miami 100			

## Eastern Conference

Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
Brooklyn	3	2	.600	-
Toronto	2	2	.500	0.5
Boston	2	2	.500	0.5
Philadelphia	1	4	.200	2.0
New York	0	3	.000	2.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	3	1	.750	-
Cleveland	3	2	.600	0.5
Detroit	3	2	.600	0.5
Indiana	2	3	.400	1.5
Chicago	0	3	.000	2.5
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Orlando	3	1	.750	-
Washington	3	1	.750	-
Miami	2	2	.500	1.0
Charlotte	2	2	.500	1.0
Atlanta	1	3	.250	2.0

## Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Portland	3	1	.750	-
Oklahoma City	2	2	.500	1.0
Minnesota	2	3	.400	1.5
Utah	2	3	.400	1.5
Denver	1	3	.250	2.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
L.A. Clippers	3	0	1.00	-
Golden State	3	2	.600	1.0
L.A. Lakers	2	2	.500	1.5
Phoenix	2	3	.400	2.0
Sacramento	1	3	.250	2.5
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
San Antonio	4	0	1.00	-
Houston	4	1	.800	0.5
Memphis	3	1	.750	1.0
New Orleans	1	3	.250	3.0
Dallas	1	4	.200	3.5

# Pacers come back to earth, fall to Thunder

By GREG RAPPAPORT

Courtesy nba.com/pacers

Following the best shooting night in franchise history, Indiana's offense came back down to earth as the Pacers fell 114-96 to the Oklahoma City Thunder on Wednesday night.

Understandably, much of the hype surrounding the matchup was centered around it being the Pacers' first time lining up against Paul George, who they traded to

the Thunder over the offseason in exchange for Victor Oladipo and Domantas Sabonis.

But despite the anticipation, George wasn't on the floor for much of the night, picking up two early fouls in his first shift on the floor, a third in the second quarter, and his fourth just minutes into the third quarter. The frequent whistles kept George out of the picture, leaving Oladipo free to roam on offense, racking up a game-high 35 points.

Unfortunately for the Pacers (2-3), George isn't the only player on the Thunder (2-2) capable of doing damage. All-Stars Russell Westbrook and Carmelo Anthony made their mark on the evening, racking up a combined 56 points on the night as the Pacers' offense hit a skid, making just 33.7 percent of its shots on the heels of a record-setting night on Tuesday.

"They made us work. They were very physical, defensively, with a lot of grabbing and busting through screens," said Pacers head coach Nate McMillan after the game. "I think it just wore us down."

Despite trailing by just six at the halftime whistle, the third quarter proved to be the game's decisive 12 minutes, with the hosts outscoring the Pacers 32-26 to carry a 12-point lead into the fourth.

The 3-point shot kept the Pacers afloat in the first half, even though they shot just 35 percent overall across the first two quarters. But in the third, Indiana managed just one 3-pointer as the Thunder sped ahead.

With 3:17 remaining in the quarter, Westbrook flew down the floor, finishing with an acrobatic layup to put OKC up by 16 and triggering a timeout from McMillan.

Luckily for the Pacers, as time expired in the quarter, Alex Abrines of the Thunder fouled Darren Collison, who hit both of his free throws to make the score 86-74 entering the fourth quarter.

In the fourth, the Pacers seemed ready to go on a run midway through the period as Oladipo hit his fifth and final 3-pointer of the night, but OKC answered right back, using buckets from Raymond Felton and Patrick Patterson to push its lead back up to 13 with 6:41 left in the game.

From there, Westbrook secured his triple-double — the second of his season — as Oklahoma City was able to hold off the visiting Pacers down the stretch.

When the game began, both teams played tight, with several players missing close jumpers and layups in the early going. Oklahoma City was the first team to get things moving, opening up a 10-0 run, which forced the first timeout of the game with 7:38 left in the first quarter.

Out of the stoppage, Oladipo started to get settled, drilling a 3-pointer, then following it up with a streaking layup to pull the Pacers back within two.

By the end of the first quarter, the Thunder led 30-27, with Oladipo leading the way for Indiana after posting 14 points out of the gate in his return to OKC.

In the second quarter, the teams traded leads after Collison tied things up at 34 by knocking down a pair of free throws.

With 6:37 remaining in the half and the game knotted at 41, George was whistled for a charge after barreling into Al Jefferson, picking up his third foul and having to sit for the remainder of the half.

While the Thunder were able to build a slight lead down the final stretch of the second quarter, taking a six-point advantage into the locker room, Oladipo continued his offensive excellence, leading all scorers with 21 at the break.

As a team, the Pacers shot just 35 percent in the half, but made up for the low percentage by scorching the nets from deep, canning 7-of-17 attempts from beyond the arc to keep it a tight game at halftime.

But in the second half — even with Oladipo's inspired play — Indiana simply wasn't able to keep up with the well-rested Thunder, who outscored the Pacers 60-48 over the final two quarters of play.

"Off a back-to-back, on the road, against a good team is tough," Oladipo explained. "They have a lot of great players, but we did some good things and we have some things we need to work on and get better at. We just have to go back to the drawing board and get ready for Sunday."

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