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# On stage at Heights: Beauty and the Beast

## It's a WIN for grandparents!

### The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights High School's Performing Arts is pleased to invite you to "Be Our Guest" as they present their newest theatrical production of Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*.

The show brings an old favorite to stage and features the hard work and collaboration of over 75 students from all of Heights' arts programs under the direction of Brooks Myers (theatre), Jennifer Kitzmiller (choir) and Billy Cox (band). Additionally, set building and marketing support has been provided by students under the direction of Taylor Myers (fine arts) and Julie Oelschlager (business).

*Beauty and the Beast* will be paired with music, lights and special effects, along with a spectacular visual of a variety of costumes, the props and custom backdrops.

Based on the Academy

Award-winning animated feature, the stage version includes all of the wonderful songs written by Alan Menken and the late Howard Ashman, along with new songs by Menken and Tim Rice. The original Broadway production ran for over 13 years and was nominated for nine Tony Awards, including Best Musical.

This "tale as old as time" tells the story of Belle, a young woman in a small French town, and the Beast, who is actually a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress. Others taking the spotlight include Gaston, an all-brawn, no-brains man who is set on wooing Belle and a cast of inanimate household objects who guide the young lady on her journey.

The Beast must learn to love and be loved in return

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Jaxon Smith (Gaston; junior) is surrounded by adoring Silly Girls, Rebekah Steffen (junior), Taylor Zuber (senior), Sierra Keel (junior), Ansley Reid (senior) and Caitlin Hartwick (senior).

Neither rain nor snow nor sleet nor the hardness of the bleachers shall keep grandpar-ents from watch- ing their grand- child perform in an event or play in a sport.

And so, on that blustery and very rainy Saturday when the No- blesville girls soccer team played in the semi state game in Kokomo, we were there. Our granddaughter, Abby Baker, is on the team.

COLUMNIST



JANET HART LEONARD  
From the Heart

Okay, so we improvised our watching the game. At the suggestion of our daughter-in-law, Angie, we watched from our car. You see, there was a parking lot on the east side of the soccer field where you could see most of the game.

So there we were, yell- ing for the Millers in the comfort of our warm and

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## Some important issues facing voters Tuesday

### By FRED SWIFT

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On the surface, Tues- day's city elections for many folks may seem hard- ly worth taking seriously. The voting is only for local offices.

And, candidates for mayor in three of the coun- ty's four cities are unop- posed with only Westfield having a contest. But, look- ing a little deeper, we find there are some important matters at stake.

Republicans throughout the county are taking chal- lenges to city council seats more seriously than in re- cent years. Democrats are known to be quietly work- ing to get their potential supporters to vote, report- edly, with resources from

state party officials, Demo- crats have been increasing their vote totals in recent elections.

If they can elect even a couple of their candidates it would be seen as a break- through and reason to con- tinue to work hard in next year's big general election.

In Noblesville, there are three contests for city coun- cil. Incumbent Greg O'Con- nor faces Jason Myers, incumbent Megan Wiles faces Jeremy Hawk, and incumbents Brian Ayers, Mark Boice and Darren Peterson are challenged by Paula Gilliam for one of the three seats at large. All incumbents are Republican.

In Carmel, incumbent councilor Bruce Kimball

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## Carmel to honor local vets this Friday at Tarkington

### The REPORTER

The city of Carmel will hold its annual Veterans Day ceremony at noon on Friday, Nov. 8 at the Tark- ington Theater in the Center for the Performing Arts, 3 Center Green, Carmel. This year's theme is "Honor and Country."

The city and members of local veterans' organizations have worked together to put on this community event in honor of our veterans. Par- ticipants include: Mayor James Brainard; Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Pete

O'Hara as keynote speaker; Carmel VFW/American Le- gion Honor Guard; and per- formances by the Orchard Park Elementary School Choir, Cindy Ensign Baney and the Actors Theatre of Indiana.

The city-wide "Honor and Country" poster and essay contest winners will also be recognized. Winning posters will be displayed and students will read their win- ning essays at the ceremony.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend. The event is free to the public.

# Heirbrandt appointed to National Transportation Policy Committee

### The REPORTER

Hamilton County Com- missioner Mark Heirbrandt was appointed to the Trans- portation Policy Steering Committee within the Na- tional Association of Coun- ties (NACo) in October. As part of this committee, Heirbrandt will travel to Washington, D.C. to pro- mote and communicate the infrastructure needs in Hamilton County.

The committee will fo- cus on improving transpor- tation and infrastructure,

like roads and bridges, across the nation. One benefit of the committee in- cludes contribut- ing expertise re- garding concerns about transpor- tation directly to policymakers in Washington, D.C.

NACo is an association of county elected officials across the nation who ad- vocate for county priorities in federal policymaking



Heirbrandt

regarding transportation.

"The expertise and en- gagement of our steering committee members is a main reason why Congress and federal agencies often

and optimize county and tax- payer resources. Nomination to the transpor- tation policy com- mittee requires that members stay informed of legislative and regulatory action

look to NACo for feedback on policy decisions being made in Washington, D.C.," said NACo President Mary Ann Bergeson in a press re- lease.

Heirbrandt is looking forward to his work on the committee, saying, "This is a considerable opportu- nity for Hamilton County to have our concerns on the national stage, and I look forward to the chance to work with elected officials all across the country to up- grade our infrastructure."

## Noblesville Christmas Parade set for Dec. 1

### The REPORTER

Noblesville Mayor John Ditslear has an- nounced that this year's traditional Christmas pa- rade will be held on Dec. 1, the Sunday following Thanksgiving. The 41st Annual Christmas Parade will begin at 2 p.m.

"With Thanksgiving

being later in November, we will make sure Decem- ber starts off festive and jolly with a great parade," Ditslear said. "I look for- ward to seeing all of our participants and spectators out kicking off the holiday season in Noblesville."

The parade starts at 16th and Harrison streets

and will travel south on 16th Street to Logan Street, west on Logan to Ninth Street, north on Ninth to Monument Street, and east on Monu- ment to 16th Street where it will end. The last entry in the parade will be Santa Claus himself, making his debut for the season.

Early bird registration is \$10 per entry and will be accepted until Friday, Nov. 8. Regular registration is \$20 per entry and will be accepted through Tuesday, Nov. 26. The city is waiv- ing the entry fee to all non- profits organizations that

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STAGE

in order to break the curse, but time is running out quickly. With each passing day, he along with his household will be doomed for the rest of eternity.

There will be three showings with the musical, premiering 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8 at the Ham-

ilton Heights High School Auditorium, 25802 State Road 19, Arcadia, as well as 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov 9 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10. A 15-minute intermission is planned after Act I.

General admission for adults is \$7, \$5 for students, and children age

3 and under are free. All patrons need a ticket. Pre-sale tickets are available at [this link](#), and Eventbrite ticket holders will be seated 45 minutes before showtime. Tickets will be available at the door with immediate seating 30 minutes before showtime.

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PARADE



Photo provided  
Santa and Mrs. Claus wave to the crowd as they ride on an antique Noblesville Fire Department truck during the 2018 Christmas Parade.

want to participate. Please make checks payable to Noblesville Christmas Parade. Completed forms may be mailed with payment to Noblesville Christmas Parade Coordinator, Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville, IN 46060. Forms also may be emailed to [ksmith@noblesville.in.us](mailto:ksmith@noblesville.in.us).

To view the Noblesville Christmas Parade entry form, [click here](#).

Check-in will take place starting at 12:30 p.m. on Dec. 1. Participants are asked to enter the parking lot by turning onto North 17th Street from Conner and make the bend to the left on Wayne Street (one

way west). This is the only entry point for the parade route. Volunteers will be on-site to help stage vehicles to exit the parking lot's North Entrance.

For questions or more information, contact Robert Herrington at (317) 776-6367 or [rherrington@noblesville.in.us](mailto:rherrington@noblesville.in.us).

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WIN

dry car ... with heated seats.

We could not see the north end of the field and when the clock stopped with three seconds to go, we knew that was not good. Penn had scored, tying the game 1-1.

It took another two seven-minute overtime periods for us to win the game. We not only yelled but Grand Chuck honked our horn. The Millers were headed to the state finals!

Problem for us was that we would be in Tampa watching six-year-old Leah perform in a gymnastics meet in a sweaty gym

with bleachers that are not friendly to a grandparent's derriere. It will be an early morning wake up for us to arrive as her routine is first on the schedule.

Have I mentioned that being a grandparent can be both adventurous and exhausting? Also, when you have 10 grandchildren you must juggle your time and place to view their playing.

After Leah's gymnastics meet, we will hurry home to cozy up on the sofa and tune in to the soccer game via [IHSAA.org](http://IHSAA.org) to watch the Noblesville girls face the Carmel girls in the state

finals. Go Millers!

Next up on our schedule will be basketball season for Jake, golf for Emma, and added on our schedule in December will be our granddaughter, Natalie, singing and dancing in the Christmas show in front of the castle in the Magic Kingdom at Disney World.

It's a crazy calendar Grand Chuck and I must keep up with, but a little rain and snow and heat and crowds will never stop us. We find ways to improvise and cheer.

And yes, it's a WIN for us grandparents!

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ISSUES

is challenged by Cleaster Davis, incumbent Sue Finkam faces challenger Tigre McNear, incumbent Laure Campbell faces William Howard, and Republican nominee Debra Minott is running against Miles Nelson. All incumbents are Republican.

In Westfield it is a Libertarian, Donald Rainwater, who is challenging incumbent Mayor Andy Cook, a Republican. Cook is taking the contest seriously enough to advertise on television, which is unusual and expensive in a purely local election.

Cook has fostered wide development including Grand Park, the proposed Grand Junction and other public improvements, which Rainwater feels are in some cases excessive and too expensive to taxpayers.

For voters in the Carmel Clay School District there is a referendum question on the ballot seeking several million dollars for school security. Voters will decide whether or not to raise their property taxes by as much as five cents per hundred dollars of assessed valuation.


In Fishers, Democrats

are challenging Republicans in four city council races. It's Eric Moeller (R) vs. Lane Skeeters (D); David George (R) vs. Adam Kaps (D); Rich Block (R), Cecilia Coble (R) and Todd Zimmerman (R) vs. Jocelyn Vare (D).

In Sheridan, Arcadia and Atlanta there will be no election since there is no opposition to candidates who filed for town board and town clerk positions.

And, for residents of unincorporated areas of the county, there is no election since it is a municipal election year only.

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**David George**  
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# Join Noblesville First for next in ‘Just Film’ series

**The REPORTER**  
Join Noblesville First United Methodist for the next Just Film at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 18 at the church, located at 2051 Monument St. Enter through Doors 4 and 5.  
This film series is open to the public; you need not attend the church. The event will feature *Inside the Garbage of the World*, which discusses the plastic floating in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. Seabirds and marine mammals are already dying around the world because of plastic debris, and the food chain is already contaminated.  
The guest speaker at the event will be Leslie Taljaard, Director of the Hazardous Waste Center, who will speak about “wishful recycling,” which causes a lot of problems, and the other “R’s” that are even more important than recycling: “Rethink, Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Refurbish, Repair, and Repurpose.”  
*Parental warning: There are multiple images of dead animals.*

# Letter to the Editor — Westfield reader Mic Mead throws his support to Cook

Dear Editor:  
Westfield’s election turnouts have not been good. The May primary was a new low with only 7 percent because Mayor Andy Cook did not have an opponent. This gave the outsiders victories with very small numbers. Andy has a Libertarian opponent Tuesday, Nov. 5. Mayor Cook’s record is of phenomenal success!  
Please turn out to vote Nov. 5 for Andy Cook, a man of vision who has rescued Westfield from mediocrity. Andy’s vision from the beginning has included bringing citizens into making decisions such as WeCAN that seeks experts to answer HOA leaders’ issues, including trash service that profoundly brought down its cost, the Grand Junction Task Group that grew from eight to over 200 participants and met hundreds of times over the last 12 years to solve old downtown’s failings. Andy appointed Westfield’s first Parks Director to design and build our first parks and trails – and look at us now!  
If it weren’t for Mayor Cook, we would not have our world-famous Grand Park that pays its own expenses. Grand Park has attracted numerous commercial developments – our best tax payers that pay for our good streets, snow plowing, highly qualified staff and a police base at every school.  
You talk about transparency ... the budget and financial data are published up to date 24/7 on the City’s website, Open-Gov Financial Transparency Portal.  
Cook has held the line on taxes that the State sets at 1 percent plus the referendums that you voted for – it may be a surprise to you that the State does not allow the tax rate to go higher nor lower than that.  
The City’s expert finance staff attracts businesses that pays school taxes and provides jobs. Therefore, the Westfield Washington School bonds will pay off in a few years. The Mayor and School Superintendent regularly have friendly meetings.  
Westfield crime rate is low and Police and Fire Departments have high morale.  
Please remember to vote for Mayor Andy Cook on Tuesday, Nov. 5. The opponent’s inexperience and record would lead to disaster.  
**Mic Mead**  
*Westfield*

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# Letter to the Editor — Carmel reader quite critical of Jensen’s pick for deputy mayor

Dear Editor:  
I contacted Sen. Spartz last week in response to her excellent article “Government is always the biggest problem.” She was kind enough to respond, and to ask if I wanted to help her with her sound proposal for a hotline to report municipal malfeasance. I gladly accepted and hope to be able to testify about my experiences.  
In the meantime, I noticed that Matt Light of the SBOA has been appointed something or another by Chris Jensen.  
Sen. Spartz, coincidentally, I was going to let you know that Mr. Light was one of the least intellectually curious (or intentionally daft) people I have come across in trying to report municipal malfeasance and working through SBOA is a dead-end.  
Piggybacking on Sen. Spartz’s theme that government is always the problem, since Mr. Jensen made three appointments, I couldn’t help but be reminded of this immortal line from the Declaration of Independence: “He has erected a multitude of New Offices, and sent hither swarms of Officers to harass our people and eat out their substance.”  
At least Mr. Light will be eating out of the people of Noblesville’s substance rather than mine anymore as a state taxpayer.  
Sincerely,  
**Eric Morris**  
*Carmel*

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# Cold, windy, snowy Halloween in Sheridan



Photo provided  
Staff members of the Sheridan Public Library prepare to brave the cold and snow for Trunk or Treat on Main Street. Despite the terrible weather, the event in uptown Sheridan was relatively well attended and certainly considered a success. Many thanks to the Sheridan Main Street Committee for continuing this annual event. Pictured here getting ready at the library are Miss Patty (Barker), Mr. Steve (Martin) and Ms. Isabel (Payne).

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DONALD RAINWATER

MAYOR OF WESTFIELD

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- ★ Indianapolis Business Journal’s 40 Under 40 Award Recipient

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# Municipal elections are important A Sisu Sisterhood

As the city and town elections draw near here on Tuesday, Nov. 5, I want to encourage all city and town registered voters to cast their vote.

The cities of Noblesville, Fishers, Carmel and Westfield, along with the town of Cicero will be voting Tuesday, Nov. 5. If you live outside of the corporation of any of the cities, with the exception of Carmel, or outside a town you will not be voting because this is strictly a municipal general election. If you live in Clay township, all precincts will be voting due to the school safety referendum for Carmel Clay Schools. The towns of Atlanta, Arcadia and Sheridan will not be voting on Tuesday because they do not have any challenged rac-



**COLUMNIST**  
**KATHY WILLIAMS**  
Hamilton County Clerk

es. All candidates in these three towns that were selected in the May primary will be sworn in to begin their terms on the first day of January 2020.

If you need information on if you are registered, where your polling location is or who is on your ballot, you can go to [indianavoters.com](http://indianavoters.com).

Municipal elections seem to have a much lower turn out than other election cycles. In the primary, we only had an 8 percent turnout. This means only 8 percent of your individual communities selected your elected officials.

As of Friday, voting at the Government and Judicial Center had just passed the 1 percent mark. I really wish

you would look at the many ways local government can affect your daily life. It is important to select your local officials and be a part of the process.

A couple things to remember on Tuesday, Nov. 5: Be sure and take your Indiana driver's license or passport. Polls are open 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

A provision in Indiana election law pertaining to straight party voting change in 2016: If you chose to cast a straight party vote remember the straight party button does not include the referendum question in Carmel precincts or the at-large position for city council. You must mark the city council office individually.

Hamilton County is a pilot for the new voter verified paper audit trail (VVPAT). This is a concept that is being dealt with in all areas

of the county that have an electronic voting system. The VVPAT equipment was used in all machines for early voting and will be used in 23 precincts on election day throughout the county.

The State of Indiana, through the secretary of state's office will allot enough money to purchase enough VVPATs for 10 percent of our voting machines. For Hamilton County, that is currently 55 machines at a cost of \$99,000. The law continues to say all voting machines must have a VVPAT by the year 2029. The remaining cost for Hamilton County to complete our machines is \$879,000 to be compliant with state law.

If you have any election questions, you can contact the election office at (317) 776-8476 or the voter registration office at (317) 776-9632.



**COLUMNIST**  
**SYDNEY CLIFFORD**  
WHS Lantern

same for over 20 years, this year has been completely different for the Westfield Cross Country girls. This year had more of a focus on strength and speed with supplemented endurance training.

"We've really picked it up from last year," Clark said. "We were slow to build up speed. It was more about building endurance than going rapid fire speed [last year]. So this year, it's still building endurance. But we're going longer distances but at faster paces, even faster than how we would normally go in our races. Our VO2 one thousands are pretty difficult because they are faster than what we'd normally race at. Then we know when we finish [in a race], we can go just as fast as we were going before."

The team also focused on strength conditioning in the weight room. With the addition of Coach Terry O'Neill, the team has been able to gain strength that it never had before.

"O'Neill has been so awesome," Clark said. "He has been such a great addition to our team. I have never felt this strong. Usually with strength, we start really strong in the summer, and it tends to peter out towards the school year as we focus on running. But we have been nonstop strengthening. And not only like the buff, like benching as much as you can. But strengthening muscles so that we don't get injured. It's a variety of everything so that we really are all around stronger, not just in our legs and our lungs."

This change of training has reaped incredible benefits for the team this year. The team consistently improves each week, especially because of its interchangeability. If some of the top girls are not racing their best, other girls step up to execute a stellar performance. This is exactly what Curtis did at the HCC Conference Meet. She credits her results to her training.

"I am running faster times than I was compared to previous years," Curtis said. "I am running faster than probably what I was doing my freshman year at this time in the season, so it has been really nice because I haven't been there since freshman year."

The season of 2019 has been a breakthrough compared to the past two underwhelming seasons for the Westfield Girls Cross Country team. Even though the training has been more intense than in recent years, sisu helps the team prevail.

"There's really no difference in the sisu through the generations: the '90s, the 2000s, and even into the 2010s," Lidskin said. "If you were at practice in 1998 or 1999, I think you'd see the same spirit, the same pushing through discomfort, the same sort of team belief that toughness and determination is really important. I don't really think that has really changed. I know that it's almost like time warp, like nothing has changed. Sydney Clifford could have been on the 1998 team and fitted perfectly well just like Coach Bevins [former Westfield athlete] could have been on the 2019 team. There's been that belief in that word."

Sydney Clifford is a student at Westfield High School and is a member of the WHS Lantern, the school news website.

## Fishers road construction updates

The REPORTER

116th Street

116th Street between

Municipal Drive and Lantern Road will be closed until 5 a.m. Monday, Nov.

4. Detour on Hague Road or Commercial Drive. Access will remain open to

businesses along the closure route, and Municipal Drive will still be accessible for early voting. View the [detour map](#) for more information.

### Lantern Road

Lantern Road is closed to thru traffic, beginning south of 116th Street to Fishers Pointe Boulevard, as part of the Downtown Infrastructure Improvement Project to improve the sanitary sewer underneath Lantern Road. Access to Lantern Road remains open from the north (via 116th Street) for local residential, business, and Fishers Elementary School traffic. The closure for this portion of the project is expected to last approximately 90 days. Check out the project [Fact Sheet](#) to learn more.

### 96th Street

Periodic lane restrictions are in effect as part of the road widening project. For more information, view the [Fact Sheet](#).

### Keep Fishers DPW safe

Road construction continues around Fishers, so please remember to slow down and drive carefully around road workers. [Click here](#) to see the Fishers DPW crew talk about worker safety.

*While this list encompasses numerous project updates, it does not list all DPW projects throughout the city. The most recent projects are detailed, however please keep in mind that all construction activities are weather permitting. The city appreciates motorists' patience and caution while driving through construction sites.*

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# Reindeer Ride Express chugging into Forest Park later this month

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The Reindeer Ride Express, the holiday train experience chugging into Forest Park this November, will feature community partnerships to drive tourism traffic to the historic square.

Nickel Plate Express is teaming up with Noblesville Main Street and Premier Trolley Company to offer discounts and entertainment to Reindeer Ride passengers. Premier Trolley Company will offer service from Forest Park to Federal Hill Commons and downtown Noblesville on Dec. 14 and 21. The trolley will run from 4 to 9 p.m. and tickets will cost \$5 roundtrip for those three and older. Nickel Plate Express passengers will have the opportunity to extend their Hamilton County visit by taking the trolley to

Federal Hill Commons to ice skate or downtown to dine and shop.

"We're thrilled the Noblesville community is welcoming our holiday passengers by participating in these community programs," said Nickel Plate Express Director Dagny Zupin. "Nickel Plate Express is working closely with the Noblesville Parks & Recreation Department to create a welcoming and festive environment for Reindeer Ride guests."

Select Noblesville Main Street businesses will offer discounts to customers who show their Nickel Plate Express tickets in-store. A few of the Noblesville businesses participating include Caravan Classes, Matteo's, Rosie's and Noble Coffee & Tea. A full list of deals and

discounts can be found at [NickelPlateExpress.com/reindeer](http://NickelPlateExpress.com/reindeer).

"Gaining this major attraction this holiday season in Noblesville has huge potential for the downtown businesses," said Noblesville Main Street Executive Director Lorna Steele. "We are all super excited to have the Reindeer Express and everyone is offering really great promotions for train passengers. We are all ready to welcome all the passengers with open arms to Downtown Noblesville!"

The Reindeer Ride Express will run from Nov. 23 to Dec. 22, departing from Forest Park. Sponsors for the holiday event include Noblesville-based businesses Duke Energy and Gaylor Electric. Tickets for Rein-



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deer Ride can be purchased at [NickelPlateExpress.com/reindeer](http://NickelPlateExpress.com/reindeer).

About Nickel Plate Express Nickel Plate Express is

managed by nonprofit Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad Inc. The organization provides themed, year-round train excursions in northern

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## Darren Peterson finds new purpose for political yard signs

### The REPORTER

Darren Peterson, current Noblesville City Councilor, uses his creative and architectural vision to repurpose political campaign yard signs.

After winning in the May 2019 primary election, Peterson and his supporters had several signs left over. A friend was leading a Boy Scouts project and was looking for unique materials to build a birdhouse. The friend had Peterson's signs left over and decided they would be the perfect resource to use for the project.

Peterson loved the idea and even made several birdhouses himself. He's also used them for other art projects.

"Thousands of political signs are thrown away or stored for years after elections. I love the idea of repurposing these signs for more uses," said Peterson.

Peterson is the Owner and President of Peterson Architecture in downtown Noblesville, and has a strong passion for the arts. In the arts world, Peterson currently sits on the Nickel Plate Arts board, runs CanStruction and was the artist behind the two crosswalks in Forest Park. He's been a part of Keep Noblesville Beautiful and Noblesville Main Street.



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"To me, it's about taking what already exists and putting a unique spin on it. Let's make things interesting and meaningful for the residents of Noblesville,"

said Peterson.

With the upcoming Nov. 5 general election, remember to get out and vote, and think twice before you throw away that yard sign.

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Our event will be held Saturday, December 7, 2019! Checks can be written to the Carmel Police Department, with "Holidays with Heroes" in the memo. Please contact Ann Gallagher, Community Resource Specialist at 317-571-2720 or email at [agallagher@carmel.in.gov](mailto:agallagher@carmel.in.gov) with any questions.

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# When was the Hoosier Lottery established?

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**1908** – A marble obelisk was dedicated as a memorial at the Tippecanoe Battlefield, site of the 1811 battle between United States soldiers and Native American warriors. Ceremonies included a speech by Indiana Governor J. Frank Hanly and music by the Army Band from Fort Benjamin Harrison.

**1919** – Young violinist Jascha Heifetz performed at the Murat Theater in Indianapolis. At age 18, the Russian virtuoso had already gained fame. His audience



at the Murat requested five encores. He went on to a long career. When he died at age 86, he was considered by many to be the finest violinist of all time.

**1924** – WFBM Radio went on the air in Indianapolis. Owned by the Merchants Heat and Light Company, the station transmitted from a company building on South Harding Street. The first program offered music interspersed with election returns. Today the station is on the air as WNDE.

**1967** – Attorney and Civils Rights Leader Richard Hatcher was elected Mayor of Gary. He was one of the first African Americans to be elected mayor of

a large American city. Born in Michigan City, he was the youngest of 13 children. He earned his law degree from Valparaiso University. In five terms as mayor, he became known for developing innovative approaches to solving urban problems. A statue of Mayor Hatcher was recently unveiled in front of the City Hall in Gary.

**1988** – Indiana voters approved by 62 percent a referendum on establishing a state lottery. Scratch-off ticket sales started in October of 1989. Since then, Hoosier Lottery players have purchased \$23 billion in Lottery products and have won \$13.9 billion in prizes.

## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

*When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. Then the disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake. Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved. Simon Peter therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be of whom he spake. He then lying on Jesus' breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it? Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly. Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him. For some of them thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, Buy those things that we have need of against the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor. He then having received the sop went immediately out: and it was night.*

John 13:21-30 (KJV)

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Girls soccer state finals



The Noblesville girls soccer team won its first IHSA state championship Saturday at Fishers High School. The Millers held off their old rival Carmel 1-0, finishing an unbeaten season with a 17-0-3 record.

Millers beat 'Hounds for 3A state title

**FISHERS** - The 2019 edition of the Noblesville girls soccer team will always have happy memories of the Fishers High School football stadium, because that's where the Millers became state champions.

Noblesville won a well-played Class 3A state final Saturday afternoon, beating old rival Carmel 1-0. The Millers thus won their first IHSA state girls soccer title and second overall. Noblesville won a pre-IHSA state championship in 1991.

"This is what we've worked for all season," said Millers coach Mike Brady. "Our goals are conference, sectional, regional, semi-state, and if you want to be a state champion, you have to beat the best. Carmel sets the bar every year, and today we were able to achieve the goal we've worked for."

It was the first time the No. 2-ranked Millers had played the No. 1 Greyhounds in the IHSA tournament in 11 years, after the two teams met almost regularly in the post-season since soccer became an IHSA sport in 1994. Brady said he wanted all of his past players to share in the moment as well.

"I couldn't be more proud of all 27 girls on this team and I would like to say for my 17 years here, this state title is for everybody who's ever been a Miller," said Brady.

Noblesville won its title by using its trademark defense, and also by breaking through Carmel's tough defense, which had not allowed a goal throughout the post-season.



Noblesville's Jenna Chatterton assisted the Millers' goal, which was scored by Kiana Siefert in the early part of the second half. It was Chatterton's 14th assist of the season.

and for the most part won them. And if you're going to beat a team as good as Carmel, 18-0-3, you have to win everything to have a chance."

Neither team scored in the first half, but both had opportunities. James had four of the Greyhounds' five shots on goal, while Jenna Chatterton and Elana Chatterton both had a shot on goal for Noblesville. Carmel goalkeeper Erin Baker saved them both, while Kile saved four of the five shots on goal. Brooke Hines cleared out the fifth.

The Millers got their goal in the game's 44th minute. Jenna Chatterton took the ball up the sideline, then kicked it over to Kiana Siefert, who was waiting just in front of the net. Siefert then easily booted the ball into the goal from about six feet away.

"We were completely focused on just getting up there and getting open, finding

the through runs and scoring," said Siefert. She credited Chatterton with having "the talent of finding those through balls in the exact spot to get it in for whoever's running on to it to have a perfect shot on."

Noblesville held on to that one-goal lead for the remainder of the game. Carmel ramped up its offense during the middle portion of the second half, making

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The Carmel girls soccer team finished as the Class 3A state runner-up, falling to Noblesville 1-0. It was the 13th appearance for the Greyhounds in the state championship game.

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RIGHT: Carmel's Erin Baker throws the ball after making a save. Baker had five saves in the game for the Greyhounds.

BELOW: Carmel's Olivia Fray won the Mental Attitude Award for Class 3A girls soccer at the conclusion of the state championship match. Fray is pictured with her parents Andrew and Kristina Fray, and she will attend Purdue University to study Child Psychology and Education.



Reporter photo by Kirk Green



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

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seven shots between the 58th and 72nd minutes.

“That’s how Carmel plays,” said Brady. “They’re a good team, good players and good players off the bench. We knew we were going to have to weather a few storms, and with Sara Kile in goal and the way my back line played, I knew we could defend them. But you knew that they were going to get their opportunities because they’re too good of players and they’re too well-coached.”

But the Millers were able to hold off the Greyhounds during that run, and took control of the game in the final few minutes, sealing their state championship. It was a quick and well-played game – neither team was called for an offsides during the entire 80 minutes.

Kile finished the game with seven saves, while Baker had five saves. Carmel’s Olivia Fray won the Mental Attitude Award following the match.

The Noblesville team also greatly appreciated the support of the community, with many fans taking pictures and saying congratulations after the match concluded.

“I’m just glad our community came and supported us,” said Jenna Chatterton.

“Everyone was here for us,” said Siefert. “There’s so many people who showed up.”

The Millers finished the season 17-0-3, while the Greyhounds completed their season with an 18-1-3 record.

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Cross country state finals

# Carmel boys and girls, Fishers girls get podium finishes

County all-state runners: Mathison, Hickner, Moon, Clark, Mitchell, Hill

Hamilton County once again had another fine showing at the IHSAA state cross country meet, which took place Saturday at the LaVern Gibson Championship Cross Country Course in Terre Haute.

The Carmel boys had the highest team finish, placing second by scoring 112 points. Concordia Lutheran won the boys team championship with 93 points. That was the beginning of a Fort Wayne team sweep, as Carroll would later win the girls team title.

The Greyhounds were led by two runners finishing in the top 15. Freshman Kole Mathison placed 11th, the highest-finishing county boy, while senior Grant Moon took 15th. Both runners earned All-State honors due to their finishes. This marked the eighth consecutive year that the Carmel boys finished in the top two, a record for that streak.

Fishers placed eighth in the team standings by scoring 262 points. Junior Will Clark placed 19th, also earning him a place on the All-State team.

Hamilton Southeastern took 10th place, with Eric Swinson finishing in 30th place. Noblesville was 13th as a team, but had an All-State runner in junior Travis Hickner, who finished in 13th place. Westfield's Kai Connor competed as an individual, finishing 126th.

In the girls meet, Carmel and Fishers took third and fourth in the team standings respectively.

The Greyhounds scored 162 points, behind only Carroll's 101 and runner-up Zionsville's 143. Freshman Jamie Klopstad led Carmel by finishing in 28th place.

The Tigers totaled 192 points to place fourth, edging out Columbus North by three points. The Bull Dogs led Fishers by 20 points after four runners, but the Tigers' Corinne Yorkman finished well ahead of Columbus North's fifth runner to clinch the team's fourth-place finish. Vera Schafer led Fishers by finishing in 41st place.

Noblesville's girls were seventh as a team, with freshman Brooke Lahee leading the way with a 47th-place finish. Hamilton Southeastern placed 15th; junior Halle Hill took 22nd place to earn All-State honors.

Hamilton Heights junior Maria Mitchell competed as an individual, and was the county's highest-finishing girl by placing 16th. This gave her a state medal and All-State honors, matching the two medals she won at last spring's track and field meet.

BOYS MEET

**Team scores:** Concordia Lutheran 93, Carmel 112, Brebeuf Jesuit 135, Columbus North 161, Brownsburg 214, Homestead 215, Crown Point 243, Fishers 262, Bloomington South 284, Hamilton Southeastern 320, Valparaiso 331, Zionsville 332, Noblesville 352, Center Grove 357, Harrison 374, Chesterton 377, Jasper 377, Bloomington North 414, Floyd Central 432, West Lafayette 455, West Noble 456, New Prairie 462, Columbia City 464, Northview 589, Lake Central 608.

**Race winner:** Gabriel Sanchez (Lowell) 15:28.7.

**Carmel runners:** 11. Kole Mathison 15:54.1, 15. Grant Moon 15:56.8, 40. Austin Throckmorton 16:23.2, 48. Will Murphy 16:26.2, 50. Ben My-



The Carmel boys cross country team finished second at the IHSAA state meet Saturday at the LaVern Gibson Championship Cross Country Course in Terre Haute. The Greyhounds scored 112 points, behind only Concordia Lutheran's score of 93 points.



Carmel's girls cross country team (above) finished in third place, while the Fishers' girls team (below) finished in fourth place, getting both teams on the podium.




ers 16:26.7, 58. Charlie Schuman 16:31.0, 137. Hudson Alden 17:08.6. **Fishers runners:** 19. Will Clark 16:06.6, 42. Jaylen Castillo 16:24.5, 65. Drew Smith 16:34.0, 116. Tate Meaux 16:59.5, 129. Matthew Lepert 17:05.3, 161. Max McCollum

17:22.1, 187. Alec Foster 17:47.9. **Southeastern runners:** 30. Eric Swinson 16:18.5, 46. Nolan Satterfield 16:25.9, 96. Will Marquardt 16:52.4, 123. Jack Patrick 17:02.5, 150. AJ Brisben 17:15.5, 169. Elliott Robinson 17:32.7, 211. Jack Struss

18:49.8. **Noblesville runners:** 13. Travis Hickner 15:55.4, 53. Cole Kimmel 16:28.3, 109. Evan Campbell 16:57.2, 146. Jack Taylor 17:13.4,

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Volleyball semi-state

# Royals sweep Crown Point, reach state championship for first time



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The Hamilton Southeastern volleyball team is going to state for the first time. The Royals swept Crown Point to win the Class 4A Frankfort semi-state on Saturday, and will play New Castle in next Saturday's state finals at Ball State University.

Hamilton Southeastern made some more history on Saturday, as the Royals' volleyball team qualified for the state championship game.

Southeastern swept Crown Point 25-19, 25-21, 25-15 to win the Class 4A Frankfort semi-state. As a result, the Royals will play at state for the first time in program history, taking on New Castle next Saturday at Ball State's Worthen Arena.

"In previous years, we've been very close," said Royals coach Jason Young. He remembered the last time Southeastern got to semi-state – that was in 2015, when the Royals reached the final of what was then a four-team semi-state, but dropped a close match to Crown Point. Now, Southeastern is the team headed to state.

"It's been beautiful to see this group come together,"

said Young.

After winning a close first set, the Royals got down 5-1 in the second set, but eventually came back to win 25-20.

"I think the first 20 points of the match, everyone's going to be a little tense," said Young. "After that, it kind of evened out and then we just played our game. I think we served well, we passed well, and we took big swings."

"It was an early lead that they had and we work on practice every day about coming back from those," said the Royals' Abby Weber. "I wasn't too worried."

Southeastern then won the first seven points of the third set, and that carried the Royals to victory.

"To battle back from that and to pull away and win

25-20, that was huge," said Young. "I told them out in the hall, let's win the first seven points. Abby Weber took care of business and got us up 7-0. That was pretty cool."

The Royals are now 29-4 for the season. They played New Castle in the second match of the season and were swept by the Trojans. But that was two and a half months ago.

"We're going to do our homework this week and we're going to prepare," said Young. "They're an awful good team."

"We've been pretty business as usual all year long," said Young. "We ran practice the exact same way and we'll continue to do that this week."



Reporter photos by Kent Graham

Noblesville's Travis Hickner (above) and Hamilton Heights' Maria Mitchell (below) were named to the All-State team after they both finished in the top 25 at the state cross country meet on Saturday.



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160. Asher Propst 17:21.0, 171. Luke Shinneman 17:33.3, 188. Kolby Kazmierski 17:48.7.

**Westfield runner:** 126. Kai Connor 17:04.2.

### GIRLS MEET

**Team scores:** Fort Wayne Carroll 101, Zionsville 143, Carmel 162, Fishers 192, Columbus North 195, Brebeuf Jesuit 201, Noblesville 243, Valparaiso 259, Homestead 287, Bloomington North 290, Bishop Chatard 309, West Lafayette 321, Cardinal Ritter 329, Concordia Lutheran 338, Hamilton Southeastern 344, Northridge 367, Harrison 442, Lake Central 448, Floyd Central 456, Lowell 459, Portage 464, Bloomington South 485, Edgewood 505, Northview 536.

**Race winner:** Erin Strzelecki (Bishop Dwenger) 17:22.9.

**Carmel runners:** 28. Jasmine Klopstad 18:56.0, 39. Brooklyn Edwards 19:08.3, 58. Phoebe Bates 19:22.1, 59. Alivia Romaniuk 19:22.8, 64. Brooke Waldal 19:25.5, 74. Jamie Klavon 19:33.0, 121. Emily Hand 20:16.4.

**Fishers runners:** 41. Vera Schaffer 19:09.7, 45. Elizabeth Barrett 19:10.7, 46. Abigail Carter 19:11.6, 52. Hannah Sale 19:15.3, 97. Corinne Yorkman 19:55.1, 134. Emma Gillespie 20:28.8, 186. Brynn Urban 21:34.3.

**Noblesville runners:** 47. Brooke Lahee 19:12.5, 61. Sophie Reichard 19:23.8, 76. Madison King 19:35.5, 79. Bella Sharples-Gordon 19:40.5, 103. Paige Hazelrigg 19:56.9, 170. Sophie Stahl 21:05.7, 178. Anna Hazelrigg 21:20.3.

**Southeastern runners:** 22. Halle Hill 18:47.8, 86. Grace Newton 19:48.7, 89. Lilly Patrick 19:49.3, 143. Ellie Pedersen 20:35.9, 147. Jenna McLean 20:37.8, 183. Ellie Johnson 21:29.0, 191. Brooke Ratliff 21:56.3.

**Hamilton Heights runner:** 16. Maria Mitchell 18:37.4.

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# NBA standings

Saturday scores	
Oklahoma City 115, New Orleans 104	Milwaukee 115, Toronto 105
Detroit 113, Brooklyn 109	Charlotte 93, Golden State 87
Denver 91, Orlando 87	Philadelphia 129, Portland 128
Minnesota 131, Washington 109	
Phoenix 114, Memphis 105	

## Eastern Conference

	W	L	PCT.	GB
<b>Atlantic</b>				
Philadelphia	5	0	1.00	-
Boston	4	1	.800	1.0
Toronto	4	2	.667	1.5
Brooklyn	2	4	.333	3.5
New York	1	5	.167	4.5
<b>Central</b>				
Milwaukee	4	2	.667	-
Detroit	3	4	.429	1.5
Cleveland	2	3	.400	1.5
Indiana	2	3	.400	1.5
Chicago	2	4	.333	2.0
<b>Southeast</b>				
Miami	4	1	.800	-
Charlotte	3	3	.500	1.5
Atlanta	2	3	.400	2.0
Orlando	2	4	.333	2.5
Washington	1	4	.200	3.0

## Western Conference

	W	L	PCT.	GB
<b>Northwest</b>				
Minnesota	4	1	.800	-
Utah	4	2	.667	0.5
Denver	4	2	.667	0.5
Portland	3	3	.500	1.5
Oklahoma City	2	4	.333	2.5
<b>Pacific</b>				
L.A. Lakers	4	1	.800	-
Phoenix	4	2	.667	0.5
L.A. Clippers	4	2	.667	0.5
Sacramento	1	5	.167	3.5
Golden State	1	5	.167	3.5
<b>Southwest</b>				
San Antonio	4	1	.800	-
Houston	3	2	.600	1.0
Dallas	3	2	.600	1.0
Memphis	1	4	.200	3.0
New Orleans	1	5	.167	3.5



Reporter photos by Kirk Green  
ABOVE: The Hamilton Southeastern volleyball team celebrates in front of a well-traveled Royal Nation after winning the semi-state championship Saturday at Frankfort.

RIGHT: Abby Weber steps up to make a hit for the Royals.

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