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Sheridan recognized for its role in drainage project

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Commissioners and County Surveyor recently recognized the Town of Sheridan for its part in a drainage project that earned Hamilton County and Sheridan the Association of Indiana Counties Local Cooperation Award. The project, funded by a USDA grant, addresses a major flooding problem that affected nearly 40 percent of Sheridan residents.

Pictured are (from left) Hamilton County Surveyor Kenton Ward, Sheridan Town Council President David Kinkead, Hamilton County Commissioner Christine Altman, Sheridan Town Council Member Glen Bougher and Hamilton County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt.



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Heart valve maker to open operation in Westfield by 2021

The REPORTER

On Oct. 28, Westfield Mayor Andy Cook, Governor Eric Holcomb and global healthcare leader Abbott announced plans to develop a new manufacturing site in Indiana, creating more than 450 new jobs, in two phases, by the end of 2024. The Westfield City Council paved the way for the announcement by approving its incentive package.

"This is a great day for the City of Westfield," said Cook. "We have worked hard to attract diverse businesses. The addition of a Fortune 500 life sciences company, like Abbott, is a big win not only for Westfield but for the state of Indiana. We look forward to welcoming the Abbott team to Westfield and showing them the caliber of people and community, they are joining."

"We're pleased to ex-

pand our U.S. presence by building an additional Mitra-Clip manufacturing facility in Indiana. This facility will help in our goal to improve the health of people around the world and meet the needs of physicians and patients battling structural heart disease," said Mike Dale, vice president of Abbott's structural heart business.



Cook

"Indiana's economy continues to fire on all cylinders, and global companies like Abbott are taking notice," said Holcomb. "Operating in a global economy, Abbott had endless options, and I am incredibly grateful they chose the Hoosier state to not only grow their business and create hundreds of careers, but also improve the lives of people around the world."

County OK's Noblesville parking garage

Riverfront apartments, shops could replace county parking lot

By JEFF JELLISON | Reporter Publisher

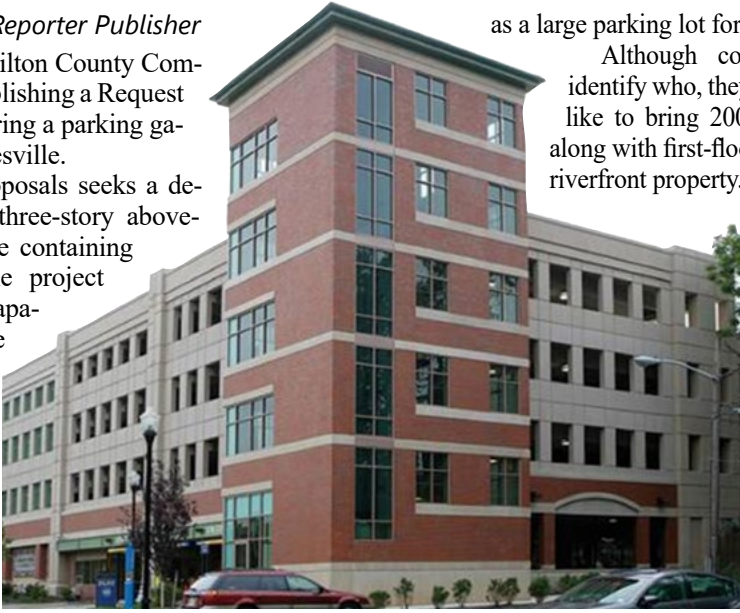
On Oct. 28, the Hamilton County Commissioners approved publishing a Request for Proposals that will bring a parking garage to downtown Noblesville.

The Request for Proposals seeks a developer to construct a three-story above-ground parking structure containing 430 parking stalls. The project will require a design capable of supporting a future fourth floor, adding an additional 150 spaces.

The garage would be located east of Eighth Street on both sides of Clinton Street. The commissioners indicated Clinton Street will remain in place and be covered by the structure's first floor.

According to documents distributed by County Attorney Mike Howard, the project will be a public-private partnership with the intent to fulfill parking needs for county employees and make current county-owned property available for an economic development project.

The commissioners said on Monday they have been contacted by developers who have an interest in the county-owned parking lot located on the east bank of the White River south of State Road 32. That location currently serves



Rendering provided

The Hamilton County Commissioners released this artist's rendering of a new parking garage that would span Clinton Street in downtown Noblesville.

as a large parking lot for county employees.

Although commissioners would not identify who, they say one developer would like to bring 200 market rate apartments, along with first-floor retail and parking to the riverfront property.

Commissioner Christine Altman said funds used from the potential sale of the of the county-owned riverfront parking lot would be redirected towards funding the parking garage.

In addition to the new parking garage, the county will ask Noblesville to transfer ownership of the public parking lot, located on the north side of Logan Street just south of Eighth Street, to Hamilton County.

Altman and Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt both described how State Road 32 (Conner Street) represents a dangerous physical barrier between county offices and available parking. Moving parking north of the courthouse and Judicial Center eliminates the need for pedestrians crossing one of Noblesville's busiest roadways.

Officials hope to break ground on the new garage in the spring of 2020 with completion in the fall of 2021.

Noblesville Council approves 2020 budget

The REPORTER

The Noblesville 2020 Civil City budget was approved by the Common Council at its Oct. 29 meeting. The budget totals \$76,629,201, with a general fund budget of \$47 million – an increase of 3 percent from 2019.

A guiding theme for Controller Jeff Spalding and the office of finance and accounting was to "right size and realign" the overall structure of Civil City budget to best use taxpayer dollars wisely and allocate finances logically and clearly.

"By right size and realigning, you can look at the

budget and it can tell a story of what's going on in the city," said Spalding. "Noblesville is a growing city with a strong tax base. The city's cash reserves have been growing and are very strong. Our certified net assessed value has grown 42 percent since 2015 – an annual increase of 7.3 percent."

The Noblesville Civil City budget does increase but is not growing faster than its revenue. The approved 2020 budget is balanced and is projected to slightly increase cash reserves.



Spalding

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No injuries in Beck's Hybrids fire



Photo courtesy of Noblesville Fire Department

At 8:09 a.m. Friday, firefighters responded to a call at Beck's Hybrids Seed Company, 6767 E. 276th St., Atlanta. The fire quickly became widespread throughout the entire warehouse, which prompted the response of emergency personnel representing 17 fire departments from Hamilton, Tipton and Madison counties. Thankfully, no major injuries were reported; one firefighter sustained minor injuries that were treated without hospital transport. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Carmel to hold public input meetings to get ideas for park improvements

The REPORTER

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) will soon host community meetings for Flowing Well, Carey Grove and Meadowlark Parks. These three parks will receive much-needed updates in 2020 as part of the Clay Township Impact Program. CCPR values input and is seeking public participation through this interactive process.

CCPR staff and project consultants will present proposed improvements with sketches and schematic designs for each park.

There will be plenty of time for open feedback and discussion.

"Several of our parks have served the community well over the last 20 or so years. Now is the time to focus on how we can update and reimagine our parks to serve residents for years to come," said CCPR Director Michael Klitzing. "These upcoming public meetings provide opportunities to connect to our community and consider feedback from residents."

To learn more about how CCPR is reimagining parks,



Klitzing

Community Meetings

Flowing Well Park

6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 6 at Wilfong Pavilion in Founders Park, 11675 Hazel Dell Pkwy.

Carey Grove Park

6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 13 at Wilfong Pavilion in Founders Park, 11675 Hazel Dell Pkwy.

Meadowlark Park

6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at Monon Community Center East in Multipurpose Room C, 1235 Central Park Drive East

visit carmelclayparks.com/reimagining-parks. Information regarding the Clay Township Impact Program may be found at claytownshipimpact.com.

LEPC earns state award

Noblesville Preservation Alliance buys historic building to serve as HQ

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) recently won an award at the annual Indiana Emergency Response Commission Conference. The award was for Facility Outreach by increasing membership with the participating local county businesses that store, manufacture, or transport hazardous materials. This is the third consecutive year Hamilton County has received one or more awards.

LEPC is part of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know program through the Environmental Protection Agency. The voluntary group of about 40 professionals and interested parties from Hamilton County represent over



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LEPC Secretary and Administrative Assistant for Hamilton County Emergency Management Pam Eldridge receives the award on behalf of LEPC.

25 organizations. The mission of the LEPC is: "To enhance emergency response and preparedness plans for all-hazard incidents for Hamilton County through

planning and communication between the citizens, business and government." You can learn more about LEPC at hamilton-county.in.gov/lepc.

The REPORTER

Noblesville's not-for-profit preservation organization achieved a milestone in October, purchasing a building on Logan Street that will serve as its home. The Noblesville Preservation Alliance (NPA) bought the former church building most recently known as Logan Street Sanctuary, and renamed it Preservation Hall. The building will serve as NPA's headquarters and be available for rent to the public.

"We finally have a place to call home," said NPA President Nancy Hebel. "For years, NPA has stored its materials at various locations around town and now we can consolidate them. Preservation Hall will also give us a beautiful location for an office and a meeting space, as well as a place to host community events."

The building was purchased with the help of an Endangered Properties Loan from statewide preservation organization Indiana Landmarks, which placed restrictive covenants on the building, requiring NPA to restore it. It was originally built in Ohio and was moved to 1274 Logan St. in the 1930s by a local church,



Photo provided

This former church, which was most recently known as the Logan Street Sanctuary, will serve as the new headquarters for the Noblesville Preservation Alliance.

which used it for services until moving to a larger facility. More recently, local musician John Gilmore purchased and rehabilitated it into a musical performance facility. It has hosted small concerts for several years. Gilmore sold it to NPA.

Noblesville Preservation Alliance is a 33-year-old not-for-profit run entirely by volunteers and is best known for its annual Historic Home Tour in September. Proceeds from the home tour have been reinvested in the community through façade grants, available to homeowners to help offset

the costs of rehabbing the exteriors of their homes. NPA has issued more than \$33,000 in façade grants over the past eight years.

NPA is launching a capital campaign to retire the Indiana Landmarks loan, which is interest-free for one year. Sponsorships are available for local individuals and businesses in exchange for donations to the capital campaign fund. Details are available at noblesvillepreservation.org. The public is invited to an Open House from 3 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 17 at Preservation Hall, 1274 Logan St.

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Mariola Kulesza

June 7, 1960 – October 29, 2019

Mariola Kulesza, 59, Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis. She was born on June 7, 1960 to Jerzy and Boqumila (Olkowska) Szczecinski in Poland.

Mariola worked for Marsh for 18 years. She was an awesome cook and baker, and her family considered her a spitfire. Mariola was a vibrant person who loved life and loved her family. Her granddaughter was the apple of her eye.

Mariola had a courageous battle with cancer, but always carried a smile to share with others.

She is survived by her husband of 39 years, Roman Kulesza; mother, Boqumila Szczecinski; daughters, Patrycja Kulesza (Timothy Henriksen) and Joanna Ruth (Jonathan); brother, Andrew E. Szczecinski; sister, Anna; and her granddaughter, Ayda Ruth. Mariola was preceded in death by her father.

Services were held on Saturday, November 2, 2019 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, with visitation prior to the time of service. Rev. Michael Bower officiated. Burial followed at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Elda Whitenight

April 7, 1930 – October 28, 2019

Elda Whitenight, 89, Fishers, passed away on Monday, October 28, 2019 at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis. She was born on April 7, 1930 in Bloomsburg, Pa.

Elda was a 1948 graduate of Benton High School. She was a clerical worker for over 20 years and "mothered" many people throughout her career. Elda loved nature, going on walks and birdwatching. She was a very friendly lady and her friends were very important to her. Most of all, Elda loved her family.

She is survived by her daughter, Lacinda (John) Hobbs; and her grandson, Tyler Hobbs. Elda was preceded in death by her father, Fred Pealer; mother, Leah (Hartman) Hidlay; brother, Keith Pealer; and sister, Sceva Laubach.

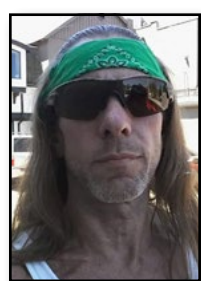
Services will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, November 6, 2019 at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers, with visitation from 5 p.m. to the time of service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Derrs Christian Church, 466 Derrs Road, Benton, PA 17814.

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Christopher Willard Turner

August 18, 1970 – October 24, 2019



Christopher Willard Turner, 49, Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, October 24, 2019 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. He was born on August 18, 1970 to Willard and Barbara (Jones) Turner in Noblesville.

Christopher is survived by his sisters, Rhonda Barker, Julie Seymour and Melissa Fleenor.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Tim Turner; and sister, Mitzi Hoffman.

Per Christopher's request, there will be no visitation or services.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Bill Nuckols

August 20, 1936 – November 2, 2019



Bill Nuckols, 83, Sheridan, passed away on Saturday, November 2, 2019 at his home. He was born on August 20, 1936 to Gus and Alice (Sears) Nuckols in Glasgow, Ky. Bill proudly served his country in the United States Army and was a member of American Legion Post #67, where he served as financial officer for eight years. He owned Bill Nuckols Construction, doing basement walls and foundations, and he also farmed. Bill was a good father and husband and was loved by everyone. He was always willing to help anyone in need.

Bill is survived by his wife, Karen Nuckols; sons, Billy Nuckols and Travis (Haleigh) Nuckols; grandchildren, Dakota and Corbin Nuckols; brothers, Kenneth Nuckols, Gus (Marilynn) Nuckols and Harold (Gylinda) Nuckols; sister, Judy (Richard) Lowe; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, James Nuckols and Mitchell Nuckols.

Visitation was held on Monday, November 4, 2019 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at the funeral home. Burial will be at Spencer Cemetery in Sheridan.

Memorial contributions may be made to Humane Society for Hamilton County, 1721 Pleasant St., Suite B, Noblesville, IN 46060.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Howard L. Hart

April 3, 1927 – October 28, 2019

Howard L. Hart, 92, Fishers, passed away on Monday, October 28, 2019 at Grand Brook Memory Care in Fishers. He was born on April 3, 1927 to John and Hazel (Hatch) Hart in Chicago, Ill.

Howard proudly served his country in the United States Navy, where he served in the South Pacific during World War II. He was an engineering associate at Fermilab in Batavia, Ill., where he was instrumental in converting the Chicago Cyclotron Magnet from conventional to superconducting. Howard had made his homes in Chicago; Santa Cruz, Calif.; Arlington Heights, Ill.; Rolling Meadows, Ill.; Hot Springs Village, Ark.; and New Berlin, Wis. He enjoyed going on vacation and loved his family dearly.

Howard is survived by his son, Paul (Sheryl) Hart; daughter, Penny Hart (Michael) Oczkowski; grandchildren, Jonathan (Jessica) Hart, Julie (Jared) Arford, Joann Hart and Jason Hart; great-grandchildren, Amelia, Elijah and Rosalie; as well as several step-children, step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his adoptive parents, Ann and Paul Heidenreich; his wives, Elaine Smith Hart, Eloise Jones Hart and Janie Vinson Hart; and brother, Jack Hart.

Services were held on Saturday, November 2, 2019 at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers, with visitation prior to the service. Pastor Chris Neel officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to Teen Challenge of Arkansas, P.O. Box 8177, Hot Springs Village, AR 71910; or at teenchallenge.org.

Howard felt strongly about encouraging young men to reach their potential and enlisted their talents through the organization.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Anthony A. "Tony" Etchison

April 14, 1972 – October 23, 2019



Anthony A. "Tony" Etchison, 47, died in a farming accident Wednesday evening, October 23, 2019 on the family farm in Arcadia. He was well-known as a loving husband, father and brother, as well as an outstanding farmer, business professional, friend and athlete. Born April 14, 1972, to Phil and Lavonne (Morris) Etchison in Tipton, he married his high school sweetheart Toby Stretch in Noblesville on June 21,

1997. She survives.

Tony was a 1991 Noblesville High School graduate and basketball standout. A four-year letter winner in basketball, he was a member of the 1989, 1990 and 1991 sectional championship teams. He was named All-Hamilton County four times and was the County Player of the Year two seasons. Upon graduation, he accepted a basketball scholarship to Mercer University in Macon, Ga., where he led the Trans American Conference in three-point shooting during his four-year playing career. Tony was the first basketball player in school history to earn Trans American All-Academic Team honors all four years he played. He graduated from Mercer's Stetson School of Business & Economics in 1995 with a BA in Business Administration and Finance.

After completing his playing career at Mercer, he excitedly returned home to Indiana to farm for Etchison Farms. Although farming was a passion of Tony's, he also used his Mercer education to build a successful 22-year career as an agent for Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance.

In 2009, Tony was selected as a member of the Hamilton County Basketball Hall of Fame. Noblesville High School inducted him into their Hall of Fame in 2016. In the same year the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame honored Tony by selecting him to their 2016 Silver Anniversary Team. More recently he had been elected as a Director of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in July 2019. One of the hobbies he enjoyed the most was coaching his sons and area youth in sports. He greatly impacted all the lives that he touched.

Tony's greatest joy was being the husband of Toby and the father of their three sons: John Phillip "JP", a freshman at Indiana University, Gus, a junior at Hamilton Heights High School, and Tillman, an eighth grader at Hamilton Heights Middle School. In addition to his children, survivors include his parents, Phil and Lavonne; sister, Roxanna (Cam) Perkins; and brothers, Tim (Stephanie) Etchison and Eric Etchison. He was blessed with many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Vallie and Gertrude Etchison, and Clem and Ruth Morris.

Services were held on Saturday, November 2 in the historic gymnasium at Hamilton Heights Middle School in Arcadia. Visitation was held, with a memorial service following. Arrangements have been entrusted to Randall and Roberts Funeral Homes.

In lieu of flowers, a Tony Etchison Memorial Fund was set up and can be donated to at gofundme.com/t/tony-etchison-memorial-fund.

Also in his honor, the Tony Etchison Foundation will be launched soon to help Youth Assistance Programs in Hamilton County and throughout the United States.

Online condolences can be left on Tony's memorial tribute at randallroberts.com.

John Leonard Petro, III

March 2, 1943 – October 18, 2019

John Leonard Petro, III, 76, passed away October 18, 2019 after a heroic battle with cancer. He was born March 2, 1943 in Muncie to John L., Jr. and Betty (Young) Petro.

He graduated from Ball State University and began his teaching career in Michigan. John started teaching in Noblesville in 1965 where he taught seventh- and eighth-grade science for 32 years. During his time teaching, he created a photography club and coached Cross Country. He enjoyed painting and was a professional painter for over 30 years. John was a car aficionado, an avid photographer and a World War II military enthusiast.

A celebration of John's life was held on Monday, Nov. 4, 2019 at Indiana Memorial Cremation and Funeral Care, with memorial gathering of family and friends prior to the time of service.

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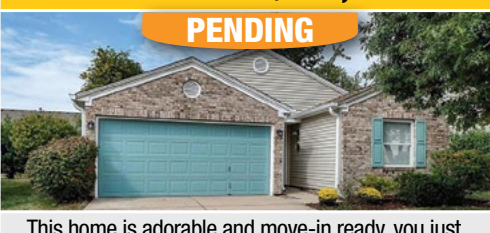
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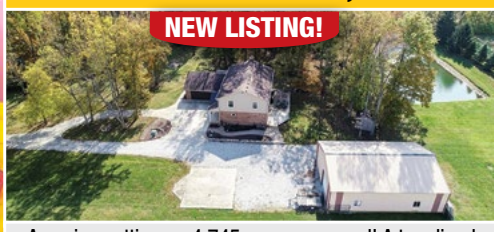
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My family in a nutshell

It has been my privilege to serve the Noblesville community during Mayor John Ditslear's final term in office. Six months ago, I announced to friends and co-workers that I planned to step down from my appointed position. Now, as we prepare for a new mayor to take office in January, I'd like to share some thoughts on some key successes our city has accomplished during these past four years.



STEVE COOKE
Noblesville Deputy Mayor

Professionally, I'm looking forward to moving on to a new challenge, where I can apply my public affairs and communications background to build communities in new and exciting ways. Personally, I will miss having a direct role in the completion of many Noblesville NOW initiatives that have only begun or are still in the planning stages.

Rather than slow down during his final term, Mayor Ditslear and team have made great progress and blazed trails (literally) on dozens of high priority initiatives since 2016. Below is a handful of initiatives I have had the honor of working on as well as others our city employees have achieved through their hard work, dedication and professionalism:

- Securing the public-private partnership for the Finch Creek Fieldhouse;
- Attracting 300 high-wage jobs with the BorgWarner Tech Center;
- Completing the western leg of the Midland Trace Trail, the southern phase of the Levee Trail, and connecting the Riverwalk from the White River Greenway Bridge to Southside Park;
- Opening Federal Hill Commons urban park and amphitheater, starting construction of Finch Creek Park and investing in improvements for Forest Park, Southside Park and Seminary Park;
- Championing the Levinson downtown apartments and a 300-space parking garage now under construction;
- Setting in motion a new pilot to improve downtown parking with modern technology and better communication and outreach;
- Achieving a 36-percent drop in violent and property crimes;
- Maintaining stellar response times for emergency medical services even as our population has continued to grow with new residential developments;

- Completing the fourth of five phases for the Long-Term Control Plan to remove unwanted stormwater from the sanitary sewer system;
- Building, resurfacing and maintaining miles and miles of new and existing roadway, and laying the groundwork for future infrastructure projects such as the five roundabouts planned for State Road 32 and State Road 38.

In addition, I am very happy to report that Noblesville has made good on its promise to bring the trains back to Forest Park. Meanwhile, the clean-up effort following the ITM's departure continues with a bright future on the horizon that will be worthy of our city's oldest park. And I hope everyone will take the time to support the new Nickel Plate Express that is helping preserve our city's railroad heritage and inspire a new generation of railfans.

For me personally, one of the most rewarding initiatives has been representing the city with the Noblesville Diversity Coalition. Since forming in 2018, our coalition has stood up against acts of hate, and through several public forums, inspired bold conversations within our schools, our homes – and with our upcoming training on implicit bias – within City Hall as well. Noblesville is stronger because of our diversity, and I look forward to what we can accomplish as we continue to grow in celebrating and respecting all residents.

As we look now to the future, I'm truly excited to see the vision of the new administration come into focus. I believe no one is better suited than Chris Jensen to move Noblesville NOW forward. From expanding Pleasant Street to constructing a new Police Headquarters, I'm optimistic that many of the city's long gestating projects will finally get underway before setting the new priorities that our growing community will surely demand.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported me in my role serving the city, who gave freely of your time to share an idea, a perspective, a criticism, an encouragement, a lesson. As I join my fellow citizens again, I will continue to use all that I've learned to help Noblesville blaze even more trails into the future.

See you on the square.

Editor's Note: The Sheridan Student Column is brought to readers by Sheridan High School's 10th grade English class, taught by Abby Williams.

Growing up is different for everyone, but for me it's been extraordinary. I have an enormous family, and we live in a small town. We all pretty much live right down the road from each other besides the ones who moved out of state.

My grandma makes a humongous lunch for friends and family on Sunday. It includes anything you can think of. Not only is it a lot of food, it is also delicious. Sunday lunch at my grandma's is like going out to your favorite restaurant every week. My dad always makes fun of my brother Robert and me because we wouldn't miss lunch for the



KARYN BURNELL
Sheridan High School Student

world. I don't like missing Sunday lunch because it's my favorite day of the week, when I get to see my favorite people all in one sitting.

My Uncle Grant is the jokester, my Aunt Amanda is a friend to talk to, Grandpa is the guy who will kick you out of his rocking chair, Grandma is the first hug when you walk through the door, Uncle Nathan is the adventure guy, always off to some sort of interesting place, and of course my brothers and cousins are the people I always beg to play cards with but they never say yes. Oh, I forgot my mom – she's the one who's always late (please don't be mad, Mom).

Now, of course, throughout the years we have had guests come to our

lunch, including other family members, friends and as we've all gotten older, boyfriends and girlfriends. When it comes to bringing a boyfriend or girlfriend to lunch, most of us have only brought one or two max, except for one of my brothers, no names of course. Of course, we always welcome new people and enjoy the company.

I have always tried to spend as much time as I could with my grandma because I love listening to what she has to say. She always tells me the best stories; they are priceless. My grandma is a very important person in our family. I'm pretty sure we'd go hungry without her ... kidding, of course. She is always there when we need someone to talk to about something or just want to talk to someone, and she is very understanding. My grandma is probably the greatest person I know, and I look up

to her in so many ways. A great thing about my grandma is that no matter what, she will always find time to do something with me, even with her busy schedule.

I have grown up with great people in my life. My best friend for life is my cousin Ethan; growing up we fought like crazy over the stupidest stuff, but after every fight came a great adventure or cooking show. Still to this day we get on each other's nerves and fight, but we have had some of the greatest talks with each other and we tell each other everything. Most summer days when I have nothing better to do, I go over to see Ethan and try my best to convince him to come outside. Most of the time it doesn't work because he's hooked on his computer, but it's always worth a try.

So, in a nutshell, my family members are the best people I will ever know.

It's a WIN for grandparents!

Neither rain nor snow nor sleet nor the hardness of the bleachers shall keep grandparents from watching their grandchild perform in an event or play in a sport.

And so, on that blustery and very rainy Saturday when the Noblesville girls soccer team played in the semi-state game in Kokomo, we were there. Our granddaughter, Abby Baker, is on the team.

Okay, so we improvised our watching the game. At the suggestion of our daughter-in-law, Angie, we watched from our car. You



JANET HART LEONARD
From the Heart

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, yelling for the Millers in the comfort of our warm and 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](https://www.ihhsaa.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!

HEART

Abbott is investing at least \$37.6 million to build a new manufacturing facility in Westfield to support the company's Structural Heart business. The 120,000 square-foot facility will be built in Holladay Properties' NorthPoint Industrial Park located along U.S. 31 in Westfield. Once completed, the facility will house manufacturing for the company's MitraClip transcatheter mitral valve repair system, which is also manufactured in Menlo Park, Calif.

Construction is set to begin later this year, with the space slated to be fully operational by 2021. Founded more than 130 years ago and headquartered in Chicago, Abbott offers products in a variety of health care specialties including medical devices, diagnostics, nutrition and medicines. The company's MitraClip device, which will now be manufactured in both California and Indiana, is a small, clip-based device proven to repair primary and secondary mitral regurgi-



Reporter photo by Jeff Jellison

Representatives from Abbott Laboratories, David Topp (left) and Jesse McQuiston (right), were all smiles while talking to Westfield residents about their company's announcement to develop a new \$37 million manufacturing site in Westfield's NorthPoint Industrial Park.

tation without the need for open-heart surgery. To date, MitraClip has been implanted in more than 90,000 patients worldwide.

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to \$1 million in training grants based on the company's plans to create more than 300 jobs by the end of 2024. These tax credits are performance-based, meaning the company is eligible to claim incentives once Hoosiers are hired. The IEDC also offered up to \$750,000 to the community from the Industrial Development Grant Fund to support infrastructure improvements to the new site. The city of Westfield will consider additional incentives. Duke Energy has also approved additional incentives to offset a portion of the energy costs.

According to BioCrossroads and the Indiana Business Research Center, Indiana is the second largest exporter of life sciences products in the U.S. at \$10.2 billion in total exports in 2018. Together, more than 1,750 companies support more than 56,000 Hoosier jobs with average wages of approximately \$97,600 annually.

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BUDGET

“The utmost care was taken so the city has a fiscal plan that doesn't outstrip its resources and overly burden the taxpayers,” Spalding said. “While the 2020 tax rate has not been calculated and finalized by the state, the city anticipates it will remain around the 2018 and 2019 rates and be no higher than \$1.10 per \$100 of assessed value. Keeping the tax rate around that amount is a firm goal of the city's administration and council.”

Several recommendations with the 2020 Civil City budget include:

- The hiring of eight new full-time positions and one part-time position. The positions include fire department (four), police (two), mayor's office (one), maintenance (one) and street department (one). The estimated costs with benefits for the positions is \$716,000.
- Full-time city employees will receive a raise of 3 to 4 percent.

- Public safety is the No. 1 priority in Noblesville. In 2020, public safety accounts for 65 percent of the general fund budget and 44 percent of the overall Civil City budget. Capital equipment requests include body cameras for officers, expanding officer wellness services, incorporating child advocacy and mental health services and design fees for Station No. 74's remodel.
- Money to upgrade roundabout landscaping.
- The budget includes

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\$3.1 million for road resurfacing and sidewalk improvements; and \$1.3 million for design, right-of-way acquisition and construction of trail projects.

“This year, we have more comprehensive budgeting for planned capital project expenditures. We're heading on a path that identifies and prepares for specific project plans – like the city match for INDOT roundabouts, South 10th Street Trail and Stony Creek Trail,” Spalding said.

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Referendum spending addressed at Noblesville State of the Schools

New “Fishers Cares” program announced

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Noblesville Schools Superintendent Dr. Beth Niedermeyer presented the annual State of the Schools address at last Wednesday’s Noblesville Chamber of Commerce luncheon, covering a wide range of topics ranging from how the district is spending referendum funds to upcoming construction plans.

Niedermeyer kicked off the presentation with an update covering safety and mental health enhancements funded by the referendum, as well as highlights of the recently announced teacher contract that addresses key pay gaps with the largest teacher pay increase in almost 40 years. The new contract positions Noblesville teachers more competitively relative to other Hamilton County educators.

Regarding referendum safety spending, Niedermeyer reported that the district has implemented approximately 40 different safety measures in the last 18 months, including hiring a new full-time safety director and tripling the number of Noblesville Police Department officers in schools through a collaboration with the City of Noblesville. A video explaining the district’s new gun-sniffing safety dogs was also shared.

Noblesville Schools’ new mental health and counseling leaders showcased the district’s new team of social workers for each school, increased counseling staff and a student climate survey as examples of just some of the 20 mental health ini-

tiatives the district has recently adopted. They also touched on a new mental health partnership with Community Health and demonstrated social emotional techniques used in classrooms with students.

Several construction projects were also announced, all of which will be funded through bonds and will not use referendum dollars or raise the tax rate.

The largest project that’s been greenlighted is a future Noblesville Schools Community Center (NSCC) located off of Field Drive, to the east of Noblesville East Middle School. The NSCC is expected to house the district’s new alternative education program, as well as adult education classes, community meetings, programming for 18- to 22-year-olds with special needs, and indoor team practice space. The approximately \$6 million project is currently in the design phase and scheduled to break ground in early 2020.

Another project moving forward is an expansion to the district’s oldest and smallest school, North Elementary, which was built in 1967. The added space will provide North students with adequate room for lunch, physical education and music programming, as well as restroom renovations. The district is currently gathering bids and cost estimates.

The property near where

White River Elementary stands is also expected to see enhancements, including the addition of a soccer shelter with changing rooms that can be used for weather emergencies and an expanded district maintenance storage facility. The project is currently in design and will cost approximately \$2 million.

The district shared that they have recently completed a partial renovation of their educational services center to accommodate the addition of safety and mental health staff, as well as specialized support staff with the Hamilton/Boone/Madison County special education cooperative.

A few other facility projects are currently being researched and considered including possible expansions at Hazel Dell Elementary and Noble Crossing Elementary, both of which are over capacity, and a new multi-purpose stadium.

These projects are in addition to the district’s recently announced solar energy initiative that’s expected to generate hundreds of thousands of dollars in savings.

Other highlights of the State of the Schools address included:

- A summary of the district’s diversity work including leadership trainings, curriculum reviews, changes in recruiting practices, school diversity teams and student ambassadors.
- A report that schools

are seeing students with more energy and more class engagement thanks to the change in this year’s school start times.

- A financial overview of the expected 2020 budget, where it was noted that the district is in good financial standing thanks to the recent referendum, but has lost \$49.4 million in state funding and property revenue since 2009 and almost \$2 million in funding to school vouchers over the last three years.
- The announcement that the district is now offering several high-visibility sponsorship and advertising opportunities including event sponsorships, facility naming rights and the ability for organizations to support targeted areas of need like literacy, STEM, and providing for students in need.
- The celebration of several recent state and national academic, staff and extracurricular accomplishments.
- The introduction of new board members and principals.

The luncheon was themed around the district’s 150th anniversary and included an exhibit of historical items and birthday cake. As part of the anniversary, community members are encouraged to honor those who have made significant contributions to Noblesville Schools by nominating a candidate for a Noble Miller award by Friday, Nov. 1. To make a nomination, and to participate in other anniversary events and celebrations, visit noblesvilleschools.org/150.

By **LARRY LANNAN**
LarryInFishers.com

When Scott Fadness assumed the office of Fishers Mayor in 2015, he immediately began implementing the Mental Health Initiative, and that program has expanded with the announcement on Oct. 28 of the Fishers Cares program.

Fishers City Councilman Todd Zimmerman teased the rollout of Fishers Cares at this month’s council meeting. It is designed to help those suffering from stress, anxiety and other mental conditions.

According to a city news release, the aim of Fishers Cares is bringing together faith-based organizations and local businesses to provide support for those suffering from mental illness and to refer them for needed help.

“Fishers Cares is a demonstration of the compassion and energy of the community to support those impacted by mental illness,” said Fishers City Councilman Todd Zimmerman in the city news release. “Bringing together a diverse group of faith leaders to combat stigma and provide a real solution that makes a statement to every person in Fishers: ‘It’s ok to not be ok and we’re here to stand with you.’”

The following organizations have committed to being a part of the pilot Fishers Cares program:



Zimmerman

- Fishers YMCA
 - Grace Church – Fishers
 - Leavener Ministries at Pinheads Bowling Center and Sunrise Cafe
 - Northview Church – Fishers
 - Saint Louis de Montfort Church
 - St. George Orthodox Church
- An interfaith group began gathering in 2016 to work on how to support the city’s overall Mental Health Initiative.

“Many faith congregations in Fishers have engaged in mental health programming individually, but we wanted to work together to make a difference for our community and provide practical support for someone who is seeking help in their mental health journey,” said Kevin Roth, Pastor of Grace Church Fishers. “Fishers Cares is a simple starting point for those seeking help. There is no cost. Simply go online and schedule an appointment to begin the conversation.”

Fishers Cares is being described as a confidential support program, administered independently from the city. No personal information is shared outside of the Fishers Cares partner organization. If you are interested in learning more about faith-based mental health resources, like Fishers Cares on Facebook or make an appointment at stigmatafreefishers.com/Faith.

Jensen announces his senior staff

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Last Thursday, Noblesville mayoral candidate Chris Jensen announced his administration’s Senior Staff Team: Deputy Mayor Matt Light, Director of Public Safety Chad Knecht, and Director of Community and Economic Development Sarah Reed.

“This team is ready to lead Noblesville on day one,” Jensen said. “Bringing years of management experience and a proven record of results to Noblesville, I’m proud these leaders of their respective fields are joining me to serve our city and residents.”

Jensen selected Matt Light, currently Chief of Staff at Indiana’s State Board of Accounts, to serve as Deputy Mayor. At the SBoA, Light leads a staff of nearly 300 that audits all state agencies and local units of government. Additionally, Matt brings his



Jensen



Light



Knecht



Reed

experience in past executive roles at the Indiana Attorney General’s office and as an adjunct professor at the IU McKinney School of Law to serve Noblesville’s residents.

Reflecting Noblesville’s growth and rapidly evolving national trends in public safety challenges, Chad Knecht, a past Deputy Operations Director of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department and current Senior Director of Security and Safety for the Indiana Pacers, will fill the newly created Director of Public Safety position. Coordinating Noblesville’s public safety efforts, he will oversee the

city’s police and fire departments and manage traditional public safety issues, mental health care, and community partnerships.

Current Noblesville Planning Director Sarah Reed will take the newly created role of Director of Community & Economic Development. There, she will oversee a coordinated approach to economic development and planning to further enhance and streamline Noblesville’s efforts to attract businesses and entrepreneurs and manage smart growth for the city.

All three positions on the senior staff team will report directly to the Mayor’s office.

Jensen says that he and his senior staff team will be focused on providing clear vision and leadership to push boundaries, innovate and build the next chapter of Noblesville’s success story.

HSE Schools to hold community meeting on flipping start times

By **LARRY LANNAN**
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When Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) Schools Superintendent Allen Bourff first broached the idea of “flipping” school start times, he promised there would be a community meeting to receive the input of the public before any recommendation is brought before the school board.

Dr. Bourff announced at the Oct. 23 HSE School Board meeting that the public session has been scheduled for 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 19 at the HSE High School College & Career Academy (CCH) cafeteria.

As the schedule stands now, secondary students are the first group reporting to school in the morning, with elementary students starting

later in the morning. Under a possible schedule “flip,” the elementary students would report in the first part of the morning and secondary schools would start later.

Dr. Bourff told the school board that the Nov. 19 meeting would feature a discussion of what flipping the school start times would mean, along with the advantages and disadvantages of making such a change. There will be an opportunity for the public to comment.

In addition to the public meeting aimed at adults, Dr. Bourff says he plans on meeting with secondary students at both high schools about their views on flipping start times. The superintendent plans to utilize a random selection system on who will participate in this discussion with him.

Noblesville Christmas Parade set for Dec. 1

The REPORTER

Noblesville Mayor John Ditslear has announced that this year’s traditional Christmas parade 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 December starts off festive and jolly with a great parade,” Ditslear said. “I look forward 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



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.

Monument 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.

IN 46060. Forms also may be emailed to ksmith@noblesville.in.us.

To view the Noblesville Christmas Parade entry form, visit tinyurl.com/NobleParade2019.

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.

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 Tarkington 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. Participants include: Mayor James Brainard; Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Pete

O’Hara as keynote speaker; Carmel VFW/American Legion Honor Guard; and performances 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 winning essays at the ceremony.

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

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until the time of the bond sale as listed above. Upon completion of the bidding procedures described herein, the results of the sealed or emailed bids received shall be compared to the electronic bids received by the Library.

The Bonds have been designated by the Library as qualified tax exempt obligations for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended to the date hereof (the "Code").

A good faith deposit ("Deposit") in the form of cash or certified or cashier's check in the amount of \$30,000 payable to the order of Carmel Clay Public Library is required to be submitted by the successful Purchaser not later than 3:30 p.m. (Indianapolis time) on the next business day following the award. If such Deposit is not received by that time, the Library may reject the bid. No interest on the Deposit will accrue to the Purchaser. The Deposit will be applied to the purchase price of the Bonds. In the event the Purchaser fails to honor the accepted bid, the Deposit will be retained by the Library as liquidated damages.

All provisions of the bid form and Preliminary Official Statement (as hereinafter defined) are incorporated herein. As set forth in the Preliminary Official Statement, the Purchaser agrees by submission of their bid to assist the Library in establishing the issue price of the Bonds under the terms outlined therein and shall execute and deliver to the Library at closing an "issue price" certificate, together with the supporting pricing wires or equivalent communications, with such modifications as may be appropriate or necessary, in the reasonable judgment of the Purchaser, the Library and Ice Miller LLP ("Bond Counsel").

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The Library has prepared a Preliminary Official Statement ("Preliminary Official Statement") relating to the Bonds which it has deemed nearly final. A copy of the Preliminary Official Statement may be obtained from the Library's municipal auditor, Baker Tilly, 8365 Keystone Crossing, Suite 300, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240-2687. Within seven (7) business days of the sale, the Library will provide the successful bidder with sufficient copies of the Final Official Statement (the "Final Official Statement") in order for the Purchaser to comply with Section (b)(4) of SEC Rule 15c2-12 and the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board at the Library's expense. Additional copies, at the Purchaser's expense, must be requested within five (5) business days of the sale. Inquiries concerning matters contained in the Preliminary Official Statement must be made and pricing and other information necessary to complete the Final Official Statement must be submitted by the Purchaser within two (2) business days following the sale to be included in the Final Official Statement.

Further information relative to the Bonds and a copy of the Preliminary Official Statement may be obtained upon application to Bob Swanay, Director of the Library, 55 Fourth Avenue South East, Carmel, Indiana 46032. If bids are submitted by mail, they should be addressed to the Library, attention of Baker Tilly, 8365 Keystone Crossing, Suite 300, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240-2687.

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Carmel beats HSE to reach Sectional 4 final

Carmel won an all-county clash at Hamilton Southeastern last Friday to advance to the Class 6A Sectional 4 championship game.

The Greyhounds beat the Royals 28-14 in a semi-final game at TCU Field. Carmel led 28-0 after three quarters, scoring all of its touchdowns on the ground.

Zach White got the first two scores on five-yard runs. White found the end zone midway through the first quarter, then made his way in to score with 7:33 left in the second. Christian Williams added the Greyhounds' third touchdown later in the period, then John Rogers scored on a 35-yard run late in the third quarter. Spencer Hanna kicked all four extra points.

Southeastern fought to the end, scoring both of their touchdowns in the fourth period off passes from Andrew Hobson. Nathan Wolf caught a 10-yard TD throw with 5:25 left, then the Royals got the ball back seconds later and Ben Boysen grabbed a 34-yard pass and took it in for the score. Alex Geroulis kicked both extra points.

Rogers led Carmel's ground game with 67 yards rushing, with Dylan Downing gaining 65 yards. Williams completed 9 of 14 passes for 61 yards; Downing had four receptions. Hobson had an outstanding game, completing 23 of 33 passes for 263 yards. DeAndre Rhodes had seven catches, with Boysen, Tony Myers and Wolf all making five receptions. Boysen led the rushing with 53 yards. Carmel is 7-3 and hosts Westfield Friday in the sectional championship game. Southeastern finished its season 5-5.



Reporter photo by Kirk Green
Carmel's Zach White powers his way into the end zone during the Greyhounds' Sectional 4 semi-final game at Hamilton Southeastern last Friday. White scored two touchdowns in Carmel's 28-14 win.

Spartans escape Noblesville in OT

Noblesville came close to a major upset last Friday, as the Millers hosted undefeated and No. 3-ranked Homestead in the semi-finals of Class 6A Sectional 3.

Noblesville held the lead for most of the game before the Spartans tied the score at 21-21 on the final play of regulation. That sent the game into overtime, where Homestead held off the Millers in their drive, then kicked a field goal to escape Beaver Materials Field with a 24-21 win.

"Homestead's won a lot of football games," said Noblesville coach Justin Roden. "They've won a lot of football games every year, so they just stay the course and they don't lose faith. They made some plays at the very end that were the difference."

Regardless of the result, the Millers validated the fact that playing a tough schedule prepares a team for the post-season. Noblesville finished the season 1-9, but that was against the No. 1-ranked strength of schedule in Indiana, according to the Sagarin ratings.

The Millers scored first, when Jayden Barrett caught an eight-yard touchdown pass from Alex Zavac to go up 6-0 in the first quarter. That would be the score into the second period, but Noblesville made it 13-0 with 5:41 left in the quarter. A fumble recovery was followed by a 57-yard touchdown run by Elijah Butler, and Grayden Addison kicked the extra point.

The Spartans scored on a touchdown pass before halftime, making the score 13-7 at the break. Neither team scored in the third quarter, and it would take until the 6:04 mark of the fourth to get points in that period. Homestead's Ryan Burton punched it in from the one-yard line, and the Spartans led 14-13, their first lead of the game.

The Millers answered minutes later, when Butler ran into the end zone from five yards to score his second touchdown of the game. Barrett then made a two-point conversion run, and Noblesville was up 21-14. But Homestead wouldn't go away, and the Spartans tied it up on the final play of the fourth quarter with an eight-yard touchdown pass, then kicked the winning field goal in overtime.

"I thought tonight we were the better team," said Roden. "I thought we were the more physical team."

The coach credited Zavac with doing "a great job" in the game, saying that he "did a good job reading the offense tonight. He had some great runs, put us in a position to win the game."

"Elijah played well," said Roden. "Jayden and those guys played well tonight."

Butler finished the game with 162 rushing yards, while Zavac completed 5 of 11 passes for 32 yards, including the touchdown.

"The moral of this is, they represented Noblesville very well tonight," said Roden.



Reporter photo by Kent Graham
Noblesville's Jayden Barrett is lifted up by Michael Maris after Barrett scores a touchdown.

Late field goal sends Red Devils past Golden Eagles

Guerin Catholic battled visiting West Lafayette in the semi-finals of Class 3A Sectional 28 at the Eagles Nest, and had them tied at 31-31 late in the fourth quarter.

But the No. 4-ranked Red Devils kicked a field goal with 1:46 left, and that was enough to send them past No. 10 Guerin Catholic 34-31.

The Golden Eagles (6-5) scored first in the back-and-forth game, getting on the board after Luke Etchison kicked a field goal. West Lafayette responded with a quick touchdown run, and led 7-3 at the end of the first quarter.

Guerin took the lead back late in the second after Christian Gelov found Bernie McGuinness for a four-yard passing touchdown. That put GC up 10-7 with 1:33 left. But the Red Devils again answered, with a 16-yard pass play score, and they led 14-10 at halftime.

West Lafayette went up 17-10 after making a field goal, but the Golden Eagles got within 17-16 after Gus Baumgartner punched in a touchdown from the one-yard line. The Red Devils scored late in the third to lead 24-16.

Guerin Catholic tied the game up with 8:06 left in the fourth two passes from Gelov to McGuinness. The first was a three-yard touchdown throw, then the duo was successful on a two-point conversion throw.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall
Guerin Catholic's Charlie Sawyer pumps up the crowd after the Golden Eagles score in the fourth quarter.

But West Lafayette's explosive offense went back up right away, as Cannon Melchi took the kickoff return 85 yards to score.

Gelov threw a 22-yard touchdown pass to Nick Demas, and Etchison made the extra-point kick to tie the game at 31-31, and that would be the score until the Red Devils' game-winning field goal.

Gelov had an incredible game, completing 25 of 37 passes for 238 yards. McGuinness was just as outstanding, making 14 receptions. Baumgartner led the rushing with 97 yards.

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Carmel boys & girls, Fishers girls get podium finishes

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



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

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.

The Hamilton Southeastern volleyball team swept Crown Point to win the Class 4A Frankfort semi-state last Saturday, and will play New Castle in Saturday's state finals at Ball State University.

Royals sweep Crown Point, reach state championship match

"It's been beautiful to

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

"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."



I was born and raised right here in Noblesville. I grew up in a home without domestic violence or assault – it wasn't something I saw, or even heard about. But when I was introduced to Prevail of Central Indiana, I was shocked by the number of individuals who are affected by domestic violence. In 2018 alone, Prevail helped more than 4,000 clients in Hamilton County. (Nearly 80 percent of clients are women and children.) Domestic violence and abuse are hard topics to discuss, so you don't often hear about them. But at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, we're breaking the taboo and raising awareness for Prevail, an organization that helps families in Hamilton County.

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