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TODAY'S WEATHER

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NCL chapter donates mural for Westfield's MacGregor Park

The REPORTER

MacGregor Park in Westfield is the recipient of a handmade mural created and donated by the National Charity League (NCL), Crossroads Chapter, Class of 2025.

NCL is a mother/daughter non-profit organization that focuses on community service, leadership and cultural experiences. Each of the girls in the class contributed to the piece of art that is displayed near the shelters at the front of the park.

Melanie Pickett, Grade Level Advisor, said, "The Class of 2025 wanted something fun and colorful to inspire others to come explore nature at MacGregor Park. The smaller details – bird, squirrel, tree and flower – represent beauty we can all typically see both in the nature of MacGregor Park and around our great state of Indiana."

Each NCL class is given a specific grade level focus, with the Class of 2025 concentrating their philanthropy efforts on the environment and nature.

"The hand painted mural is a way to show that the community is so important to our park and to encourage residents to visit and explore not only this art piece, but all of the incredible aspects of our beautiful passive nature park," Westfield Washington Township Trustee Danielle Carey Tolan said.

Last year, the NCL Class of 2024 donated a life-size bird's nest, which is housed in the center of the trail system, and they planted a flower bed near the shelters.

The chapter as a whole also volunteers



Photo provided

(From left) NCL members Madison Bricker, Lauren Pickett, Avery Wall, Adrienne Wolf and Reese Barrett were present for the mural donation.

regularly at the park as trail ambassadors. Westfield Washington Township appreci-

ates the ongoing partnership that has been created with NCL.

Heights student tests positive for coronavirus

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights School Corporation has announced that a high school student has tested positive for COVID-19.

A letter issued to parents of students in the district said, "We are sending this notification as a precautionary measure and in accordance with our Re-Entry Plan. All students and one HHHS teacher that have been in close contact with this student have been notified and will be quarantined."

"The protocols and procedures related to this scenario can be found on pages 5-7 in our [Re-Entry Plan](#). All parents and staff will be notified that there has been a positive test in their building. However, not everyone in the building will necessarily be impacted. It may be that just a classroom or a portion of a building will close.

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County Recorder's Office offers new free service to fight property fraud

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Recorder's Office has just rolled out a new program to protect residents from property theft and fraud. The new system, Doxpop Property Watch, notifies property owners with an email to alert them to changes or filings that affect them.

"Unfortunately, property and mortgage fraud is real," said Trini Beaver, the county's Chief Deputy Recorder. "While this service can't prevent fraud, it will notify users immediately if something has been recorded in our office so they can assure the validity of the document."



Beaver

The Federal Bureau of Investigation counts property fraud, also known as deed fraud or "house-stealing," as one of the fastest growing white-collar crimes in the United States. Property fraud typically happens when someone forges your identity and transfers your property into their name.

"The scariest thing about property fraud is that it can happen to anyone and they may not even know that it's happened," Beaver said. "This type of fraud can go undetected and can cause an array of issues, including the unlawful transfer of ownership of property."

Doxpop is a free service that provides residents access to all their recorded documents online. Multiple parcels can be registered for those who own several properties throughout the county. To access and enroll in the system, visit doxpop.com under "Other Services" and "Doxpop Property Watch."

County Clerk encourages citizens to register now for absentee ballots

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Clerk Kathy Williams is asking those who are eligible to file for an absentee ballot to do so now to ensure their ballots are returned by the mail-in deadline.

"We've had a lot of calls with concern about the post office and its ability to get mail-in ballots returned in time," Williams said. "We encourage voters to apply now for their absentee ballots. We will start mailing those ballots the week of Sept. 14 which will give folks six weeks to get them returned."

In a meeting last week, the Indiana Election Commission voted down the expansion of absentee balloting to include all Hoosier voters due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. Short of a mandate from Governor Eric Holcomb, absentee ballots will be limited to registered voters who:

- Expect to be absent from the county on election day
- Are confined to residence due to illness or injury

- Are caring for an individual confined due to illness or injury
- Have disabilities
- Are at least 65 years of age
- Have official election duties outside of their voting precinct
- Are scheduled to work during the entire 12 hours that polls are open
- Are unable to vote at polls in person due to a religious holiday
- Are eligible to vote under the "fail-safe" procedures in 3-10-11 or 3-10-12
- Are a member of the military or a public safety officer
- Are a serious sex offender
- Are prevented from voting due to the unavailability of transportation to polls

The clerk's office has already received more than 12,000 absentee applications to date. That's compared to 11,470 applications total in 2016.

Those wishing to vote by mail must ap-



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ply by midnight on Thursday, Oct. 22. The application can be downloaded at [this link](#). You can also call (317) 776-8476 and request an application over the phone. Once you have voted, you can submit your application by fax, by mail or by email. All mailed-in ballots must be received by the Election Office on or before noon on Election Day.

In person early voting locations will open throughout Hamilton County starting Tuesday, October 6.

"Those who are nervous about long lines on Election Day need not worry," Williams said. "Lines are minimal on early voting days, plus we've purchased an additional 150 voting machines and will open 124 voting locations on Election Day."

The deadline to register to vote is Monday, Oct 5. You can do that in person or online at Indianavoters.com.

Centier Bank donates \$20K to Humane Society

The REPORTER

Centier Bank recently made a \$20,000 donation to the Humane Society for Hamilton County's new, state-of-the-art shelter in Fishers. A check was presented at the construction site at 106th Street and Hague Road on Aug. 3.

Troy Kafka, Greater Indianapolis Market President at Centier Bank, said the bank partnered with the Humane Society for Hamilton County for in the past, having served as its main sponsor for the [Woodstock 5K Dog Walk and concert](#) in 2019. The organization takes in over 3,000 abused, neglected and seriously injured animals each year. Construction on the new shelter began earlier this year.

"Centier Bank prides ourselves on being at the heart of the community, and we are proud to support Humane Society for Hamilton County to help build the new facility," Kafka said. "This way, the organization can do what it does best: Save more lives, expand education, and provide happier and healthier lives for the animals."

Max Williams, Director of Marketing for the Humane Society for Hamilton County, said construction on the new 40,000 square-foot facility will be complete in the spring of 2021. He said the organization is grateful for its partnership with Centier



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Bank because of the bank's commitment to Indiana communities and helping them thrive.

"The need for this new facility was substantial, and we are so grateful for the support we've received from Centier Bank because it helps us fulfill our mission to save lives, educate communities and complete families," Williams said. "We are so excited for its completion and how it will make Hamilton County an even better place to live and work."

For more information about the Humane Society for Hamilton County, go to hamiltonhumane.com. For more information on Centier Bank, go to centier.com.

Carmel Symphony Orchestra's Janna Hymes continues work with universities promoting diversity, inclusion in education

The REPORTER

From Minneapolis to Maine and Pennsylvania, Carmel Symphony Orchestra Artistic Director Janna Hymes will be working with three institutions of higher education to share her vast experience and knowledge of the world of symphonies and orchestras – particularly from the viewpoint of a woman who directs one of the best symphony programs in America.

Hymes has been invited by the University of Minnesota to participate in a research study on the opinions and behaviors in orchestral programming and diversity at the University of Minnesota.

She will also be working with the University of Southern Maine on inspiration leader-

ship and Susquehanna University's celebration of Florence Price, the first black female composer to have a symphony performed by a major American orchestra.

Hymes has been sought out for such prestigious work, in part, due to her involvement and notoriety in the League of American Orchestras and her brilliant work with the Carmel Symphony Orchestra at the Palladium in Carmel. Given the rarity of female music directors in the orchestra field, these institutes felt it crucial for their works.

"I am delighted to participate in these studies and events," Hymes said. "My experience



Hymes

in programming orchestral concerts has led me to meet a wide mix of artists and learn a variety of styles of music. I am happy to be part of such important projects which will demonstrate how music can create an environment of equality, safety and open-mindedness."

At the University of Minnesota, Hymes will be interviewed as part of an overall assessment of data that will be used to understand the current trends and practices in concert programming and its effectiveness in promoting equity, diversity and inclusivity, broadly defined.

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Latour named Westfield Chamber of Commerce Executive Director

Submitted

The Westfield Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has announced the selection of Steve Latour as the new Executive Director, effective Sept. 8.

After a comprehensive search, the Board says it believes that Latour is the best candidate to lead, grow, and support the Westfield Chamber and its growing membership base. He is a former CEO of a nationwide non-profit organization and foundation and most recently served as the Chief Housing Officer for Alpha Sigma Phi Fraternity's national house corporation.



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WESTFIELD CHAMBER

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Latour’s passion for the Chamber’s mission and proven track record as a brand and event management expert and fundraiser – along with his excellent reputation and relationships in the Westfield community – differentiated him from other candidates. He is currently the President-Elect of the Westfield Youth Assistance Program. As the new Executive Director of the Chamber, he will manage the day-to-day operations and delivery of programs, as well as work closely with Chamber members, the City of Westfield, and Hamilton County officials. He resides in Westfield and will serve as the fourth Chamber executive in its 39-year history.

“We are bringing someone to the team who is an innovative results-driven leader,” said Karen Keinsley, Westfield Chamber Board Chairperson and CPA with Slattery & Holman P.C. in Carmel. “Steve will successfully lead the Chamber and Board of Directors through the pandemic

ic era and beyond ensuring that Westfield businesses continue to flourish and have access to education and resources they need for further success. I am confident we have someone who will help us evolve and be a strong advocate for community and business prosperity.”

A native of Berkley, Mich., a suburb of Detroit, Latour graduated in 2004 from Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant. Since then, Steve has held progressively responsible leadership positions with professional accomplishments, including leading a property acquisition process that added 24 properties to the company’s portfolio bumping revenue from \$2 million to \$10 million annually. He has led organization-wide strategic plan initiatives, corporate rebrands, and multi-million dollar building renovation projects. His experience in event management, volunteer engagement and marketing will be an asset to the Chamber as it looks to

enhance its educational offerings and community engagement opportunities.

The Westfield Chamber of Commerce, a not-for-profit organization, is supported by a 15-member Board of Directors. This dynamic and robust volunteer board represents a cross-section of professionals from a variety of business sectors, each contributing their expertise to the development of community programs for Westfield. The Chamber exists to enhance the business, educational, recreational, spiritual and cultural development of the community through the participation of its business, professional and community members.

The Chamber currently has more than 450 members who enjoy the benefits of networking and town programs that support the needs of the businesses, as well as local non-profits and residents. The Chamber welcomes new members on an ongoing basis. Membership information can be found at westfield-chamber.org.

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“As a reminder, if you or anyone in your family is experiencing symptoms in line with COVID-19, contact your healthcare provider for further guidance. Families are encouraged to self-monitor for symptoms of the coronavirus including fever, dry cough, body aches, and shortness of breath.

“We encourage you to stay updated through reliable

sources and take the recommended guidance to reduce you and your family’s risk of exposure and transmission. Hamilton Heights School Corporation has a dedicated space for all things related to COVID-19 including its Re-Entry Plan, the latest guidance, updates, helpful information, links, Q&A, and more which can be accessed [here](#).

“We appreciate your continued confidence and support as we continue to prioritize the health and safety of our students and staff and accelerate learning opportunities for all students during this pandemic. Thank you for doing your part to be good neighbors and show kindness and empathy as we move forward through these challenging times together.”

JANNA HYMES

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At the University of Southern Maine in Portland, Hymes will participate in research exploring the most effective practices, communication styles and behaviors that enable orchestra conductors to lead a team of music professionals toward a common vision and a successful performance.

And at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pa., organizers reached out to Hymes with an offer to be on their panel focusing on Florence Price, the first black female composer to have a symphony per-


formed by a major American orchestra. Hymes is a conductor of Price’s music and an advocate for her place in history.

“In 1933, the Chicago Symphony Orchestra premiered the Symphony in E Minor of Florence Price,” Hymes said. “This was the first time a composition by a black female composer was performed by a major orchestra. These two firsts are what propelled me to champion the music of Florence Price and share her music with audiences and colleagues. Her music

is melancholic, folksy, even jazzy at times and completely American. Florence Price was able to combine classical elements such as balance and commitment to melody, with a new language of her own. I am honored to be part of a panel discussion on Florence Price and her music, held by the Music Department of Susquehanna University.”

Hymes will be a member of a conductor’s panel for the (digital) Florence Price festival this summer.

Visit carmelsymphony.org for more information.








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.


– Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

To help Hamilton County families affected by domestic violence and sexual abuse, you can donate the following items:

- Art supplies (for children to journal and express their emotions)
- Bottled water (8 oz. bottles, preferably)
- Individually packaged snacks
- Gas cards (many women have no access to funds after fleeing their abuser)


Drop off items at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, 14701 Tom Wood Way.





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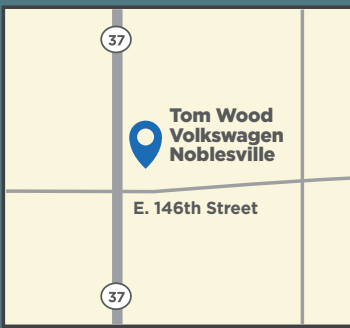
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Carmel clothing store will donate 100% of profits to local charities

By ANGELI KAKADE
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Do Good. Feel Good. Look Good.

That's the goal of Carmel-based clothing store Clothes with a Cause, whose company motto is "people over profits."

Owner Kelli McLaughlin says 100% of the store's profits are donated to charity. She says she's able to maintain the unconventional business model by keeping costs down and the focus on paying it forward.

"I probably could go on a lot more vacations, but it's not always about money," McLaughlin said.

McLaughlin launched her company in 2017 with one rack in her living room and gained a following selling items out of an old camper at festivals across Indiana.

"I think people like doing things that help their communities," she said.

With the help of her husband, the entrepreneur then opened the store's first location in the Clay Terrace shopping mall near 146th Street. The boutique is full of candles, jewelry and clothes, and each month a different charity is chosen as the donation partner. August's donation will go to Paws & Think, an organization that helps people through that human to dog connection.

McLaughlin says it's the first time that 100 percent of the money being donated is staying completely local – a move she hopes will attract more business to her store. She says about half her customers come in knowing how it all works, a quarter walk away never knowing, and another quarter end up wanting to know more about the organization their money is going to.

"The great thing about that is then I start talking to them and they're like,

'Yeah, I can do my holiday shopping here.' It's not necessarily promoting Paws & Think, but we are promoting positivity in our community," she said.

It's a sentiment Paws & Think Executive Director Kelsey Burton shares.

"Our supporters have been here every day ... they've been shopping online. They're really excited to have a way to give back, but also kind of doing something fun for themselves too," Burton said.

Burton says Paws & Think has gone virtual during the pandemic and that their services are needed now more than ever with more people struggling with mental health.

As for the mission of keeping it local, McLaughlin says she's on track to be able to donate around \$5,000 to Paws & Think at the end of the month – the largest amount she's been able to give to date.

Lou Malnati's Pizzeria coming soon to Carmel

The REPORTER

Lou Malnati's Pizzeria, based in Northbrook, Ill., has announced it will officially make Carmel home to its second Indiana location. A Schererville outpost opened in July 2019. The famous deep dish pizzeria is slated to open in late October, currently under construction, at 11435 Spring Mill Road, Suite 170 in Carmel.

The 1,550 square-foot space will be a carryout and delivery only location, adjacent to Starbucks, and part of The Bridges mixed-use development at the corner of West 116th Street and Spring Mill Road. The new store will not include a dining room, but will offer easy curbside pickup, no-contact delivery, and drop off catering services for hungry patrons in the Carmel area.

Malnati's will hire approximately 50 local employees between kitchen crew, phone staff and delivery drivers for its new-

est location. The company is now hiring for various positions online with plans to hold a recruiting event in the coming weeks. The interviews will be conducted via Zoom to allow for social distancing and ensure the health and safety of applicants and team members. Interested applicants are asked to provide proof of authorization to work in the United States and a resume, if applicable. Also, qualified candidates may apply online at loumalnatis.com/careers or by texting "Lous" to 85000.

The Malnati family has become famous for their original recipe, top-notch quality and hospitality since 1971. Today the business is headed by Lou's son, Marc Malnati. Although this is the first location in the Indianapolis metro area, Indiana and Indiana University



Malnati

hold a special place within the hearts of the Malnati organization, including proud Hoosiers Marc Malnati, Owner, Heather Stege, President, and Corey Bright, Director of Analytics. In addition, Bright has local ties as she attended Carmel High School and helped Lou Malnati's pick out their first Indy location.

Despite these difficult times, Lou Malnati's says it looks forward to opening a new store and supporting the local economy.

"We're excited to expand our footprint in Indiana and make Carmel home to our first location in the Indianapolis area," said Marc Malnati. "We're planning to have several stores in the area, including a full-service restaurant in Broad Ripple (coming in 2021) and are committed to providing jobs in the local community."

U.S. House Republican leaders endorse Spartz for Congress

Submitted

In the recent days, both House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, House Minority Whip Steve Scalise and NRCC Chairman Tom Emmer have released statements of support for Victoria Spartz's campaign for Congress.

McCarthy said, "Victoria Spartz earned the Republican nomination by winning a 15-way primary with strong grassroots support and bold new ideas about how we can get our economy back on track. I am confident she will hold this seat, help us reclaim the majority, and be a tremendous representative for the Hoosiers in Indiana's 5th Congressional District. Victoria has my complete endorsement, and I look forward to welcoming her to Congress next year."

Scalise said, "I'm excited to endorse Victoria Spartz for Congress in Indiana's 5th District. As a successful businesswoman who has actually lived under socialism, I know that Victoria will be an important voice in the conversation as House Republicans work to stop this dangerous ideology in its tracks. I look forward to



Spartz

welcoming Victoria Spartz to Congress next year!"

Emmer said, "Congratulations to Victoria Spartz on her primary win. As an immigrant from Ukraine she knows firsthand

how socialism can destroy a nation and will always fight for freedom. She is a proven leader in Indiana, and I look forward to her win in November. That stands in stark contrast to Christina Hale who will support the socialist agenda of House Democrats instead of fighting for Hoosiers."

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Letter to the Editor

Shaffer: City Hall ‘whitewash’ hot seller in Carmel

Dear Editor:

Four of the hottest-selling products lately in Carmel are hand sanitizer, toilet paper, face masks and whitewash.

The first three relate to a virus; the fourth, to city hall cronyism.

Example One: Local TV presented police records showing 33 percent of traffic citations went to Black drivers in Carmel. Asked why the city council wasn't investigating, council president Jeff Worrell said in an email that he didn't want to embarrass police officers. Never mind the embarrassment and humiliation of every Black driver involved.

Example Two: The 46 percent cost overrun on the city's hotel project. Council finance committee chair Sue Finkam led an inquiry that has yet to produce a final report. Public testimony focused on construction cost overruns. Redevelopment commission documents online show construction costs exceeded estimates by \$1.6 million, or less than 9 percent of the \$18.5 million over-run. Not a word about the other 91 percent.

Example Three: The mayor has contracted with an East Coast consultant to study roundabouts and the Tax Incentive Financing that has the city billions of dollars in debt. Contract specifications call for the vendor to collect financial information not available to the public, anecdotal information, cherry-picked project costs, testimonials from municipal sycophants and otherwise script a Mel Brooks scenario for public consumption. All this for \$420,000.

As one non-mayor put it, "I didn't know whitewash smelled so bad."

Bill Shaffer
Carmel


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Meeting Notices

The Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Board will hold a special meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 24, 2020, at the Cool Creek Park Nature Center, 2000-1 E. 151st St., Carmel. An executive session to discuss land acquisition will precede at 10 a.m.	TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold its monthly Personnel and Benefits Committee meeting at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2020, at the John W. Hensel Government Center, 10701 N. College Ave., Carmel.
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School Board Candidates

There are 14 board seats at stake this year in the six Hamilton County school districts. Winners in the non-partisan elections on Nov. 3 will take office on Jan. 1, 2021. Filing ends at noon on Aug. 21 at the county election office.

Carmel Clay Schools
Katie Browning (At large)

Hamilton Southeastern
Jason Wayne Arnold (Fall Creek Twp.)
Tony Bagato (Delaware Twp.)
Sarah Donsbach (Delaware Twp.)
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Clinton Wilson (Fall Creek Twp.)

Hamilton Heights
Kevin J. Cavanaugh (Jackson Twp.)
Gretchen Pennington (White River Twp.)
David Adam Sheller (White River Twp.)

Noblesville Schools
Willie Jerome Haile (At large)
Carl Johnson (At large)
Stephanie D. Lambert (At large)

Westfield Washington Schools
J. Keith Owens (District 3)
Carl (Mike) Steele (District 3)

News & Letters to the Editor

Help support conservation efforts with Soil and Water’s native tree sale

The REPORTER

A large tree for shade on a hot summer day, a compact street tree near the sidewalk, or a shrub to provide screening or wildlife habitat? With 35 different species available, the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) native tree sale has the perfect tree or shrub for your property.

All offerings are \$28 each and will arrive in three-gallon containers and be approximately three to five feet tall at delivery. Pre-orders are required and are due Sept. 28. Trees can be picked up Friday, Oct. 23 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds. Details on tree species and growing conditions, as well as online ordering, are available at hamiltonswcd.org.

This tree sale focuses on species native to Indiana. These types of trees are uniquely suited to Hoosier soils and weather, but most importantly, they are uniquely suited to support the state's wildlife – especially birds, insects and other pollinators.

Three-gallon trees are a great choice as they are easy to maneuver and plant, economical, and will grow quickly. In addition to native trees, 15-gallon watering bags are also available in this year's sale.

The tree sale is SWCD's largest annual fundraiser. All proceeds go back into conservation and education.



Photos provided

A freshly-planted Shumard oak tree (left) and a mature Shumard oak (right).

Letter to the Editor

Montgomery pledges to donate 50% of his commissioner salary to charity

Dear Editor:

I have to say, since I announced my candidacy, the response from family and friends has been amazing! Thank you all for your kind words of support and surprising generosity. The donations have all been simply that – donations with no expectations other than the desire to help me succeed. In fact, quite a few of you aren't even Hamilton County residents – some not even Hoosiers!

So as a newbie I've learned a little about campaign finance rules and forms you have to file (there really aren't that many). My niece, Jennifer Erner, immediately stepped up to help as the campaign treasurer too. Thanks so much Jenn for your time and talents with the finances!

I want to share with you some public information. Basically, all contributions and expenses are meticulously tracked and reported more or less quarterly.

Now here's the fun part – the forms are all scanned and publicly posted. That's right, anyone can see who has contributed money to your campaign and how you've spent the funds. You can have a look at your opponent and his cronies' forms, so of course I did.

Here's the link for Hamilton County Commissioners: secure2.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/CampaignFinance.

Browse the folders ... the current county commissioners are Mark Heirbrandt (the incumbent for District 3), Christine Altman and Steve Dillinger.

When I looked deeper, I started noticing that the same 80 or so companies and individuals contributed rather large amounts to not just my opponent's purse, but to the other two commissioners as well. Now why would these guys need to raise ~\$100k per year, even in non-election years? Even when they're running unopposed?

Perhaps the professions of the contributors are a clue – they're mostly engineering, attorneys or insurance folks. When a civil engineering firm or pavement company makes big donations to your County Commissioners that have control over awarding contracts, it kind of makes your stomach churn (or at least mine did).

Here's the thing, folks: Dan doesn't roll that way. I'm in this for public service, not personal enrichment. Therefore, I will donate to charity any contributions to my campaign from anyone that has the potential to benefit materially from my commissioner decisions. (My favorite local non-profits are Family Promise and Open Doors.)

Also, in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, I pledge to donate 50 percent of my commissioner's salary to charity.

I haven't seen any elected officials making personal sacrifices like this, have you?

Dan Montgomery
Democratic candidate for Hamilton County Commissioner, District 3

Letter to the Editor

Fall Creek Township Trustee Doug Allman thankful for Todd Huston’s work on education

Dear Editor:

Last week in a [letter to the editor](#), Aimee Rivera Cole, the Democrat candidate for House District 37, said she was the only person interested in protecting school funding.

However, she fails to mention that it was House Speaker Todd Huston who authored the last state budget that invested \$763 million more into K-12 education. He has increased funding to Hamilton Southeastern Schools by \$37 million since 2012, and he has consistently said schools should be fully funded in this extraordinary school year.

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Extensive fish, water quality sampling of White River underway

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Fish community sampling is being conducted by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) fisheries biologists, Indiana Department of Environmental Management's (IDEM) Office of Water Quality and the Muncie Sanitary District's Bureau of Water Quality (BWQ) over the next couple of months for the White River Mainstem Project.

The White River Mainstem Project is a collaborative effort to sample the West Fork White River and White River mainstem from its headwaters to its confluence with the Wabash River. This project is the first of its kind for Indiana, with multiple agencies working together to extensively sample an entire river. It will also be the most comprehensive sampling of the White River that has been done.

Over the coming months,

water quality, fish communities, and benthic macroinvertebrates (water insects) will be sampled at 63 sites along the entire 356 miles. Biologists will evaluate different aspects of these rivers, which will help the agencies better understand the water quality and the rivers' ability to support healthy and diverse fish and macroinvertebrate communities. Macroinvertebrates serve as indicators of water quality and overall stream health: Because they are at the bottom of the food chain, macroinvertebrates are more sensitive to environmental stress and can influence the fish that feed on them.

DNR will also evaluate sport fishing opportunities for anglers during sampling. Sport fish species like small-mouth bass, spotted bass and channel catfish will have additional information collected (such as age and weight) to provide detailed informa-

tion about fishing opportunities along the river. Reports will be made available at on.IN.gov/where2fish and on the project's StoryMap: idem.IN.gov/WhiteRiver-Project.

IDEM will use monitoring data to provide a comprehensive assessment of the White River's ability to support aquatic life to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. This will also tie into BWQ's long-term monitoring project to investigate changes in water quality and fish and macroinvertebrate communities from the headwaters in Winchester to Anderson.

The data provided by this study will be essential for future recommendations to improve the river's health for the fish, wildlife and human communities that depend on it.

For more information about this project, please visit idem.IN.gov/White-RiverProject.



Allen Gale Young
May 6, 1930 – August 17, 2020

Allen Gale Young, 90, Sheridan, passed away on Monday morning, August 17, 2020 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. Born on May 6, 1930 in Delaware County, Ind., he was the son of the late Cloa A. "Cy" and Mary Reba (Rees) Young.

Gale's family made the move to Sheridan during his younger years, and he graduated with the Sheridan Class of 1949. It was during those years at SHS that he met his first love, Mary Elizabeth Walker. Gale and Mary were married on September 30, 1949 and began traveling life's journey by each other's side. Gale and Mary celebrated their 50th Anniversary on September 30, 1999. Mary passed away on October 2, 1999.

Being somewhat of a serial entrepreneur, Gale never liked to let the grass grow under his feet. During his younger years, he worked for Foxworthy Ford and Pearson Ford. He eventually hired on with Biddle Screw Products in Sheridan; retiring from the company after 26 years of dedicated service. During those years, and for many after, Gale always had a yellow legal pad, or something to scribble on, close by at all times. He would jot down different ideas that would pop into his head, and then would revisit those ideas when he had a little bit of time to think. The ideas in his notebooks turned into quite a few successful business ventures over the years, including two different car washes, one in Sheridan and one in Arcadia, and Young's Hayloft in Sheridan. Gale and Mary started Young's Hayloft in 1977 and kept Sheridan stocked with beautiful flowers for over 20 years.

Some people are lucky enough to find love once in their life, even fewer are able to find it multiple times. Gale was one of those very fortunate individuals. On April 5, 2008 he married Loretta (Grimes) Hopper and spent the rest of his life by her side. The ideas in Gale's yellow notebooks never stopped flowing, and Loretta was always ready to hop on-board with whatever he came up with next. In 2017, they started Young's Kitchen, which was located on Main Street in Sheridan. It was a short-lived venture, but they enjoyed every moment, loving what they were doing and enjoying the fact that they could do it as a family. When you went in the restaurant you felt like you were coming home, and nobody left without at least getting a visit from either Gale, Loretta, or Rebecca.

He was a member of the Sheridan Masonic Lodge F&AM #309 and attended the Sheridan First United Methodist Church.

Gale is survived by his wife, Loretta Hopper-Young; his daughters, Nancy Day (Fred), Rochester, Linda Moore (John), Indianapolis, and Sarah Godby (Bobby), Sheridan; his son, Daniel Ray Hopper, Sheridan; 11 grandchildren, Allison (Ryan) Tusing, Dave (Julie) Day, Michelle (Chad) Stevens, Debbie (Chris) Coburn, Jake Hubbard, Dr. Shawn (Ginger) Moore, Ryan (Megan) Moore, Matt Godby, Kati (Doug) Harris, Betsy (Josh) Carter and Mark Sturdevant; 25 great-grandchildren; his sister, Melba C. Stephenson, Sheridan; nephews, Robert Dale Stephenson and Micah Carr; niece, Stephanie Oresik; great-nephew, Quentin Oresik-Mossburg; and his mother-in-law, Pamela K. Ranney, Sheridan.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Mary E. (Walker) Young; his second wife, Marilyn Bailey-Young in September 2006; great-grandchildren, Devon Lee Day and Elizabeth Ann Day; his niece, Marsha K. Carr; brother-in-law, Bud Stephenson; and by his daughter, Rebecca Nicole Hopper in September 2017.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, August 21, 2020 at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. Reverend Frank Ciampa will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be presented to Kercheval Funeral Home, P.O. Box 42, Sheridan, IN 46069, to help the family with funeral expenses.

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And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know; and Paul I know; but who are ye? And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

Acts 19:15-16 (KJV)



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Volleyball

Millers fall to tough Marauders

By RICHIE HALL

After a season-opening win at North Central on Tuesday, the Noblesville volleyball team played its first home match Wednesday at The Mill.

The Millers took on Mount Vernon and battled before falling in three sets, 26-24, 25-16, 25-22. Noblesville battled a hard-hitting Marauders team all the way through, and managed to get some big hits of its own, especially early in the first set.

"I think it's going well," said first-year NHS coach Annie Phillips of the early part of the season. "We're putting some things together. We're doing the right things. We just have to take care of the first ball, and I think that's everybody's story. Serve and serve receive."

Mount Vernon had gotten up 4-0, but the Millers roared back to take a 9-6 lead. Rose Crist was a big part of that run, as she blasted five kills.

The Marauders eventually came back to tie the match at 10-10. Crist hit another kill to put Noblesville up 18-15, but Mount Vernon made another comeback, then won the set on an ace.

The Millers' Ella Peter made a successful net tip to put her team up 2-0 early in the second. But Mount Vernon took over after that, jumping ahead 12-5, finishing that run with six unanswered points. Noblesville played evenly with the Marauders after that, but Mount Vernon was able to keep its margin from six to nine points for the remainder of the set.

The third set was another close battle where neither team led by more than three points. The Millers led 13-10 at one point, with Peter helping out by making another net tip. The Marauders came back again, and the match remained tight until Mount Vernon closed it by winning three of the last four points.

Crist finished the match with 10 kills and one block, while Bella Hines and Gabby Weihe both hit eight kills. Hines also served one ace and made one block. Riley Branch handed out 29 assists and



The Noblesville volleyball team honored its seniors prior to its match with Mount Vernon Wednesday. The Millers battled Mount Vernon before the Marauders won in three hard-fought sets.

Reporter photos by Kirk Green

made eight digs, Diana Cox picked up six digs and served an ace, while Peter had one block.

"They're doing a good job," said Phillips. "As we play more in games, we're going to connect all those pieces together."

Noblesville goes back on the road tonight, playing at Bishop Chatard.

Westfield improved to 2-0 with a sweep of Greenfield-Central, 25-17, 25-23, 25-22, Wednesday at The Rock.

Grace Stewart powered the offense with 16 kills and two blocks, while Kenzie Daffinee had a blanced night, getting 16 digs while hitting 12 kills. Peighton Isley had 18 digs.

Fishers won a five-set match on the road Wednesday, beating McCutcheon 25-18, 23-25, 28-26, 16-25, 15-12.

Camryn Haworth had an incredible game, with 45 assists, 19 digs, 13 kills and two aces. Jada Allen led the kills with 20, followed by Emily Waldrop with 12, JaNyah Henderson with 11 and Mikayla Christiansen with five.

Samantha Perdue picked up 26 digs, while Waldrop made five digs. Henderson dominated the net with 5.5 blocks, while Christiansen added two blocks and Allen had 1.5 blocks. Ava Vickers served three aces, with Waldrop hitting two.

The Tigers improved to 3-0 with the victory and will host Brebeuf Jesuit on Saturday morning.



Rose Crist hit 10 kills for Noblesville in its Wednesday match.

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Huskies football to play at Lapel on Friday

Hamilton Heights will get to play a Week 1 football game after all.

The Huskies will travel to Lapel on Friday to take on the Bulldogs. Kickoff is 7 p.m. The slot became open after Elwood, Lapel's original Week 1 opponent, opted out of the game due to having several players injured and roster depth.

Heights had two opponents opt out of the Week 1 game, first Monroe Central, then Muncie Central. The Huskies were to play at home for Week 1, but now will have their home opener on Sept. 4 against West Lafayette.

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Girls soccer

Golden Eagles open season with win

The Guerin Catholic girls soccer team won its season-opening game with Zionsville on Wednesday, 2-0 at the Golden Eagles' field.

It was a contest between two ranked teams in Class 3A: Zionsville is No. 16 and Guerin Catholic is No. 17. Neither team scored in the first half, but the Golden Eagles broke things open in the second half.

Senior Quincy McMahon, returning to the Guerin team after two years in Colorado, scored the first goal of the game with 30 minutes left. Twenty minutes later, junior Emerson Jennings added the second goal with McMahon making the assist.

The Golden Eagles play again Saturday, welcoming 3A No. 2 Carmel to their field.



Sheridan opened its season with a 5-1 loss at Cardinal Ritter on Wednesday.

The Blackhawks took an early lead when freshman Emma Alexander scored on a free kick from 22 yards. Sheridan held the lead until the end of the first half, when the Raiders added two goals to take a 2-1 halftime lead. Ritter then scored three more goals in the second half.

Sophomore Hailey Godby played goalkeeper for the first time and made 10 saves. Coach Brian Prange credited Godby with being "very active in the box for the Blackhawks."

Sheridan will play at Hamilton Heights next Wednesday, Aug. 26.



Alexander

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Guerin Catholic junior Hailey Abel keeps the ball under control for the Golden Eagles during their season-opening game with Zionsville on Wednesday. Guerin Catholic won 2-0.

Girls golf

'Rocks, Royals pick up dual victories

The Westfield girls golf team won a dual meet with Tipton 141-163 Wednesday at Tipton Golf Course.

The third-ranked Shamrocks were two strokes away from a school record for nine holes, and made 11 birdies as a team. Samantha Brown was the meet medalist with a two-under par 33, while Allie McKeown made four birdies on her way to a one-under 34.

Other Westfield scores were Sophie McGinnis 36, Cate Jensen 38, Mallory Mortl 39 and Brette Hanavan 40.

The 'Rocks are next in action Saturday at the Roncalli Invitational at Smock Golf Course.

Hamilton Southeastern, ranked seventh in the state, also got a Wednesday dual meet victory, beating Pendleton Heights 164-185 at Stony Creek Golf Course.

Kaley McHaffie was the meet medalist with a 38. Other scores were Katy Pippenger 41, Cora Zink 42, Lauren Stewart 43, Annabelle Willard 45, Gabby Willard 46, Ella Biu 46 and Reese Hissong 47.

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Focus and energy: New coach has Noblesville ready to run

So, do you think everyone is excited to see football again? Play football again?

If one is need of an example for how much people are ready for action on the field, take a look at the Noblesville Millers. First-year coach Dave Sharpe had to ask Noblesville athletic director Leah Wooldridge for 15 more helmets.

Sharpe said that not only is there “so much focus and energy,” there are a lot of young people on the Millers team.

“Our participation is at an all-time high,” said Sharpe. “I think that’s due to the kids being stuck in the house for 100 days or whatever.”

Noblesville has many first-time players, which Sharpe said has been great. He credited his seniors with being leaders for the team, and is aware that after so many months without sports, let alone football, everyone is appreciative of just getting to play.

“Kids and coaches alike, we’re having a blast,” said Sharpe. “We all want football so much, but then when you throw in this uncertainty, it’s cherished. We did a lot of Zoom workouts in April and May and June and all that. It’s just not the same, as everyone found out. We’re crossing our fingers.

“What a strange time to be an adult. I can’t imagine what it would be like to be 16 or 17 going through this. We as coaches try to put that in perspective. I couldn’t imagine this going into my senior year of high school. It’s just mind-boggling. But they’ve handled it with such grace, and they’re excited to be here. We know it can be taken away at any day.”

Fortunately, Noblesville has an intact schedule of nine games as of now. The Millers will be home at Beaver Material Fields on Friday to take on Mount Vernon. Those who watch the game, either in person or on HCTV, will see a team that’s ready to run, on both sides of the ball.

“In our offense, we’re a full house T formation,” said Sharpe. “On defense, we are going to slant every single pay. We’re going to play quick, aggressive defensive linemen. We’re going to put all 11 guys in the box and be unapologetic about running the ball 90 percent of the time. It’s a philosophy that we think meshes together very, very well.



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

The Noblesville football team will be ready to run, as first-year coach Dave Sharpe leads the Millers into the 2020 regular season. Pictured here is Noblesville during its scrimmage with North Central last Saturday: Tight end Carson Cutler (42), and running backs Mike Hamman (24), Brayan Gómez Sánchez (31) and Sevin Barringer (29).

er very, very well. No matter the level of skill of the athlete, we can find a spot for all 100 guys on our varsity roster and all 60 guys on our freshman roster. They will learn something, and they will get better and better and better at it.”

Noblesville has an experienced group coming back on defense, including five of the top seven leading tacklers from last year. That includes senior Skylar Tolliver, who led the Millers with 81 tackles and 5.5 for a loss as a junior.

Other returning starters back include senior safety Zach Blevins (71 tackles), senior corner Blaine McNabb (45), senior Mason Bohland (46), junior Sam Stein-

hofer (72) and senior Jackson Slone (28).

On offense, there are a few returning linemen, including senior Dylan Ray, senior Carson Cutler and junior Jake Long. Junior Owen Jones is back; he got some playing time as a sophomore to the tune of 44 rushing yards (and a touchdown) and three receptions. Blevins also played some receiver, with five catches. The Millers have a relatively young list of quarterbacks, which include junior Connor Meinertding and sophomores Jordan Sharp and Jace Riggs, along with freshman Travis Moore.

Noblesville finished 1-9 last sea-

son, but nearly stunned Class 6A in the Sectional 3 semi-finals when it took then-undefeated Homestead to overtime at The Mill. The Spartans escaped with a 24-21 victory.

“We feel great about the way we ended the season last year, beating Franklin Central late in the season and then taking Homestead to overtime,” said Sharpe. “If you ever want to have motivation, lose a heartbreaker. They know how close they were to winning a sectional. We’re confident that we’re right there with the other teams in 6A and we got to get over the hump this year.”

Well-rounded Huskies will get to play Week 1 game at Lapel

There is probably no football team in Indiana that will be more grateful to be playing this Friday than Hamilton Heights.

The Huskies had two opponents, Monroe Central and Muncie Central, cancel on them due to COVID-19 concerns. But on Wednesday afternoon, Heights was able to find a game: Lapel announced that it would host the Huskies for a 7 p.m. Friday kickoff.

“We wanted our kids to play,” said Heights coach Jon Kirschner. “They’ve worked too hard.”

The Huskies have quite a few hard workers: Kirschner said there are 80 players out for the Heights team this season.

“We haven’t had 80 kids in the program in five years,” said Kirschner.

The Huskies went 2-8 last season against a difficult schedule. While Heights graduated some good seniors

from last season, there is quite a bit of talent coming back. Experienced talent as well. That includes junior quarterback Guy Griffey, who put up some nice numbers as a sophomore, making 75 of 145 pass completions for 926 yards and eight touchdowns.

A top receiver coming back is junior Isaac Tuma, who made 22 catches last season. The running game for the Huskies last year was senior dominated; junior Nate Hulen returns the most rushing yards with 55. Hulen also made a big impact on defense, with 59 tackles.

Junior Harrison Hochstedler is another key returner. Despite missing significant time last year, Hochstedler also totaled 59 tackles. Senior Devonte Henson made 58 tackles.

Other returners expected to make impacts are junior wide receiver Gavin Bramel and a host of seniors:

Lineman Joe Mayo, wide receiver Tristan Ehman and tight end/defensive end Brayden Elkin.

“My three teams, this is the most well-rounded, top to bottom,” said Kirschner. The coach credited his team with having a good off-season and putting in the individual work during the spring, even when having to do so on their own due to the COVID-19 crisis.

As a result, Kirschner said his team not only didn’t lose a step during the mandatory time off, “they may have gained a step. They’ve bought in to what we’re doing,” he said.

Due to the schedule change, the Huskies will now play their first two games on the road. After Lapel in Week 1, Heights will travel to North Montgomery for its Week 2 game. The Huskies will open their home season Sept. 4 against West Lafayette.

With seven returners, 'bigger, faster' defense to lead the way for Shamrocks

As the Westfield football team begins its season this week, the defense will be leading the way.

The Shamrocks have seven starters and a few subs returning on the defensive side of the ball. This is in sharp contrast with the Westfield offense, which graduated a ton of talented players from last year’s 6-5 season.

But, the ‘Rocks are playing, something for which the players and coach Jake Gilbert are grateful.

“It’s been nothing but joy in our hearts to be out there playing the game of football,” said Gilbert. “We are beyond grateful. The kids have been amazing.”

Westfield’s defense is tried and true. The Shamrocks’ top tackler, Micah Hauser, is back; he made 88 stops last season. Also returning is senior David Frey, who made 78 tackles. Senior Carson Voorhis is another top returner, with 42 tackles to his credit last season. Voorhis and Hauser will be at free safety, while Frey is slated for strong safety.

“We have a ton of guys back on defense,” said Gilbert.

Junior Seth Martin (defensive end), seniors Seth Poriah and Sayveion Woods-Dale (defensive tackle), senior Gabe Arvin (linebacker), junior Evan Cannon (linebacker) and senior Benji Welch (cornerback) are among the returning starters as well.

“They are bigger, faster, and more experienced,” said Gilbert. “Our specialists are back as well.”

Those specialists include junior Bryson Hoover, who will be the punter this season, he had a long punt of 73 yards at one point last season. Hoover was also one of Westfield’s top tacklers last year with 80 stops.

Senior Sean Sullivan returns as kicker; he made 29 of 32 extra-point attempts last year. Hauser will be the punt returner, with junior Thaddeus O’Neill the snapper.

With the graduation of quarterback Camden Simons and running back Eli Patchett, Westfield’s offense will

look different. But it won’t be completely new. Senior quarterback Nick Talley got into four games last season and passed for 87 yards and a touchdown. Hauser will also be rushing; he gained 373 yards and scored five touchdowns.

A key returner is senior wide receiver Mason Piening. He led the receptions as a junior, with 34 catches and five TDs.

“On offense we have quite a bit to replace, so we’ve got work to do,” said Gilbert. “Our defense should keep us in games until we figure it out offensively.”

Westfield doesn’t get an easy assignment for its first game. Cathedral will come in to Riverview Health Stadium on Friday, the first of three home games to begin the Shamrocks’ season. Westfield hosts Harrison next Friday.

“They will be a great team as usual,” said Gilbert. “They are well-coached and I like their schemes. They have some great offensive firepower.”

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Blackhawks have plenty of talent and experience in Bud's 55th season

Sheridan football coach Larry "Bud" Wright had this to say when it comes to the strategy of the 2020 Blackhawks team:

"It's going to be a running game."

This, of course, is not breaking news to anyone that's paid attention to Sheridan football over the years. But when a coach is entering his 55th season and has guided the 'Hawks to 423 wins, why change what works?

This year, Sheridan has the potential to add a nice number of victories to Wright's career total. The Blackhawks are loaded with talent and experience from a team that actually still trends young.

"We got nine starters back on offense and eight starters back on defense," said Wright, whose team was 6-4 last season.

That list of starters includes two seniors. Cameron Hovey will be one of the Blackhawks' two running backs. Hovey was tearing up fields all over the place, rushing for 1,225 yards and 16 touchdowns in six games before he got injured. Wright pointed out that, according to the MaxPreps.com website, Hovey was third in the nation in rushing before he got hurt.

Sophomore Peyton Cross is the other running back. As a freshman, Cross had solid numbers, with 182 yards rushing and two touchdowns. Both Hovey and Cross will also play linebacker.

Keenan Warren is the other returning senior and will play linebacker and tight end. Warren was Sheridan's leading receiver with 11 catches and two TDs.

Sophomore Dagan Johnson is back on the offensive line. All the other returning starters are juniors. That includes Cade Hunter at defensive back and wide receiver (five catches, two TDs) and Cale Cummings at wide receiver (three catches).

Silas DeVaney returns at the quarterback position, and will also play linebacker. DeVaney rushed for 547 yards



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Sheridan's Cameron Hovey makes a run during practice as (background, from left) Travis Wright, Bud Wright and Jeff Purkey look for each player's assignments to be executed. Hovey rushed for 1,225 yards in six games before getting injured last season, and will be a senior for the Blackhawks this year.

and 11 touchdowns last season, and also threw for 874 yards and five TDs.

Five more juniors round out the returners. Christian Clausen and Noah Ehrie will be defensive backs, Gavin Renner will play defensive end and wingback, and Gabe Holler and Jacob Richey return to the offensive line.

While Sheridan had no problem with

its offense last year, averaging 32.6 points per game, Wright wants to get the defense turned around, as it gave up 33.0 points per contest. The coach said his team has been "working at it pretty hard" to get it straightend up.

"We'll see if our hard work's paid off or not," said Wright.

The Blackhawks will play their tra-

ditional Week 1 opponent on Friday, Western Boone. The Stars are two-time defending Class 2A state champions. Sheridan will then dive into Hoosier Heartland Conference play in Week 2 against another old rival, Clinton Central.

"There's a lot of good teams this year in the conference," said Wright.

New coach, veteran linemen will be on the field for Southeastern

There will be a few familiar faces on the Hamilton Southeastern football team this season, as well as a few new names, starting with the coach.

Michael Kelly takes over the Royals program, after spending three years at Seymour. He will lead the Southeastern team to Lawrence Central on Friday for its opening game. The Royals, who finished last season 5-5, graduated several offensive stars, but there is some talent coming up, and they will be guarded by what Kelly calls a "veteran offensive line."

Leading the way on the line will be two seniors who are three-year starters: Brandon Gonzalez and Jake Robeson. They will be playing left guard and left tackle respectively. Junior Isaiah Kegley is slated to be under center, with classmates Jack Greer (right guard) and Jon Grubbs (right tackle) also on the line.

The quarterback this season will be a senior, John McCall. He was a defensive standout last season, making 57 tackles, but will be strictly offense this year; Kelly said McCall "will be a player to watch." His primary throwing targets will be junior wide receivers Jack Wafford and Stephen Sydnor.

Senior Jace Alexander and junior Blaine Wertz return as running backs. Wertz had a standout year last season with 655 yards and three touchdowns. Alexander rushed for 145 yards and two TDs in four games last year.

Southeastern's defense also has quite a bit of experience. Senior lineman JT Mutchner is a three-year starter who led



Reporter photo by Kirk Green

First-year Hamilton Southeastern coach Michael Kelly (center) works with his linemen during a practice. The Royals open their season Friday at Lawrence Central.

the Royals in tackles for a loss last season with 10. He had 62 tackles overall.

Senior Nate Haas returns the most tackles, with 97. Another key returner is junior Leth Sundling, who had 32 tackles, five for a loss. Kelly said Haas and

Sundling should be playmakers this year.

The cornerback positions will also be experienced, with seniors Giovanni Ragland and Mikah Phillips leading the way there. Phillips had 23 tackles last season.

After playing at Lawrence Central,

the Royals will make their home debut on Week 2, hosting North Central. Southeastern then heads into Hoosier Crossroads Conference play, traveling to Avon on Sept. 4, then hosting Fishers Sept. 11 for the annual Mudsock game.

Football previews for Carmel, Fishers and Guerin Catholic will run in Friday's edition of the Reporter.

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Major League Baseball standings

American League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Yankees	16	8	.667	-
Tampa Bay	16	9	.640	0.5
Baltimore	12	12	.500	4.0
Toronto	10	11	.476	4.5
Boston	7	18	.280	9.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Minnesota	16	9	.640	-
Cleveland	15	9	.625	0.5
Chi. White Sox	14	11	.560	2.0
Detroit	9	13	.409	5.5
Kansas City	10	15	.400	6.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Oakland	17	8	.680	-
Houston	14	10	.583	2.5
Texas	10	13	.435	6.0
L.A. Angels	8	17	.320	9.0
Seattle	8	18	.308	9.5

Wednesday's games	
Toronto 5, Baltimore 2	Chicago White Sox 5, Detroit 3
Boston 6, Philadelphia 3	Houston 13, Colorado 6
St. Louis 9, Chicago Cubs 3	San Diego 6, Texas 3, 10 innings
Kansas City 4, Cincinnati 0	Seattle 6, L.A. Dodgers 4
Cleveland 6, Pittsburgh 1	Oakland 4, Arizona 1
Tampa Bay 4, N.Y. Yankees 2	San Francisco 7, L.A. Angels 2
N.Y. Mets 5, Miami 3	Chicago Cubs 4, St. Louis 2
Milwaukee 9, Minnesota 3	Cincinnati 5, Kansas City 0
	Washington at Atlanta, postponed

National League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Atlanta	14	11	.560	-
Miami	9	9	.500	1.5
Philadelphia	9	10	.474	2.0
N.Y. Mets	12	14	.462	2.5
Washington	9	12	.429	3.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chi. Cubs	16	8	.667	-
Milwaukee	11	11	.500	4.0
St. Louis	6	7	.462	4.5
Cincinnati	10	12	.455	5.0
Pittsburgh	4	16	.200	10.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
L.A. Dodgers	18	8	.692	-
Colorado	13	11	.542	4.0
San Diego	14	12	.538	4.0
Arizona	13	12	.520	4.5
San Francisco	10	16	.385	8.0

WNBA standings

Eastern Conference				
Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chicago	8	4	.667	-
Connecticut	5	7	.417	3.0
Indiana	4	7	.364	3.5
Washington	4	7	.364	3.5
Atlanta	2	10	.167	6.0
New York	1	10	.091	6.5

Western Conference				
Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Seattle	11	1	.917	-
Las Vegas	8	3	.727	2.5
Los Angeles	8	3	.727	2.5
Minnesota	8	3	.727	2.5
Phoenix	6	6	.500	5.0
Dallas	4	8	.333	7.0

Wednesday's games	
Washington 98, Atlanta 91	
Minnesota 91, Dallas 84	
Los Angeles 83, Phoenix 74	

Davis, Layden named winners of Wooden/MCL Awards for 2020

Superior athletes. Strong students. Outstanding citizens.

In a phrase, those labels accurately describe Indiana All-Star basketball players and recent high school graduates Dre Davis of Lawrence Central and Madison Layden of Northwestern.

Thus, each athlete has been named a winner of a Wooden/MCL Citizenship Award for 2020 as presented by the IndyStar Indiana All-Stars. These awards usually are presented at the All-Stars' home game against Kentucky in June. Because this year's All-Star games were canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic, it was decided to announce these awards as the new academic year is beginning.

Davis, a 6-6 wing, averaged 21.5 points, 8.7 rebounds and 2.8 assists in keying Lawrence Central to a 22-3 record as a senior. He totaled 1,192 points and 516 rebounds in his career while three times being named IBCA/Subway Supreme 15 All-State. The University of Louisville-bound athlete helped the Bears to a Sectional 10 championship as a junior when he was named a Core Junior All-Star. He also was named Associated Press third-team All-State as a junior and AP first-team All-State as a senior.

Off the court, Davis was named IBCA First-Team Academic All-State in 2020 after earning honor roll accolades all eight semesters at Lawrence Central. He also was named the 2020 Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference Scholar-Athlete of the Year and winner of the 2020 Lawrence Central "Bears Athletic Club" Sportsmanship Award for positive behavior, generosity, respect for others and graciousness in victory or defeat.

In addition, Davis participated in Project Lead The Way, the JP Morgan Black Organization for Leadership and Development, was the Lawrence Central representative in the United Negro College Fund Masked Ball and served as a student mentor for Lawrence Township middle school and elementary school stu-

dents.

Layden, a 6-1 point guard, averaged 25.6 points, 4.2 rebounds, 6.4 assists and 5.1 steals as a senior while leading the Northwestern girls to a 29-1 record and a Class 4A state runner-up finish. For her career, the Purdue University recruit totaled 2,360 points, 509 rebounds, 713 assists and 539 steals as the Tigers went 107-9 over four seasons that included four sectional championships, three regional crowns, three semi-state trophies and Class 3A state titles in 2018 and 2019.

Her career point total is a Howard County record, and Layden's on-court prowess led to her being named an IBCA/Subway First-Team Supreme 15 All-State selection three times and AP first-team All-State as a junior and senior. In addition, she was chosen a Core Junior All-Star in 2019, the 2019 USA Today Indiana Player of the Year and the 2020 Gatorade/Indiana Player of the Year.

In other sports, Layden was a four-year all-Hoosier Conference player in volleyball and earned IHSVCA second-team all-state accolades in 2018 and 2019 in that sport. She also was a three-year standout in tennis, including an IHSTeCA second-team All-State award as a junior, with her senior season being halted because of the COVID-19 pandemic. For her all-around successes, Layden was named the 2020 MaxPreps Indiana Athlete of the Year in all sports.

In the classroom, Layden was chosen 2020 IBCA First-Team Academic All-State, 2020 IHSVCA Academic All-State and to the National Honor Society. At Northwestern, she was named to the school's academic honor roll all four years.

Layden also participated in SADD, Crafts For A Cause, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the school's Student Athlete Leadership Team. In addition, she organized a pet adoption program with the Kokomo Humane Society, started "A Day with the Tigers" basketball event that allowed elementary students to be a

part of game-day activities, and helped as a coach and officiate in the Northwestern Basketball Youth Organization.

"Dre and Madison are great representatives for the Wooden/MCL Award for the 2020 Indiana All-Stars," Indiana All-Star games director Mike Broughton said. "Both student-athletes had quality careers on and off the court. We wish them well as they take their talents to the NCAA Division I level."

The Wooden/MCL Citizenship Awards have been presented to one All-Star boy and one All-Star girl annually since 1992. The awards are named for the late John Wooden, an outstanding player at Martinsville High School and Purdue University and later a 10-time NCAA championship coach at UCLA.

"Since I am a strong believer in academic and citizenship awards, I am honored that MCL desires to use my name for this honor," Wooden said when the award established in 1992.

MCL Restaurant & Bakery, based in Indianapolis, has supported the Indiana All-Star program for more than 30 years. The Indiana Basketball Coaches Association, organizers of the Indiana All-Stars, thanks MCL for its continued support.

A list of Wooden/MCL Citizenship Award winners from over the years follows.

INDIANA ALL-STAR BASKETBALL Wooden/MCL Citizenship Award Winners
Year: Boys Winner, School; Girls Winner, School
1992: Billy Wright, Richmond; Kristin Mattox, Charlestown
1993: Kelcey Mucker, Lawrenceburg; Regan Seybert, Anderson Highland
1994: Tige Darner, Anderson Highland; Tiffany Gooden, Fort Wayne Snider
1995: Damon Frierson, Ben Davis; Lisa Williams, Carmel
1996: Mickey Hosier, Alexandria; Jannette Jaques, Lafayette Jeff

1997: Michael Menser, Batesville; Katrina Merriweather, Cathedral
1998: Patrick Jackson, Delta; Amber Schober, Plainfield
1999: Jon Holmes, Bloomington South; Kristen Lowry, Logansport
2000: Aaron Thomas, Northridge; Sara Strahm, Ben Davis
2001: Chris Hill, Lawrence North; Ebba Gebisa, West Lafayette
2002: Seth Colclasure, Belmont; Candace Dark, Fountain Central
2003: Andrew Hershberger, Goshen; Amanda Norris, Shenandoah
2004: Peter Minchella, Harrison (West Lafayette); Kristen Miller, Tri-Central
2005: Derek Drews, Elkhart Central; Dana Beaven, Corydon Central
2006: Brandon Hopf, Forest Park; Ashley Barlow, Pike
2007: E'Twaun Moore, East Chicago Central; Sha'la Jackson, Fort Wayne South
2008: Tyler Zeller, Washington; Brittany Rayburn, Attica
2009: Erick Peck, Cathedral; Courtney Osborn, Hamilton Southeastern
2010: Erik Fromm, Bloomington South; Dee Dee Williams, Ben Davis
2011: Austin Richie, Lowell; Amanda Corral, Hobart
2012: D.J. Balentine, Kokomo; Alex Morton, Penn
2013: Collin Hartman, Cathedral; Andrijana Cvitkovic, Culver Academy
2014: Tayler Persons, Kokomo; Tayler Goodall, Columbus North
2015: Joel Okafor, Richmond; Ali Patberg, Columbus North
2016: Tucker Blackwell, Bloomington South; Cameron Onken, Lafayette Central Catholic
2017: Jack Nunge, Castle; Madison Wise, Greenfield-Central
2018: Dean Tate, Warren Central; Emily Kiser, Noblesville
2019: Jesse Bingham, Warren Central; Maddie Nolan, Zionsville
2020: Dre Davis, Lawrence Central; Madison Layden, Northwestern

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