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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Partly to mostly cloudy. A few sprinkles or light showers in the afternoon. Wind gusting to 25 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy.

HIGH: 62 LOW: 40





## Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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# New COVID testing site opens in Carmel

## The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Health Department opened a second COVID-19 testing site on Wednesday at Trinity Free Clinic in Carmel.

Trinity Free Clinic is located at 14598 Oak Ridge Road, Carmel. It will be open Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 4 to 8 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and

Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon for COVID-19 testing.

"We're really excited to bring testing at Trinity Free Clinic online," said Chris Walker, emergency preparedness coordinator for the Hamilton County Health Department.



Walker

"This will be the first time we'll be able to offer weekend testing hours for residents making it even more convenient to get a test."

The new testing site at Trinity Free Clinic will be open to all Hoosiers. Appointments

need to be made at [scheduling.coronavirus.in.gov](https://scheduling.coronavirus.in.gov).

The current state-run OptumServe testing site at 400 Lafayette Road in Noblesville will close Friday, Oct. 2 and reopen Monday, Oct. 5 at its new location at Ivy Tech Community College in Noblesville. The entrance to the testing site will be at Door 9 on the west side of the building above WorkOne.

# Prevail reaches its \$100K goal for Celebration of Hope

## The REPORTER

Prevail, Inc. is pleased to announce that through the 2020 Celebration of Hope Fundraiser, the community came together to support its \$100,000 goal. Prevail staff and board of directors are extremely humbled and grateful for the outpouring of support during these unprecedented times.

The agency would like to once again thank the challenge sponsors: Giving \$10,000 or more: Prevail's Board of Directors, Frank & Charlotte Pichler, and Protective Insurance. Giving \$5,000 or more:

Hare Chevrolet, Biddle Memorial Foundation, and Dave & Jackie Cox. Giving \$2,000 or more: Riverview Health; WealthCare Financial Group, LLC; Church, Church, Hittle + Antrim; and Private Wealth Management Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner & Smith Gregor Private Wealth Group. Marketing Supporters: The Hamilton County Reporter, The Current, and Davant. These sponsors led the way for dozens of other donors to help Prevail reach their \$100,000 goal.

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# Fairies set to take over Downtown Noblesville

## The REPORTER

From Oct. 7 to Oct. 10, don't be surprised if you hear a stampede of little feet in the Downtown Noblesville area.

That's because Nickel Plate Arts' Welcome to Fairyville event is back for its eighth year. Originally scheduled for April of this year, the event was rescheduled for October. Residents are expected to build dozens of fairy houses on the Fairy Trail along the White River riverwalk. Many downtown merchants will feature fairy doors outside their buildings in an effort to bring some magic inside. Magical socially-distant-friendly events have been planned throughout the Downtown Noblesville area.

Nickel Plate Arts' Executive Director Ailithir McGill explained how the event has been modified, but will still be full of wonder.

"This year's Welcome to Fairyville event is unique for several reasons," McGill said. "For one thing, this is the first time the event has ever been held in the fall, and we will have the benefit of beautiful fall foliage and the excitement of Halloween being just around the corner. Also, we are working hard to add more interactive elements to our Fairy Trail for Oct. 9 and 10, including na-



Photo provided

Soon little fairies will be roaming Noblesville ... or should we say Fairyville?

ture-themed stations, which will include self-directed activities designed to be safe during COVID-19 restrictions."

Welcome to Fairyville is a perennial family favorite activity, and Downtown Noblesville partners enjoy getting in on the fairy merriment. Dozens of artists and merchants come together to bring the event to life. Families and fairy-fans can find a lot of great activities during this year's event. Not only can participants search for fairy houses and fairy doors along our trail, but several locations in Noblesville will



McGill

be hosting fairy-themed activities.

Fairy friends can paint pottery at Kiln Creations, or reserve a time to create crafts or pick up a craft kit at Caravan Classes. Nickel Plate Arts will also have a pick-up craft and a selfie station on its campus, and Lil Bloomers will be hosting story time on the sidewalk at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. each day, as well as offering fun craft options. Hamilton County Artists' Association will have a card-making craft to pick-up and will be demonstrating how to spin wool and silk. If parents need to

unwind, they can participate in Fairy Yoga with their toddler in Seminary Park at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday morning.

"We are so excited that so many groups and individuals in Noblesville were excited about getting into the fairy spirit!" McGill said. "New options are still falling into place, so stay tuned to our website and social media for news about the latest activities!"

Whether you choose to skip, walk, or even dare to frolic along the Fairy Trail, Nickel Plate Arts is looking forward to welcoming any and all guests. For more information, go to [nickelplatearts.org](https://nickelplatearts.org).

# Noblesville Common Council approves flat budget for 2021

## The REPORTER

The Noblesville 2021 Civil City budget was approved by the Common Council at its Tuesday evening meeting. The budget totals \$81,343,630 with \$68.9 million attributable to discretionary operational funds – a 0 percent increase compared to the 2020 Revised Budget for those funds.

The budget was created with four guiding principles: No increase in the overall city budget to maintain the \$1.10 tax rate (per \$100 of assessed value), no citywide yearly salary increase, no health insurance premium increases for employees, and no new positions – except the four positions previously created to continue the implementation of the public safety priority, NobleAct.

"Flat-lining a budget is very difficult to do in a community like



Jensen



O'Connor

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# HSEA chooses not to endorse any candidates for HSE school board

By LARRY LANNAN  
[LarryInFishers.com](mailto:LarryInFishers.com)

Hamilton Southeastern Education Association (HSEA) President Janet Chandler has been a teacher at Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) High School since 1979 and recalls the first year the local teachers' union became active in school board elections during 1984, even though there were no formal candidate endorsements then.

Since that time, HSEA has endorsed candidates for the board in each election cycle. 2020 will be the first time in recent history that the association is choosing not to endorse any school board candidate in this round of



at-large school board elections.

HSEA believes it has fulfilled its responsibility to educate local voters with a candidate forum held via Zoom (you can view the entire forum video at [this link](#)). Eight of the 11 candidates chose to participate in the forum. HSEA also posted answers to questionnaires by the candidates, which can be viewed at [this link](#).

The 12-person committee of

teaching staff tasked with making the union's endorsement decisions made the difficult choice, after what was described as a lively discussion, not to endorse any candidates in 2020.

HSEA President Chandler told [LarryInFishers.com](mailto:LarryInFishers.com) many committee members felt that in the current toxic environment, an HSEA endorsement could actually hurt a candidate.

Just a reminder that if you vote a straight party ticket, you must go to the end of the ballot, at the voting booth or on paper as absentee, in order to cast a vote for school board. In Indiana, school board elections are nonpartisan, meaning candidates do not run under the banner of any political party.

# Go Purple with Prevail!



October has been designated as Domestic Violence Prevention Month every year by Congress since 1989. Domestic violence often happens behind closed doors and it is not seen as something that makes good conversation. From Prevail's perspective, the more we talk about it, the safer it is for survivors to come forward and ask for help; while creating a community that makes perpetration unacceptable. If you talk about domestic violence openly with your friends and family, you will hear from the people in your circle who have experienced it and you will be in a position to refer them to the help they need. Going Purple is one way to start the conversation. #GoPurplePrevail #PrevailInc #DVPM





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Noblesville that has seen extensive growth, but I believe that holding the line on spending for 2021 is prudent to ensure we manage through this economic recovery period and maintain a strong reserve balance to facilitate future investment and growth.” Mayor Chris Jensen said. “I want to thank the Common Council for their thoughtful review and support of the budget.”

Jensen said he remains committed to making smart investment in critical infrastructure, core services and community projects that will facilitate recovery and growth in pursuit of policy pillars and goals.

“I want to commend our Chief Financial Officer and Controller, Jeff Spalding, and his team along with the rest of the administration for working hard to create a conservative budget to guide us into next year,” said Councilor Greg O’Connor, who heads the finance committee. “It is no easy task developing a flat budget in uncertain times. This conservative budget will help us as we move in to 2021 and get a clearer picture of our financial future while protecting what we have.”

In the spring, Jensen directed departments to identify expenditures that could be deferred or decreased so that more money could be reverted to the general fund at the end of the year. This direction will result in more than \$1.3 million in reversions. The city also has not had to make any job cuts due to the fiscal impact of the ongoing pandemic. Noblesville is projected to end 2021 with more than \$27 million in key cash reserves.

Several highlights of the 2021 Civil City budget include:

- 44.6 percent of the total budget is dedicated to public safety – police, fire and EMS, and the city court. The budget also provides \$17.4 million for street maintenance and improvements.
- Provides \$8.9 million for new capital investments such as installing Roundabouts on State Road 32 at River Road and State Road 38.
- 57 percent of the total budget covers personnel expenses for the city’s 369 full-time and part-time public servants.
- The budget utilizes \$17.2 million in restricted operating funds, including the Motor Vehicle Highway fund and Local Road and Street fund, which receive state gasoline tax and vehicle excise tax distributions.
- The budget includes \$10.5 million in property tax levy debt service funds, which are paying off low-interest bonds that were leveraged to build significant community assets, such as the Hazel Dell/Little Chicago Road corridor, Finch Creek Park, City Hall and the four most recently constructed fire stations.
- It also utilizes \$3.7 million in restricted capital funds, including the Cumulative Capital Improvement fund, which is funded by state cigarette tax distributions.

**PREVAIL’S 2020 Celebration of Hope RAISED \$100,000!**

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*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:**

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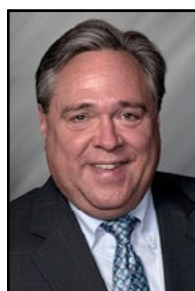
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# Lawmakers say students should apply for Statehouse internships

## The REPORTER

Hamilton County lawmakers encourage local college students and recent graduates looking to gain valuable work experience to apply online for a paid internship with the Indiana House of Representatives at the Statehouse in Indianapolis.

House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers) said before the start of each legislative session, House Republicans hire interns to help legislators and staff handle the increased workload.

"The House internship program has helped hundreds of students lay a foundation for successful careers whether they pursue public service or a job in the private sector," Huston said. "Students gain valuable, tangible skills while getting paid and earning college credit. I strongly encourage local college students and graduates to apply for this unique internship program."

According to State Rep. Tony Cook (R-Cicero), positions are open to sophomores, juniors and seniors, as well as recent college graduates, and law school and graduate students.

"Building on your time management, communication and writing skills is key to landing that dream job," Cook said. "Interns train under full-time staff, and there are high expectations when it comes to a student's commitment, work ethic and quality of work, which makes the experience all that much more rewarding."

State Rep. Chuck Go-



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(From left) Hamilton County natives Will Smeltzer, Mary Kate Jaworowski and Alec Policka join State Rep. Jerry Torr, House Speaker Todd Huston, State Rep. Donna Schaibley, State Rep. Tony Cook and State Rep. Chuck Goodrich on Feb. 27, 2020, at the Statehouse in Indianapolis. Area lawmakers encourage local college students, and law school and graduate students to apply for the 2021 House Republican Internship Program.

odrich (R-Noblesville) said all majors are welcome to apply online for internships in a variety of areas, including legislative operations, communications and media relations, policy and fiscal policy.

"Internships can open up a world of possibilities for students as they build professional relationships and expand their network of contacts," Goodrich said. "Throughout this experience, interns work alongside lawmakers and full-time staff gaining important skills to help them take that first step in their careers."

State Rep. Donna Schaibley (R-Carmel) said previous political or government experience is not required, and the experience can help students learn more about how state government operates while gaining valuable skills.

"Our team relies on in-

terns to help us during the legislative session," Schaibley said. "While learning more about how state government works, students are also busy making connections and building their resumes, which are unique opportunities that really sets this internship program apart from others."

The full-time internships take place Monday through Friday, lasting from January through April in 2021. Interns receive biweekly compensation of \$750, and can earn academic credit through their college or university. Interns are also eligible for a competitive \$3,000 scholarship to use toward undergraduate and graduate expenses.

"As a small-business owner, I know that I value employees who bring tangible skills to the table and can hit the ground running," State Rep. Chris Jeter

(R-Fishers) said. "Interning serves as a launching pad to a meaningful career, and can set you apart from other job applicants."

"Our team values interns, their diverse backgrounds and professional goals," said State Rep. Jerry Torr (R-Carmel). "This is a great opportunity to serve Hoosiers while taking on more responsibility as a young adult. But the deadline to apply is at the end of October, so now is the time to go online and start the process."

Huston said the legislature may make certain changes to the internship program due to the impacts of COVID-19 and social distancing requirements, but any adjustments will be communicated to candidates and intern hires.

Students should apply before the Oct. 31 deadline online at [IndianaHouseRepublicans.com/internship](https://indianahousepublicans.com/internship).

## Community News

### Recycling Day in Fishers

Fishers is offering a free **Recycling Day** at Billericay Park for residents on Saturday, Oct. 3, where electronics, household items, and hazardous wastes are accepted. Paper recycling and off-site confidential document shredding is also available.

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#### Notice to Sub-Contractors - Pre-Qualification

Date: October 1, 2020  
Re: Westfield Washington Schools – Early Childhood Center & Central Administration Building - Bid Package #1  
19402 Tomlinson Road  
Westfield, IN 46074

**The Skillman Corporation Project No. 219750**  
All first tier subcontractors wishing to bid and contract for this project must be prequalified in order to participate in the bidding process and to be considered for an award of contract. The prequalification process will be administered by the Owner's Construction Manager as Constructor (CMc), The Skillman Corporation.

The following are the Bid Categories under consideration for this project.  
**1 – Earthwork & Site Utilities**  
In order to prequalify, first tier subcontractors must submit their completed Prequalification Form conforming to the requirements set forth below by no later than November 12, 2020. The CMc reserves the right to extend this deadline in its sole discretion. The Prequalification Form is available for pick up by interested first tier subcontractors at The Skillman Corporation's Office. Prequalification Form will also be available via email, requests shall be sent to Andrew Huehls at [ahuehls@skillman.com](mailto:ahuehls@skillman.com). Bid documents will be available on or after October 26, 2020.

Prequalification requirements set forth by Westfield Washington Schools are as follows:

- Performance & Payment Bond from company with a rating of A+ VII, A VII or A- VII by A. M. Best and lawfully authorized to do business in the jurisdiction in which the Project is located.
- Must be able to obtain Insurance in the amount of \$1 Million Commercial General Liability; \$2 Million Aggregate; \$5 Million Umbrella from company with a rating of A+ VII, A VII or A- VII by A. M. Best and lawfully authorized to do business in the jurisdiction in which the Project is located.
- Provide an arbitration and litigation history on all construction contracts in the last 10 years.
- Provide record of safety history to include EMR, DART, TRIR and history of OSHA violations.
- Provide history of contracting with or hiring minority, women, and veteran business enterprises on prior projects.
- Sub-contractors must commit and be able to comply with applicable laws including but not limited to the requirements detailed in the bidding documents and found in applicable public works and contract statutes.
- First tier subcontractors may be found to be unqualified for this project if the CMc, Architect, or Owner determines that: (i) the above requirements have not been satisfied, (ii) a history of non-compliance by the first tier subcontractor that has negatively impacted the schedule, budget, safety or quality of a project, (iii) if the first tier subcontractor's experience on comparable projects is insufficient, or (iv) the first tier subcontractor's available manpower is insufficient based on its current workload.

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# HSE educator inducted into Indiana Livestock Breeders Hall of Fame

## The REPORTER

Tom Younts has dedicated many years to the betterment of his students and Indiana’s livestock industry. An organizer during the early years of the Hoosier Beef Congress, Younts played a staple role in establishing the show and getting it to the prominent event it is today.

Younts was inducted into Indiana Livestock Breeders Association Hall of Fame this fall.

The Hall of Fame was started in the 1930s by the ILBA and was made up of all statewide breed associations for Beef, Dairy, Horse, Pleasure Horse, Sheep, Swine and Goat breeds.

The purpose of the Hall of Fame is to recognize those individuals involved in animal science, who have made significant contributions or attained outstand-

ing achievements in the livestock industry.

If you say that you or a family member went to Hamilton Southeastern High School, chances are the next question will be “Do you know Tom Younts?” After 44 years of teaching, Younts has a primary role at state and national FFA livestock events and competitions. Rather than focusing on winning first, Younts focuses on building the character and perseverance in young people. He has helped a multitude of students reach success.

Younts has had more than 150 Hoosier Degree recipients, over 40 American Degree recipients, six past state officers, and a National FFA Champion Soils Judg-



Younts

ing Team. Younts has coached more than 500 students, with over 100 of those students attending national contests and some traveling overseas to compete. It is safe to say that he has had a positive impact on the lives of many, while advocating for Indiana’s livestock industry and continued progress.

Besides his excellence in teaching, Younts continues to be actively involved in the Indiana Angus Association and the American Angus Association, as well as the National Junior Angus Association. He is a firm believer that livestock teaches life lessons and responsibility, and that it is a viable enterprise to pursue in row crop-centric Indiana.

# Silent Disco Saturday in Fishers

## The REPORTER

Get funky with Fishers Parks at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater (NPD AMP) from 5 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 3 for a pop-up **Silent Disco**. Three DJs from 31SVN will take the NPD AMP stage, and at-

tendees will borrow a pair of headphones with the ability to switch between three channels of music.

No registration is required for this family friendly event. Masks will be required when six-foot social distancing cannot be

maintained, capacity will be limited, and headphones will be sanitized between each use.

Follow Fishers Parks on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) to see information on this event and future pop-ups.

# Noblesville K-9 Bonnie passes away



Photo provided by Noblesville Police Department

On Sunday, the Noblesville Police Department (NPD) lost a member of the K-9 Unit. K-9 Bonnie had been a member of the department for approximately four years and was assigned to K-9 handler Patrolman Alex Linn. K-9 Bonnie had been in declining health over the past few months after receiving a significant health diagnosis earlier in the summer. K-9 Bonnie saw limited activity after her diagnosis, but her spirit never wavered. Her desire and drive to serve the community was present all the way up to her passing. NPD honors K-9 Bonnie for her dedication and service to the community.

# Woodland management videos available to landowners

## The REPORTER

Forests and woodlots are constantly changing. Just like a home, a little routine maintenance is required to keep them in good order. To get the most out of a property and to meet wildlife, recreational, aesthetic or economic goals, some type of regular management is necessary.

Getting the most out of their woodlands can be a challenge for individual landowners.

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry ([on.IN.gov/forestry](#)) and Purdue Extension-Forestry and Natural Resources ([purdue.edu/fnr/extension](#)) partnered together on the Woodland Stewardship for Landowners video series ([purdue.edu/fnr/extension/woodland-videos](#)) to help educate

landowners on options for managing their woodlands.

This series includes videos about different forestry practices available to woodland owners, including information on their scientific basis, costs and benefits, and the general approach of each practice.

Ultimately, this will allow woodland owners to make more informed long-term management decisions that enhance their woods for their objectives.

“There is a lot of information out there about forest management, but not all of it is accurate,” Purdue Extension wildlife specialist Brian MacGowan said. “This video series will help landowners figure out which options are best for them and how to go about implementing them.”

Available videos include

invasive species identification and removal (autumn olive, common buckthorn, Japanese barberry and privet), foliar spray, an introduction to both the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and sealed bid timber sales.

Additional videos discussing deer damage, single tree and patch cuts, and regeneration openings will be added to the series in the coming weeks.

“This video series provides Hoosiers practical woodland management information,” said John Seifert, state forester for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. “We are proud of our partnership with the Purdue University Department of Forestry and Natural Resources (FNR), which made this production possible.”

Meeting Notices

The Carmel Redevelopment Authority will meet at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 2, 2020, in the Carmel Redevelopment Commission Conference Room, 580 Veterans Way, Carmel.

The Fall Creek Township Board and Trustee will meet to adopt the 2021 budget at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2020, at the Fall Creek Township Office, 11595 Brooks School Road, Fishers.

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# Niedermeyer to speak on state of Noblesville Schools

## The REPORTER

Noblesville Schools superintendent Dr. Beth Niedermeyer will present an annual State of the Schools address – hosted by the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce – at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 7, at Purgatory Golf and Country Club, will also be provided.

12160 E. 216th St., Noblesville.



Niedermeyer

Niedermeyer will cover how the district has responded to the COVID challenge and the impact it has had behind the scenes. Updates on finances, safety, mental health and construction

## Letter to the Editor

### An invitation to citizens who are non-voters

Dear Editor:

As we draw closer to election day in November, I want to encourage all American citizen non-voters to register to vote.

This is the most important election in our lifetime. Either we choose to keep our country as was intended by our founding fathers or allow it to become socialist, which is a step to communism.

Oct. 5 is the deadline to register to vote in Indiana.

Mari Briggs

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## Sandra “Sandy” Sue Archer Thompson

June 4, 1949 – September 23, 2020

On September 23, 2020, Sandra “Sandy” Sue Archer Thompson, 71, passed away at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.



Sandy was born in Indianapolis on June 4, 1949. She graduated from Howe High School in 1967. Sandy spent her life working mainly in the medical field, retiring as a Billing Specialist/Billing Department Lead in 2013.

Sandy was the proud mother of two children, Brian and Leanne. She dedicated her life to raising them and loving them. From attending every sporting event of Brian’s to teaching Leanne how to bake an amazing cake. They truly were her heart and soul, her sole purpose.

Grandma Sandy – that was her favorite title! Thirteen years ago, she welcomed Rylen into her heart, loving his big blue eyes and priceless smile from just days old. She welcomed Evan in 2009 and was lucky enough to spend a couple of years babysitting him on her days off.

One cannot talk about Sandy without mentioning her amazing cake decorating skills, not to mention how delicious they were, her welcoming, friendly and happy demeanor towards anyone visiting her, her sense of humor that existed until the very end, and her ability to throw a super fun pool party.

Sandy was preceded in death by her parents, John M. Archer, Sr. and Leona M. Archer; and her brother, John M. Archer, Jr. She is survived by her son, Brian Thompson, Carmel; her daughter, Leanne Wheeldon (Brian), Fishers; two brothers, Mike Archer and Daniel Archer (Susan); a sister, Rebecca Burkart (Jay); two grandsons; seven nieces; one nephew; and several great nieces and great nephews.

At Sandy’s request, there will be a simple graveside family service.

Donations can be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, National Headquarters, 6520 N. Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309-2132.

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## Pamela Greco

August 23, 1955 – September 23, 2020

Pamela Greco, 65, Helena, Ala., formerly of Fishers, passed away on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 at Princeton Baptist Medical Center in Birmingham, Ala. She was born on August 23, 1955 to Frank and Grace (Mauro) Lofaso in Brooklyn, N.Y. Her parents precede her in death.



Pam was first and foremost a loving wife and mother. Even working full time, she regularly pulled off culinary feats while being active in her children’s lives. She was intelligent and well-educated, especially quick witted and kind – traits that live on in her children. Her forthright and outgoing demeanor enabled her to make friends easily; it took little time to get to know and like her. She was respectful of others’ opinions but never hesitated to let people know where she stood.

She was a wonderful cook and often surprised her family with a creative dish, and while every new attempt came with the reassuring disclaimer, “Don’t worry – we can always order a pizza,” it was rarely needed. Christmas was her favorite time of year, and the variety of her mouth-watering Christmas cookies covered every kitchen surface as she recruited her children into little icing-elves. Her favorite store was Macy’s. She quite possibly kept Macy’s in business single-handedly; though, with her expert use of coupons and sales, she always maintained that she saved more than she spent – a rationale her husband (even after four decades of patient mathematical explanations) could never understand.

She mastered the skill of internet research early on (even besting her children) because she saw the web as another kind of shopping. She could find information or bargains in the blink of an eye.

Among her many accomplishments was a successful career at Roche Diagnostics. She rose from a temp worker to a quality control specialist – a key position she executed with excellence. She was highly regarded by her colleagues for her expertise, her initiative, and her genuine care both for the quality of the end product and for her co-workers. She referred to several of her Roche family as “work sons” and “work daughters,” and they reciprocated with a genuine love and respect for that “fast-talking” New Yorker they all felt privileged to know.

Her love and devotion to her family may be matched by some but surpassed by none. She was the better half of a perfect couple she made with Michael, her husband of 40 years; she never complained while he moved her around the country. The little girl who never planned to leave where she grew up in Ozone Park, Queens adapted quickly to moving to the “boonies” of Merrick, N.Y.; Freehold, N.J.; Fishers, Ind.; and Helena, Ala. Never hesitant, she would always say to him “I’ll follow you anywhere” (even when that meant moving to a place that put pasta in the “ethnic food” aisle). Her home was wherever he was. One will have to look far and wide to find two people more in love and devoted to one another. (And now my love, it is I who will follow you. I will miss you terribly and love you every minute of every day, as I have always, until I take my last breath on this earth, and then we will be together again).

She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Michael Greco; daughter, Michelle Greco, and son-in-law, Jeffrey Weimer; son, Matthew Greco; and siblings, Jack Lofaso, Judy Holzhey and Sandy Lofaso. She will be deeply missed.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, October 1, 2020 at St. Louis de Montfort Catholic Church, 11441 Hague Road, Fishers. Visitation was held on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, in Fishers. Eulogies were read by daughter Michelle, son Matthew, and husband Michael, with a time for others to share their stories following The family requests that all those wishing to pay their respects wear a mask.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital ([stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html](http://stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html)) or to Kids in Need of Defense (seeking to reunite children with their parents) ([donate.supportkind.org/give/188892/#!/donation/checkout](http://donate.supportkind.org/give/188892/#!/donation/checkout)).

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## Roger Halliburton

November 8, 1943 – September 29, 2020

Roger Halliburton, 76, Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis. He was born on November 8, 1943 to Floyd and Virginia (Horsely) Halliburton in Indianapolis.

Roger graduated from Lawrence Central High School. He worked for Indianapolis Water Company for 40 years, retiring in 2004. Roger enjoyed golf, fishing, hunting and travel. Most of all, he loved spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Roger is survived by his wife, Betty J. Halliburton, who he married in 1963; sons, Craig Halliburton and Scott (Heather) Halliburton; sisters, Phyllis Dilly and Rebecca Lambert; sister-in-law, Sharon Mathews; and three grandchildren, Joshua, Anna and Alexis.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Dennis Halliburton.

Services will be held at 4 p.m. on Monday, October 5, 2020 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with visitation from noon to the time of service at the funeral home. Rev. Stanley R. Sutton will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to Humane Society for Hamilton County, 1721 Pleasant St., Suite B, Noblesville, IN 46060; or American Cancer Society, 5635 W. 96th St., Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46278.

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## Hershel “Eugene” Walls

July 1, 1945 – September 21, 2020

Hershel “Eugene” Walls, 75, Venice, Fla., formerly of Fishers, passed away on Monday, September 21, 2020 at his residence in Venice. He was born on July 1, 1945 to Henry and Betty (nee Spaur) Walls in Noblesville. Eugene was employed by the Firestone Corporation, the Chrysler Corporation, and was an entrepreneur.

Eugene was a man of integrity whose charitable donations helped many and were more often than not done so anonymously. Eugene took pride in helping others and was a person who expected nothing in return. Eugene enjoyed staying busy and was extremely mechanically inclined. There was not anything he could not figure out that needed remodeling, built from the ground up, or re-engineered to his standard. According to his son Allen, “I would not have achieved the level of success in the fire service profession had it not been for my father’s high level of expectation, his teaching the value of hard work, and his demand for excellence growing up that has always been first and foremost in my mind even to this day”. Eugene will be dearly missed by many.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon (nee Harper) Walls; sons, Allen (Tia) and Bryan (Michelle); daughter, Rhonda (Richard); grandchildren, Joshua, Braeden, Justin (Marilyn), Amber (Michael) and Jacob; and great-granddaughters, Olivia and Kennedy.

A private visitation will be held. Graveside services will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, October 2, 2020 at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville with anyone welcome to attend. Pastor Mark Garrett will be officiating, with burial immediately following the graveside service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 8604 Allisonville Road, Suite 140, Indianapolis, IN 46250.

In addition, the family wishes that others always remember to be mindful of others so as to be a blessing in their lives in order to make a difference in the world.

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## TODAY’S BIBLE READING

*And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me. And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do. And when I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them that were with me, I came into Damascus. And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good report of all the Jews which dwelt there, Came unto me, and stood, and said unto me, Brother Saul, receive thy sight. And the same hour I looked up upon him.*

Acts 22:9-13 (KJV)

## Gladys Jean Easton

May 25, 1939 – September 27, 2020

Gladys Jean Easton, 81, Fishers, passed away on Sunday, September 27, 2020 at Allisonville Meadows in Fishers. She was born on May 25, 1939 to Chester and Esther (Steed) Clark in Eureka, Mont.

For 21 years, Gladys worked for Inventory Sources Inc. as an inventory analyst. She also worked for Unisource Inc. for five years as a paper buyer, retiring in 2000. Gladys was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and was a genealogy consultant for the LDS Center and Temple. She loved volunteering and delivered Meals on Wheels, and also enjoyed sewing and counted cross-stitch.

Gladys is survived by her daughters, Susan Conklin and husband Art, Carol Loehr and husband Jim, Janet Jeziorski and husband Greg, and Sharon Schreiner and husband Kurt; seven grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James Easton; brothers, Chester Arthur Clark and Gaius (G.D.) Clark; and sister, Beatrice Brune.

Private family services will be held. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery in Fishers.

Memorial contributions may be made to FamilySearch of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, c/o Philanthropies, 1450 N. University Ave., Provo, UT 84604, or donate online at [donate.churchofjesuschrist.org/donations/familysearch.html](https://donate.churchofjesuschrist.org/donations/familysearch.html); or Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County, 395 Westfield Road, Noblesville, IN 46060.

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## Boys tennis

# Sectionals begin with semi-final matches

The IHSAA boys tennis sectionals began on Wednesday, with Carmel and Hamilton Southeastern hosting semi-final matches.

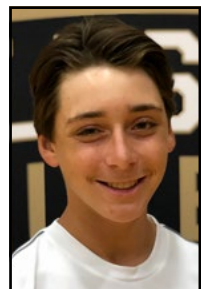
At the Greyhounds' Todd Witsken Tennis Center, No. 1-ranked Carmel advanced to the final by beating University 5-0. The 'Hounds dropped only three games in the five matches.

Carmel will play No. 12 Guerin Catholic in today's championship, which begins at 4:45 p.m. The Golden Eagles defeated No. 15 Westfield 4-1. All of the matches were decided in straight sets.

The Shamrocks' win came at No. 1 doubles, with Brett Barnes and Christian Emigh getting a 6-1, 6-3 victory. Barnes and Emigh advanced to the individual tournament, which begins next week.

Over at Southeastern, the No. 10 Royals beat Hamilton Heights 5-0. Southeastern only dropped two games among the five matches.

The Royals will play No. 9 Fishers for the title at 4:30 p.m. today. The Tigers beat Noblesville 4-1 in a hard-fought dual. The Millers' victory came at No. 1 singles, as Noah Bushong edged out Reese Knoderer in three sets, winning a third-set tiebreak 7-5. Bushong will also move on to the individual tournament next week.



N. Bushong



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

**Guerin Catholic's Max Fuller won the No. 3 singles match for the Golden Eagles during their 5-0 victory over Westfield Wednesday in the Carmel sectional semi-finals at the Todd Witsken Tennis Center. Guerin Catholic plays the Greyhounds this afternoon for the sectional championship.**

Corbin King def. Darian Reed and Asher Whitcomb 6-0, 6-1

GUERIN CATHOLIC 4, WESTFIELD 1

No. 1 singles: Cole Metzger (GC) def. Quentin Markle (W) 6-4, 6-1  
No. 2 singles: Ty Harrington (GC) def. Connor Housefield (W) 6-1, 6-1  
No. 3 singles: Max Fuller (GC) def. Foster Edwards (W) 6-1, 6-0  
No. 1 doubles: Brett Barnes and Christian Emigh (W) def. Jason Kolb

and Bradley Getts (GC) 6-1, 6-3  
No. 2 doubles: Thomas Darland and Zach Thieme (GC) def. Carson Kessler and Ben Jones (W) 7-6 (5), 6-3

**At Hamilton Southeastern FISHERS 4, NOBLESVILLE 1**

No. 1 singles: Noah Bushong (N) def. Reese Knoderer (F) 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (5)  
No. 2 singles: Nick Rasmussen (F) def. Michael Krukover (N) 6-2, 6-3  
No. 3 singles: Matthew Kordesh (F) def. Rory Bushong (N) 4-6, 6-2, (11-9)  
No. 1 doubles: Andrew Leonard and Nate Simkins (F) def. Josh Middleton and Sean Vitales (N) 6-3, 6-1  
No. 2 doubles: Drew Barker and Lo-

gan Kay (F) def. Zach Adams and Jack Gigante (N) 6-2, 6-1

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 5, HAMILTON HEIGHTS 0

No. 1 singles: Aiden De Witt def. Ben Wolfgang 6-0, 6-0  
No. 2 singles: Rohan Golla def. Nic Rice 6-0, 6-1  
No. 3 singles: Andrew Orme def. Erik Malott 6-1, 6-0  
No. 1 doubles: Andrew Spirrisson and Paul Schneider def. Jake Martin and Josh Russell 6-0, 6-0  
No. 2 doubles: Abhi Chaddha and Evan Wang def. Grant Cavanaugh and Colin Weber 6-0, 6-0

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Westfield's Brett Barnes and Christian Emigh won at No. 1 doubles during the Shamrocks' dual with Guerin Catholic, and will advance to the individual tournament next week.

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# Carmel sweeps Irish, Tigers beat NHS

The Tigers improved to 4-2 in HCC play and 16-5 overall after the win, while the Millers are 1-3 in the conference and 6-12 overall. Noblesville plays at Hamilton Southeastern tonight, while the Tigers travel to Greenfield-Central on Saturday.



**BELOW: Noblesville's Rose Crist prepares to spike the ball.**



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## Girls soccer

# Millers, Royals play to scoreless tie

The Noblesville and Hamilton Southeastern girls soccer teams played to a 0-0 tie Wednesday at Hallmark Orthodontics Soccer Complex.

The game was both the Hoosier Crossroads Conference finale and the regular season finale for both the Class 3A No. 1 Millers and the 3A No. 5 Royals. Noblesville finished 6-0-1 in the conference and is 10-0-1 overall. Southeastern completed its conference season 2-1-4 and is 8-3-4 overall.

The Millers host Anderson Tuesday in the first round of Sectional 8. The Royals play Fishers in next Thursday's sectional semi-finals.

Westfield beat 3A No. 20 Avon 1-0 on Wednesday in an HCC contest.

Talia Whitesel scored the Shamrocks' goal, improving their record to 3-3 in the conference and 5-5-3 overall. Westfield plays at 3A No. 10 Zionsville on Saturday to wrap up HCC and regular-season play.

Hamilton Heights lost to Pendleton Heights 1-0 on Wednesday.

This was the regular-season finale for 2A No. 5 Huskies, who open play at the Yorktown sectional on Tuesday by taking on Delta.

Sheridan fell to 1A No. 13 Tipton 2-0 on Wednesday.

Blackhawks coach Brian Prange said his team "played a very solid game" from beginning to end. The Blue Devils scored their first goal on a first-half penalty kick, then added another goal in the second half.

Sheridan plays at Rossville this afternoon, with a 5:30 p.m. kickoff.



Reporter photo by Kent Graham  
Noblesville's Grace Taskey (left) and Hamilton Southeastern's Sam Borgert try to get control of the ball during the Millers-Royals girls soccer game Wednesday at Hallmark Orthodontics Soccer Complex.

## Football previews

# Royals travel to Noblesville, 'Rocks host Avon

Indiana high school football is entering the home stretch this week, as teams move into the final third of the regular season.

And now that it is Week 7, every game becomes important as teams fight for a good finish in the conference standings. That includes the Hoosier Crossroads Conference, where Westfield presently leads with a 4-0 record. Right behind are Brownsburg and Hamilton Southeastern with 3-1 marks. The Shamrocks host Avon Friday, while the Royals travel to Noblesville for an all-county showdown.

### HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN-NOBLESVILLE

Southeastern got back on the winning track last week against Zionsville, coming from behind to beat the Eagles 14-13. That improved the Royals' overall record to 4-2. Southeastern also has wins over Lawrence Central 24-0, Avon 39-28 and Fishers 21-9, while falling to North Central 36-35 and Westfield 14-3.

"Defensively, they have some really dynamic playmakers in their front seven," said Noblesville coach Dave Sharpe. He mentioned several Royals defenders, such as junior JT Mutchner, senior Nate Haas, junior Jackson Constantine and sophomore Evan Sherrill. Haas has a total of 41 tackles this season.

"Those kids are very dynamic and experienced," said Sharpe. "They're going to be very excited to play against our physical downhill offense."

On offense, senior quarterback John McCall has been a solid leader. Sharpe called him "the straw that stirs the drink. He's had a phenomenal season with all of the reads that they're letting him run."

McCall has completed 65 of 99 passes for 654 yards and seven touchdowns. Most of those TD throws have been to junior Martice Taylor, HSE's top receiver with 22 catches, five of them for scores. Junior Blaine Wertz is the top rusher with 423 yards.

The Millers are also coming off a big win, beating Franklin Central 20-13 last week for their first Hoosier Crossroads Conference victory of the season, after opening league play 0-3.

Noblesville's defense has played well throughout the season. Senior Skyler Tolliver leads the tackling with 44, followed by junior Alairic Rogers-Walton with 38.

Both have made 5.5 tackles for a loss. Senior Blaine McNabb and junior Sam Steinhofner both have 37 tackles, with Steinhofner making seven for a loss.

Southeastern coach Michael Kelly said that the Millers have "a lot of seniors that have played some meaningful minutes in the past," and credits the defensive coordinator with doing "a good job getting them lined up" and understanding with their keys are and playing fast.

On offense, Noblesville has been predominantly a running team this season. Junior Owen Jones had a literal breakout game last week by rushing for 185 yards; that included a 90-yard run that would set up a touchdown a couple plays later.

For the season, Jones has 545 yards and four touchdowns to his credit. While the Millers usually stick to the ground, they can go to the air if they need to. Junior quarterback Conner Meinerding has 146 yards passing, with sophomore Chance Yeager making four catches.

"They're big and physical up front," said Kelly. "They've got a couple good backs and their quarterback does a good job."

### WESTFIELD-AVON

After the Shamrocks' dramatic overtime win over Brownsburg last week, which put Westfield in the HCC driver's seat, coach Jake Gilbert said that his team's reward for the victory was to play Avon next week.

The Orioles are 2-2 in the conference and 3-3 overall. But they are also on a two-game win streak, with lopsided victories over Franklin Central 35-7 and Fishers 49-14.

Avon's other win was against Ben Davis, 54-13. The Orioles have lost to Lawrence North 62-34, Hamilton Southeastern 39-28, and rival Brownsburg 47-29.

Senior quarterback Henry Hesson continues to impress with his numbers. Through six games, Hesson has thrown for 1,493 yards on a 79-of-127 clip, including 19 touchdowns. Senior Wallace Stovall is the Orioles' top receiver with 37 catches, including five TDs. Senior Remington Gall has the most receiving touchdowns with nine.

Junior Chrishon McCray leads the running game with 463 yards and five touchdowns. On defense, senior Clayton Peters has 62 tackles, 10 of them for losses.

Westfield is 5-1 overall and is now ranked No. 4

in the Class 6A coaches and media polls. Junior Maximus Webster has become a force for the Shamrocks in the quarterback role, making 51 of 87 attempts for 821 yards, including 10 touchdowns. Senior Mason Piening leads the receptions with 23, including five scores. Webster also has seven rushing TDs.

Junior Micah Hauser has become Westfield's everyman. He leads the rushing with 500 yards and three touchdowns, and after a 25-tackle performance in last week's Brownsburg game, has 68 total stops, the Shamrocks' leader in that category. Junior Popeye Williams is on top of the tackles for loss (seven) and sacks (three) categories.

### FISHERS-FRANKLIN CENTRAL

Fishers goes back on the road Friday for a game at Franklin Central. Kickoff is 7 p.m.

The Flashes are 1-5 and 0-4 in HCC play. Prior to its loss to Noblesville, Franklin Central fell to Roncalli 36-6, Brownsburg 35-7, Zionsville 27-0 and Avon 35-7. The Flashes opened their season with a 40-14 win over Perry Meridian.

Senior Craig Badgero, who gave the Millers some nervous moments last week before Noblesville held on for the win, has had a decent season as FC's quarterback. He has completed 79 of 160 passes for 828 yards and two touchdowns. Junior Bryan Marshall has the most receptions with 25.

On the ground, senior Josh Ruley has gained 389 yards and scored six touchdowns, while junior Aataevon Jordan has rushed for 320 yards and two TDs. Senior Vaughn Taylor leads the defense with 54 tackles.

The Tigers are 1-3 in the conference and 1-5 overall. They will look to end a three-game losing streak on Friday and are coming off a 49-14 loss at Avon last week.

Senior Lucas Prewitt has been solid as the quarterback, with 1,013 yards on 83-of-143 passing, along with five touchdowns. Senior Landon Morris has 28 catches and four TDs, while junior Jeffrey Simmons has made 25 receptions.

Sophomore Carson Dunn leads Fishers' rushing with 399 yards and two scores. On defense, senior Seth Dunnuck has 45 tackles, while his classmate Billy Reiter has

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# NASCAR, INDYCAR teaming up for historic Brickyard Weekend

The stars of the NASCAR Cup Series will take on a new challenge at The Racing Capital of the World in 2021, competing on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course for the first time Sunday, Aug. 15. The revamped Brickyard Weekend also will feature a brand-new NTT INDYCAR SERIES race Saturday, Aug. 14 on the road course, setting the stage for another history-making NASCAR-INDYCAR weekend after this year's successful collaboration at IMS.

NASCAR Cup Series racing will shift to the 14-turn, 2.439-mile road course for the very first time after 27 consecutive years on the 2.5-mile oval, writing a new chapter in the incomparable story of speed at the Racing Capital of the World.

The two premier North American motorsports series first raced at the same facility during the same event on Fourth of July weekend this year at IMS, with the Cup Series on the oval Sunday, July 5 and NTT INDYCAR SERIES on the road course Saturday, July 4. The entire weekend of racing action was televised live on NBC.

This year's historic tripleheader arose due to the postponement of the GMR Grand Prix INDYCAR race in early May due to the COVID-19 pandemic. But the INDYCAR race on the 2021 August weekend will be the third NTT INDYCAR SERIES event of the season at IMS, following the GMR Grand Prix on the road course and the 105th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge on the oval.

“Our first NASCAR-INDYCAR weekend was a big success last July, with positive feedback from our loyal fans who watched the races on NBC and from the drivers, teams and participants involved,” IMS President J. Douglas



Boles said. “The Xfinity Series’ debut on the IMS road course provided exactly the kind of thrilling action from the green to checkered flags that we anticipated, so we know the teams and drivers of the Cup Series will put on a great show as they turn left and right for the first time at IMS.

“We can’t wait to welcome back fans to see NASCAR and INDYCAR together during this exciting weekend as we add another memorable chapter in the long,

storied history of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.”

NASCAR fans will get their first chance during the August 2021 event weekend to see the impressive facility improvements at IMS since Roger Penske purchased the track, as no fans were admitted to the NASCAR-INDYCAR weekend in July 2020 due to state and local health directives.

Improvements include the massive

IMS Media Wall in the Pagoda Plaza, more than 30 new LED video boards, refreshed concession stands and restrooms, 5G wireless connectivity throughout the facility and an elevated Victory Circle with the winning car lifted onto the Victory Podium.

Ticket information for the historic NASCAR-INDYCAR event on the IMS road course will be available soon at IMS.com and IMS social channels.

## ROYALS

made 43 stops. Junior Curtis Kearsner has six tackles for a loss and three sacks.

### CARMEL-BEN DAVIS

Carmel returns home after a couple weeks to play Ben Davis Friday, in a Metropolitan Conference game that kicks off at 7 p.m.

The Giants will visit the Greyhounds with a 2-2 MIC record and are 2-4 overall. Ben Davis’ wins came against Pike 48-24 and Warren Central 21-14, while the Giants have lost to Brownsburg 38-7, Avon 54-13, Center Grove 35-12 and Lawrence North 27-24 in overtime.

Junior J’uan Swanson is the quarterback for Ben Davis, and has completed 70 of 126 pass attempts for 877 yards and six touchdowns. The Giants have four players that have at least 10 receptions, led by junior Dillon Moore with 18, including a touchdown.

Senior Brandon Fuentes is on top of the rushing list with 349 yards and two touchdowns, followed by Swanson with 307 yards and four TDs. Senior Charles Knuckels leads the defense with 65 tackles, while senior Aneill Boatright has made four sacks.

Carmel is 3-1 in MIC play and 4-2 overall. The ‘Hounds are on a three-game win streak, with a big win over North Central last week, 38-14. Carmel is ranked No. 7 in the 6A media poll and tied for seventh in the coaches poll.

Junior quarterback Zach Osborne is passing at a 62-of-123 clip, with a total of 744 yards and seven touchdowns to his credit. Senior Colton Parker is the top receiver with 21 catches, three of them for scores.

The Greyhounds have four rushers that have topped 100 yards this season, led by senior Zach White with 334 yards and three touchdowns. Osborne is at 269 yards and five TDs. Seniors Andrew Turvy and Tamaris Springfield both have 49 tackles, with senior Gavin Hale right behind at 48 stops. Senior Luke Conley and junior Hayden Cate each have made three sacks.

### HAMILTON HEIGHTS-TIPTON

Hamilton Heights, currently riding a three-game win streak, will host an equally hot team on Friday: Old rival Tipton will play at the Huskies’ stadium in a 7 p.m.

kickoff.

The Blue Devils are also winners of their last three games, having beaten Lewis Cass 43-6, Lafayette Central Catholic 41-21 and Northwestern 56-6. Tipton is 4-1 overall, opening its season with a 62-0 win over Elwood, then falling to Heritage Christian 27-17. Both the Blue Devils and the Huskies are 2-0 in the Hoosier Conference East Division.

Senior Sam Edwards is the Tipton quarterback and has been very efficient, completing 56 of his 80 pass attempts for 745 yards and eight touchdowns. Senior Drew Pearce has 16 of those catches, including three scores.

Sophomore Eli Carter has gained 521 yards on the ground, and scored seven touchdowns. Junior Drew Servies leads the defense with 40 tackles, four of them for a loss.

The Huskies are 3-3 overall, with wins over the last three weeks against Northwestern, Western and Twin Lakes last week, 35-14. Western and Twin Lakes were unbeaten going into their games against Heights.

Guy Griffey has thrown for 600 yards on 35-of-78 passing, including nine touchdowns. Junior Isaac Tuma has 11 of those catches, four of them for TDs.

Sophomore Trey Ehman leads the rushing with 587 yards and four touchdowns. Junior Harrison Hochstedler is on top of the defensive list with 57 tackles and three sacks, while senior Kaleb Schakel has 49 stops, four of them for a loss.

### SHERIDAN-SEEGER

Sheridan continues its homestand Friday when Seeger comes to Bud Wright Stadium for a 7 p.m. kickoff.

The Patriots are 4-1 for the season. After dropping its opener to Twin Lakes 42-15, Seeger has rolled past Jay County 41-0, Riverton Parke 48-8, Covington 65-14 and Fountain Central 52-6.

Sophomore Owen Snedeker is the Patriots’ quarterback, completing 32 of 45 passes for 615 yards and eight touchdowns. Senior Khal Stephen is the top receiver, with 19 catches, including six scores.

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Seeger has six rushers that have gained over 100 yards this season, led by junior Brock Thomason’s 301 yards and seven TDs. Snedeker has rushed for 259 yards and six touchdowns. Thomason and Stephen both lead the defense with 29 tackles each.

Sheridan is also 4-1 and is on a two-game win streak, beating Taylor 65-22 last week. Senior Cameron Hovey has been the dominant rusher for the Blackhawks, totaling 989 yards and scoring 14 touchdowns.

While Sheridan is sticking to its traditional running game, junior Silas DeVaney has been solid as the quarterback, with 143 yards and two touchdowns to his credit. On defense, sophomore Jacob Jones leads with 61 tackles, including eight for a loss, and six sacks, while Hovey has 57 stops.

### GUERIN CATHOLIC-NORTHVIEW

Guerin Catholic returns home for the first time in three weeks, welcoming Northview Friday for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff.

The Knights are 5-1 for the season. Northview lost its opener to Terre Haute North in overtime, 27-21, but since then has won five in a row. The Knights beat Greencastle 28-12, Sullivan 27-2, West Vigo 46-7, Owen Valley 35-0 and Indianapolis Lutheran 26-25 in double overtime.

Senior Keegan Garrison is the Northview quarterback, and has completed 59 of 99 attempts for 804 yards and eight touchdowns. Four Knights receivers have at least 10 catches, led by senior Ilias Gordon’s 17 receptions, including five TDs.

Senior Korbin Allen is by far Northview’s leading rusher, with 731 yards and seven scores. Junior Braxton Sampson tops the defensive list with 67 tackles, while Gordon has 13.5 tackles for a loss and 6.5 sacks.

Guerin Catholic is 1-3 for the season and will try to stop a three-game losing streak on Friday. Despite the losses, the Golden Eagles have been getting good production from their offense. Jagger Albert has rushed for 177 yards over the past three games, while Elijah Edwards has 14 receptions.

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