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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mostly cloudy. Scattered showers by late morning into afternoon.  
 Tonight: Shower chances early. Clouds decrease after midnight.  
 HIGH: 65 LOW: 35



# Federal judge says absentee ballots must be received by noon on Election Day

County party chiefs respond to court's decision

## The REPORTER


Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill on Tuesday applauded a federal appellate court's summary decision reversing a district court injunction that would have required Indiana election officials to count mailed absentee ballots received after the statutory deadline.

Indiana law says officials may count only those absentee ballots received by noon on Election Day. In response to a lawsuit from Common Cause Indiana; however, a judge for the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana said that law is unconstitutional for the upcoming election because the COVID-19 pandemic has created a risk that ballots mailed close to Election Day will not be received on time. The judge issued an injunction requiring the state to count absentee ballots received by 10 days after Election Day.

In response to the State's motion to stay the injunction, the U.S. Court


"I am deeply concerned that so many efforts are being expended to limit voting in this state. You have to ask why is the current Secretary of State and Governor so afraid of the public and their ability to vote? Why does Indiana have short voting hours, only excused absentee ballots, and now demanding mail-in ballots must be in the hands of the election office by noon? It seems that they are in fear of a large voter turnout that will result in a possible change on who gets elected, so let's do everything we can to limit voting."

– Joe Weingarten, Hamilton County Democratic Party Chair



"I respect the decision of the court. Voters have had sufficient time to request a ballot, and continue to be able to do so by Oct. 22. Over 24,000 absentee ballots that were sent out by Hamilton County election officials in the first mailing on Sept. 14 and continued high volumes of absentee requests shows that voters are aware of their right to request an absentee ballot, and we recommend that voters fill out and return the ballots as soon as possible."

– Laura Campbell, Hamilton County Republican Party Chair



of Appeals for the 7th Circuit summarily reversed that ruling on Tuesday. The appellate court wrote that while the COVID-19 pandemic has "caused great loss," it is "not a good reason for the federal judiciary to as-

# Governor extends mask mandate

State's Health Commissioner tests positive for coronavirus

WISH-TV | [wishTV.com](http://wishTV.com)

Indiana Health Commissioner Dr. Kristina Box, her daughter and her infant grandson have tested positive for COVID-19.

Box announced the test results during a Wednesday coronavirus briefing with Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb. She spoke via an audio connection in the briefing and described the process she followed to get tested and the isolation procedures she is following. She said she went home Friday afternoon after her grandson developed symptoms while at a daycare facility. Her daughter later developed symptoms. Box said she has not

developed symptoms. The governor also extended the state's mask mandate, set to expire Saturday, to Nov. 14. He also extended Stage 5 of the Back on Track reopening plan.

The governor chided Hoosiers who are ignoring health and safety guidelines to curb the coronavirus, and noted surges could mean returning to more reopening restrictions. "Stage 5 is not the stage when the checkered flag comes out."

He noted a statewide seven-day average positivity rate that's now at 5.3 percent, a record number of



Box



Holcomb

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Members of both the Coxhall Guild and Hamilton County Master Gardeners gathered at the opening of the Outdoor Classroom.

# Outdoor classroom now open at Carmel's Coxhall Gardens

## The REPORTER

Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Department held a special ceremony marking the opening of the recently completed Outdoor Classroom at Coxhall Gardens, located on 116th Street between Hoover

Road and Towne Road in Carmel.

Thanks to the generosity of the dedicated members of the Coxhall Guild and the diligence of the Hamilton County Master Gardeners, visitors to the popular Children's Garden in Coxhall

Gardens will now be able to enjoy the new Outdoor Classroom – an open-air shelter that provides the space for nature education programming in an outdoor environment.

The Outdoor Classroom is encircled by a pollinator

garden, comprised of plants selected for their ability to attract observable pollinating insects, such as butterflies. The garden serves as an extension of the classroom and was given to the

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# Noblesville Council hears request for zoning change 290 luxury apartments planned for former Marsh Supermarket

## The REPORTER

On Tuesday, the Noblesville Common Council heard a request for a zoning change of 7.5 acres located at 17901 River Road, the site of the former Marsh supermarket. The change in zoning would be the next step in a planned apartment building on Noblesville's west side.

According to Noblesville Development Services Manager Joyceann Yelton, Cityscape Development plans to build 290 luxury apartments on the site.

Yelton said the development will include four-story apartment buildings with



Construction on the new apartments is expected to finish within 24 months.

mostly one- and two-bedroom apartments, but may also include some studio apartments. Amenities will include an inground pool, co-working space, conference space, gather spaces,

bike room, massage room and outdoor living space with grills.

The council took no action on the request on Tuesday. Representatives for Cityscape say once the

zoning change is approved, demolition of the old Marsh building will begin in early 2021 and construction on the apartments should be completed within 24 months.

# New Kiddie Academy coming to Westfield

## The REPORTER

Kiddie Academy Educational Child Care, a nationally-recognized provider of comprehensive educational child care programs, is opening a new location in Westfield at 1367 S. Waterleaf Drive, across from Ditch Road, and is scheduled to open in Spring 2021.

"We are excited to have the opportunity to bring Kiddie Academy's advanced curriculum and philosophies to children and families of Westfield," said Mauricio Fracon, co-owner of Kiddie Academy of Carmel-Westfield. "Our goal at Kiddie Academy is to feed

a child's curiosity and instinct to learn. My team is dedicated to delivering the highest quality educational child care possible to positively shape the lives of the children and families of the Westfield community."

Kiddie Academy of Carmel-Westfield conducted a groundbreaking ceremony on Oct. 8. The Academy will include unique features, such as a large playground with separated zones for different ages, a bike track, slides and elements of nature incorporated throughout. The Academy will also include a double-sized

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# Go Purple with Prevail!



This month has created an opportunity to have conversations about the root causes of Intimate Partner Violence/Domestic Violence. Domestic violence is linked to a web of oppressive systems such as racism, xenophobia, and sexism. It is everywhere regardless of socioeconomic, educational, and religious background. The fact is that violence disproportionately affects marginalized groups, especially those who experience multiple forms of oppression. To ensure we are reaching ALL VICTIMS, it is imperative to bring a racial justice framework into the work being done at Prevail. We want to acknowledge that women of color experience domestic violence at higher rates and continue to encounter barriers when trying to access supportive services. #GoPurplePrevail #PrevailInc #DVPM



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adequate opportunity for all Hoosiers to cast a ballot by Election Day, and the absentee ballot-receipt deadline as written by the Indiana General Assembly helps most races to be called on Election Day, and not days or weeks after," Hill said. "The U.S. Supreme Court has said repeatedly that courts should

not issue election-related injunctions at the eleventh hour, and we are pleased that the court of appeals has implemented that directive.”

In addition to Election Day voting, Hoosiers may cast a ballot at various early-voting locations for 28 days prior to Election Day. Indiana also permits

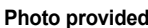
mail-in absentee voting in 12 different circumstances, including when voters are disabled or elderly, or when voters expect to be away from their home counties on Election Day.

Visit [indianavoters.in.gov](http://indianavoters.in.gov) to find your polling place, request an absentee ballot, check the status of your registration and more.

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park by past Coxhall Guild President Sharon Terry and the Terry family. The classroom and surrounding garden will allow program participants to be immersed in an environment containing the very subject matter being discussed.

Hamilton County Parks recognizes and thanks members of the Coxhall Guild and its Past President, Sharon Terry and her family, and the Hamilton County Master Gardeners for this remarkable new addition to a park that offers visitors not only learning opportunities, but memorable experiences, as well.



**Sharon Terry, Past President of the Coxhall Guild, cuts down a specially-crafted wooden butterfly memento during a ceremony officially opening the new Outdoor Classroom in Coxhall Gardens.**

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daily positive cases, and an increase in hospitalizations. “The numbers have to do with how many of us are and are not letting our guard down,” Holcomb said multiple times during a Wednesday’s coronavirus briefing that had technical issues with the sound and featured government leaders speaking from different locations.

Dr. Lindsay Weaver, chief medical officer of the Indiana Department of Health, said she, the governor, members of the department’s officer and the governor’s staff will be tested Wednesday afternoon for the coronavirus. Weaver said Box worked with tracers to determine who she’d been in contact with in the past 24 hours. The state now

has more than 900 contact tracers and may soon add 300 more, the chief medical officer said.

Holcomb said he would be quarantining himself until he gets his coronavirus test results. He planned to be tested after the briefing.

Weaver said the hospitalization rate is the highest it's been since mid-May. Hospitals' intensive care units are being stressed and facilities are also facing a lack of personnel, she said.

Hospitalizations on Wednesday jumped to 1,357, an 85 percent increase over hospitalizations in the last 31 days.

Holcomb noted that neighboring states and other places in the nation and world also are experiencing increases similar to Indiana.

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classroom with a projector for special events. Additionally, the 10,500 square-foot Academy will be equipped with a total of 12 classrooms, a maximum capacity of 172 and an approximate staff count of 28 when fully staffed.

"We believe that opportunities to teach and expand young minds present themselves every day and everywhere," said Greg Helwig, president of Kiddie Academy. "Kiddie Academy empowers children with valuable tools to help make the most of those opportunities and we aim to foster a fascination for learning in the classroom, at home and throughout the community."

***About Kiddie Academy***

Since its inception in

1981, Kiddie Academy has been grounded in the vision to create a community that shapes and inspires children for the future. Kiddie Academy of Carmel-Westfield joins a network of more than 280 locations nationwide, with 35 new Academies projected to open within the next year. The Carmel-Westfield location utilizes the Kiddie Academy *Life Essentials*® curriculum, which promotes each child's intellectual, social, physical and emotional growth. According to owners Mauricio Fracon, Daniel Melo and Luciana Madsen, the programs emphasize continuous, open communication between teachers and parents concerning each child's development.

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– **Mike Bragg**, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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# Indiana hospitals call on Hoosiers to wear masks as cases surge

## The REPORTER

The Indiana Hospital Association, which represents nearly 170 hospitals across the state, is urging Hoosiers to continue to wear face masks, and practice other recommended safety steps, as hospitals across Indiana are seeing a spike in coronavirus (COVID-19) cases.

“We were very pleased to see Governor Holcomb extend the statewide mask order and are grateful for his continued leadership,” IHA President Brian Tabor said. “We are seeing hospitalizations pick up significantly, which is especially concerning as we approach flu season. If we double down and wear masks, regularly wash our hands, and practice social

distancing, it will go a long way in tamping down COVID-19. Communities rely on their hospital and caregivers, especially during the pandemic. We need Hoosiers to do their part to support caregivers on the front lines caring for patients, including those with COVID-19.”

Tabor noted that State Health Commissioner Dr. Kris Box also expressed concern about the upward trend in hospitalizations. “As Dr. Box said today, the pandemic remains very much with us and we must remain vigilant. We wish her and her family and all Hoosiers battling the coronavirus a quick return to health.”

# Virtual Heartland International Film Festival underway

## The REPORTER

The 29th Heartland International Film Festival has officially begun. People from all over the world can virtually participate in the festival, running now through Oct. 18. With 75 independent films and 22 U.S. and world premieres, there’s a perfect film for everyone. The festival will hold 29 drive-in screenings at Conner Prairie and Tibbs Drive-In Theatre. Opening Night took place at Tibbs Drive-In

Theatre with the U.S. Premiere of “Eat Wheaties!” starring Tony Hale, and several screenings were recently available at Conner Prairie. There is still time to see the festival submissions at Tibbs as well as online. The Drive-In Schedule is available at [bit.ly/Drive-InSchedule](http://bit.ly/Drive-InSchedule). To watch these short films online in the comfort and safety of your own home, go to [bit.ly/VirtualFestivalHIFF29](http://bit.ly/VirtualFestivalHIFF29).

*Letter to the Editor*

## Noblesville reader: County’s GOP voters “are in a pickle” regarding Treasurer’s race

Dear Editor:

Fellow Republicans, we are in a pickle. Our nominee for Treasurer, Susan Byer, was fired from the Treasurer’s office in 2018 for “Unlawful or negligent handling of public monies” and “Falsifying or destroying any County records.”

She has not worked since her firing, has no experience in management or investing.

Also, as some sort of misguided comeuppance, she will not retain the only two people in the office that do

have that experience – former Treasurers Kim Good and Jennifer Templeton, both longtime employees and volunteers for the Republican Party. A third employee, another longtime volunteer for the party who recently won an award for her efforts, is on the outs as well.

While satisfying Byer’s taste for revenge, taxpayers will suffer incompetence as Byer and her replacements try to figure out how to manage an 800 million-dollar tax-collection agency.

Oddly enough, or perhaps perfectly fitting for the year 2020, it is the Democratic candidate, Jake Madore, who will retain those three Republican employees, thus ensuring the level of excellence we’ve come to expect.

So, it’s either vote straight ticket, including for our flawed candidate who will not keep those experienced Republicans, or vote for the Democratic candidate, who, oddly enough, will retain them.

**Mandy Cheney**  
*Noblesville*

## Letter guidelines this election season

With the approach of the Nov. 3 General Election, the Hamilton County Reporter is establishing some Letters to the Editor guidelines to keep things fair and balanced.


Letters addressing new topics about the upcoming election or the policies of individual candidates will be accepted until the end of the business day on Friday, Oct. 23 and will be published on Saturday, Oct. 24.

Letters in response to new topics published in our Oct. 24 edition will be accepted until Tuesday, Oct. 27 and will be published in our Oct. 28 edition.

These deadlines will give candidates and their supporters the opportunity to reply to letters addressing new topics.

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Letter to the Editor

## Shaffer: Carmel city officials deceive taxpayers yet again

Dear Editor:

On Oct. 7, you reported “The City of Carmel completed the refinance of two outstanding bond issues Wednesday, a move that will save the City more than \$16.9 million of total interest savings.” You were deceived and so were your readers, in general, and the Carmel taxpayers, in particular.

The word is not “saving” but “not spending.” By Carmel city hall illogic, I saved \$200,000 this morning by not buying a Rolls Royce and another \$11.5 million not buying a mansion in Miami Beach.

The albatross hiding behind the press release, of course, is the massive taxpayer deception of the Carmel Redevelopment Authority: Borrowing in hopes of revenues from stores, apartment buildings and offices to be leased to “someone.”

In 2012, the authority found itself short of cash to meet principal and interest payments. A scandal erupted. The city council bailed out the spenders then but imposed strict controls.

In 2016, those strictures were lifted. In 2020, we’re back to 2012.

And, the self-anointed in city hall abuse both the English language and the taxpayer in the process.

**Bill Shaffer**  
Carmel

Letter to the Editor

## Arcadia reader urges voters to cast ballot for Susan Byer for Treasurer

Dear Editor,

I’m writing to urge Hamilton County voters to cast your ballots on or before Nov. 3.

As you choose your candidates, I respectfully ask you to consider Susan Byer for Treasurer.

I have been a Bookkeeper for the county 22 years, 15 of those in the Treasurer’s office. I have worked with Susan personally and can attest to her work ethic, character, integrity and intelligence. She is detail-oriented and accurate. Her customer service has always been outstanding.

Susan has a hard working and knowledgeable team behind her and is perfectly capable of running the office on day one, not only efficiently but with caring compassion. She will treat her employees and other departments fairly and politely.

I look forward to her leadership in office. Please join me in voting Susan Byer for Treasurer. #BetterwithByer

**Dana Moore**  
Arcadia

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### Meeting Notices

The Jackson Township Fire Department Merit Commission will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2020, at the Arcadia Town Hall, 208 W. Main St., Arcadia.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Council will meet in a Special Work Session at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 19, 2020, in Conference Room 1A at the Hamilton County Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville. The purpose of this meeting is for final adoption of the 2021 Budget.

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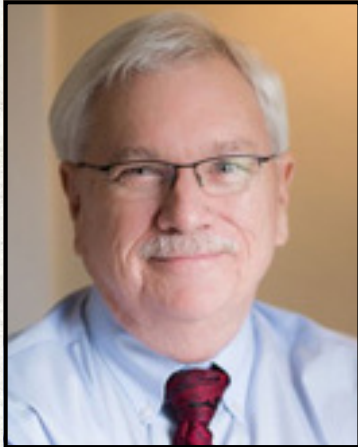
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# Forum set for Carmel school board candidates

**The REPORTER**

The Carmel Education Foundation will hold a “Conversation with Candidates,” a Carmel Clay School Board Candidate Forum, at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 20. The event will be livestreamed on Carmel Education Foundation’s [Facebook Live page](#) from the Carmel High School Auditorium, but will not be open to the public due to social distancing guidelines. A recording of the conversation will be available on YouTube on Oct. 21.

The community is invited to submit questions at [this link](#) through Monday, Oct. 12. The link is also available on the Carmel Education Foundation website, [ccs.k12.in.us/foundation](#). Questions should pertain to the role and

responsibilities of the board which are to set goals and establish policy and to recruit, hire, and evaluate the superintendent.

Jack Russell, President and CEO of OneZone, Inc. will serve as moderator of the conversation. Each of the nine candidates running for the two at-large positions will be able to share their vision for Carmel Clay Schools by presenting a video introduction, responding to questions, and sharing closing comments.

Melissa Volz-Smith, President of Carmel Education Foundation, said, “The Carmel Education Foundation is pleased to provide Carmel residents with the opportunity to learn about each of the nine candidates. The

Carmel Clay School Board is an integral part of the Carmel community and we respect their leadership and vision in making Carmel Clay Schools exceptional.”

The nine candidates are Katie Browning (incumbent), Susan Chamberlin-Dawes, Beth Glynn, Sam Harris, Benita Hutt, Louise Jackson, Paige Miller, Timothy Moehl and Anne Poindexter.

Please follow Carmel Education Foundation on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#) to keep up to date with the forum.

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*Letter to the Editor*

## Taylor’s Bakery owner asks Hamilton County to re-elect Mark Heirbrandt

Dear Editor,

As a small business owner and resident in Hamilton County, I can say without reservation how remarkably lucky our community is to have Mark Heirbrandt as County Commissioner. I have operated Taylor’s Bakery in Hamilton County for 17 years, and thanks to Mark’s leadership, I look forward to many more.

No matter the challenge, Mark has always risen to the occasion. When I mentioned Taylor’s Bakery had specific hiring needs, Mark immediately put us in contact with leaders at Ivy Tech and within Hamilton County’s employment opportunities programs. This helped us fill the gap within the bakery and provide more jobs to people in our community.

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit our county, Mark personally reached out to me, and many other local businesses, to encourage us to apply for

small business assistance from the county. He not only genuinely cared about the massive challenge facing the business community, but he took action and helped us navigate the bureaucracy and road blocks in government.

Lastly, when we had an ongoing, unsolved drainage issue threatening property in our neighborhood in Fishers, Mark immediately stopped everything he was doing to help. He personally met with many residents in the neighborhood to discuss the issue, connected different levels of government including the municipal and county levels, and articulately communicated how we could work together to solve this issue.

We would be well served to re-elect Mark Heirbrandt as Hamilton County Commissioner this Election Day.

**Drew Allen**  
 Fishers

*Letter to the Editor*

## Noblesville reader: Victoria Spartz made me proud to call her my senator

Dear Editor:

When Victoria Spartz won her seat in the Indiana Senate via caucus vote, I was against her. First, a friend of mine was also running, and second, I knew nothing about her except that she wasn’t born in the U.S. I was a prejudiced, ignorant fool.

Abraham Lincoln said, “I do not like that man; I must get to know him better.”

When I actually met Victoria, I discovered what an articulate, intelligent and impressive champion of freedom she is. Her history in socialist Ukraine

had inspired her to fight for life, liberty, and private property like few people I’ve met. Her achievements in business and agriculture equipped her well for leadership. Her understanding of how government works and what was best for her constituents made me proud that she was my Senator.

It’s rare to find someone of Victoria Spartz’s caliber running for office. She has my full support.

**Caleb Blair**  
 Noblesville

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## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

And when I would have known the cause wherefore they accused him, I brought him forth into their council: Whom I perceived to be accused of questions of their law, but to have nothing laid to his charge worthy of death or of bonds.  
Acts 23:28-29 (KJV)

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## Letter to the Editor

### California transplant: Support Victoria Spartz for Congress, don't become like California

Dear Editor:

I'm inspired by Victoria Spartz, a Hoosier for 20 years since her immigration from Ukraine, someone who knows firsthand that "socialist utopia" is a cruel illusion that means "pain and suffering" devoid of individual freedom.

Victoria, an industrious businesswoman and a Certified Public Accountant rather than a career politician, has also served with distinction as our State Senator, while managing to juggle life as a wife and mother. I recognize her remarkable courage in running for Congress in this tumultuous election year. Having met and spoken to Victoria and her husband Jason, I heartily endorse her to serve our 5th District in Congress.

I left California, a state mired in political chaos, where I watched, over a quarter century, its optimism, dynamism and innovation evaporate as I witnessed one party gradually dominate the state as it lost its position as a positive model. California's Democrat-dominated government has brought disastrous conse-

quences. Tax increases, intrusions into the business and personal lives of Californians grew. Businesses and individuals are fleeing California in a trend that is accelerating. Fortunately, I've found my refuge in Indiana where common sense and common decency still rule.

We all recognize that government has a legitimate place in our lives. But at what cost in freedom (and money)? Yes, successful government provides essential non-market services to its citizens. If you agree that government has an essential place in your life, but you do not want it to just keep expanding, vote for Victoria Spartz, a wife and mom, businesswoman, CPA, masters-level economist, college teacher, and loyal immigrant who loves our Constitution, our nation, and our state.

Let's not become California. Or Venezuela. Vote sensibly in the 5th Congressional District. Vote for Victoria Spartz.

**Gordon G. Bones**

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## Football previews

# 'Rocks will go for perfect HCC season

In the last two seasons, the football champion of the Hoosier Crossroads Conference went undefeated in league play.

Brownsburg won the HCC title in 2018, while Avon was the conference champion in 2019. Both finished HCC play 7-0. On Friday, Westfield will try to make it three years in a row for an unbeaten champion, as it hosts Franklin Central for Week 9 of the regular season. Kickoff is 7 p.m.

The Shamrocks are 6-0 in the conference and 7-1 overall, a record that has not gone unnoticed across Indiana. Both the media poll and the coaches' poll have Westfield ranked No. 2 in Class 6A, behind only unbeaten Center Grove.

After dropping its opening game to Cathedral, the undisputed No. 1 team in 5A, the 'Rocks have won seven straight games. Westfield defeated Fishers 45-6 last week to officially clinch the conference title.

Franklin Central's season has gone in the opposite manner. After winning their opening game over Perry Meridian, the Flashes have lost seven in a row. Franklin Central has played teams close, though, with narrow losses to Noblesville 20-13 and Hamilton Southeastern 14-7.

"They are very physical," said Shamrocks coach Jake Gilbert. "They are tough and play very good defense. We are going to have to sustain blocks and get movement up front. They have a strong running game and big running backs that break tackles. We are pretty small on defense so this will be a good challenge for us."

Senior quarterback Colin Badgero has passed for 1,028 yards and four touchdowns this season. Junior Bryan Marshall is his top receiver with 28 catches. The Flashes also have two solid runners in junior Aataeveon Jordan (511 yards, two TDs) and senior Josh Ruley (484 yards, six TDs).

On defense, seniors Ben Massey and Luke Shoemaker are the tackles leaders with 72 and 70 stops, respectively. Sophomore Julius Parker has two sacks.

Westfield's junior quarterback Maximus Webster has become a force over the season. Webster has completed 80 of 120 passes for 1,293 yards and 16 touchdowns, in addition to 10 rushing scores. Senior Mason Piening is the top receiver for the 'Rocks with 32 catches, eight of them TDs, followed by junior Nic Depasquale with 24 receptions, including three touchdowns.

Junior Micah Hauser is the top rusher with 719 yards and seven touchdowns, and also leads the defense with 81 tackles. Junior Popeye Williams has eight tackles for a loss and three sacks.

"Our players have been great," said Gilbert. "I've been on the lookout for a



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

**Noblesville's Holden Montarsi, shown here during the Millers' game with Brownsburg last Friday, has rushed for 388 yards and two touchdowns this season. Noblesville hosts Avon Friday to finish the regular season.**

letdown, but our seniors have ensured that we practice well. I'm so excited to coach these guys every day."

### NOBLESVILLE-AVON

Noblesville is also back home on Friday, welcoming Avon to Beaver Materials Field for a 7 p.m. kickoff.

The Orioles are 3-3 in the conference, currently sitting in fourth place, and are 4-4 overall. Avon has won three of its last four games, with victories over Franklin Central 35-7 and Fishers 49-14, before falling to Westfield 59-33 two weeks ago. The Orioles beat Zionsville 28-19 last week.

Avon will be led by its outstanding quarterback, Henry Hesson. The senior, who has offers from Ball State and Central Michigan, has passed for 2,109 yards at a 117-of-179 clip, including 27 touchdowns. Senior Wallace Stovall leads the receptions with 46, followed by senior Remington Gall with 30; both have caught 10 touchdown passes.

Junior Chrishon McCray leads the rushing list with 471 yards and five TDs. Senior Clayton Peters is far and away the Orioles' leading tackler, with 85 stops, 12 for a loss.

The Millers hold a 1-5 conference re-

cord and are 2-6 overall. Noblesville will try to halt a two-game losing streak, having fallen to Hamilton Southeastern 27-17 and Brownsburg 29-8 in the past two weeks.

The Millers' ground game has been strong, with three solid runners. Junior Owen Jones has gained 633 yards and scored four touchdowns, senior Holden Montarsi has rushed for 388 yards and two scores, and Tyler Speck has 219 yards on the ground and three TDs.

Junior quarterback Conner Meinerding has thrown for 199 yards and one touchdown, with sophomores Andrew Page and Chance Yeager having caught four receptions each. Junior Sam Steinhofers leads the defense with 63 tackles, including eight for a loss, and senior Skyler Tolliver has 56 stops, 5.5 for a loss. Junior Alair Rogers-Walton also has 5.5 tackles for a loss, and both he and Tolliver have made 3.5 sacks.

### FISHERS-ZIONSVILLE

Fishers travels to Zionsville on Friday to wrap up the regular season. Kickoff for this game is 7 p.m.

The Eagles are 2-4 in conference play and 3-5 overall, but have lost their last three games. Zionsville was edged out by

Hamilton Southeastern 14-13, then fell to Brownsburg 41-13 and Avon 28-19.

Senior Josh Stone is the Eagles' quarterback, and he has completed 84 of 140 attempts for 1,010 yards and nine touchdowns. Senior Luke Baumgartner is the top receiver for Zionsville, with 25 catches and two scores.

Junior Colin Price handles most of the rushing duties, with 767 yards and six TDs. On defense, junior Otto Kyler leads the total tackles with 43, including 5.5 for a loss. Luke Nolan has eight tackles for a loss; both he and senior Zach Bielecki have four sacks each.

The Tigers are 2-4 in the HCC and 2-6 overall. Fishers beat Franklin Central 33-14 two weeks ago, but ran into the Westfield buzzsaw last week and fell 45-6.

Senior quarterback Lucas Prewitt has been a true leader for the Tigers, throwing for 1,467 yards at a 123-197 clip, including 10 touchdowns. Junior Jeffrey Simmons leads the receptions with 43, two of them for TDs, while senior Landon Morris has 36 catches, five for scores.

Sophomore Carson Dunn leads the rushing list with 464 yards; both he and Prewitt have three running touchdowns.

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## Vouchers will be needed at Heights football game

Hamilton Heights athletic director provided the following information on Friday's Huskies-West Lafayette football game.

"All spectators attending Friday night's Hamilton Heights vs. West Lafayette football game will need a voucher. Due to fall break, approximately 100 vouchers will be available at the gate on a first-come; first-serve basis."

The game will also be live streamed by the Husky Sports Network on the following link: <https://youtu.be/t0RkgHt-vWIM>

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Senior Billy Reiter tops the tackles list with 55, followed by senior Seth Dun-nuck with 51. Junior Colin Kearsner has 8.5 tackles for a loss and four sacks.

HAMILTON HEIGHTS-  
WEST LAFAYETTE

Hamilton Heights will host West La-fayette for the second time this season at 7 p.m. Friday.

This game will be a big one, as it will decide the Hoosier Conference cham-pionship. The Huskies finished on top of the East Division with a 3-1 record, while the Red Devils won the West Divi-sion with a 4-0 mark.

The two teams first played on Sept. 4, with West Lafayette winning 49-14. The 3A No. 2 Red Devils are 7-1 overall. After losing to Lafayette Jefferson 27-16 to open the season, West Lafayette beat McCutcheon 41-3. Following their game with Heights, the Red Devils defeated Lafayette Central Catholic 47-14, Rens-selaer Central 27-21 (double overtime), Benton Central 65-6, Lewis Cass 51-20 and Twin Lakes 49-14.

Senior Colin Martin has had an ex-ceptional year as West Lafayette’s quar-terback, completing 141 of 202 pass attempts for 1,678 yards and 14 touch-downs. Junior Cannon Melchi has 58 of those receptions, including seven touch-downs.

Sophomore Max Mullis is the Red Devils’ leading rusher with 509 yards and 10 scores. Junior Brice Rider, Mar-tin and Melchi also have five running touchdowns. On defense, junior Mariere Omonode has been dominant, with 60 total tackles, including 21 for a loss, and nine sacks. Junior Connor Barket has five sacks.

After an 0-3 start, the Huskies have had a solid season, winning four of their last five games. Heights beat Lewis Cass 28-19 last Friday to finish division play.

Junior quarterback Guy Griffey has thrown for 645 yards in six games, in-cluding 10 touchdowns. Sophomore Vincent Harley has stepped in at times and also done well, totaling 173 yards on 13-of-23 passing, including one TD. Ju-nior Isaac Tuma is Heights’ top receiver with 15 catches, five of them for scores.

Sophomore Trey Ehman leads the rushing with 814 yards and six touch-downs, while junior Nate Hulen has also run for six TDs. Junior Harrison Hochstedler is the defensive leader with 82 tackles, followed by senior Kaleb Schakel with 67 stops and Hulen with 63. Schakel has seven tackles for a loss, and Hochstedler has made three sacks.



Photo by Margaret Fallin

Guerin Catholic’s Elijah Edwards (5) had three catches for the Golden Eagles during their game at Decatur Central last Friday. Guerin Catholic hosts Culver Academies at 7:30 p.m. this Friday.

CARMEL-LAWRENCE CENTRAL

Carmel will return to its home stadi-um on Friday to play Lawrence Central in a Metropolitan Conference game. Kick-off is set for 7 p.m.

The Bears are 0-6 in MIC play and 0-8 overall. Lawrence Central has dropped games to Hamilton Southeastern 24-0, Lafayette Jeff 43-28, Lawrence North 28-21, Warren Central 40-0, Warren Central 41-0, Pike 66-0, North Central 41-21 and Ben Davis 42-0.

Senior quarterback Reggie Mason has thrown for 674 yards on 64-of-113 pass-ing, including four touchdowns. Junior Davion Owens is the top receiver, with 32 catches, three of them for scores.

Mason is also the leading rusher, having gained 264 yards and four touch-downs. Sophomore Tylen Cunningham is tops on the defense with 58 tackles (four for a loss), followed by senior James Day with 51. Sophomore Joshua Mickens has 4.5 tackles for a loss.

The Greyhounds, ranked No. 6 in 6A, come in to this game with a 5-1 MIC re-cord and are 6-2 overall. They currently sit in second place in the MIC; Center Grove clinched an undefeated conference title last week. Carmel is riding a five-game win streak which began on Sept. 11

with a double-overtime, 45-44 win over Pike. The ‘Hounds have since beaten Lawrence North 36-34, North Central 38-14, Ben Davis 31-9 and Warren Cen-tral 38-14.

Junior quarterback Zach Osborne has completed 79 of 154 attempts for 1,099 yards and 13 touchdowns. Senior Colton Parker has 24 of those catches, five of them for scores.

Senior Zach White leads the rushing with 522 yards and five TDs, followed by Osborne’s 351 yards and five touch-downs. Three Carmel seniors have over 60 tackles on defense: Senior Tamarris Springfield (67), Gavin Hale (64) and Andrew Turvy (61). Turvy and senior Andrew Cheeseborough both have tackles for a loss. Junior Hayden Cate has made four sacks.

SHERIDAN-CARROLL

Sheridan will go on the road Friday to finish up Hoosier Heartland Conference play, traveling to Carroll for a 7 p.m. kickoff.

The Cougars are 1-3 in HHC play and 2-4 overall. This will be Carroll’s first game since Sept. 25, when it lost to Tri-Central 36-0. The Cougars beat Tri-County 48-6 and Taylor 56-28, also falling to Delphi 17-0, Parke Heritage 59-12 and Eastern 52-0.

Sophomore Grady Lytle is Carroll’s quarterback, and has 308 yards on 26-of-46 passing, including one touchdown. Junior Wade Peters has 18 receptions for the season.

On the ground, senior Jaden Har-ness has rushed for 477 yards and seven scores, followed by junior Clay Metzger with 225 yards and five TDs. Harness is also the top tackler with 69 stops (six for a loss), followed by senior Chase Hum-phreys with 51 tackles.

Sheridan is 2-2 in the conference and 4-3 overall. The Blackhawks will try to break a two-game losing streak, having fallen to Seeger 28-14 and Eastern 49-14.

Senior Cameron Hovey has been dominant on the ground for Sheridan, totaling 1,238 yards rushing and scoring 16 touchdowns. Junior quarterback Silas DeVaney has thrown for 198 yards and three TDs, with senior Keenan Warren grabbing two of those touchdown passes.

Sophomore Jacob Jones is on top of the defense with 61 tackles, eight of them for losses, and six sacks. Hovey is next with 57 stops.

GUERIN CATHOLIC-  
CULVER ACADEMIES

Guerin Catholic hosts Culver Acade-mies to wrap up the regular season. Kick-off for this game is at 7:30 p.m.

The Culver Eagles are 3-4 for the season. After beating Tippecanoe Val-ley 16-0 to start its campaign, Culver dropped four in a row, to New Prairie 24-7, Hanover Central 46-20, Hobart 38-0 and North Judson 23-20. The Eagles re-bounded to beat Woodlan 43-6 and South Bend St. Joseph 27-14.

Culver quarterback Jimmy Pisani rushed for 133 yards in the game against St. Joseph, including a 50-yard touch-down run. Jaxon Mull, Eli Pack and Ma-río Esquivel all had long touchdown runs in the game as well; Mull’s was 44 yards, Pack’s was 41 yards and Esquivel’s was 61 yards.

The Golden Eagles are 2-4 for the season and will look to rebound after a 42-10 loss at Decatur Central last Friday. Jagger Albert rushed for 88 yards, while Elijah Edwards made three catches. Anthony Ferrucci caught a touchdown pass from quarterback Sam Miller.

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# Colts QB Rivers keeps it real: Time for better play at quarterback

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On Monday, Indianapolis Colts Head Coach Frank Reich reeled it back in.

Reich's postgame statement Sunday following the Colts nine-point loss in Cleveland — “quarterback” is the “least” of his worries at the moment — didn't exactly check out.

Upon further review, Reich called the statement a bit “dramatic and overdone” during his Monday media session.

On Wednesday, Philip Rivers emerged from the film room with his assessment of his second two-interception performance over just three road games as a

Colts player.

“The first interception, the second interception, none of them are pretty and (in) none of them do I put in the ‘those don't matter’ category,” Rivers said. “They all matter, but the first one for the touchdown was obviously terrible.”

Rivers and Reich were greeted with a small gift Wednesday at practice.

After missing the trip to Cleveland, left tackle Anthony Castonzo was working, in pads, potentially ready to ease the pressure on his quarterback Sunday vs. Cincinnati. Castonzo officially was listed as a limited participant for Wednesday's on-field activities.

Regardless, Reich and the offensive staff didn't notice many changes in their eight-time pro bowl signal caller.

“I just think Philip has a good knack of focusing on the next opponent,” Reich said. “There is always so much work to be done, so much film to watch dialing in on the game plan.”

“We are 3-2. There is no panic here,” Rivers said. “Usually those games you don't win, if you have a good team, the quarterback probably stunk it up a little bit.”

Not letting a poor performance fester for an entire week? Rivers has been down this road before. So how does he bury the

loss to the Browns? Well, the 17-year-pro started on Sunday night, by not taking it home.

“I've always been very thankful that having my family at home, my wife and children at home,” Rivers said. “There were some great teaching moments to say, ‘Shoot guys, we can still talk and have a good time and pull in here and get takeout somewhere. We're not going to just mope around because Dad lost a game.’”

A refreshing response, as the Colts hope the Hall of Fame form is ready to surface in their \$25 million dollar gunslinger.

## IATCCC announces Academic All-State teams

The Indiana Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches announced its Academic All-State teams on Wednesday.

Here is a list of both girls and boys All-State and Honorable Mention recipients.

### GIRLS ALL-STATE FIRST TEAM

Carmel: Grace Barney, Olivia Laferty, Brooke Waldal.

Fishers: Riley Gearhart, Liberty Hayes, Carolyn Szilagyi, Brynn Urban, Mia Yates.

Guerin Catholic: Maghan Gallagher, Ally Keller, Katie LaReau, Allison Wozniak.

Hamilton Heights: Allyson Dinwiddie, Morgan Guthrie.

Hamilton Southeastern: Ellie Johnson, Olivia Lund, Lilly Patrick Brooke Ratliff.

Westfield: Ashley Baldwin, Margaret Barnett, Sophia Brown, Sophie Porter, Samantha Taylor.

### GIRLS HONORABLE MENTION

Carmel: Annie Christie, Abby Parker.

Fishers: Alexia Kline, Megan Mybeck, Anna Runion.

Guerin Catholic: Delaney Klee, Sydney Smith, Sophia Woods.

Hamilton Southeastern: Halle Hill,

Katherine Kesler.

Westfield: Julia Clark.

### BOYS ALL-STATE FIRST TEAM

Carmel: Hudson Alden, Ameya Belamkar, Quinn Bright, Jacob Fisher, Pranav Jothirajah, Carter Lindfelt, Nate Seketa.

Fishers: Josh Brown, Will Clark, Nathan Jordt, Matthew Roach.

Hamilton Heights: Clay Forrer.

Hamilton Southeastern: Garrett Hicks, Jack Patrick, Luke Pfanstiel, Nolan Satterfield, Connor Wright.

Noblesville: Sam Greenaway.

Westfield: Joshua Barnett, Evan Besinger, Robby Bogdajewicz, Liam Kelly, Kyler Koning, Justin Santiago, Tyler Smith, Max Woehler.

### BOYS HONORABLE MENTION

Carmel: Will Anderson, James Gastineau, Charlie Schuman.

Fishers: Alec Foster, Matthew Lepert, Colin Simons, Bailey Wilson.

Guerin Catholic: Mark Doll, Conner Lawrence, Levi Leffler, Gavin Morrow, Nicholas Schramm.

Noblesville: Evan Campbell, Ian Montarsi.

Westfield: Jacob Beene, Aidan Wright.



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Fishers' Anna Runion was one of many Hamilton County cross country runners to be named to the IATCCC's Academic All-State First Team.



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