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## **Mayors issue warnings on Thanksgiving gatherings**

#### The REPORTER

The mayors of Hamilton County's two largest been less caucities have recently issued statements regarding inhome gatherings for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday.

Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard, in a recent press release, said, "It is very tempting with Thanksgiving just around the corner to think that celebrating together with family or a small group of friends is harmless. Our data shows [sic] that the opposite is true. It is the in-home gatherings that are causing the have agreed that small to gather, Yeleti has six increase in COVID cases and deaths."

Fishers Mayor Scott COVID-19 cases. Fadness stated in a recent

"We've video, We've tious. visiting family members, inviting friends to our homes and getting together for weddings and birthday parties.

Because of these actions we Thanksgiving holiday. are facing an even greater risk of COVID-19 than we one in 100 Hoosiers may were six months ago. We need to start having hard COVID-19 and unaware conversations about our they are exposing others to holiday plans this year."

Several health officials in-home gatherings have been linked to the surge in

Last month, the Chief



**Brainard** 

utive at Community Health Network, Dr. Ram Yeleti, issued a statement couraging Hoosiers to refrain from gathering with extended family for the

Yeleti warned be asymptomatic with the virus.

For those still planning suggestions:

1. Don't travel to visit others for Thanksgiving.

2. If you choose to gath- dows for ventilation.



Photo provided

Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness told the community through a Facebook video that it's time to have "hard conversations about our holiday plans this year" with the rise of COVID-19 due to small-group and close family gatherings. Click the play button above to watch the video.

er at home, gather outside.

indoors, open lots of win- move only for eating.

4. Keep your masks on dinner outside.

3. Whenever you're even when indoors, and re-6. Don't gather with or around the most vulnera-5. Eat Thanksgiving ble.

## Westfield Washington Schools Superintendent to retire

#### The REPORTER

Schools (WWS) has an- tunity to serve, immensely, tantly, supporting nounced that Superinten- and feel incredibly blessed our amazing student Dr. Sherry Grate will to have worked with such dents, retire effective Jan. 1, 2021. a dynamic team, making a ed teachers, and Grate has served as WWS positive difference in the staff has been a superintendent since July 1, lives of many students. En- highlight I will

for our district in the years community, responding to life." to come because we are po- the many messages of ideas

future holds," Grate said. always been a Westfield Washington "I have loved this opporgaging with diverse stake- hold in my heart "I see great opportunity holders throughout the for the rest of my

joy. Most impor-

sitioned well for what the and encouragement, has executive leadership po- committed to performance visionary leader and change



Grate

engaging Grate has accepted an leaders and organizations bers who hired me to be the

sition with Am- that creates lasting, positive agent our district needed bassador Enter- impact on people and comprises where she munities." will serve as Vice President of Stra- Board will select an interim tegic Initiatives. superintendent for the re-Ambassador En- mainder of the school year

acy-minded pri- for a new superintendent. "I want to personally vate equity firm with thank the five board mem-

to be prepared for the future," Grate said. "Duane The WWS School Lutz, Amber Willis, Amy Pictor, Dan Degnan and Mary SeRine – Thank you for believing in me and asterprises is a "leg- while a search is conducted sisting in positioning Westfield Washington Schools to excel while leading one of the fastest growing school districts in the State of In-

## Carpenter helping Noblesville students get 'fueled for school'



Photo provided

Agents at the Carpenter Realtor office in Noblesville recently collected over 10 tubs of canned macaroni products for Fueled for School. The office held a canned food drive during October, and agents collected the cans at their homes and at the office. Fueled for Schools serves as a food pantry and meal program for Noblesville area students.

### Dems see progress, but straight-ticket vote is key

You don't expect a political er than ever before to win. That ingarten seems satisfied because porter last week. he says his party is making headway in Hamilton County.

faithful, he says Democrats scared Republicans into working hard- See County Line . . . Page 2

leader who lost every contest on is probably very true, but what the ballot to be very happy about Democrats face in this county is the election outcome. But Demo-straight-ticket voting. Joe said it cratic County Chairman Joe We- "killed us" when talking to a re-

By more than a 2-1 marstraight-tickcounty In an email letter to his party et voters went Republican.



### Fishers upgrades COVID risk to highest level

### The REPOTER

Tuesday, On risk level.

ported the Fishers Health events. Department will likely its next meeting on Friday.

The recommendations

the a personal residence to in an effort to preserve Fishers Health Depart- no more than 10 people, in-person classes. This ment upgraded the city's and that requires wearing would include athletics. COVID-19 risk level to masks, social distanc-Level 4, Red, the highest ing and washing hands. Tuesday's meeting, Fad-The Hamilton County limit would be 20 people a time of inaction. So the Reporter's newsgathering with the same mitigation idea that this board is gopartner, Larry Lannan, re-requirements as indoor ing to get back together

place new protective mea- require a plan subject to sures into effect following approval by the Fishers Health Department.

The recommendations for action would limit in- include eliminating school accordingly."

door gatherings outside extra-curricular activities,

At the conclusion of For outside activities, the ness said, "We are not in and that there isn't going Special events would to be some form of formal action taken is probably not likely. We have to move our community forward and plot a course

### Indiana American Water asks Noblesville to reject gravel pit

### The REPORTER

Josh Cox, Manager of Operations for Indiana American Water, has issued a statement to the City of Noblesville asking the city to disapprove a request by Beaver Materials for a proposed gravel pit in the area of Potters Bridge.

dressed to the Noblesville Church and the White Riv- for contaminants to enter times more than preventing Planning Commission, er. said the following:

tential negative impact to aquifer both the quantity and quality of the Siluruan and Devonian Carbonates Aquifer water to remove System and three well- a large portion of fields located near State naturally occur-Road 37 and Allisonville ring and biologi-Road, Cumberland Road cal contaminants. and the north side of the These White River, and between operations will Cox, in a letter ad- the White River Christian create a short-cut

"Our opposition to this ities, mine and gravel pits these materials provide pacts on water quality, blesville and surrounding project is based on the po- remove portions of the and significantly reducing mining and gravel opera- areas, including approx-

(sandmand gravel) which filters the

our supply wells by remov- it in the first place. "Through their activ- ing the filtering capability



for surface water and any associatdealing

the time of travel tions can also lower local imately 41,000 residents groundwater levels and interrupt aquifer flow paths ed contaminants through mining operations into the aquifer. and mine dewatering. One U.S. EPA This threat is especially study notes that concerning given the relwith ative difficulty in locating groundwater and developing adequate contamination groundwater supplies in can cost 30 to 40 this particular area."

According to Cox, Indiana American Water proand numerous commercial, industrial, and institutional customers in Hamilton County.

The Noblesville Planning Commission is scheduled to hear the formal proposal for the gravel pit at its next meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov 16 at No-

blesville City Hall. Cox's letter and other "In addition to the im- vides potable water to No- documents related to the gravel pit can be found at

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was evident in Fishers and Carmel where Biden actualby a slight margin.

Countywide, while to 58,000 over challenger going to be a challenge.

Many other Republicans Woody Myers. At the county "scratched" for presidential level, in what had been billed candidate Joe Biden. This as a potentially close race, GOP candidate for treasurer Susan Byer defeated her oply outpolled Donald Trump ponent Jake Madore 115,000 votes to 71,000.

So, while it is certainly Trump won by only 13,000 true that Democrats are doing votes, the GOP candidates better each election among further down the ballot won new suburban voters who by much wider margins. For will scratch against any cangovernor, Eric Holcomb didate they dislike, overcomwon by a record 117,000 ing that straight-ticket vote is

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Add to that the fact that in a future election, Republicans may have a more traditional candidate for president who could bring home those party members who jumped the fence this year.

As always in politics, time will tell. In the meantime, Republicans are concerned, but not panicked. Democrats are hopeful, but should not be over-confident because each election brings a new set of circumstances.

## Advocating for Victims of Crime and Abuse www.prevailinc.com

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

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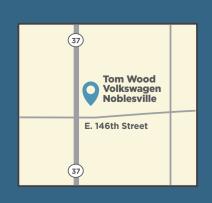


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### Friday is final day to order poinsettias from 4-H Jr. Leaders

#### The REPORTER

The holiday season is almost here, and Friday, Nov. 13 is the last day to order your poinsettias from the Hamilton County 4-H Junior Leaders.

Plants are \$9 each and are available in red, white and dark marble. Supplied by Heartland Growers in Westfield, the poinsettias are guaranteed to have at least five bloom stems and will stand approximately 15 inches tall.

Order forms are available by calling the Purdue **Extension Hamilton County** Office at (317) 776-0854 or by visiting extension.pur- ilton.

due.edu/hamilton. You can also click here to fill out the form and submit your order

Poinsettias must be picked up between 4 and 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 2 at the O.V. Winks Building at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville. Payment will be collected upon pickup.

For more information about Junior Leaders or the 4-H Program in Hamilton County, contact Purdue Extension Hamilton County at (317) 776-0854 or visit **ex**tension.purdue.edu/ham-

#### Letter to the Editor ———

### Noblesville reader calling for referendum vote on Beaver gravel pit

I was shocked to read that the Parks Department had requested Hamilton County Sheriff's Deputies to be present at their last meeting fearing protesters from the "stop the quarry at Potters Woods" movement.

Who did they think was coming? Terrorists? These folks protesting the gravel pit are your neighbors, your co-workers, your friends. None of the protests have been violent, none have been out of line, just folks who are asking the Common Council to hear their voice. You need police protection for this?

I am also very disappointed with the Parks Department for the "out of sight" way this deal has been negotiated with Beaver. The Parks Department is a public entity supported by taxpayer dollars – that's us, the taxpayers, the protesters, the affected homeowners and park users. We had a right to know how our natural resources were to be governed and to know every step of the way.

Then I ask again the final question: Why is this gravel pit even still in consideration? The pit will create no new jobs for Noblesville residents, no new tax monies, no educational opportunities, benefit no one except Beaver Materials, destroy our peaceful park and its wildlife, endanger our children, destroy the roads over which 30 additional 60-ton dump trucks will travel Monday to Friday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., minimally.

I see no advantage for the taxpayers and lots of potential expenses for road repairs and clean up.

I agree with the editorial, as taxpayers we have a right to full transparency from our elected officials, from the Parks Department, and from Beaver Materials.

This project so affects our entire community that as a citizen, I would call for a referendum vote. It is not just a business deal between the land owner and Beaver and the Parks Department, it's a project that will affect thousands of residents for a decade or longer.

I call on our Common Council to pause and put this on a referendum vote for the public response.

Pamela Wind Noblesville

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### THE HAMILTON COUNTY REPORTER

Letter to the Editor

### Bishop Trimble: In face of chaos, seek peace, build each other up

Pew research poll, 83 percent of Americans (Democrat and Republican alike) feel it really matters who wins the presidency. The 2020 election has ended with the largest voter participation in over a century with an estimated 150 million voters. This election cycle witnessed an increase in new, younger voters and record turnouts in 42 of the 50 states, with Minnesota topping 80 percent of eligible voters casting votes in the presidential election.

Millions of dollars are spent annually on elections, this being the most expensive election cycle in history with an estimated \$14 billion dollars expended.

While crowds took to the streets in major cities to celebrate the announcement of Joe Biden as President-Elect, President Trump and millions of voters have not yet concluded that our 2020 election drama is over. All of the state votes have not yet been certified; legal disputes have not yet been resolved; and no presidential concession speeches have been recorded.

I am old enough to remember the presidential drama of 2000 (Bush vs. Gore) which ended in a Supreme Court decision that stopped the recount in Florida. President Bush was declared the winner, and there was a successful and peaceful transfer of power.

Democracy can be messy, and as we have witnessed - expensive and sometimes divisive. Our presidents are ultimately determined by the required number of Electoral College votes. We cast our individual votes to express our choice. A hallmark of American democracy has been safe elections with a peaceful transfer of power when there is change.

According to an August 2020 Every election results in celebration and disappointment. In the next several weeks, I am praying for a release from the resentment and bitter distrust that is so pervasive in our society today. May God lead us Jesus followers up a ramp toward this coming Advent season to live as people of relentless hope.

I have been reflecting on how I can best live as a Christian in this season of pandemics and restrictions. The Holy Spirit keeps returning me to the Bible.

In my home office above the doorway are the words from Psalm 46:10 "Be still and know that I am God." The Common English Bible version reads, "That's enough! Now know that I am God! I am exalted among all nations; I am exalted throughout the world!" If you have been anxious about many things over these many months, I encourage you to take time to "be still."

John 13:34-35 says, "I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so must you love each other. This is how everyone will know that you are my disciples when you love each other."

Are we living our faith out of obligation or opportunity? If I see encounters and relationships as opportunities for growing in my own Christian discipleship, I can, with Gods' help, respect the journey of others. We can value the stories of others while giving voice to our own stories of pain, promise, and Christian purpose. At the center of our purpose is love of God made real in our love for others.

I believe there is much agony and discontent due, in part, to the overabundance of offered versions of truth that distort people and positions we may disagree with, turning them

This is what I believe to be true: into people and positions we feel obligated to demonize. We do not know each other's story. This is the hard but rewarding work of building community. Telling our stories and sharing a vision of a world shaped by God's heart and Christ's love may just lead us to a better place.

My question for all of us to ponder and prayerfully consider is this: How might we participate in building a ramp of relentless hope and Christian love leading up to our Advent journey for 2020?

I offer for your consideration the fruit of the Spirit as an alternative to tribal allegiance, bludgeoning on social media, consumption of conspiracy theories, and spiritual depression and anger brought on by politics.

As Galatians 5:22-23 (CEB) says, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against things like this."

Let us meditate on patience and allow our time of stillness to be restorative. Christian believers, resist the temptation to act hastily and judge others harshly in the face of disagreement or opposition. Let us pursue a heart at peace. God is not a God of disorder but of peace (1 Corinthians 14:33).

Instead, let's do as Romans 14:19 instructs, "So let's strive for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up."

Love, patience, and peace can help in building our ramp to Advent. There is more fruit to reveal our commitment to the discipleship journey. Take a deep breath ... God is good!

Be encouraged, Julius C. Trimble Resident Bishop Indiana Conference of The United Methodist Church

### State troopers remind you to 'Click It or Ticket'

### The REPORTER

Troopers with the Indiana State are increasing seat belt enforcement patrols now through the end of November as part of the national Click It or Ticket mobilization. The department will be joined by more than 250 law enforcement agencies around the state that will be working overtime to reduce motor vehicle deaths and injuries in Indiana.

The patrols are supported with National Highway Traffic Safety Administration funds provided by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI). Last year, out of the total number of motorists involved in passenger vehicle crashes, 90 percent were wearing a seat belt. Despite this, unrestrained motorists accounted for over half of all vehicle fatalities in 2019 (308 out of 565), according to data from the criminal justice institute.

Drivers under the age 34, particularly young male drivers, were more likely to be found not wearing a seat belt. Additionally, individuals not buckled up

in crashes were three times ways wear a seat belt," ICJI or the car is older and only more likely to get injured when the driver was speeding and seven times more likely when the driver was impaired.

Indiana has a primary seat belt law, which allows to stop and cite drivers and wear a seat belt. Drivers unbuckled passenger under the age of 16.

whether you're a driver or back or under an arm. passenger, you should al-

Executive Director Devon McDonald said. "Not only is it the law, but it's the single most effective thing you can do to protect yourself on the road."

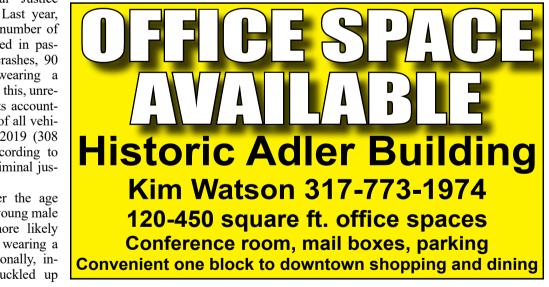
When it comes to seat law enforcement officers belt safety, the department recommends making sure passengers for failing to the lap belt is properly secured across the hip and pelcan also be cited for each vis, below the stomach. The shoulder belt should be positioned across the middle "Every time you go of the chest and away from somewhere in a vehicle, the neck – never behind the

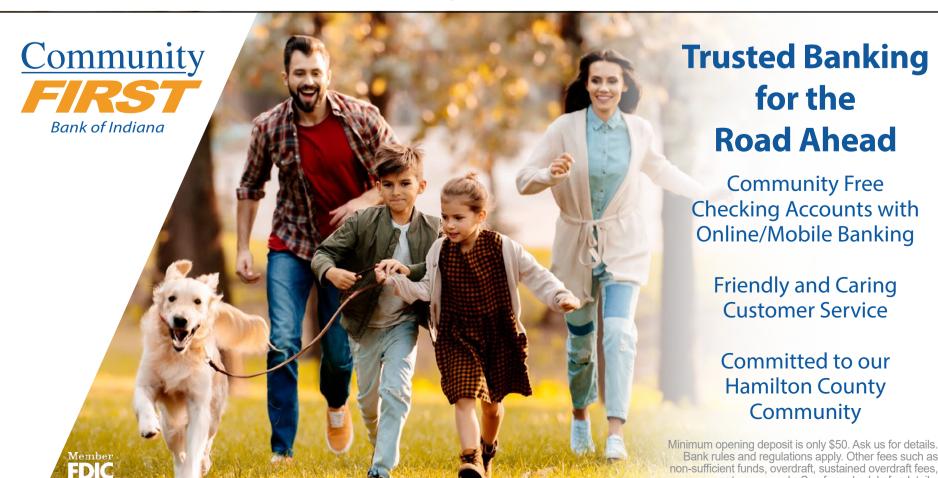
If the seat belt doesn't fit,

has lap belts, ask the car dealer or vehicle manufacturer about seat belt adjusters, extenders, or retrofits.

Additionally, children under age eight must be properly restrained in a federally-approved child or booster seat. Parents and caregivers can choose the safest car seat for their child by visiting TheRight-Seat.com, or to find a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician, who can inspect and assist with the installation of a car seat, visit childseat.in.gov.

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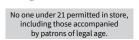


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### Jewel D. Birge

April 17, 1934 – November 6, 2020



Jewel D. Birge, 86, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, November 6, 2020 at Five Star Residences of Noblesville. She was born on April 17, 1934 to Rufus and Edgie (Freeman) Perrigo in Friendship, Tenn.

Jewel worked for GE making Bell South Telephones and also cleaned houses. She was a hard worker and did everything with integrity. Jewel was a member of Sheridan First Bap-

Jewel was a dedicated mother/grandmother and loved with all of her heart. She was a very talented cook; everyone wanted dinner at Jewel's house. She made most dishes from her garden, tended with love, with precise ingredients and measurements in her recipes that equaled a delicious dish. They will be remembered for generations.

Jewel loved an organized, clean house inside and out. She grew the most beautiful flowers to complement her home and tended to a garden every season. She put pride in all she did. If you were blessed enough to have her be your house cleaner, you would have floors that were mopped on her hands and knees (because that was the best, most precise way to get the perfection she always strode for) and a house that gleamed and sparkled with cleanliness. Jewel will leave us with the lessons and vision that we should care for all things with love and do everything to our best and with integrity. She was a simple southern woman who understood hard work payed off. She has laid a path for all generations to follow with her work ethic, love of the Lord and love for her family. She was a gem just as her name states, Jewel. She will be greatly missed.

Jewel is survived by her son, Lloyd (Debbie) Blankenship; grandchildren, Alisha Blankenship and Jason (Brenda) Blankenship; great-grandchildren, Kendra and Drake Merriman; step-daughters, Tamra (Gary) Southerland and Sandra Edwards; and sister, Maureen.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Noie Birge, in 2016.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, November 13, 2020 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, with visitation from noon to the time of service at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

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

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### Jerrold Eugene Orr

August 28, 1939 – November 8, 2020



Jerrold Eugene Orr, 81, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, November 8, 2020, at Riverwalk Village in Noblesville. He was born on August 28, 1939, to William Marshall and Myrtle Dell Orr in Hitchcock, Okla.

Jerry graduated from Iowa State Teachers College in 1964. He began his career as an English teacher and then worked for the federal government for 11 and a half years. Jerry

found his true passion in real estate, which he always said was a people business not a housing business. His 27-year real estate career concluded as a manager for F.C. Tucker. Jerry was a member of the Noblesville First United Methodist Church and president of the Noblesville Optimist Club. He also volunteered for Meals on Wheels, Noblesville Youth Football, and the Noblesville Soccer Club. He was always an active participant in any church he attended, from Sunday school teacher to lay leader to committee

Jerry is survived by his wife, Judie (Lewis) Orr; son, John Orr; daughters, Jennifer (Chris) Donham and Jessica (Brian) McKamie; seven grandchildren, Kailyn, Colton and Sydney Orr, Joshua and Jessie Donham, Hudson and Lily Belle McKamie; and one great-grandchild, Holland Orr.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by seven beloved siblings.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, November 21, 2020, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with the funeral immediately following. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children, Processing Center, P.O. Box 863765, Orlando, FL 32886.

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### TODAY'S BIBLE READING

And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds. And when he had thus spoken, the king rose up, and the governor, and Bernice, and they that sat with them: And when they were gone aside, they talked between themselves, saying, This man doeth nothing worthy of death or of bonds. Then said Agrippa unto Festus, This man might have been set at liberty, if he had not appealed unto Caesar.

Acts 26:29-32 (KJV)





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6 Sports



Another solid defensive performance...

# 'Blazers pull away from Warriors



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

University's Payton Seay scored 13 points and led the rebounding with eight during the Trailblazers' Wednesday win over Danville.

By RICHIE HALL

three basketball games this season, which means the Trailblazers have had

Class 2A No. 3 University recovered from an early deficit to pull away from end of the third. visiting Danville 53-39 Wednesday night at the "U" Center. With the victory, the Trailblazers are now 3-0 for the

playing, honestly," said University coach Justin Blanding. "I don't know playing, so I just tell the girls before we come out, even before practice, after practice. Just be thankful that you get the opportunity to play and to practice, because you don't know how long we'll get to do it."

The 'Blazers are certainly making the most of every opportunity. They found themselves in a precarious position early in the first quarter, when the Warriors led 10-3 due to timely baskets and their own solid defense.

way back into the game midway through the period, and cut Danville's advantage to 13-10 by the end of the first. Kamryn Washington started things off with a 3-pointer, followed by layins from Payton Seay and Sierra Hinds.

the Warriors' Haley Ancelet making a 3-pointer, pushing her team ahead 16-10. The Trailblazers took over after that, going on an 11-0 run to take a 21-16 lead. Kelsey DuBois scored five points in that run, which gave University a lead it would not relinquish.

In fact, the 'Blazers increased that lead to 31-21 by halftime. Hinds finished the quarter strong with a 3-pointer, while Abby Hannon came off the bench and scored three points.

"We've been talking about that all year," said Blanding. "We're not very deep. We could end up getting in foul trouble. So, we always tell everybody to be ready."

Seay got University off to a good ington 2, Sherrod 2.

start in the second half, making two bas-**CARMEL** - University has played kets to push the Trailblazers ahead 35-21. Hinds and Jordan Patterson both hit 3-pointers later on in the third quarter. three fine defensive performances this Another Hinds jump shot gave University a 43-31 lead, but a 3 and a layin by Danville kept them within 43-36 at the

The Warriors would get no closer. The 'Blazers held Danville to only three points in the fourth, all of them free throws. A 6-0 run in the latter half of the "I'm just extremely thankful to be period - two Seay baskets and a pair of DuBois foul shots – sealed the victory.

'We've been working on our dehow much longer we're going to be fenses since we started," said Blanding. "Our defensive coach, John Fair, he's top notch. So the girls are always prepared. And we're prepared to switch defenses."

> Hinds, who was honored before the game as the team's lone senior, led the way with 17 points. Seay was next in line with 13 points, and led all the other stats: Eight rebounds, five assists and five steals. Hinds also had seven rebounds and four steals.

DuBois and Patterson both collect-But University began working its ed five rebounds. All seven players that took to the floor for University scored at least two points. Arrion Sherrod made two free throws during the Trailblazers' second quarter run that would put University in the lead for good.

The Trailblazers begin a five-game The second quarter began with road trip on Friday, playing at Clinton Central.

#### **UNIVERSITY 53, DANVILLE 39** University Kelsey DuBois Sierra Hinds Kamryn Washington 1-4 Payton Seay 6-13 1-4 Jordan Patterson Abby Hannon Arrion Sherrod 2-2 0 Totals 20-49 8-16 Score by Quarters 15 3 - 39Danville

University 3-point shooting (5-17) Hinds 3-6, Patterson 1-4, Washington 1-2, Seay 0-2, Sherrod 0-2, DuBois 0-1. University rebounds (33) Seay 8, Hinds 7,

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DuBois 5, Patterson 5, Hannon 4, Wash-

*Burton scores career-high 36...* 

## Tigers hold off Anderson

University

Fishers scored a hard-fought victory at Anderson on Wednesday, winning 63-

The first quarter finished in a 15-15 tie. The Tigers took control in the second period, pouring in 21 points to hold a 36-27 lead at halftime. Fishers led 47-39 after three quarters, then were able to hold

off an Anderson comeback in the fourth. Katie Burton had an incredible game, scoring a career-high 36 points. Burton made 13 of 17 free throws on the night and also collected nine rebounds. Olivia Smith pulled 11 rebounds and added nine points, while Hailey Smith had eight rebounds, six points and four steals.

The Tigers improved to 3-1 after the win and will play Columbus East Saturday at Hamilton Southeastern.

**FISHERS 63, ANDERSON 60 Fishers** Audra Emmerson 0-0 3 Katie Howard 1-4 Olivia Smith 3-10 3-6 2-7 Hailey Smith 11-23 13-17 Katie Burton Haley Gausepohl 0-0 Karina Scott Kaiya Walker 0-11-2 Jordan Imes 0-0 0-0 **Emily Gausepohl** 20-52 19-31 Totals Score by Quarters **Fishers** 11 16 - 63 12 12 21 - 60 Anderson 15 Fishers 3-point shooting (4-15) Burton 1-5, Howard 1-4, Emmerson 1-2, H. Gausepohl 1-1, Scott 0-1, H. Smith 0-1, O. Smith 0-1. Fishers rebounds (32) O. Smith 11, Burton 9, H. Smith 8, Emmerson 2, H. Gausepohl

1, E. Gausepohl 1.





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# Westfield, Carmel play for regional championships on Friday

day, the Westfield football team will try to add to that history this Friday.

ship on Friday. The game will kick off at 8 p.m. and see two top 10 teams go at it: Westfield is rated No. 2 and the Spartans are ranked No. 9.

In addition to the chance to win a first-ever 6A regional, the 'Rocks will be going for their first regional title since 2016.

"You don't really get a sense of the history of things until well after the fact, but I do think our kids understand that fense," said Gilbert. "They have four this is a special team and we have a special opportunity," said Westfield coach Jake Gilbert.

In order to make that history, the Shamrocks will have to beat a Homestead team with a solid offense. The Spartans are 10-1 and averaging 36.5 points per game. They finished tied for first in the all-Fort Wayne Summit Conference, sharing the championship with Bishop Dwenger after both schools had 8-1 re-

After an opening-week loss to Northrop 25-21, Homestead has won 10 straight games. Most of them have been easy wins, but there were a few tough ones. The Spartans edged out Concordia Lutheran 7-0 in Week 2 and needed triple overtime to beat Bishop Dwenger 35-34 in Week 4.

The other regular-season victories for Homestead were over Bishop Luers 38-13, Snider 33-3, North Side 56-36, Carroll 70-41, Wayne 42-12 and South Side 41-0. Playing in Sectional 3, the Spartans again beat Snider 28-10 in the semi-finals, then got past Warsaw 30-22 in the championship.

Westfield and Homestead have not played each other in recent memory.

"When you play someone new it is both exciting and scary," said Gilbert. "You really can't judge how you stack up until you are on the field together. Sometimes teams are much better or much worse than you perceive them to be from the film. Our last two games have been

football sectional championship last Fridifferent. That's exciting, but scary at the same time."

Senior Evan Ormsby is the Spartans' The Shamrocks will host Homestead quarterback, and has put up impressive for the Class 6A Regional 2 champion- numbers, totaling 2,415 yards on 143of-234 passing and 36 touchdowns. The top receiver is junior Nathan Anderson, who has 46 catches for 1,090 yards, 17 of

> Also on the receiving leaders list are senior Jared Kistler (39 catches, nine TDs), senior Ethan Chambers (31 catches, five TDs) and junior Gage Sparrow (24 catches, three TDs).

> "Homestead is exceptional on ofgood wide receivers and are great at throwing the deep ball. They scored 70 points in a game this season. They can

> Senior Braeden Hardwick is the Spartans' top rusher, with 953 yards and 10 touchdowns. On defense, senior Luke Palmer leads the tackling list with 102 stops, 15 of them for a loss. Palmer is one of seven Homestead defenders with at least five tackles for a loss. Senior Isaac Parrish has 5.5 sacks and senior Andrew Bear has five sacks.

> Westfield is also 10-1, winning its historic Sectional 4 championship by beating Noblesville 35-0 and Fishers 31-0. Junior Maximus Webster has put together a great season as quarterback, completing 102 of 152 pass attempts for 1,667 yards and 21 touchdowns.

> Senior Mason Piening leads the receptions count with 41, including 12 TDs. Junior Micah Hauser has gained the most ground with 932 rushing yards and 10 scores, while Webster has 579 yards rushing for 13 touchdowns.

> Hauser is on top of the defense with 97 tackles, with junior Popeye Williams making 10 tackles for a loss. Williams also has the most sacks with five.

#### **CARMEL-BEN DAVIS**

While Westfield and Homestead may be unfamiliar with each other, the two teams competing for the Class 6A Regional 3 championship know each other very well: Carmel and Ben Davis.

The No. 5 Greyhounds will travel to

al title, but the two teams are tied in the series rivalry at 23-23 – whoever wins this game will move ahead.

Carmel first played Ben Davis in 1958, then again in 1959. The two teams would not face each other again until 1977, when they played for a sectional championship. The rivalry took a break for a few years, but resumed in 1981, and the two teams have played every year

'We have a long history together," said Greyhounds coach John Hebert. "In the era in which I played at CHS, we were state champions in 1986, Ben Davis won in '87 and '88, we won again in '89, then Ben Davis won in both '90 and '91. Think about that!'

Hebert graduated from Carmel High School in 1989 and was a football player all four years.

'We made each other better," said Hebert. "I think the programs are very well suited for competitiveness between each other despite contrasting styles from time

Ben Davis comes into the regional game with a 6-5 record. The Greyhounds hosted the Giants in Week 7, winning 31-

Since then, Ben Davis has been on a win streak, finishing the regular season with victories over Lawrence Central 42-0 and North Central 42-20. The Giants then cruised to the Sectional 6 trophy, easily beating Southport 54-14 in the semi-finals and Perry Meridian 41-6 in the title game.

"Ben Davis has won four games in a row since we played them in Week 7,' said Hebert. "They are a much more confident team right now that is playing to their strengths on both sides of the ball,' said Hebert. "They have been able to limit their mistakes that were getting in their way early on. This will be another very physical game, like Pike and Brownsburg. Ben Davis has great team speed as well. We will have to execute well on offense and limit mistakes. Defensively, we must contain the playmaking of their very talented skill players including their QB, number 15.'

The quarterback, junior J'uan Swanson, has had a solid season, completing 109 of 189 pass attempts for 1,505 yards and 16 touchdowns. Junior Donell Mason TDs Three more Giants have 25 catches: Senior Rylen Richardson, senior Robert Peters and junior Dillon Moore. Richardson has six touchdown receptions, while Peters and Moore both have two.

Senior Brandon Fuentes leads the 0) Ben Davis rushing with 697 yards and eight scores. On defense, senior Charles Knuckols leads with 102 tackles, while junior Keoke Toomer has 11 tackles for

After winning its first-ever Class 6A this year already. This will be entirely kickoff. Not only will this be for a region- a loss. Senior Aneill Boatright has six sacks for the season.

> Carmel is 9-2 for the season and is riding an eight-game win streak. The 'Hounds won the Sectional 5 championship by defeating Pike 38-22 in the semi-finals and Brownsburg 21-7 in the championship.

> Junior Zach Osborne is throwing at a 93-for-180 clip, totaling 1,353 yards and 16 touchdowns. Senior Colton Parker is the top receiver, with 25 catches and six touchdowns.

Senior Zach White leads the rushing with 787 yards and seven scores, while Osborne has 575 yards and 10 TDs. Senior Tamarris Springfield is on top of the tackles list with 85, followed by senior Andrew Turvy with 77 stops, nine of them for a loss. Senior Luke Conley and junior Hayden Cate both have five sacks.

> **REGIONAL PAIRINGS** Courtesy John Harrell's website www.johnharrell.net

CLASS 6A

Merrillville (9-1) at Elkhart (9-0) Homestead (10-1) at Westfield (10-1) Carmel (9-2) at Ben Davis (6-5) Warren Central (4-5) at Center Grove (11-0)

CLASS 5A Mishawaka (7-3) at Valparaiso (7-0) Fort Wayne Dwenger (10-1) at Zionsville (5-5)

Whiteland (9-1) at Indianapolis Cathe-

dral (10-1) Jeffersonville (5-5) at Castle (7-3)

CLASS 4A Hobart (9-2) at Logansport (6-6) Marion (9-3) at East Noble (9-3) Indianapolis Roncalli (10-1) at Mount

Vernon (Fortville) (12-0) Mooresville (11-1) at Evansville Central (12-0)

CLASS 3A Mishawaka Marian (10-0) at Calumet

Fort Wayne Concordia (6-5) at Indianapolis Chatard (10-1) Sullivan (8-3) at Danville (9-0)

Southridge (12-0) at Lawrenceburg (11-

Andrean (11-1) at Pioneer (11-1) Fort Wayne Luers (6-6) at Tipton (9-2) Western Boone (8-4) at Heritage Chris-

has 39 of those catches, including seven Triton Central (10-1) at Evansville Mater Dei (8-4) CLASS 1A

Lafayette Central Catholic (4-3) at Winamac (7-2) South Adams (11-0) at Southwood (12-

South Putnam (12-0) at Covenant Christian (12-0)

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## Noblesville High School athletic signings



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Abby Harvey has committed to Indiana Wesleyan University, where she will participate on the softball and swimming/diving teams.

Pictured - Front Row (Left to Right): Jack Harvey (Brother), Caryn Harvey (Mother), Abby Harvey, Josh Harvey, Mack Harvey (Sister).

Back Row (Left to Right): Noblesville Softball Head Coach Deke Bullard, Noblesville Swimming & Diving Head Coach Aleks Fansler, Former Noblesville Swimming & Diving Head Coach Rich Wolfred.

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Photo courtesy Noblesville Athletics

Brooke Hines has committed to play soccer at Murray State University. Pictured - Front Row (Left to Right): Tammy Hines (Mother), Brooke Hines, John Hines (Father) Back Row (Left to Right): Noblesville Girls Soccer Assistant Coach Kristin Hetzel Not Pictured: Noblesville Girls Soccer Head Coach Mike Brady

Look for more Noblesville signing photos in future editions of the Reporter





