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Hamilton County's COVID-19 advisory level moves to orange

Positive cases reportedly rebounding with delta variant

The REPORTER

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) has changed Hamilton County's COVID-19 Advisory Level from YELLOW to ORANGE.

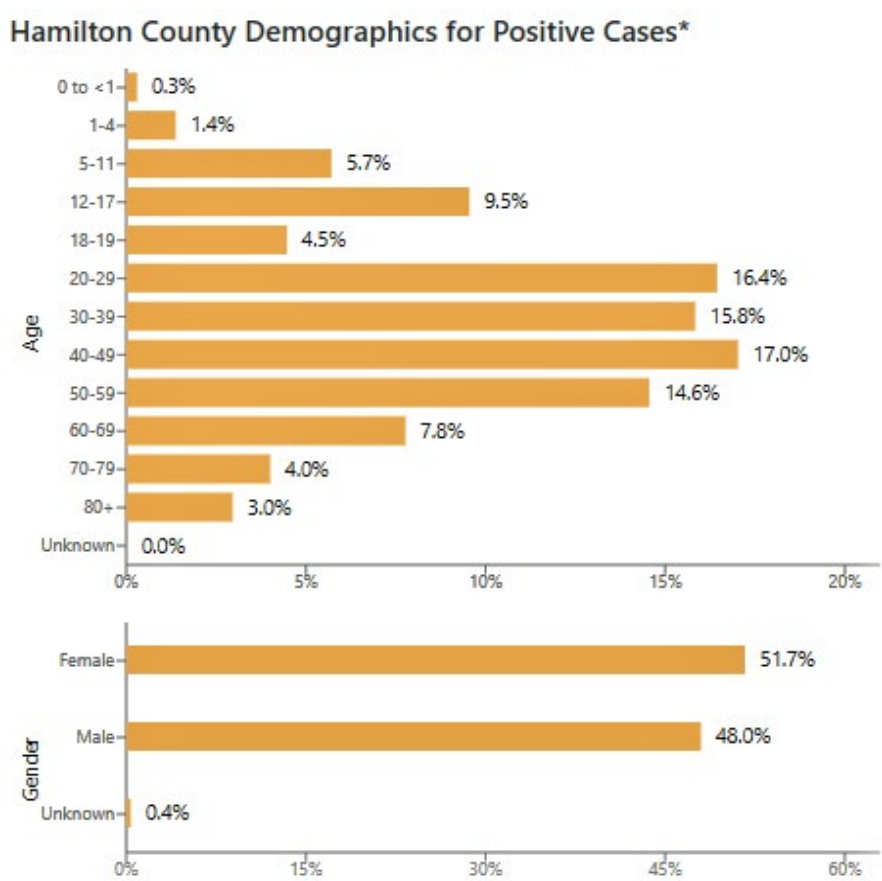
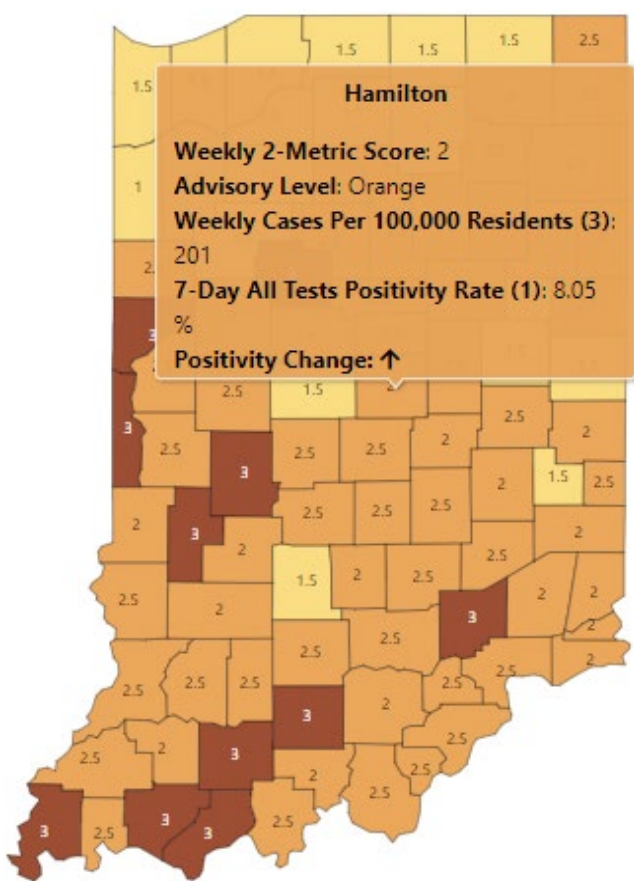
That means community spread is medium to high, and the county has a point score of 2.0 or higher on ISDH's monitoring scale. In order to reach a score of 2.0, a county must have 100 to 199 weekly cases per 100,000 residents and a seven-day all test positivity rate of 10 to 14.9 percent.

"Unfortunately, the new designation doesn't come as a huge surprise," said Christian Walker, emergency preparedness coordinator for the Hamilton County Health Department. "The delta variant is far more contagious. In fact, the last time we saw daily cases this high was back in February."

The vast majority of those getting sick from COVID-19 are unvaccinated. While there have



Walker



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been a number of breakthrough cases among those who were fully vaccinated, most have had minor to moderate symptoms and are not often hospitalized.

"We've said it before and

we'll say it again, our best defense is vaccination," Walker added. "Viruses mutate among those who are not vaccinated, becoming more and more resistant to vaccines. If we have any hope

of curtailing COVID, we must get everyone vaccinated."

Hamilton County must meet the metrics of YELLOW for two consecutive weeks before it will be allowed to move to back to

that designation. In order to meet that criteria, Hamilton County must have 10 to 99 weekly cases per 100,000 residents and a seven-day all test positivity rate of 5 to 9.9 percent.

No public comment allowed at Aug. 23 Carmel Clay Schools board meeting

The REPORTER

Editor's note: The following is a statement released by Carmel Clay Schools (CCS) regarding the temporary suspension of public comment during the upcoming school board meeting on Monday, Aug. 23.

Due to recent events at School Board meetings including disruptions, verbal attacks, intimidation, inappropriate behavior, and the presence of a firearm by an attendee, temporary changes will be im-

plemented for the August 23, 2021 meeting scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. Doors will open at 7:30 a.m.

Public comment has been temporarily suspended. The bylaw is being reviewed the CCS General Counsel, the Policy Committee, and the School Board of Trustees. While meetings will remain open to the public, the repeated use of board meetings to advance outside agendas, promote division and create hostile en-

vironments, combined with email and social media threats to staff and board members has led to these needed temporary changes.

Masks/face shields will be required. No signs or banners will be permitted inside the building or meeting room.

All participants are subject to metal detection and may be subject to pat down based upon metal detector activation. To help expedite entry to the meeting, please do not

carry bags/backpacks/purses. No firearms or weapons are permitted on school grounds, regardless of an individual's permit.

School Board Meeting Recaps will continue to be distributed to the Carmel community. We encourage everyone to review district business, special workshop topics, and the Superintendent's Report.

All CCS board meetings are available to view on the [CCS YouTube page](#).

Once-popular entrepreneur Jim O'Neal dies in Florida

I was sorry to read this week of the death of James O'Neal, Jr. Only longtime area residents are likely to remember this Carmel boy who showed great promise as an entrepreneur, but tried to rise too far too fast.

I knew Jim from the time he graduated from Carmel High School in the 1960s. He came from a prominent local family. His father, Jim O'Neal, Sr. was an insurance executive and longtime school board member.



Jim Jr. got the idea of starting a newspaper in Carmel while still in college. He did, in fact, launch the *Carmel News Journal* which served a real need in the growing community. Jim had dreams of building a chain of suburban papers. But, he left the business within a few years to move on to other pursuits. (The *News Journal* remained in business for over 20 years with editors John Klingensmith, Valerie Waters and Marty Spitz, each of whom maintained a strong "watchdog" editorial policy.)

By the early 1970s, Jim was organizing a bank named Carmel Bank and Trust Co. An attractive building was constructed on Carmel Drive, a building that now serves as a branch for Chase Bank. Jim left the banking business without having made his fortune, and moved to Florida.

He soon developed a new business that provided housing for Disney World employees. That seemed to prove pretty successful. Always personable, Jim was called a "charmer" in the Orlando press. Trying to get into really big business, Jim, along with some big-league investors including Arnold Palmer, developed a group of auto sales malls in Florida.

Get your ticket for Sheridan YAP fundraiser

The REPORTER

The Sheridan Youth Assistance Program (SYAP) Denim and Lace Fundraiser is set for Oct. 30 at the Palomino, 481 S. County Road 1200 E., Zionsville.

Register today to attend with your family, friends, or co-workers. You will have

a great evening learning more about what SYAP has been doing over the past year and how your generous contributions and partnerships are impacting the

lives of Sheridan youth and their families. Cocktails will begin at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7. The committee has put together some great silent auction items, a

vacation trip and a discovery flight with Lift Academy for raffle prizes.

The evening will include music from Coopermoon Entertainment. Bring your dancing shoes so you can show your line dancing talents.

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Rokita: Atlanta, Sheridan, Westfield at risk of losing crucial funding to fight opioid epidemic

When I took office, I vowed to continue Indiana's fight to hold accountable those responsible for turbocharging the opioid epidemic. The scourge of addiction has devastated communities in Indiana, claiming far too many lives. We owe it to Hoosier families to demand accountability and deliver the



justice our communities deserve.

That's why I continue to aggressively and tirelessly prosecute cases to hold corporations accountable who put greed over Hoosiers' health. Recently, we diligently worked to achieve a national settlement with several of these compa-

nies in the amount of \$26 billion. Indiana's share could be more than half a billion dollars, if local elected leaders agree to have their communities participate by opting into the state's lawsuit. The majority of Indiana communities are participating – over 580, to be clear.

However, some communities – including Atlanta, Sheridan and Westfield – are not, putting potentially millions of dollars in resources to fight

addiction at risk.

The state settlement will bring a significant amount of money directly to impacted communities in Indiana to support programs to help those struggling with addiction. We worked hand-in-hand with your elected members of the Indiana General Assembly to create a statutory structure that will efficiently distribute this funding

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SYAP

FUNDING

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All proceeds from this event go to SYAP. This is a local program supporting at-risk youth and their families in Sheridan by coordinating prevention services such as tutoring, mentoring, mental health counseling, pro-social activities, food and clothing assistance, and other resources to keep youth and their families moving forward. Help the next generation thrive by supporting the SYAP at this important fundraising event.

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Table sponsorships are also available. [Click here](#) to access a downloadable form with more information.

- Denim Sponsorship \$600 – includes eight guests and recognition
- Lace Sponsorship \$50 – individual

What should you wear? Denim and lace of course!

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Jim seemed to have finally struck it rich, and reportedly lived accordingly. But, something went wrong and the business declared bankruptcy in the 1990s. Going through company records, Internal Revenue Service agents found evidence to charge Jim with tax fraud in 2002.

Sentenced to three and a half years in prison, he was also ordered to pay \$8 million in restitution to his investors whose money he took. He had also had some minor scrapes with the law and his career in big business dealings was over. For the last 20 years Jim lived in relative obscurity in Florida.

It's a sad story for a guy who had the smarts, the personality and the ambition to go far. Jim died last week at the age of 75. He will be returned to Carmel for services and burial.

directly to local communities, ensuring these dollars will make a substantial and meaningful impact. This funding will support local law enforcement efforts, drug task forces, regional treatment hubs, and early intervention and crisis support, among other important programs. Through the statute, legislators were able to represent the priorities of their local communities in crafting a statewide plan, meeting an important requirement to participate in the master settlement agreement.

The statutory structure was set up so that at least 50 percent of Indiana's share goes directly to local communities, and in fact at least 70 percent of the total will be used for opioid abatement efforts in our local communities. I was a strong advocate for this approach because I believe that you and the local leaders you elected know best how that money should be used. And the General Assembly can work further to be even more specific with their language in the next session to ensure further settlement funds are controlled by our local leaders.

I pledge to work with and encourage members of the General Assembly in the next session to pass future legislation that will articulate the distribution mechanism in more detail before the first payments arrive so that local officials clearly control their share of the settlement funds. In addition, I will advocate for these funds to be distributed not just by population but prioritizing the impact on communities hardest hit.

Unfortunately, local leaders in communities opting out of the state master settlement have been advised by their private opioid litigation attorneys to opt out of this once-in-a-generation deal, which guarantees much needed resources now and will deliver more in the future.

By opting out, your local elected officials voted to not participate in the state

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settlement with guaranteed money now but instead will continue moving forward with their own lawsuit with no guarantee of proceeds and what could be a very long multi-year wait by the time the court proceedings and appeals are finished.

Among a couple of reasons, outside attorneys advised your officials to opt out in hopes of getting the state and your non-litigating neighboring communities to agree to pay a share of up to 33 percent of the settlement in attorney fees. However, a recent court order on these cases caps the attorney fees that can be paid out of the settlement at 15 percent. Many of these private lawyers, however, have entered into agreements guaranteeing a higher payout for the litigating lawyers. If these cases even make it to trial, the litigation costs and your attorney fees will surely be so high that paying them would eat up much of the funding the community is awarded or had reserved for other important projects.

Even if an opt-out community wins their own independent settlement after years of backlog and the risk these companies may file bankruptcy, they may be stuck paying lawyer fees out of taxpayer funds if unrestricted settlement funds are insufficient to cover the fees.

To be clear, opting out of the state settlement could possibly leave your community to fight against massive corporations and their lawyers for years, or even decades, with no guarantee of any payout.

The upshot is this: There is still time for most of these communities to opt back in. The deadlines for Atlanta, Sheridan and Westfield are looming. If a community opts back into the state plan, the national settlement provides a separate fund to pay these outside private attorney fees instead of your community.

We certainly can't allow attorney fee concerns to override the importance of those in need. Half a billion dollars in funds that will help save and turn lives around and make a significant impact in our efforts to stop the ravaging of our communities could be lost if the communities who've opted out of the state's opioid settlement don't quickly change their course.

Atlanta, Sheridan and Westfield have the ability to opt back into the state's settlement – if they do so immediately. If you care about holding greedy corporations accountable, and if you care about helping those in need in your community and not lining lawyers' pockets, and if you want to ensure Indiana doesn't lose out on half a billion dollars to lift up those in need who are struggling with addiction, please make sure local leaders opt your community back into the state's opioid settlement fund.

Time is of the essence.



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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

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TEST DRIVE TODAY

Indiana Hospital Association issues warning, urges vaccine uptake as hospitalizations surge

Hospitalizations increase 288 percent since July 4; unvaccinated patients make up 98 percent of hospitalizations since January

The REPORTER

Editor's note: The following is a statement from Brian Tabor, who serves as the president of the Indiana Hospital Association (IHA).

COVID-19 hospitalizations are rising dramatically in Indiana, increasing 288 percent since July 4 and approaching 50 percent of the peak of the pandemic Indiana faced in November. This is creating further strain on our frontline heroes who have battled valiantly throughout the pandemic.

Serious staffing shortages persist throughout the national health care system, and Indiana hospitals are taking steps to manage the needs of all patients. In or-

der to preserve capacity for those in need, IHA-member facilities are using evidence-based criteria to prioritize and, when necessary, reschedule non-emergent procedures.

The vast majority of hospitalizations related to COVID-19 are unvaccinated patients. According to State officials, of the 766 people that were admitted to an Indiana hospital with COVID-19 the first week of August, 758 were unvaccinated. Of these, 137 people with COVID-19 were admitted to the ICU and all were unvaccinated. Since January, 98 percent of COVID-19 hospitalizations have occurred among unvaccinated patients.

We urge all eligible Hoosiers who have not yet received a vaccine to do so immediately. Not only will it dramatically reduce your own risk of serious illness, you will be far less likely to take a hospital bed away from a family member, friend, or neighbor.

There is a myth that physicians should simply cancel 'elective' procedures to handle COVID-19 spikes like the one we are experiencing. Most cancer and heart surgeries are technically elective in that they are scheduled, but there is great urgency with these conditions and risks to long-term outcomes.

In addition, patients who have scheduled sur-

geries to relieve chronic pain should not be forced to wait because of an avoidable surge in hospitalizations.


Hoosiers should feel confident that Indiana's hospitals are managing through the current situation by collaborating with one another and the State of Indiana. However, should the current trends continue, everyone in need of health care could be impacted. We can avoid this easily – please get vaccinated today

and encourage your loved ones to do the same.

About the Indiana Hospital Association

The Indiana Hospital Association serves as the professional trade association for more than 170 acute care, critical access, behavioral health, and other specialized hospitals in Indiana. IHA advocates on behalf of its members in Indiana's General Assembly, U.S. Congress, and with multiple regulatory

agencies at the state and federal levels. Dedicated to improving quality, patient safety, and Hoosiers' health status, IHA holds numerous grants and facilitates collaboration among hospitals to improve outcomes. IHA also provides members with the data analytics that they need to ensure access to quality, cost-effective health care services across the state of Indiana. To learn more about IHA, visit IHAconnect.org.



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Portion of Monon Greenway to be resurfaced in Carmel

Beginning on or around Monday, Aug. 23, the 146th Street to 1st Street NW section of the Monon Greenway will close for resurfacing. This will be a multi-day project ending by Friday, Aug. 27 involving two coats of asphalt and lane striping.

Resurfacing of the section from 1st Street NW to Main Street will initiate on or around Monday, Aug. 30 in coordination with the City of Carmel's crossing at 1st Street NW. The trail will reopen by Wednesday, Sept. 1.

Carmel Clay Parks officials thank you in advance for your patience. Plans may change dependent on weather and conditions.

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Historic home tours return to Noblesville

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Preservation Alliance will hold its 34th annual historic home tour after a brief hiatus in 2020. This year's event will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18 in the northwest quadrant of Noblesville's historic district.

Plan to spend the day touring eight homes open to the public and enjoying the scheduled special events throughout the day at Pres-

ervation Hall, 1274 Logan St., Noblesville.

Advance tickets are \$12 for members and \$15 for non-members and are available online and in select Noblesville retail stores before the tour. Tickets can be purchased for \$18 the day of the tour at the headquarters outside the Noblesville Historical Society or at the ticket table at Preservation Hall.

Learn more at preservationhall.org.

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Speaker Todd Huston speaks to local Republicans on main issues facing Hamilton County



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Indiana Speaker of the House Todd Huston (R-Fishers) recently spoke to the Hamilton County Republican Party at an event conducted at Peterson's Restaurant, 7690 E. 96th St., Fishers. Huston's talk focused on education, quality infrastructure, public safety and a strong economy.

En Pointe Indiana Ballet school celebrates five years in Noblesville

The REPORTER

En Pointe Indiana Ballet celebrated five years on Aug. 8.

The classical ballet school located at 15309 Stony Creek Way, Noblesville, started with two iconic retired professional dancers and a dream. Five years later, co-artistic directors Pollyana Ribeiro and Robert Moore are proud to operate one of the most distinguished Central Indiana ballet schools and to have graduated several talented students to prestigious ballet companies and collegiate programs across the U.S.

As a premier ballet school, En Pointe welcomes dancers ages 3 to 22, beginner to pre-professional and offers the highest level of instruction including ballet technique, pointe, variations,



Photo provided

Pollyana Ribeiro and Robert Moore serve as the co-directors of En Pointe Indiana Ballet in Noblesville.

repertoire, pas de deux, jazz, modern, contemporary, tap and more.

Additionally, En Pointe features several elite guest instructors, choreographers and world-famous artists annually to help students refine their ballet technique.

"I'm extremely happy with the way our ballet school is growing and the opportunities earned by our dancers," said Ribeiro. "I'm continually inspired by all the dancers and the hard work they put in week after week. Also, it is such a joy to enrich the community through the performing arts and share our students' love for their craft through our annual performances. Truly, dance can take you anywhere in life."

Ribeiro and Moore each have been dancing professionally for over 20 years, and Ribeiro is one of the top professional dancers within ballet. Both were classically trained at the Harid Conservatory and have traveled around the world dancing and teaching with world renowned companies. Both have achieved ballet master status.

En Pointe's 2021-2022 season of classes kicked off on Aug. 2. A wide variety

of dance classes are offered Monday through Saturday by age group and level. Additionally, the school hosts several annual performances, including local holiday tradition – An En Pointe Christmas, a February Cirque du Soleil-inspired original performance, Curiosity, and a full-length story ballet each spring.

En Pointe serves Noblesville, Fishers, Carmel, Westfield, Geist, Zionsville and surrounding dance students. In celebration of the school's success and to further welcome the community into their studio, En Pointe is offering studio tours and a free trial class to any new student. Interested families just need to call the studio at (317) 645-1448 to arrange for a tour and free trial class.

**About En Pointe
Indiana Ballet**

En Pointe Indiana Ballet is a classical ballet school serving Noblesville, Fishers, Carmel, Westfield, Geist, Zionsville and the surrounding area dance students. Additionally, En Pointe has pre-professional dancers from across the globe study with the studio, and prominent guest instructors visit annually. Learn more at enpointeindiana.com.

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Meeting Notices

The Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District Board will meet at noon on Monday, Aug. 23, 2021, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 8 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 23, 2021, at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St., Carmel.

Due to recent events at School Board meetings, Public Comment has been temporarily suspended. Bylaw 0167.3 – Public Comment at Board Meetings is being reviewed by CCS General Counsel, the Policy Committee, and the School Board of Trustees.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. If we are "out of our mind," as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

2 Corinthians 5:11-15 (NIV)

Randy William Donaldson

September 2, 1948 – August 17, 2021

Randy William Donaldson, 72, Carmel, passed away on Tuesday, August 17, 2021. He was born on September 2, 1948 in Vincennes, Ind., to Floyd Thomas and Violet (Mitchell) Donaldson.

Following his high school graduation, Randy attended Vincennes University and Anderson College.

Randy was employed as Manager at McDonald's more than 30 years. Following retirement, he worked at Lowes in the plumbing department.

Family was a priority, and he loved his grandchildren dearly.

Randy enjoyed fishing, hunting, and always looked forward to his annual deer hunting trip to Michigan with friends and family.

As a long-time member of Northside Baptist Church, Randy served as Deacon, taught Sunday School for many years and volunteered in helping with the Buildings and Grounds department.

In addition to his parents, Randy was preceded in death by his daughter, Meaghan Elaine Donaldson.

Survivors include his devoted wife, Linda (Colegrove) Donaldson; children, Matthew Donaldson, Emily (Brad) Brocklehurst, and Sara Donaldson; three grandchildren, Isabel Brocklehurst, Abigail Brocklehurst, and Lucas Smith; and a sister, Joy Etzel.

Family and friends will gather at 11:30 a.m. Friday, August 20, 2021 in Northside Baptist Church, 3021 E. 71st St., Indianapolis, where the Funeral Service will begin at 1:30 p.m.

A Committal Service will follow in Carmel Cemetery.

In memory of Randy, contributions may be made to Northside Baptist Church (Building and Grounds), 3021 E. 71st St., Indianapolis, IN 46032. Envelopes will be available at the church.

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The REPORTER

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Many of these additional hunting opportunities are available through Fish & Wildlife managed Game Bird Habitat Areas (GBA) and through the Indiana Private Lands Access program (IPLA). Learn more about IPLA at bit.ly/3fTWbu8.

For the below opportunities, hunters will be selected through a random computerized drawing. Applicants can view draw results online within two weeks after the application period has closed. An email will be sent to all applicants

when draws have been completed.

All applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. EDT on the listed closing date.

New this year, GBA pheasant hunts have been broken into two separate online draws. The DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife did this to allow people to apply closer to the actual hunt dates. The purpose of the change is to reduce the number of people who apply for a hunt and get drawn but do not show up for their GBA pheasant hunt.

- IPLA Deer Hunts, Scott County, open Aug. 16-30
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Please note that only one application per hunt is allowed. No changes can be made once an application is submitted.

The application process is consolidated into the license system website along with CheckIN Game and HIP registration. An online account is not required to apply, but a Customer ID number is needed.

In this system, hunts without a registration fee follow the same process as those with a fee. To register for hunts with no fee required, applicants will still be asked to "Add to Cart,"

"Proceed to Checkout," and "Place Order." If the transaction total is \$0, the applicant will not be asked to enter credit card information. Applicants must place an order to submit their application.

To view draw results, applicants can log into their license system account or click "View Hunt Draw Results" at on.IN.gov/reservedhunt. From there, applicants should select "Click Here" under Reserved Hunts to see the status of registered hunts. The link will only show upcoming hunts that an individual has registered for. Logging into an account online is required to see the full history of past hunt registrations.

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Volleyball

Fishers upsets No. 3 McCutcheon



Reporter photo by Kirk Green
Fishers' Ava Vickers (11) had 13 kills for the Tigers during their win over No. 3-ranked McCutcheon Wednesday at the Tiger Den.

The Fishers volleyball team got an early signature win Wednesday, as the Tigers stunned Class 4A No. 3 McCutcheon in four sets at the Tiger Den.

The match scores were 26-24, 25-20, 24-26, 25-21. Fishers had two players reach double digits in kills during the meet: Junior Ava Vickers hit 13 kills and junior Leslie Groff had 12. Another junior, Margo Hernandez, dished out 44 assists. Senior Samantha Perdue led the defense with 11 digs, while junior Janyah Henderson made three blocks.

The victory moves the Tigers to 2-1 for the season. Fishers has won two matches in a row since dropping its opener to Carmel on Saturday.

"I think all of the reasons we won tonight were moments where we successfully did what we've been working on since Carmel," said Tigers coach Steven Peek. "Carmel exposed some things right away in our team, and in four days, the girls have done a job adapting."

Peek admitted that preparing for the match was difficult, as the Mavericks were without Chloe Chicoine, their best player.

"She's a phenomenal player and we would loved to have had her play tonight," said Peek. You want to play against the best and she's one of them."

The Tigers are off until Tuesday, when they play at Bishop Chatard.

Westfield picked up its first win of the season on Wednesday, sweeping Greenfield-Central on the road, 25-18, 25-19, 25-16.

Emma Dodson hit eight kills for the Shamrocks, while Kaylee Sutcliffe collected eight digs and served five aces. Mallory Weber had 16 digs.

Westfield is 1-2 and plays Monday at Pendleton Heights.

Hamilton Heights scored a sweep of Lebanon Wednesday, winning 25-13, 25-10, 25-10.

The Huskies are 2-0 and play at the Cardinal Ritter Invitational Saturday morning.

Carmel dropped its first match of the year on Wednesday, falling to 4A No. 10 Roncalli in straight sets, 25-21, 25-18, 25-18 at the Eric Clark Activity Center.

"The team's never-quit attitude was not enough to overcome the defensively strong Royals," said Greyhounds coach Kristine Deem.

Macarty McQueen and Emily Waddell both hit six kills for Carmel, followed by Savanna Rogers with five, Ella Brooks with four and Caroline Yuska with two. Waddell made three blocks, with McQueen and Rogers both getting two. Ella Bostic handed out 23 assists and served four aces, while Brooks also made nine digs.

The Greyhounds are 2-1 and host their Round Robin tournament Saturday morning.

Noblesville was swept by Mount Vernon Wednesday, 25-19, 25-13, 25-15 in an away game.

The Millers are 1-1 for the season and host Bishop Chatard tonight at The Mill.

In Noblesville's Tuesday win against North Central, junior Ava Harris had 10 kills, while junior Diana Cox served four aces. Sophomore Maddie Coates collected 12 digs. Senior Riley Branch dished out 31 assists.

Golf

Shamrocks set new nine-hole record

The Westfield girls golf team set a new nine-hole school record during a dominant performance in a Wednesday dual meet with Tipton at Tipton Golf Course.

The No. 1-ranked Shamrocks scored 136 to the Blue Devils' 193. Sam Brown

and Sophie McGinnis shared medalist honors, as both carded scores of 33. Brette Hanavan and Mallory Mortl each scored 35.

Other Westfield scores were Addi Kooi 37, Allie McKeown 41 and Allie Hildebrand 43.

Carmel tennis rained out

The Carmel boys tennis team's Wednesday dual meet with West Lafayette was postponed due to the weather.

The meet has been re-scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 26 at the Todd Witsken Tennis Center.

FOOTBALL PREVIEWS
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7 PM Volleyball | Varsity | North Central vs Noblesville

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5:30 PM Volleyball | JV | Bishop Chatard vs Noblesville

6:30 PM Volleyball | Varsity | Bishop Chatard vs Noblesville

7:20 PM Volleyball | Mt Vernon at Heritage Christian | IndianaSRN

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6:30 PM Football | Noblesville @ Mt Vernon | IndianaSRN

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Girls soccer

Royals win HCC opener; 'Rocks, Tigers tie

The Hamilton Southeastern girls soccer team won its Hoosier Crossroads Conference opener on Wednesday, beating Franklin Central 1-0.

The Class 3A No. 5 Royals scored 10 minutes into the game. Ella Chester got the goal, with Daniella Rios-Rojas providing the assist.

"In the HCC, a win is hard to come by so we will take it," said Southeastern coach Greg Davidson.

The Royals are 1-0-1 and play this weekend at the South Bend St. Joseph Invitational. Southeastern takes on Munster Friday night, then gets two ranked teams, 3A No. 12 Penn and 3A No. 10 St. Joseph on Saturday.

In the HCC opener for both teams, 3A No. 15 Westfield and 3A No. 18 Fishers played to a 0-0 tie Wednesday at the Shamrocks' field.

Both teams had opportunities to score, but both teams also had defenses that played well. The goalkeepers for each team, Westfield's Zoe McKinney and the Tigers' Maria Okuski, each made big saves.

"We knew they were going to be a challenge for sure," said Fishers coach Harold Spooner. "Westfield's a really good team. I thought we played really well. I told them they got nothing to hang their heads about. Wish we could've put one in at some point, but I felt like we did a lot of things right."

"I think we played well," said Shamrocks coach Hannah Eggert. "We have a lot of new kids on the field and we had some chances, Fishers had some great chances. I think it was pretty even."



Reporter photo by Richie Hall
Fishers' Aubrey Robertson prepares to kick the ball as Westfield's Brooke Cimini defends during the Tigers-Shamrocks girls soccer game Wednesday at Westfield. The game finished in a 0-0 draw.

We're impressed with how hard the girls played."

Both teams are back in action Saturday morning. Westfield (1-0-1) hosts Plainfield while Fishers (2-0-1) wel-

comes Franklin Central in another conference contest.

Guerin Catholic played 3A No. 6 to a 0-0 tie in a Wednesday away game.

It was the season opener for the Golden Eagles, last year's Class 3A state runners-up. Guerin Catholic goes back on the road Friday night to play at 3A No. 2 Carmel.

Football previews

Carmel's team filled with talent, leaders

If there's one thing that's never a problem for the Carmel football team, it's finding leadership.

Greyhounds coach John Hebert called several returning players "leaders" while talking about his 2021 team. Carmel will have an experienced group coming back from last year's 9-3 squad that also won a sectional championship.

The list starts with quarterback Zach Osborne. The senior was solid for the 'Hounds last year, totaling 1,353 yards passing and 575 yards rushing. Osborne threw for 16 touchdowns and ran for 10 more.

"He's such a great kid," said Hebert. "He's a good leader. Probably our most vocal leader, but at the same time, doesn't always have to be vocal." The coach also said that Osborne is super attentive and always asks "great questions" in meetings.

"He thrives on getting feedback that he can use to improve," said Hebert.

The rushing offense will be handled by senior Ethan Hall, who rushed for five touchdowns last year, and junior Desmond Duffy, who steadily improved throughout the 2020 season.

"By the end of the season he was our

No. 1 kick and punt returner," said Hebert. "He had several explosive plays from Week 8 on. He's definitely an electric player with big-play capabilities."

Senior Jaedon King and Reece Bellin make up the wide receiver list. King had 13 catches last season as junior.

"He's really good," said Hebert. "He's very smooth, great athlete, accelerates really well, catches the ball great. He's got a lot of straight-line speed, he can jump up for balls really well. Duffy's the other end of the spectrum. He's elusive, he's super quick. They're nice counterparts to each other."

Two offensive linemen returning are left tackle Eric Keffer, who started nine games at that position last season, and right tackle Jack Stark, who Hebert said "started at least three games." Ryan Pauley, at right guard, is someone that Hebert said "really stands out as a leader." Also on the lineup are left guard Ben Jeffrey and center Ethan Trent.

Continuing the leadership theme on the defensive end, a player to watch is Solomon Williams. The senior safety brings back the most tackles from last season with 63.

"He's going to be a great leader for us,

kind of like Osborne," said Hebert. "He's that type of leader. He's got several offers from varying level. He's a 4.3 student. He's just really, really special."

Evan Brehl is slated for the nose tackle position, improving in only his second year of playing football. Mason Bardwell and Chase Becker are the defensive ends.

As for newer players, Jackson Reece and Will Heldt are in the outside linebacker positions.

"Neither guy has much varsity experience, but they've really done an about face over the off-season in terms of overhauling everything," said Hebert.

"They're both significantly bigger and stronger and faster and more confident."

The inside linebackers, Will Webster and Billy Blevins, are also relatively new to varsity football, but they will certainly be passionate about playing.

"They're seniors, so it just matters so much to them," said Hebert.

Finally, there are the defensive backs: Safety Winston Berglund (who Hebert thinks is a Division I player) and corner backs Aidan McFall and Kyle Fedorcha. Other defensive players to watch are Brody Frey, Vince Neal, Artemis Bryant and Lawson Sinnis.

Carmel will play a 3-4 defense and will be rotating fresh players out on to the field throughout the game, which Hebert hopes will be an advantage.

"If you just keep rolling defensive linemen out there, over the course of a game it could be a difference-maker out there," said Hebert.

The Greyhounds begin their season with a Friday trip to Louisville to play Trinity Lutheran. Carmel was to play Trinity last season, but the game was canceled due to COVID-19 concerns. Trinity went on to finish 10-0 and win the Kentucky Class 6A state championship.

"Trinity's going to be good, no matter what, every year," said Hebert. "They may have to retrain some guys that don't have experience. They play football the right way, and you've got your hands full every time you go against them."

The Greyhounds' home opener is Aug. 27 against Detroit King, a team Hebert calls "supremely talented" with a five-star quarterback, Dante Moore, who is entertaining multiple Division I offers. Carmel hosts Center Grove on Sept. 3 to begin Metropolitan Conference play.

Veteran players look to keep Huskies winning

Things become different when a team knows it can win.

Just ask the Hamilton Heights football team. Last year's Huskies squad won the Hoosier Conference East Division. Heights coach Jon Kirschner said that an accomplishment like that makes people get excited about football, and it makes the players want to get out and do the extra running, the extra lifting — so they can win again, and get another T-shirt that says "Division Champion."

"That changes your mentality," said Kirschner. "Getting those conference division patches and T-shirts made. When you start wearing that extra hardware, that begins to set a new tone."

The Huskies want to keep going in the direction of that new tone, and they will do that in 2021 with a veteran group of players.

The experience begins with the quarterbacks. Senior Guy Griffey threw for 645 yards and 10 touchdowns as a junior last season, while junior Vincent Harley

totaled 318 yards.

"He's going to start somewhere," Kirschner said of Harley. "He may be going both ways."

A key returner is junior Trey Ehman, who rushed for 898 yards last season. Another running back, Nate Hulen, is a senior. He totaled 221 yards. Both Ehman and Hulen scored six touchdowns last year.

The Huskies also have their top two receivers back, and they are both seniors this year. Isaac Tuma caught 21 passes and Gavin Bramel had 13 catches. Tuma had five TD catches last year, while Bramel collected three touchdown throws.

The offensive line has several key players back, including CJ Fettig and Dean Mason. Defensive linemen returning include Alex Petty, Mason Moran and Trevor Tuma. Kickers Michael Lecher and Jonathan Glenn are also back.

On defense, senior Harrison Hochstedler returns after making 96 tackles last year. Hulen also played a fair amount of

defense, with 72 stops.

Kirschner said that on Tuesday, the Heights had some of its best practices of the season. The coach wanted to make sure things were getting fixed before the Huskies' first game Friday with Monroe Central, and the players answered the call.

"When they get challenged, they answer," said Kirschner. And the players agreed that they got something out of the practice as well.

"Not only did they respond to the

challenge yesterday (Tuesday), but they saw the benefit of the challenge," said Kirschner.

After Heights' opener with Monroe Central, the Huskies will play another home game on Aug. 27, welcoming North Montgomery. Heights makes its first road trip on Sept. 3 to take on Rensselaer Central; both are Hoosier Conference teams, but in different divisions. The Huskies' first division game is Sept. 10 when they host Northwestern.

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Chicago Cubs 7, Cincinnati 1		Atlanta 11, Miami 9
Minnesota 8, Cleveland 7, 11 innings		Milwaukee 6, St. Louis 4, 10 innings
Colorado 7, San Diego 5		Seattle 3, Texas 1
N.Y. Mets 6, San Francisco 2, 12 innings		Kansas City 3, Houston 2
Washington 8, Toronto 5		Chicago White Sox 3, Oakland 2
N.Y. Yankees 5, Boston 2		Arizona 4, Philadelphia 2
L.A. Angels 8, Detroit 7		L.A. Dodgers 9, Pittsburgh 0

American League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Tampa Bay	74	47	.612	-
N.Y. Yankees	69	52	.570	5.0
Boston	69	54	.561	6.0
Toronto	63	56	.529	10.0
Baltimore	38	81	.319	35.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chi. White Sox	71	50	.587	-
Cleveland	58	61	.487	12.0
Detroit	58	64	.475	13.5
Minnesota	54	67	.446	17.0
Kansas City	52	67	.437	18.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	70	50	.583	-
Oakland	68	53	.562	2.5
Seattle	65	56	.537	5.5
L.A. Angels	61	61	.500	10.0
Texas	42	78	.350	28.0

National League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Atlanta	65	56	.537	-
Philadelphia	61	59	.508	3.5
N.Y. Mets	60	60	.500	4.5
Washington	52	68	.433	12.5
Miami	51	70	.421	14.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	74	47	.612	-
Cincinnati	65	57	.533	9.5
St. Louis	61	58	.513	12.0
Chi. Cubs	54	69	.439	21.0
Pittsburgh	42	79	.347	32.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
San Francisco	78	43	.645	-
L.A. Dodgers	75	46	.620	3.0
San Diego	67	56	.545	12.0
Colorado	55	66	.455	23.0
Arizona	40	81	.331	38.0

Royals showing growth as first game approaches

When asked about the 2021 edition of the Hamilton Southeastern football team, there were two words that second-year coach Michael Kelly used a couple times that stuck out: “Grown” and “learning.”

The first word describes the improvement the Royals have had during the summer. The second word describes Southeastern’s current practices, which are preparing it for the Royals’ opener against Lawrence Central Friday at TCU Field.

“We are learning how to practice with energy and enthusiasm,” said Kelly. “We have a lot of potential as we are moving into the fall season.”

Another good word to describe Southeastern would be experienced, both on the offensive and defensive ends. Kelly said the Royals return seven starters on the offensive side from last year’s team, which finished 6-3 and tied for second in the Hoosier Crossroads Conference, and that the offensive line “has grown significantly over the course of the summer.”

Southeastern played two quarterbacks during their Friday Jamboree, where they scrimmaged against Whiteland and defending Class 3A state champion Bishop Chatard. Those quarterbacks were senior Sam Jacobs and junior Ty Bradle. Jacobs played in a few games last season.

The Royals running game will be strong again with seniors Blaine Wertz and Owen Jones and sophomore Jalen Alexander. Wertz was the leading rusher for HSE last season, gaining 733 yards and scoring seven touchdowns.

As for receivers, seniors Dylan Conner and Will Gerig return with varsity experience, and will be joined by sophomore Donovan Hamilton. Kelly said Southeastern has several wide receivers “that have taken the next step in develop-



Hamilton Southeastern quarterback Sam Jacobs (17) prepares for a play during the Royals' Jamboree Friday night at TCU Field. Also pictured is running back Jalen Alexander (2).

ment as well.” On defense, senior Loudon Sundling returns the most tackles, as he made 54 stops last year, including six for a loss. Junior Evan Sherrill had the most tackles for a loss last season, with seven, and also led the Royals in sacks with six. Kelly said the HSE defense “has grown this summer in confidence and scheme under-

standing” over the summer. “We are very athletic and return several starters from last year’s team,” said Kelly. As the Royals prepare for their opener, Kelly said the team is focusing on “taking care of what is important now” and that getting one percent better every day must be the team’s focus.

“Our current status is working to define who is varsity ready to play this fall,” said Kelly. After opening against Lawrence Central, Southeastern travels to North Central on Aug. 27. The Royals return to TCU field on Sept. 3 to open HCC play against Avon.

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