

THURSDAY, OCT. 14, 2021

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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mostly cloudy, with
 spotty showers and storms.
 Tonight: Scattered showers
 and storms.

HIGH: 77 LOW: 60



Westfield Lions raise over \$2K for child cancer charity

The REPORTER

This past Saturday after a week-long rain delay, the Westfield Lions Club held a charity car show at Grand Junction Brewing in Westfield. The show, sponsored by Pete's Classic Storage & Restoration in Indianapolis, saw more than 30 cars displayed at the brewing company parking lot.

A total of \$2,100 was raised for the Emily Strong Foundation, providing hope for kids with cancer. The foundation was founded by Emily Alberts, a Hodgkin's lymphoma survivor, as a way to give back for the support she received with her battle against cancer.

Entertainment was provided by local high schoolers Spenser Johns and John Wickham, with all proceeds and tips going to the Emily Strong Foundation. The Lions thank them for their generous donation, along with Grand Junction Brewing and Indiana Business Solutions for

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Photo provided by Westfield Lions Club
 Emily Alberts of the Emily Strong Foundation presents the Best in Show to Carmel's Warren Mockler for his 1972 Corvette.

County Council not holding back in tackling difficult topics

Fall is my favorite time of year. Having spent the majority of my childhood in either Colorado or Virginia, I got the full spectrum of colors, temperatures and weather. Indiana is no different. We get the color changes in the fall foliage and the temperatures are generally perfect. It is kind of like the calm before the storm.

Hamilton County Council is a bit like that too. Our Council activity is full of meetings, closing out projects, beginning projects, updating next year's budgets with new information, and the inevitable beginning of election campaign season.

In 2022, the County Council district representatives are up for election. In years past, that has usually meant that the Council steers clear of potentially polarizing actions. Not this year. This Council has made it clear that it intends to be willing to tackle the difficult topics and act when others might have delayed. I'm proud to be a member of this body.

If you looked at the Council agenda last week, you would have seen it was packed. Standard things had some extras that might go unnoticed.

One of the more mundane items I mention regularly is the approval of grant appropriations. This month was the first appropriation of grants associated with the ARPA funding provided by the federal government to the county. This comes across as a very simple approval, but the effort to get the information, prioritize the asks, and then move them forward has taken many, many meetings.

Knowing this was going to be a Herculean effort, the Council created an ARPA Committee with the sole purpose of reviewing grant applications, discussing pros and cons, and making recommendations to Council, which is generally followed by a pretty simple vote. The effort that our Auditor's office and other departments have put into this is monumental.

That committee includes two standing members (Brad Beaver and Sue Maki) and three rotating members. I am part of the rotating members along with Amy Massillamany and Steve Nation. We will have new ARPA grant appropriations regularly over the next year. This month's appropriations included a White River opportunity, a workforce initiative, and two sewer and water projects.

For many years, our county has been reluctant to use financing on projects. With the parking garage approved earlier this year,

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OneZone Chamber of Commerce adds three staff members

The REPORTER

OneZone has announced it is growing its team with the addition of three staff members: Leah Bare, Mary Noble and Anna Skinner.

Leah Bare is the new Special Events and Programs Coordinator. She began her position in August. She says she is most excited about seeing how the events grow at the chamber within the next year.

Bare graduated from Ball State University in May 2021 with a degree in public relations, a concentration in event planning and a minor in entrepreneurial management. Outside of work, she has a small business called Busy Bare Crafts in which she makes custom doormats. She enjoys working out and being in the outdoors. She likes to spend time with her friends and family. She lives in New Palestine, Ind. She can be reached at leah@onezonecommerce.com.

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Bare



Noble



Skinner

Commissioners awarded for engineering excellence



Photo provided
 Engineering and architectural firm RQAW recently presented the Hamilton County Commissioners with the American Council of Engineering Companies' 2021 Engineering Excellence Award. The award was for work done on the 276th Street project. (From left) Lisa Casler and Dylan Sievers, both of RQAW, and Hamilton County Commissioners Steve Dillinger, Christine Altman and Mark Heirbrandt.

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation to host sensory-friendly Trick-or-Treat

The REPORTER

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) will host a sensory friendly trick-or-treat walk from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 23 along the Central Park East trails.

To provide inclusive experiences for the community, CCPR hosts sensory-friendly events as part of its **adaptive programming** designed for individuals with disabilities.

Sensory-friendly events are structured for individuals with sensory needs who might become overwhelmed or overstimulated by their senses, including sight, sound, and touch. During sensory-friendly events, the environment is changed so

those with sensory needs are comfortable, can participate fully, and enjoy time with family and friends.

During the trick-or-treat walk there will be no loud music, scary decorations, or people dressed in masks or full-body costumes.

"One of our biggest goals at Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation is being inclusive," said Katie Smith, Inclusion Program Supervisor. "We want to remove barriers that keep people from experiencing recreation programs or holiday events. After hosting our first Sensory Friendly Trick-or-Treat in 2019,

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CARS



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Mike Birk's vintage Bentley.



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Westfield Lion Ted Engelbrecht eyes a Caddy resto-mod.

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their support for the event.

Winner of the People's Choice Award was a 1967 VW Camper Van, owned by Earl Haas of Westfield.

Best in Show, chosen by Ms. Alberts, was the 1972 Corvette Stingray owned by Warren Mockler of Carmel. If that name sounds familiar, Mockler is a former United States Auto Club midget and sprint car racer of some note.



Photo provided by Westfield Lions Club

An original Ford Bronco with a new Mustang.

CHAMBER

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Mary Noble is the new Director of Member Engagement. She began her position in September. She says she is most excited about helping the chamber enrich its membership program.

Most recently, Noble served 11 years as the director of member engagement with the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce. She also has nonprofit and marketing experience. Outside of work, she likes to garden, hike and play tennis. She has two daughters and is getting married later this month. She lives in the Geist area. She can be reached at mary@onezonecommerce.com.

Anna Skinner is the new Marketing and Communications Manager. She joined the chamber in October. She says she is most excited about combining her journalism and networking skills into a position that

will benefit the chamber as it continues to grow.

Skinner also works as a managing editor for Current Publishing and has an extensive journalism background. Outside of work, she likes to garden, play guitar, write creatively and play with her two dogs. She lives in Fishers. She can be reached at anna@onezonecommerce.com.

"We are excited to add Leah, Mary and Anna to our team," said OneZone President Jack Russell. "They each provide great expertise to support our members. As our organization grows, we want to provide our members with the highest quality service and adding these three team members will help us continue our success."

For more information about OneZone Chamber initiatives, visit onezonechamber.com.

TREAT

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we heard from so many families that it was their first time having a trick-or-treat experience. That's why it's important to offer events like this."

The trick-or-treat loop is accessible and short, and trick-or-treaters can go around the trail multiple times. Volunteers from CCPR's adaptive program will pass out treats in fun, non-frightening costumes. Each candy station will be

socially distanced.

CCPR requests all trick-or-treaters bring their own bag or basket for candy and wear friendly costumes that are not frightening (refrain from wearing masks that cover the full face).

Pre-registration is required for each trick-or-treater. Register for the Sensory Friendly Trick-or-Treat Walk online [here](#) or in person at the Monon Community Center.

Meeting Notices

The Arcadia Town Council will hold a special meeting on the town's wastewater project at 6 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 18, 2021, at 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. 18, 2021, 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 2022 Budget.

Send Meeting Notices to:

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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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COUNCIL MINUTES

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we have seen the benefit of using this type of funding tool. Since then, we have re-financed existing bonds that date back decades to benefit the taxpayers.

One item on this month’s agenda presented by the Commissioner’s attorney, Mike Howard, was the refinancing of the 2014 purchase of hangars and the office complex at the Hamilton County Airport. This refinancing will save taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars. In addition, it was reported that Hamilton County is now the only county in Indiana to have a AAA bond rating. As we look forward to the needs of our residents and businesses, we are also looking into our past to find creative solutions to save our county money.

This month, Purdue Extension presented the 4-H Fairground’s master plan. As you may know, this project was initially looked at pre-COVID and we were forced to put the brakes on that effort due to the pandemic. The county has put minimal improvements into the 4-H Fairgrounds over the past 20-plus years. For many communities, the fairgrounds provide ample space for tourism through convention opportunities and events. Our fairgrounds are far behind many other communities as it pertains to technology and many of the buildings have outlived their useful life as supported by the subject matter experts. The Council had already agreed to support some drainage work and technology, but we know that there is a bigger capital ask. The extension stated that they wanted to use this time to reacquire the Council with the long-range

plan and will work to put priorities when they come back in front of Council.

The last item of note was the financial support of the County Efficiency Study. KPMG is widely respected as the leader in governmental efficiency reviews. They have no ties to anyone and can provide a fair and balanced look at our county. I’m thrilled to have the support of the Sheriff’s office and the Criminal Justice System as a whole for participating in this effort. I know our teams are doing great work and have wonderful leadership, but our goal is to help them see across departmental boundaries and offer a fresh perspective.

In the end, I expect that Sheriff Quakenbush (who has an MBA) will have glowing reports for their ability to handle the increases in activity, an expanded jail and an added court all while hearing the negativity that permeates from the national news. I’m proud to report that this is not the sentiment in our county and certainly not on this Council.

The KPMG efficiency study passed unanimously and we are getting started with a kick-off meeting in the next week.

Council has been a truly wonderful experience. I’ve learned a great deal about our county and the people who serve. I’ve seen other governmental bodies also providing overwhelming service to their communities and want to take this time to recognize one in particular.

For most readers of the Hamilton County Reporter, you will already know that Danielle Carey Tolan was just named Trustee of the Year. Her efforts to support

people through COVID and her leadership to administer the \$18 million federal grant for the Hamilton County Emergency Rental Assistance Program (HC ERAP) was only one of the many accolades that were noted.

I bring up Danielle because throughout 2020, I participated in weekly coordination meetings where she was working throughout the county on making sure food pantries were stocked, people had shelter and were being supported as needed. Her work in supporting the county was an ideal partnership because of her willingness to cross those invisible lines of political boundaries to get the job done.

It is my belief that through coordinated efforts between our governmental bodies, we can deliver the most efficient and best solutions for taxpayers. I’m proud to call her my friend and my Trustee. Thank you, Danielle. Westfield Washington Township and the county as a whole are proud of you.

Thanks again for reading this update. My goal with these monthly columns is to inform you of county-level issues. I’ve received some wonderful feedback and will continue to write. I have been participating in a number of events these past few weeks and hope that people will let me know so I can plug them when appropriate. I welcome your questions at ken.alexander@hamilton-county.in.gov.

Ken Alexander is serving in his first term on the Hamilton County Council, representing District 4, which includes Adams and Washington townships, and part of Clay Township.



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Which is better: Medicare Advantage plans or supplemental insurance?

Sylvia Gordon is the president of Gordon Marketing, headquartered in Noblesville, where she trains on Medicare and Social Security in all 50 states. You can contact her at sgordon@gordonmarketing.com.

Suzie Jaworowski is a pro-life, pro-Second Amendment conservative who is running for Indiana State Treasurer in 2022. She previously served as the State Director for Donald Trump's 2016 Presidential Campaign and served in the Trump Administration as Chief of Staff in the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Nuclear Energy, where she oversaw a \$1.4 billion budget and 175 employees. Recently, she served as an Advisor to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna, Austria.

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White Cane Safety Day recognizes blindness, brings united vision

Each year on Oct. 15, White Cane Safety Day recognizes the abilities of people who are blind or visually impaired and reminds us that creating equal opportunities in America involves including them as well.



GUEST COLUMNIST
JAMES MICHAELS

In 1964, White Cane Safety Day became a national observance after the United States Congress adopted a joint resolution. Initially, this day was meant to recognize the safety white canes provided people with vision loss. However, throughout the years, emphasis has shifted from celebrating safety toward celebrating independence and equality, which is why White Cane Safety Day is now commonly known as White Cane Awareness Day or White Cane Day.

Having sight is often taken for granted, but nearly 2.2 billion people globally – and almost 160,000 in Indiana – are affected by some form of vision loss. Through the use of a white cane, many people can achieve

independence in their everyday lives. White canes allow people with vision loss to experience the world in a way that they wouldn't be able to without it. It allows us to assess a situation, to locate doorways, curbs, obstacles in the road, get into cars, and much more.

Join Bosma in celebrating White Cane Safety Day, not just on Oct. 15 but every day. As our community works to create an inclusive, welcoming society, let us remember all the diverse populations who make up Indiana. Don't know anyone with vision loss? Bosma has many volunteer opportunities for you to get involved.

For example, you can help out at our special events or share your time and talents with seniors or others who have lost their sight. We also have a job training program and could use your help with mock interviews so our clients can learn business skills. What-

ever you choose, you will enrich their lives and yours.

During the month of October, you could make a gift to support our vision rehabilitation programs, which provide statewide training to help people with vision loss gain independence. The training includes how to properly use and navigate with a white cane allowing a person with vision loss to be independent.

Other ways to recognize White Cane Safety Day are to stop at least five feet from a crosswalk, or for Twitter users, help boost awareness through the hashtags #NationalWhiteCaneSafetyDay and #WhiteCaneDay.

Whatever you choose, you are taking the first step in building a truly equitable and inclusive society. White Cane Safety Day is only the beginning to creating a broader vision for the community by including people who are blind or visually impaired.

James Michaels serves as the Vice President of Program Services at the Bosma Center for Visionary Solutions. Learn more at bosma.org.

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Applications should be submitted to Arcadia Town Hall either in person or by mail. Town of Arcadia: 208 W. Main Street, PO Box 578, Arcadia, IN 46030

Pioneer Fall Fest

Morris Homestead Barn

Taylor Center of Natural History
12308 Strawtown Ave., Noblesville, IN 46060

Saturday, October 16th

1- 4pm

Join the Taylor Center of Natural History staff at our historic red barn for a day of pioneer fun! Guests are invited to participate in our “quilting bee,” make a corn husk doll and fresh butter, and learn all about pioneer plants with community herbalist, Greg Monzel. Hope to see you there!

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Letter to the Editor

Fishers One: Parents of HSE students should opt out of Panorama's SEL surveys

Dear Editor:

At 3 p.m. on Friday, Hamilton South-eastern Schools sent an all-parent email to announce the district's intention to continue the use of controversial Social Emotional Learning (SEL) surveys created and distributed by Panorama Education, Inc.

The Boston-based company is categorized as a market research company by Manta.com and engages in designing and administering social aptitude surveys and providing related training. Their website banner reads “Bring together social-emotional learning, multi-tiered system of supports, response intervention, school climate, and student voice – all in one platform.”

The company has come under fire in recent weeks after two key conflicts of interests were reported.

First, the company co-founder, Xan Tanner, married the daughter of U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland in 2018. The conflict lies in a recent memo from the Attorney General calling for the FBI to formulate a strategic response to parents who dissent in this type of SEL curriculum.

The second startling conflict of interest is the investment of Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg. As Facebook is currently embroiled in federal hearings regarding inappropriate collection of data from minors, this appears to be a direct connection to services offered by Panorama. The recent whistleblower referenced specific programs designed to gather data to target pre-teens and teens to engage them for longer periods of time.

Examples of questions include everything from “growth” and “self-management” to “Diversity and Inclusion” and

“Cultural Awareness and Action” categories. HSE utilizes each of these categories. Fishers One encourages parents to view the surveys page at hseschools.org/happenings/surveys. The survey questions specific to each grade.

Fishers One has these concerns as the district begins rolling out these third-party surveys to all children K-12:

- How will student data be protected and kept confidential from third party use?
- How can parents view and interpret their child's specific results?
- What measurable data exists to show these surveys enhance academic success?

Until these questions can be answered, Fishers One recommends **opting out of the survey**. An opt-out link was provided in the email from HSE and can also be found on our website and social media pages. The deadline to opt-out is Friday, Oct. 15.

Fishers One also encourages parents to **attend the online meeting hosted by HSE** at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday. That link was also sent by HSE and can also be found on our website and social media pages.

We thank the district for the increased transparency in providing these resources.

Fishers One
Fishers One is a grassroots, community-based organization dedicated to restoring academic excellence in our schools, maintaining Fishers as a great place to live, and cultivating the next generations of community leaders. You can learn more about Fishers One and how to get involved at fishersone.org and on Facebook at facebook.com/FishersOne.

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See what's on the HUGE RADAR

— Atlanta —

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION
Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Town of Atlanta, Hamilton County, Indiana, that the proper fiscal body will consider the following additional appropriation in excess of the budget for the current year at the location of the Atlanta Town Hall 105 E. Main St. at 7:00 o'clock p.m., on the 25th day of October, 2021.

Fund Name:	Local Road & Bridge Match
	ARP Coronavirus Recovery
Major Budget Classification:	
Personal Services	\$
Supplies	\$
Other Services & Charges	\$ 87,128.00
Township Assistance	\$
Debt Service	\$
Capital Outlays	\$ 84,101.00
TOTAL for Local Road & Bridge Match	\$ 87,128.00
TOTAL for ARP Coronavirus Recovery	\$ 84,101.00

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance (Department). The Department will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action taken.

Dated: 10-12-21
Jennifer Farley, Clerk Treasurer
10/14/21

— Sheridan —

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION
Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Sheridan Civil Town, Hamilton County, Indiana, that the proper fiscal officers of the Town of Sheridan, at their regular meeting place at 300 East 6th Street, Sheridan, IN, at 6:00 P.M., on the 25TH day of OCTOBER 2021, will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year.

GENERAL FUND 101	\$140,000.00
Total	\$140,000.00

Taxpayers appearing at such meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance. The Department will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a certified copy of the action taken.

Elizabeth Walden, IAMC, CMO, CMC
Clerk-Treasurer Town of Sheridan
10/14/21

— Westfield —

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED LEASE
You are hereby notified that the Common Council (the "Council") of the City of Westfield, Indiana (the "City") will hold a public hearing upon a proposed Lease Agreement (the "Lease") to be entered into between the City of Westfield Building Corporation (the "Building Corporation"), as lessor, and the City, as lessee, on October 25, 2021, at the hour of 7:00 p.m. (Local Time) at the City Hall Assembly Room located at 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074, for the purpose of financing the cost of purchasing real estate and constructing and equipping a new fire station and Fire Department Administration Building for use by the City, and paying all necessary and incidental costs of issuance of such debt including capitalized interest if necessary (collectively, the "Project")

The proposed Lease upon which hearing will be held is for a term of not to exceed twenty-two years, commencing with the completion of the building to be constructed by the Building Corporation. The lease provides for a maximum annual rental of \$1,100,000 per year, payable on January 15 and July 15 of each year during the term of the lease (or such other dates as determined to be in the best interest of the City), commencing with the completion of the Project or such other date permissible under Indiana law. As additional rental, the lessee shall maintain insurance on the building as required in the lease, shall pay all taxes and assessments against such property, as well as the cost of alterations and repairs, and shall pay rebate amounts to the United States Treasury. After the sale by the Building Corporation of its Lease Revenue Bonds to pay for the cost of the building, including the acquisition of the site thereof and other expenses incidental thereto, the annual rental shall be reduced to an amount equal to the multiple of \$1,000 next higher than the sum of principal and interest due on such bonds in each twelve-month period plus an amount for annual fees not to exceed \$5,000, payable in equal semiannual installments. The annual rental shall be payable from ad valorem taxes levied against all taxable property within the City.

The lease gives an option to the lessee to purchase the property on any rental payment date. As stated above, the building to be constructed will be a new fire station and Fire Department Administration Building to be located in the City. The City will use money received from the sale of the real estate to the Building Corporation to reimburse the City for the costs of acquisition of real estate for the project or for costs of the Project.

The drawings, plans and specifications, including the estimates for the cost of said Project as well as a copy of the proposed Lease, are available for inspection by the public on all business days, during business hours, at the offices of the Westfield Fire Department Headquarters located at 17535 Dartown Road, Westfield, Indiana 46074.

At such hearing all persons interested shall have a right to be heard upon the necessity for the execution of such Lease, and upon whether the lease rental provided for therein to be paid to Building Corporation is a fair and reasonable rental for the proposed building. Such hearing may be adjourned to a later date or dates, and following such hearing the Council may either authorize the execution of such lease as originally agreed upon or may make modifications therein as may be agreed upon with the Building Corporation.

Dated this October 12, 2021.

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF WESTFIELD, INDIANA
10/14/21

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian. So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.
Galatians 3:23-29 (NIV)

Sen. Young responds to weekend cancellation of border wall contracts

The REPORTER
U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) released the following statement after the U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced this past weekend that it has canceled border wall construction contracts in the Laredo and Rio Grande Valley sectors.



Young

"The Biden-Harris administration is doing everything in its power to skirt the law Congress passed requiring construction of a border wall. As record numbers of illegal immigrants stream into the U.S., Democrats continue to look the other way, creating a de facto open Southern Border. First, Vice President Harris – our "Border Czar" – skipped a

border security meeting in Mexico. Now, the Administration is quietly canceling construction contracts in favor of more environmental studies. Perhaps Democrats believe that, instead of a wall, we can guard the border with a wall of regulatory paperwork. These unacceptable and dangerous actions threaten the safety and security of our nation."

Last week, Sen. Young joined a group of Republican Senators to discuss the current crisis at the Southern Border, including the massive migrant camp under the Del Rio International Bridge in Texas. To view Senator Young's full remarks, click here.

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Robert Lee Cole
February 26, 1939 – October 9, 2021

Robert Lee Cole, 82, passed away peacefully at his home in Westfield surrounded by his loving family on Saturday evening, October 9, 2021. Born in Indianapolis on February 26, 1939, he was the son of the late Alva and Ruth Mae (Smith) Cole.

Robert attended Broad Ripple High School and honorably served his country in the National Guard. He was a member and Past Master of the Noblesville Masonic Lodge F&AM #57, a member of the Operating Engineers Local 103 of Indianapolis, and was also a member of Christ Community Church.

During Robert's 47 years of operating heavy equipment, he worked for numerous companies. He was a proud union operator and loved that he was able to work on a variety of different projects throughout his tenure. The company that he worked with the longest was Tousley-Bixler Construction Company. One of his major projects was putting in some of the wastewater infrastructure for the Town of Sheridan. He considered it one of his legacy projects. He retired as an operator in 2001.

Robert was a workaholic in every sense of the word. Farm life always seemed to tug at his heartstrings, and raising horses was where he found his niche. He enjoyed going to shows and never tired taking his thoroughbred out to the racetrack. Robert was also a car guy. He loved taking his '57 Chevy to local car shows and visiting with anyone who wandered by.

Though Robert had many hobbies and interests in his life, his passion was his family. He was a loving husband and father, and a wonderful provider. His grandchildren were his pride and joy, and being their Papaw was just about the best thing in the world.

Robert is survived by his loving wife, Sharon Lynn (Van Osdol) Cole of Westfield; son, Robert William Cole (Rhonda) of Westfield; daughters, Julie Kay Leigh (William) of Sheridan, and Lisa Ann Roberts (Johnny) of Westfield; six grandchildren, Jennifer Davis (Jeremiah), James Robert Hamilton (Rita), Whitney Gattis (Jake), Jacob O. Leigh, Kala Stone (Daniel), and Zachary Robert Cole (Jessica); 18 great-grandchildren; and his brother, William Samuel Cole (Patty) of Indianapolis.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Joan Blackburn, and Barbara Schmidt; and by his grandson, Nicholas Reners.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, October 14, 2021, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan, with Visitation from noon until the time of service. Burial will follow at Eagle Creek Cemetery in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to the Parkinson's Foundation.

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Girls soccer regionals

Greyhounds, Huskies are victorious, Millers fall to Homestead

By **RICHIE HALL**
BROWNSBURG - In a way, Saliyah Brady took the Carmel girls soccer team on her shoulder during the Greyhounds' Class 3A regional semi-final match at Brownsburg on Wednesday.

Carmel had just put a corner kick into play, and the ball wound up bouncing off of Brady's shoulder and into the net. That got the No. 4-ranked Greyhounds on the board, and they would cruise from there, going on to beat the Bulldogs 3-0 and advance to Saturday's regional championship match.

Carmel scored all three of its goals in the second half. The Greyhounds were playing aggressively and got several chances in the first half, but were held off each time. It took until the 46th minute for Carmel to break through with Brady's goal.

"It kind of hit between me and the player next to me," said Brady. "I just got in front of her a little bit and it just went in."

"I told them, 'We could practice that a million times, we'd never make that shot,'" said Carmel coach Frank Dixon.

With that, the Greyhounds had the lead.

"It was exciting because we were having a lot of shots on goal, and it was good to get one in to get the momentum and continue getting some more," said Brady.

The Greyhounds, indeed, got more goals during the game. Ava Cabellon scored Carmel's second goal in the 61st minute, with Emily Roper making the assist. The Greyhounds' Lila Simmons then added a third goal with eight seconds left in the game.

Carmel improved to 16-2-2 with the win and returns to Murray Stadium at 3:30 p.m. for the regional final. The Greyhounds will play No. 18-ranked East Central, which beat Roncalli 4-0 in its semi-final match.

"It'll be at home, and that's always a good thing," said Dixon. "Although both teams had a great crowd out here tonight."



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

Carmel's Saliyah Brady (4) scored the first goal for the Greyhounds during their regional semi-final game at Brownsburg on Wednesday. Carmel went on to beat the Bulldogs 3-0 and will host East Central Saturday afternoon in the regional championship game. Also pictured for Carmel (left to right) are Sophie Shepherd, Emily Roper and Jordan Mintz.

HUSKIES WIN

Hamilton Heights traveled to Bellmont for a Class 2A regional semi-final match on Wednesday. The No. 15-ranked Huskies beat the Braves 2-1.

Heights scored the game's first goal during the 31st minute, with Keri Townsend putting a 25-yard shot into the net. The Huskies added their second goal during the 66th minute on Ella Hickok's free kick. Bellmont scored during the 79th minute, but that would be as close as it would get.

Heights improved to 17-3 with its win and will play the regional champion-

ship at Norwell at 4 p.m. Saturday. The Huskies will play No. 10 Leo, which defeated No. 13 Western 4-1 to advance to the final.

MILLERS FALL TO HOMESTEAD

Noblesville's state championship run came to an end Wednesday night, as the 3A No. 1 Millers fell to No. 2 Homestead 4-2 in a regional semi-final at the Spartans' field.

Ava Bramblett scored the game's first goal in the 10th minute to get Noblesville on the board, but Homestead quickly scored to tie the game at 1-1. Bramblett put in her second goal in the 32nd min-

ute, and the Spartans answered that one just before halftime, making the score 2-2. Homestead added two more goals in the second half, handing the Millers their first loss since 2018, a run that included back-to-back state championships.

Noblesville finished its season with a 16-1-1 record, and won the Hoosier Crossroads Conference championship as well as the Millers' fifth sectional title in the past six years.

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CLASS 2A

- At Norwell**
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Carmel's Lauren Bailey (7) takes the ball down the field during the Greyhounds' soccer regional semi-final game. Also pictured for Carmel is Megan Hamm (20).

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Football previews

Shamrocks travel to Franklin Central, will try to finish unbeaten HCC season

When the Westfield football team travels to Franklin Central on Friday, it will be on the precipice of a second consecutive unbeaten Hoosier Crossroads Conference championship.

In order to achieve that goal, the Class 6A No. 2 Shamrocks will have to play a much-improved Flashes team. The game kicks off at 7 p.m. at the Franklin Central field.

"Franklin Central's a good football team, obviously," Westfield coach Jake Gilbert told the Reporter after the 'Rocks beat Fishers last Friday. "They've played some teams close. They've beat some teams. They're way better than they were last year and even the year before."

Franklin Central finished last season 1-9, but this season, the Flashes are 4-4 going into Week 9, the final week of the regular season. Franklin Central has wins over Perry Meridian 27-21, Zionsville 24-21, Avon 30-23 and Noblesville 28-22, with the Flashes have lost to Roncalli 34-13, Brownsburg 28-14, Fishers 37-8 and Hamilton Southeastern 35-7.

Freshman quarterback Nevan Tutterow is leading FC's offense, and he's done a capable job so far, completing 86 of 152 pass attempts of 1,063 yards and seven touchdowns. Senior Bryan Marshall has 21 of those catches, including one touchdown, followed by senior Dameon Miller with 20 receptions and two scores.

Senior Aataeveon Jordan is the Flashes' top rusher, with 1,030 yards and nine touchdowns. Junior Wyatt Penney is on top of the defensive list with 60 tackles, while junior Julius Parker has 7.5 tackles for a loss and six sacks.

The Shamrocks are 7-1 for the season and have a 6-0 record in the HCC; Westfield has already clinched at least a share of the conference championship. Senior Maximus Webster, a Ball State recruit, is throwing at an 82-of-114 clip for 1,207 yards and 10 touchdowns. Freshman Gabe Arambles has made 23 catches, four of them for TDs, followed by senior Ian Bruch with 20 receptions, including two touchdowns.

Senior Micah Hauser continues to be a two-way threat, as he leads the rushing

with 650 yards and 12 touchdowns. Junior Tyler Dikos is tops in tackling with 87 stops, including seven for a loss. Hauser is next with 75 tackles. Senior Popeye Williams has made 10.5 tackles for a loss and four sacks.

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN-BROWNSBURG

Two teams are tied for second place in the HCC with 5-1 records, and they will play each other on Friday night: Hamilton Southeastern travels to Brownsburg.

This will be a battle of two top 10 Class 6A teams, as the Royals are ranked No. 5 and the Bulldogs are No. 6. Brownsburg is 6-2 overall.

The Bulldogs' victories have come over Ben Davis 33-22 in non-conference play, then over Franklin Central 28-14, Avon 38-17, Fishers 39-21, Zionsville 19-6 and Noblesville 42-21 in HCC matchups. Brownsburg's only losses have been to Cathedral 20-7 and Westfield 24-21.

Junior Jayden Whitaker is the Bulldogs' quarterback, and he is 78-of-116 for 1,004 yards and five touchdowns. Alex Hoover has the most receptions of Brownsburg's deep set of receivers - 13 different players have at least one catch. Hoover has made 14 catches, while senior Jordan Turley-Ford and junior Caleb Marcus both have 12, including one for a touchdown.

Marcus is the top rusher with 837 yards and 12 touchdowns. Senior Rashon Myles Jr. leads the defense with 59 tackles, while three players have at least 10 tackles for a loss: Senior Isaiah Street (11.5), sophomore Jayden Jackson (10.5) and senior Garrett Dalton (10).

Southeastern is 7-1 for the season, having won its last three games. Senior Sam Jacobs is having a solid season, throwing 38-of-72 for 578 yards and eight touchdowns. Junior Ty Bradle is 16-of-33, with 234 yards and three scores to his credit. Senior Will Gerig leads the receptions with 12, including two TDs, while senior Jack Wafford counts three touchdowns among his 11 catches.

Three Royals have broken 500 yards rushing this season. Senior Blaine Wertz



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Westfield quarterback Maximus Webster, a Ball State, commit has thrown for 1,207 yards and 10 touchdowns this season. The Shamrocks travel to Franklin Central on Friday and will attempt to complete an unbeaten Hoosier Crossroads Conference season.

leads with 836 yards and 15 touchdowns, followed by senior Owen Jones with 586 yards and seven scores. Jacobs has 501 yards and four touchdowns. Senior Loudoun Sundling is on top of the defense with 58 tackles, including 11 for a loss.

SHERIDAN-CARROLL

Another big game with conference implications will take place at Bud Wright Stadium on Friday, as Sheridan welcomes Carroll for a Hoosier Heartland Conference contest.

The Blackhawks are 5-1 in the conference. Last week, Sheridan handed Eastern its first HHC loss of the season, making the Comets 5-1 as well. If the Blackhawks win on Friday, they would win the conference championship, even if Eastern wins its game with Clinton Prairie, as Sheridan won that head-to-head matchup with the Comets.

But first, the 'Hawks must get past a tough Cougars team, which is 3-2 in the

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HHC and 6-2 overall. Carroll has beaten Tri-County 48-6, Delphi 9-0, Madison-Grant 34-8, Southern Wells 42-6, Tri-Central 34-0 and Clinton Central 28-0, with losses coming to Eastern 33-13 and Clinton Prairie 14-12.

The 'Hawks are 6-2 for the season and are presently on a four-game win streak. Senior Gavin Reners leads the rushing with 1,062 yards and 12 touchdowns, followed by junior Peyton Cross with 453 yards and four TDs. Sophomore Mason Robinson has thrown for three touchdowns. Junior Jacob Jones leads the defense with 78 tackles, including eight for a loss.

FISHERS-ZIONSVILLE

The only other game being played in Hamilton County on Friday will be an HCC contest at Fishers. The Tigers will welcome Zionsville, the No. 10-ranked team in Class 5A.

The Eagles are 2-4 in the conference and 4-4 overall, with wins against Pike 28-10, Lebanon 30-2, Noblesville 41-26 and Avon 52-49. Zionsville has lost to Westfield 42-21, Franklin Central 24-21, Hamilton Southeastern 41-21 and Brownsburg 19-6.

Sophomore Luke Murphy is the Eagles' quarterback, and he has completed 75 of 128 pass attempts for 918 yards and 10 touchdowns. Senior Trey Firestone has made 35 catches, followed by senior Colin Price with 28 receptions. Both have made three touchdown catches.

Price is far and away the leading Zionsville rusher with 1,036 yards and 13 TDs. Senior Otto Kyler has 78 tackles on defense, followed by senior Owen Rossell with 70 stops. Senior Adam Longmire has made eight tackles for a loss.

Fishers is 3-3 in conference play and 5-3 overall. Junior quarterback Lucas Minns is having a great season, going 95-of-146 for 1,144 yards and 10

touchdowns. Senior Jeffrey Simmons and junior Aidan Zimmer both have 25 receptions, with Simmons making five touchdown catches and Zimmer getting one.

Junior Carson Dunn leads the rushing with 597 yards and seven scores. On defense, junior Grady Stanley has 74 tackles, including nine for a loss. Senior Dominic Oliverio has made 10 tackles for a loss.

CARMEL-LAWRENCE CENTRAL

Carmel, ranked No. 3 in Class 6A, travels to Lawrence Central on Friday to finish up the regular season and Metropolitan Conference play.

The Bears are 2-4 in MIC play and 3-5 overall. Lawrence Central's wins have come over Lafayette Jefferson 49-21, Pike 40-28 and North Central 35-14. The Bears have lost to Hamilton Southeastern 35-7, Lawrence North 20-6, Warren Central 48-13, Center Grove 48-0 and Ben Davis 40-29.

Sophomore Bryson Luter is LC's quarterback, and he has completed 89 of 153 pass attempts for 1,023 yards and eight touchdowns. Sophomore Ahmaad Duff is the leading receiver with 35 catches, four of them for TDs. Senior Davion Owens has 31 receptions, three for scores.

Luter is on top of the rushing list, with 303 yards and seven touchdowns. Junior Tylen Cunningham is having an outstanding defensive season, with 115 tackles, including 10 for a loss. Junior Joshua Mickens has 19 tackles for a loss.

Carmel is 5-1 in the MIC and can clinch second place with a win. Center Grove has already finished MIC play with a perfect 7-0 record. The Greyhounds are 7-1 overall.

Senior Zach Osborne has been playing incredible as Carmel's quarterback, with 1,684 yards on 112-of-183 passing, including 19 touchdowns. Junior Des-

mond Duffy has 40 receptions, including 11 touchdowns, while senior Jaedon King has made 32 catches.

Senior Ethan Hall is the top rusher for Carmel with 296 yards and two scores, while Osborne has 256 yards and eight touchdowns. Junior Will Heldt has 70 tackles to lead the defense, with Winston Berglund making 62 stops.

NOBLESVILLE-AVON

Noblesville travels to Avon on Friday in an HCC game that will feature two teams trying for their first conference win of the season.

The Orioles are 0-8 overall, having dropped games to Lawrence North 26-22, Ben Davis 59-25, Hamilton Southeastern 40-13, Brownsburg 38-17, Franklin Central 30-23, Fishers 35-25, Westfield 45-24 and Zionsville 52-49.

Sophomore quarterback Mason Reynolds has been putting up impressive numbers, throwing for 1,935 yards and 18 touchdowns on a 133-of-240 clip. Senior Chrishon McCray is by far the leading receiver, with 49 catches, 16 for touchdowns. McCray has 1,180 reception yards.

Junior Jaiden Jones is the top rusher for Avon with 300 yards and four TDs. Senior Derrick Shaw II leads the Orioles' defense with 48 tackles, followed by senior Jake Leeper with 43 stops.

The Millers are 2-6 overall. Senior quarterback Connor Meinerding, back at full strength, has thrown for two touchdowns this season and rushed for one. Sophomore Logan Shoffner leads the rushing with 1,128 yards and nine touchdowns, followed by senior Alairic Rogers-Walton with 402 yards and six scores.

On defense, senior Sam Steinhof leads the way with 78 tackles, followed by sophomore Austin Hastings with 70 stops. Senior Jacob Hofmann has 7.5 tackles for a loss.

GUERIN CATHOLIC-CULVER ACADEMIES

Guerin Catholic travels north to Culver Academies on Friday. This game kicks off at 7:30 p.m.

The Eagles are 6-2 for the season, with wins over Crispus Attucks 43-8, Mishawaka Marian 27-14, Hanover Central 35-34, North Judson 42-21, Woodlan 47-13 and South Bend St. Joseph 7-3. Culver's two losses were to Hobart 49-6 and Brebeuf Jesuit 41-13.

The Golden Eagles are 1-7 for the season. Guerin Catholic's two quarterbacks have both been playing well: Senior Sam Miller has thrown for 765 yards and five touchdowns on a 75-of-118 passing rate, while sophomore Ryan Zimmerman is

43-of-80 for 684 yards and eight TDs. Senior Ryan Glenn has 38 receptions, including six touchdowns.

Junior Justin Zdobyak leads the GC rushing with 604 yards and four touchdowns. Senior Adam Novelen is on top of the defensive list with 65 tackles, followed by junior Anthony Ferrucci with 59 stops and senior Max Nickell with 54 tackles.

HAMILTON HEIGHTS-RENSSELAER CENTRAL

Hamilton Heights will travel up to Rensselaer Central to play in the Hoosier Conference fifth-place game on Friday, with kickoff at 8 p.m. (7 p.m. Central Time).

The Bombers finished third in the Hoosier Conference West Division with a 2-2 record and are 5-3 overall. The two teams met earlier in the season, with the Huskies winning 26-21.

Rensselaer has gotten wins against Kankakee Valley 41-17, North Newton 35-8, Twin Lakes 30-0, Benton Central 48-18 and Northwestern 43-8. The Bombers' other losses were to West Lafayette 56-0 and Lafayette Central Catholic 35-0.

Senior Tate Drone is Rensselaer's quarterback, and he has completed 47 of 74 pass attempts for 633 yards and seven touchdowns. Senior Kelton Hesson has 26 of those receptions, including five for TDs.

Senior Dylan Kidd is the top rusher for the Bombers with 774 yards and 15 scores, followed by Hesson, who has 437 yards and five touchdowns. Junior Jordan Cree leads the defense with 54 tackles, including 15 for a loss.

Heights has identical records to Rensselaer. The Huskies placed third in the East Division with a 2-2 mark and are also 5-3 overall. Senior Guy Griffey is throwing at an 81-of-147 clip, totaling 1,113 yards and 13 touchdowns. Senior Gavin Bramel leads the receptions with 27, including nine touchdowns, while senior Isaac Tuma has 23 catches, two for scores.

Junior Trey Ehman is Heights' top rusher with 746 yards and four touchdowns. On defense, senior Harrison Hochstedler leads the tackling with 58, while senior Nate Hulen has 49 stops and senior Andrew Lienemann has 48. All three have five tackles for a loss.

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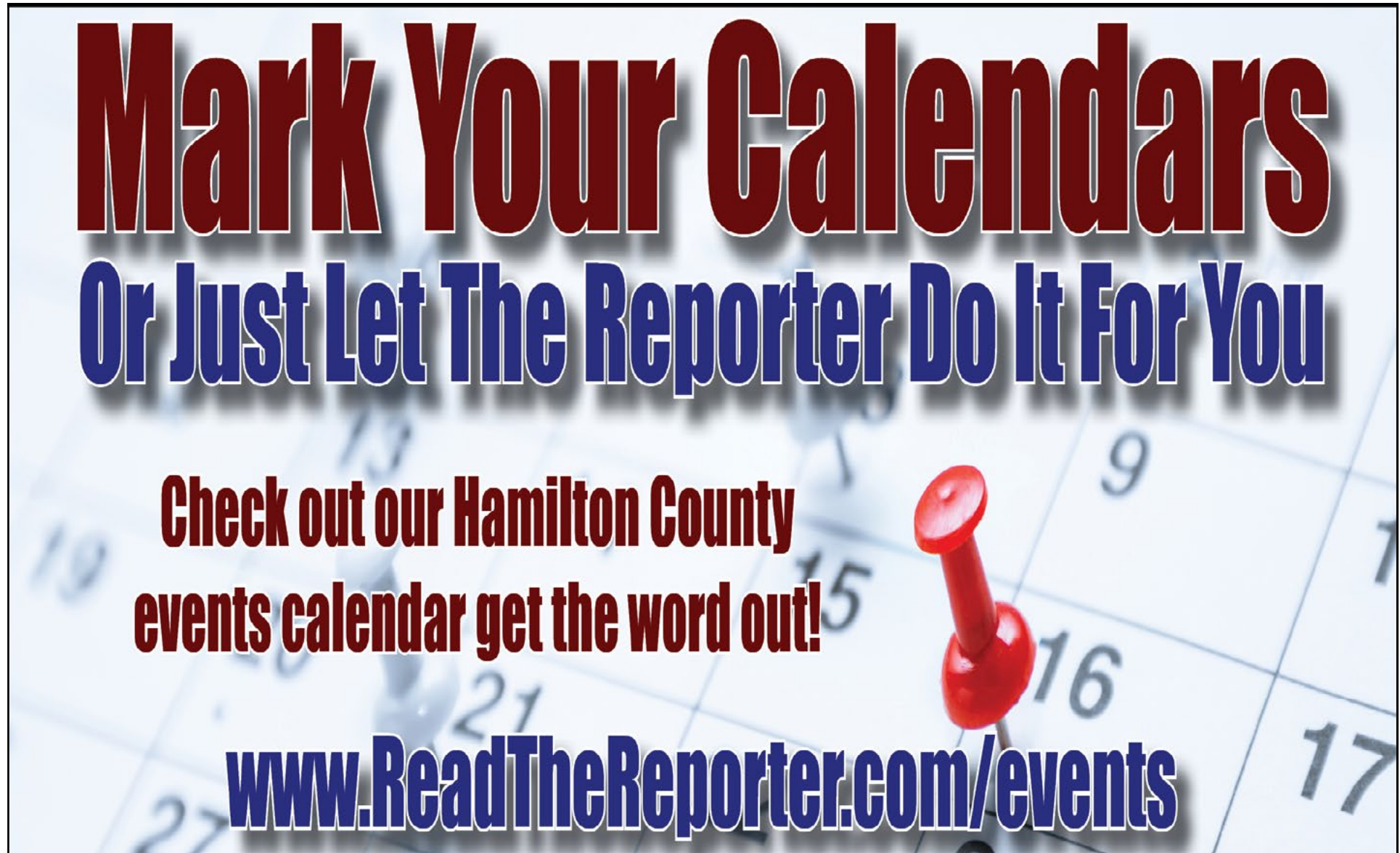
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