

County jail SERT seeking strong new team members

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Department Special Emergency Response Team, also known as SERT, is the jail's frontline defense when it comes to unruly and dangerous individuals housed inside the Hamilton County Jail. The SERT team has been a critical component of the Sheriff's Office for almost 25 years.

The SERT concept began in 1996 when the jail staff faced a very strong, destructive, and violent inmate. The inmate was incarcerated for charges related to murder and subsequently refused to go to court. The solution involved an impromptu five-officer team with little training and hardly any safety equipment. Nevertheless, the brave team successfully completed the cell extraction and high-risk court escort.

To this day, SERT serves as a vital function of the daily jail



For nearly 25 years, the SERT team has been the frontline defense at the county jail.

operations expanding their use inside the jail. SERT now consists of 15 highly trained and well-equipped officers, all from the jail division. They share their knowledge with other correctional officers when they host their own SERT Academy. The team values the importance of de-escalation while maintaining a command presence. Their goal is to resolve dangerous and hostile situations safely

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All abuzz

Last Saturday, I decided to visit Mom and remove her patio "doo dads" as I call them – her decorations. I figured this would be my last year to decorate her outdoor space, as she can't go out there anymore due to her physical limitations.

Mom's patio is on an interior courtyard, so the only way to remove things is to go through her apartment, put the items in the facility's hallway, and then take them out the nearby exterior door. I had parked my car just outside this door to easily load everything.

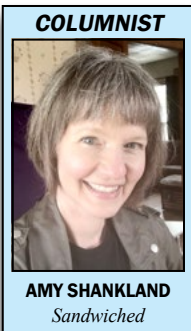
I brought in a few things, then got a ceramic, hollow "rock" she had painted years ago that said "Angels Gather Here." I set this down in the hallway.

The next thing I knew, dozens of yellow jackets started to fly out of it!

I screamed "Bees, bees!" at the cleaning lady just a few doors down, who thank the Lord was there with her cart. I then ran down to the exterior door holding the stone to get it out so even more bees wouldn't be inside. I threw the stone outside where it promptly smashed in two, seeing additional yellow jackets zooming out of it.

I sprinted back up the hallway where Amy (great name), the wonderful cleaning person, was spraying insecticide and stomping furiously on any bees she could find on the floor. We had to act quickly to prevent residents from getting stung, not to mention ourselves!

As we stomped and our eyes darted furiously all over the hallway in search of the bees, I kept saying "I'm so sorry . . . I'm so



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Heart and Soul Free Clinic of Westfield to hold Gratitude Gala

The REPORTER

Heart and Soul Free Clinic of Westfield will celebrate the clinic volunteers, staff and supporters with the Gratitude Gala taking place at the Lucas Estate on Saturday, Nov. 6.

The Gratitude Gala is the clinic's biggest event of the year and will include live music, dancing, awesome food and an amazing silent auction at the incredible Lucas Estate in Carmel. Cocktail attire is appropriate for this event.

Bronze sponsors include Hylant and Westfield Washington Township. Heart Sponsors are Isley and Sons, Sobczak Construction, Witter Orthodontics, Watermark, Riley Bennet Egloff LLC, DuVall Group, and Town Planner.

Heart and Soul Free Clinic was founded in 2009 by Sandy Kirsch and originally located in downtown Westfield, but moved to its current location at 17338 Westfield Park Road, Suite 1, in 2018. At the current location, the clinic has continued to grow and expand. The clinic provides medical, dental and mental health care to uninsured and underinsured individuals in Central Indiana. The clinic added an RV outfitted as a mobile clinic in 2018 and goes to various locations to provide medical care.

The Gratitude Gala will celebrate the years of dedication of the many supporters and volunteers of the clinic and will provide opportunities to raise funds for the clinic through a live and silent auction.

To attend event or consider being a sponsor, please go to heartandsoul.ticket.qtego.net/tickets/list. Individual tickets are \$150.

Public invited to comprehensive plan meeting on Oct. 19 in Carmel

The REPORTER

The Carmel Department of Community Services is working to update the city's Comprehensive Plan. According to city officials, this update will help refine goals related to land use and transportation for the next 10 years.

The Plan Commission will conduct a public hearing at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 19 at City Hall. The proposed plan draft is now available at CarmelComprehensivePlan.com.

HAND combining two events to raise money for affordable housing

The REPORTER

On Saturday, Nov. 13, HAND Inc. will host its annual Trivia Night fundraiser along with its signature Stay Home for HAND virtual event, giving supporters options for how to spend their evening.

Registration is open at hand.cbo.io.

Those interested in a night out can join a team trivia competition from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Conference Center in Noblesville. Doors open at 6 p.m. Eight-person teams will complete five rounds of general trivia, with prizes awarded throughout. Tickets include food and soft drinks, and a cash bar will be available.

This year's Trivia Night fundraiser, which was postponed because of COVID-19, is being held at the same time as Stay Home for HAND, a ticketed "non-event" that debuted in 2017. Stay Home for HAND allows supporters to spend time enjoying the comforts of home – that precious place HAND works to provide.

Guests of both events will be able to participate in an online silent auction and buy raffle tickets (pending license approval). Prize drawings will be held at the Trivia Night event, with live videos posted on HAND's [Facebook page](https://Facebook.com).

"The COVID-19 pandemic made it clear how important it is for everyone to have access to safe, stable housing," said HAND Executive Director Andrea Davis. "HAND is here to help, but we can't do anything without support from our community."

Trivia Night yard signs are available upon request by emailing andee@handincorporated.org.

About HAND

Founded in 2003, HAND Inc. is a nonprofit community housing development organization. It owns eight affordable rental communities with a total of 137 units in Hamilton and Boone counties. Another five units are planned for Tip-ton, and 11 more are planned for Fishers.

Kids can get creative this Fall Break in Westfield

The REPORTER

Give your kids a creative boost during the upcoming Fall Break.

A three-day art camp for ages 9 and up runs from 9 to 11:45 a.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, Oct. 19-21. This camp challenges creative thinking and manual dexterity. Design a hanging mask sculpture with the theme "Monster or Wizard" by drawing, painting, and assembling mixed media. Each student is taught at their own level in a fun and engaged atmosphere, and it's appropriate for teens as well.

Check out more fall programs available through Westfield Washington Township. This camp is taught by professional artist and teacher Tina Mangos and held at Athena House in Westfield.

[Click here](#) to register and get additional information.

Children will have the opportunity to create interesting works of art at the three-day Fall Break art camp taught by professional artist and teacher Tina Mangos.



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Go Purple with Prevail!



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

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with the least amount of force necessary. A degree of danger and risk is accepted when a new correction officer takes an initial oath to serve at the jail, but SERT certainly helps mitigate the risk. Public safety, which includes corrections, is an honorable and noble career.

“The Hamilton County Jail’s SERT or any jail’s response team is a valued asset for the Correctional Division,” said Hamilton County Jail Commander Josh Carey. “The team provides a level of security for the facilities to defuse a situation that otherwise could escalate out of control very quickly. Equipping and training a select group of correction officers in advanced tactics to resolve any tense, dangerous situation can detour a situation from even starting.”

In 2020, many industries unfortunately slowed down, but SERT stayed busy. They served a total of 260 hours. These hours include callouts, high-risk transports, high-risk court security, training, and cell block searches.

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For more information about employment, training or contributing to SERT, please contact SERT Commander Matt Hyde at matthew.hyde@hamiltoncounty.in.gov or call (317)776-8229.

sorry ... I had no idea.”

We battled bees that flew up into the lights and the handrails. Amy would spray any we saw in the air, and then we stomped on them as they fell down to the floor. After about 10 minutes, we declared the hallway safe. Miraculously, no one got stung.

My heart was thudding in my chest and I was covered in sweat. I didn’t stop shaking for about 30 minutes afterwards. When Amy showed me the hive that had been hidden in the ceramic stone, my stomach twisted – it was about five inches tall and nine inches wide.

Even though this was a frightening experience, I was grateful. Grateful that

Amy was right down the hallway at that precise moment. Grateful that I hadn’t put the stone in my car and driven away to be surprised by dozens of yellow jackets in my vehicle - causing me to potentially have an accident.

Most of all, I was grateful that Mom hadn’t sat on her patio last summer. She surely would have been stung.

While I am a nature lover, and I realize we need to protect bees/pollinators now more than ever, unfortunately there was nothing else Amy and I could have done. We had to protect my mom and the residents – who knows who might have an allergy.

It was definitely not the best way to be “all abuzz!”





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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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Court rules in favor of State Legislature in *Holcomb v. Bray*

The REPORTER

In an important win for the separation of powers, the Marion Superior Court ruled late last Thursday that the Indiana General Assembly may provide by law for a legislative session to commence if the Governor declares a statewide emergency.

In its order, the Court upheld the statute known as HEA 1123, enacted during this legislative session and challenged in court by the Governor.

“This is a huge win for the people of Indiana and permits their voices to be

heard through their legislators when the Governor invokes his own emergency powers,” Indiana Attorney General Rokita stated.

In the lawsuit, the Governor had argued that his constitutional authority to call a special legislative session prevents the legislature from enacting a statute that authorizes a session during a public emergency. But in upholding HEA 1123, the court said that “[t]he Special Session Clause



Rokita

does not limit the General Assembly’s authority to schedule its sessions.”

Indeed, the Court said, the Special Sessions Clause “was never understood to give the Governor any power to tell the legislature when it can or cannot meet.” Rather, it grants to the Governor an extraordinary right to exercise a legislative power to call a special session that is otherwise reserved to the legislature.



Auditions this weekend for Belfry’s *The Dining Room*

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Theatre Guild announces auditions for *The Dining Room*, the second show of The Belfry Theatre season.

Diane W. Wilson of Carmel is the director.

Auditions are at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 17, and Monday, Oct. 18, at The Belfry Theatre, 10690 Greenfield Ave., Noblesville. Callbacks are possible and will be Tuesday, Oct. 19.

Eight show dates are Jan. 21-23 and 28-30, 2022. Show times are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

The play is by A.R.

Gurney and is presented with permission by Dramatists Play Service.

The Dining Room is A.R. Gurney’s attempt to take an in-depth look into the lives of a vanishing species: the upper-middle-class WASP. The two-act play can be done with as few as six actors playing as many as 10 different characters. The play is broken up into short vignettes (18 total) that provide a slice of life view of many different families (1939 to 1979). They are funny, touching and uncomfortable.

Actors will be asked to read vignettes/scenes from the script and possibly participate in improvisation.

Actors will be called to the stage one or more times to try different scenes and to try different actor combinations. Actors should arrive on time for the audition and expect to stay for the entire evening. You are welcome to attend both nights, but you only need to attend one night.

For more information, contact the director, Diane Wilson, at creationstation@swbell.net or (317) 650-5648. You can also find an audition packet at [this link](#).

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Pioneer Fall Fest

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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!



More info at 317-774-2574
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Brief lane closures late Sunday night on 116th Street

Beginning at midnight or after on Monday, Oct. 18, 116th Street between Hazel Dell Parkway and Eller Road will be closed to all thru traffic. ICC Group will close both eastbound and westbound lanes twice for up to 20 minutes each time. These closures are only expected to last until 2 a.m. [Click here](#) for project information.

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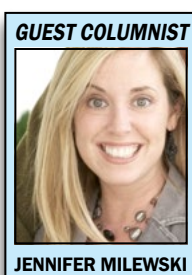


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Social support, community make a difference during breast cancer journey

During October, which is Breast Cancer Awareness month, the country focuses on the disease that one in eight women will face in her lifetime. Maybe you know someone who has breast cancer and is currently going through treatment, or maybe you have been recently diagnosed. In addition to medical treatment, the role of social and community support can change the entire experience for someone.

What is social support? Social support can take many forms. It may be as informal as a sympathetic ear of a close friend, or as formal as a support group or seeing a therapist. This



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helps those with breast cancer feel loved, cared for, and understood. Social support has shown to reduce emotional distress, depression and ‘the experience of pain.’ It can also improve mood and self-image. Some large cohort studies suggest women with more social support have better survival than those with less social support.

Whether in person or virtual, community support also plays a significant role in camaraderie and bringing awareness to breast cancer. When businesses, leaders, survivors, thrivers, and supporters all come together to show their support, it is extremely powerful. The

exchange of stories, smiles, and inspiration makes an impact on everyone involved.

You can join in on the power of community by participating in this Saturday’s Susan G. Komen MORE THAN PINK Walk.

Walk details

The MORE THAN PINK Walk will be held on Saturday, Oct. 16. On-site registration begins at 9 a.m. at Celebration Plaza at White River State Park. The walk will begin at 10 a.m., as well as the Virtual Program. You can register up until the morning of the walk at komencentralindiana.org.

Social support information

Call the Susan G.

Komen Breast Care Helpline at 1-877 GO KOMEN (1-877-465-6636). Calls to the Breast Care Helpline are answered by a trained and caring staff member Monday through Friday

from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. ET. The helpline provides free, professional support services to anyone who has questions or concerns about breast cancer, including people diagnosed with

breast cancer and their families.

Jennifer Milewski serves as the State Executive Director for Indiana and Kentucky with Susan G. Komen®.

Indiana Department of Insurance approves no change in workers’ compensation rates for 2022

The REPORTER

Indiana Department of Insurance (IDOI) Commissioner Amy L. Beard recently approved an average 0 percent change for Workers’ Compensation rates, effective Jan. 1, 2022.

“We are pleased to approve rates with a zero percent average change to help support Indiana businesses as they grow their companies,” Beard said.

Workers’ compensation insurance covers medical costs associated with workplace injuries and provides wage replacement benefits

to injured workers for lost work time.

Indiana Workers’ Compensation rates consistently rank one of the lowest in the United States, according to the [Oregon Workers’ Compensation Premium Rate Ranking report](#). The Information Technology and Research Section in the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services has examined state rates on a biennial basis since 1986.

About Indiana Department of Insurance
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Now Hiring Police Officer

Arcadia Police Dept. is currently accepting applications for the position of Police Officer. Applications will be accepted until 4:30pm on October 28, 2021.

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Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage Board concerning the reconstruction of the **Sly Run Drain, Beals & Cox Arm, East Street Extension on October 25, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.** in Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana. Construction and maintenance reports of the Surveyor and the Schedule of Assessments proposed by the Drainage Board have been filed and are available for public inspection in the office of the Hamilton County Surveyor.

Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh
RL5029

Hamilton County Drainage Board
10/15/21

— Westfield —

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE WESTFIELD COMMON COUNCIL ON DESIGNATION OF ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA AND REAL PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR WRIGHT’S PROPERTY GRAND PARK LLC

The Westfield Common Council (the “Council”) will conduct a public hearing on October 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. (Local Time) in the public assembly room located in the Westfield Government Center, 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana, to consider confirmation of Resolution No. 2021-124 (the “Declaratory Resolution”) adopted by the Council on September 27, 2021, which designated an Economic Revitalization Area (“ERA”) and preliminarily approved a real property tax abatement for Wright’s Property Grand Park LLC and/or its affiliates. At the public hearing on October 25, 2021, the Council will receive and hear all remonstrance and objections from interested persons and take final action on the Declaratory Resolution under the provisions of Indiana Code Sections 6-1.1-12.1-1 et seq. by consideration of Confirmatory Resolution No. 2021-125 setting forth final action in determining that the qualifications for an Economic Revitalization Area have been met, approving real property tax abatement, and confirming Resolution No. 2021-124.

A description of the affected property is available and can be inspected at the offices of the Hamilton County Assessor, located at Hamilton County Courthouse, 33 North 9th Street #214, Noblesville, Indiana, during regular business hours.

At the public hearing, the Council will receive and hear comments, remonstrance, and objections from interested persons concerning the Declaratory Resolution and the matters contained therein.

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Don was born on September 27, 1934 to Elsa Stecker Newby and Harold Anderson Newby in Kansas City, Kan. When Don was around eight years old, the family moved to Denver, Colo., where Don spent the remainder of his growing-up years. Don held many different jobs in his youth. His first job was delivering newspapers where a rabid dog bit him as he was riding his bicycle. Besides working, he also found time to earn his Eagle Scout badge.

Don graduated from the University of Denver with a degree in business. During college, he worked in the winter as a registrar at AAA. He also spent one summer working in the mountains on the D&RG railroad and spent three weeks helping build the Oak Creek Bridge. He also worked one or two years at the icehouse where he accidentally shoved a pipe pole through this hand. He had a near-death experience as a result when a tetanus shot caused his heart to stop. Life was not all work as he belonged to the ATO fraternity and was even Pioneer Pete, a DU mascot for a short time.

After college, Don joined Scott Paper Company in retail sales, but the army decided he should join them. After serving two years in Orléans, France, he returned to Scott Paper where he spent several years introducing new products throughout the USA living for short times in many different cities. He then became a district manager and earned three blazers and five carload sale rings during his career.

Don and Mary Jane Cronk were married June 26, 1965 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Anderson, Ind. Don and Mary Jane began their married life together in Denver. After six months they moved to Arlington Heights, Ill. Their next home was in Overland Park, Kan., where their first child Melinda was born. Donald Todd was born when they lived in Atlanta, Ga. After living in Florham Park, N.J., for five years, the family moved to their permanent home in Carmel. Church was important to Don, and he loved serving as an usher at Pilgrim Lutheran Church and formerly at King of Glory Lutheran Church.

Don loved art and classical music. Although he was not talented in working with his hands, he did collect anything to do with model railroading. With his family along, they attended the National Model Railroaders Association convention every year which allowed them to see a lot of the United States. His favorite railroad was the Great Northern. Don was also a huge fan of the Denver Broncos.

Don and May Jane enjoyed 56 years together before Don was called to his heavenly home on October 9, 2021, at the age of 87.

In addition to his parents, Don was preceded in death by his sister, Marilyn Knapp.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Jane; two children, Melinda and Todd Newby; niece, Christy Davis; sister-in-law, Sara (Sally) and Tom Stuebe; and two nephews, Brian, and Eric Stuebe.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, October 20, 2021, with visitation beginning at 11:30 a.m. at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 3650 W. 106th St., Carmel. Please RSVP to (317) 846-2221 by Tuesday, October 19, 2021. Masks are required.

Inurnment will take place in Anderson Memorial Gardens cemetery in Anderson, Ind. In memory of Don, donations may be made to Pilgrim Lutheran Church or the American Heart Association, 6500 Technology Center Drive #100, Indianapolis, IN 46278.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

What I am saying is that as long as an heir is underage, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. The heir is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. So also, when we were underage, we were in slavery under the elemental spiritual forces of the world. But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

Galatians 4:1-7 (NIV)

Betty Lou Smith

February 11, 1930 – October 13, 2021

Betty Lou Smith, 91, Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at her home. She was born on February 11, 1930 to Macel and Violet (Bishop) Wolfe in Pennington Gap, Va.



Betty was a homemaker and attended Noblesville Baptist Temple.

She is survived by her husband, Sterling Ray Smith; daughter, Vickie (Ed) Bennett; son, David (Kyle) Smith; sister, Anna Mae (Allen) Wallace; brother, Roy (Shirley) Wolfe; several nieces and nephews; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday, October 18, 2021 at Noblesville Baptist Temple, 1338 Pleasant St., Noblesville, with Pastor Seth Leeman officiating. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to the time of service at the church. Burial will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Noblesville Baptist Temple, 1338 Pleasant St., Noblesville, IN 46060

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Valerie Hunsaker

August 12, 1971 – October 12, 2021

Valerie Hunsaker, 50, Fishers, passed away on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at Riverview Health in Noblesville. She was born on August 12, 1971 to Frank and Cheryl (Elmore) Carroll in Indianapolis.



Valerie had a master's degree from the University of Indianapolis in Occupational Therapy. She was also a homemaker and devoted mother, who was very active with her loving children. Valerie liked to be outdoors, visit state parks, and hike with her family. She gave back in a lot of ways to others through her own journey and battle.

She is survived by her husband, Eric Hunsaker; daughter, Greta Hunsaker; son, Brock Hunsaker; her parents; grandmother, Nancy Elmore; sister, Nichole (Cliff) McCullough; niece and nephew, Brookley (Luken) Rigsbee and Carter McCullough; in-laws, Rev. George and Karen Hunsaker; sisters-in-law, Marci and Mindy Hunsaker; and nieces, Katelyn (Lee) Brown and Megan (Justin) Foster.

A celebration of life service will be held at 4 p.m. on Monday, October 18, 2021 at Fortville Christian Church, 9450 N. County Road 200 West, Fortville. Visitation will be held from 2 p.m. until the time of service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Cancer Research Institute, National Headquarters, 29 Broadway, Floor 4, New York, NY 10006-3111, or at cancer-research.org.

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Volleyball sectionals

Royals, Tigers set up first-round wins



Reporter photos by Kirk Green

The setters were on fire during Thursday night's Sectional 8 volleyball action at Westfield. Hamilton Southeastern's Macy Hinshaw (left) handed out 14 assists during the Royals' win over Noblesville, while Fishers' Margo Hernandez (right) led the Tigers in kills with nine, in addition to 35 assists during Fishers' victory over Westfield.

HSE, Fishers advance to semi-finals with hard-fought sweeps

By RICHIE HALL
WESTFIELD - As Fishers volleyball coach Steven Peek was going through the stats after his team won its first-round sectional match on Thursday, he noted something with regards to setter Margo Hernandez.

It seems that Hernandez, in addition to handing out a nice number of assists, also led the Tigers in kills. Peek was happy about that, though, as it confirmed the balance of the Fishers team during its match, a match the Tigers won in a hard-fought sweep over host Westfield, 25-16, 25-13, 25-19.

The Fishers-Westfield match was the second of two opening-round contests Thursday at The Rock. In the first match, Hamilton Southeastern beat Noblesville in another hard-fought sweep, 25-17, 25-13, 25-20. Both the Royals and the Tigers advanced to the Saturday morning semi-finals with their respective victories.

Southeastern used a big run late in the second set to take a two-set lead over the Millers. Noblesville came out blasting in the third set, scoring the first five points in a run that finished with a kill by Anna

Elkin.

Lauren Harden ended the Millers' run by hitting her own kill, and that started a 6-0 run for the Royals that included a pair of aces from Tiffany Snook. The match tightened for several points until the Royals scored three straight to go up 15-12.

Southeastern held the lead from that point forward. Avery Hobson joined Harden in having multiple kills during the latter stages of the set, and Emily Weber finished the match with a kill.

"I thought we played well," said HSE coach Jason Young. "Anytime you're playing and your season's on the line, both teams are going to be scrappy. And I thought Noblesville did a really, really good job in their preparation for us."

"I could tell we hadn't played in a week," said Young. "I felt like as the match wore on and we got better, I felt more and more comfortable. And I was really pleased with my senior leadership. I thought our setter Emily Weber did a fantastic job. When times got tight, she's been there, done it so many times."

Weber handed out 15 assists, while Macy Hinshaw dished out 14 assists.

Hobson put down 12 kills, followed by Harden with 10 and Lovie Wallace with five. Emi Robinson and Meghan Slaninka both served three aces.

Ava Harris hit six kills for the Millers and also made two blocks. Gabby Weihe made three blocks. Riley Branch handed out 20 assists and collected 15 digs, while Diana Cox had nine digs.

"They came out tonight and they played hard the whole entire time," said Noblesville coach Annie Phillips. "We had a lot of great defensive plays, our coverage was strong. We worked really hard on block and they did a great job of doing those things."

The Millers finished their season with a 17-15 record. Phillips noted that her team took "multiple top 10 teams" to extended sets instead of getting swept.

"We fought and they played hard," said Phillips. "I'm proud of the girls on the season."

ALL FIRED UP

The Fishers-Westfield match featured fired-up play from both teams. The Shamrocks got out to a 7-3 lead in the first set, with Lucy Muntel hitting a pair of kills.

The Tigers came back after that, winning seven points in a row to take a 10-7 lead. Carsen Plew knocked down a kill during the run.

"I would say we ended well because we started well," said Peek. "We were not careless. We were very focused. The girls did a great job. We've been emphasizing not only how we want to finish, but how we start. We got to realize that if you want to get to a certain goal, you have to start well and be good in the middle, too."

Fishers made a six-point run during the middle of the set to go ahead 17-10, with Leslie Groff hitting a kill along the way. Groff would also hit the kill on set point to give the Tigers that first set.

The Shamrocks led 8-7 in the second set before Fishers took over, winning 18 of the next 23 points. Hernandez tied the match at 8-8 with a kill, then Plew served an ace and JaNyah Henderson hit a kill that put the Tigers up 10-8. Henderson also stepped up big time at the end of the set, smacking back-to-back kills to get Fishers to set point, then making a

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Ticket link for Hamilton Heights football game

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Boys soccer regionals

Millers, Greyhounds reach finals

The Noblesville and Carmel boys soccer teams both won Class 3A regional semi-final matches on the road Thursday night.

The No. 2-ranked Millers cruised past Columbia City 5-0 after waiting out a lightning delay early in the match. Noblesville led 1-0 at halftime; Jake Johns scored the goal and Palmer Ault provided the assist.

The Millers quickly scored to open the second half: Johns netted a second goal in the 42nd minute, then Ault put in a goal two minutes later. Drew Cochran

made a penalty kick in the 46th minute for Noblesville's third goal, then Johns completed the scoring with his third goal in the 59th minute, with Ault again assisting him.

The Millers improved to 17-1-1 and will play for the Kokomo regional championship at 2 p.m. Saturday, taking on Fort Wayne Northrop. The Bruins beat No. 18 Harrison 3-1 to advance to the final.

The No. 10-ranked Greyhounds took care of Avon 3-1 at the Orioles' field. Baenan McKeown scored Carmel's first goal

during the ninth minute, then Connor Dora found the back of the net with 18 minutes left in the half. AJ Caito added the third goal on a free kick three minutes before halftime. Avon scored its goal in the second half, but Carmel allowed them no other goals. Caito and Josh Martinez both made assists.

"I am proud of how we came out and played with high intensity from the kickoff," said Greyhounds coach Shane Schmidt, who credited his team's shape and ball movement with being "solid."

Carmel improved to 14-3-2 and will

host Cathedral at 1 p.m. Saturday for the regional championship. The Irish defeated East Central 1-0 to reach the final.

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- At Kokomo**
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South Bend Adams vs. Chesterton
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- At Carmel**
Cathedral vs. Carmel

Creekside 8th-grade football team wins undefeated county championship

The Creekside Middle School eighth-grade football team won the Hamilton County eighth-grade middle school championship on Tuesday night. The Creekside team beat Westfield Middle School 49-14, finishing its season with an undefeated 9-0 record. This is the first time in school history that a Creekside team has won a county championship and completed an unbeaten season. Creekside outscored its opponents 338-78 during the season.

Players on the team are: Anthony Coellner, Parker Stewart, Daniel Refeitt, Cam Kelley, Kane Hare, Jacob Behm, Greysen George, David Charters, Levell Stewart, Aaron Fedorecha, Parker Maiers, William Hohlt, Ben Spence, Mike Galli, Lucas Rydell, Caden Teetzel, Ben Stranko, Omar Abushanab, Gurkamal Sahota, JT Todd and Chase Jarred. The team's head coach is Nick Blomeke. Assistant coaches are Shelby Goldblatt, Chad Coellner and Brandi Meyers.



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VOLLEYBALL

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successful block to clinch the set.

The third set was the closest of the three. Fishers went up 6-2 early, but Westfield stormed back to take a 7-6 lead, helped by back-to-back aces from Chloe Sutake. The Tigers responded with their own four-point run; Plew's kill gave the Tigers a 10-7 lead.

Plew later served back-to-back aces during another Fishers run, one that put the Tigers ahead 15-10. Fishers kept its lead between three and six points for the duration of the set.

Hernandez hit nine kills and set many more in motion, as she dished out 35 assists. Henderson and Ava Vickers each put down eight kills and made two blocks. Groff and Plew both hit six kills, with Plew making seven digs and serving three aces. Samantha Perdue had 10 digs and two aces, while Mia Fehlinger collected eight digs.

Peek said the goal "is to win, and to do that, especially in this sectional, you've got to be balanced. I love seeing the balance. I'm not even mad that our setter led us in kills, because she did a great job distributing the ball around and being efficient. I think we hit .438 tonight as a team. That's a testament to Margo's decision-making. She was doing some nice little nuance stuff out there, too, to set herself up to go 9-for-10 on her own."

Muntel led Westfield in hitting with eight kills, while Logan Mapes dished out 26 assists. Mallory Weber made 14 digs for the Shamrocks, who finished their season 12-14.

"We just played them just last week, and we had some specific things that we had worked on to prepare for them," said Westfield coach Sandra Burks. "And we definitely made some improvements on some of those things and got some stops



Noblesville senior Ella Peter (left) goes up for a block during the Millers' Thursday sectional first-round match with Hamilton Southeastern.

there. Honestly, we played a really good Fishers team that was really quick, and kudos to them for where they're at right now."

"We have a very young team," said Burks. "We're really excited about where we're at and looking forward to next year."

Burks also had praise for the Sham-

rocks' three seniors, Julia Bohn, Mapes and Abby Heck.

"We talked a lot about servant leadership, and they are three of the best leaders that we have ever had," said Burks. "I thought that they did a really good job all season leading us."

Hamilton Southeastern is 26-2 and will play Carmel at 11 a.m. Saturday in the first semi-final match. Fishers is 19-5 and plays Zionsville in the second semi-final at approximately 12:30 p.m.

The championship match is set for 7 p.m. Saturday evening.

GUERIN CATHOLIC ADVANCES

Guerin Catholic advanced to the semi-finals of Sectional 27 at Bishop Chatard with a straight-set win over Christel House Academy on Thursday.

The Golden Eagles improved to 14-13 and play Brebeuf Jesuit at 11:30 a.m. Saturday in the second semi-final match. Hamilton Heights plays Heritage Christian at 10 a.m. in the first semi-final.

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Westfield senior Logan Mapes had 26 assists for the Shamrocks during their Thursday first-round sectional match with Fishers.

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