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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Spotty early morning showers. Partly sunny afterward.
 Tonight: Mostly cloudy.

HIGH: 64 LOW: 48



Mill Top named first stop on new Indiana Peony Trail

Noblesville slated to host several peony gardens at businesses and landmarks along newly conceptualized Indiana Peony Trail

The REPORTER

Mill Top Banquet and Conference Center has broken ground on an expansive peony garden that will be the first of many along a new self-guided walking/driving attraction in Noblesville, called the Indiana Peony Trail. The trail is a follow-up concept to the well-received Indiana Peony Festival, which was first held on May 22, 2021, with an estimated 10,000 people in attendance.

Mill Top is working with GKM Property Services to create an English-inspired peony garden so that there's full coverage year-round, GKM CFO and Co-owner Brody Kalbaugh says. The garden will be two street blocks long and half a block deep. It'll wrap around the Mill Top building and feature gazebos and a patio walkway.

The garden will display 400 shrubs, 62 perennials and 17 ornamental trees of hydrangeas, roses, irises, lilacs, butterfly bushes and, yes, lots of peonies – more than 100 bushes in seven different varieties.

Rocky Shanehsaz, manager



(From left) Brody Kalbaugh from GKM Landscaping, Rocky Shanehsaz from Mill Top Banquet and Conference Center, and Kelly McVey from the Indiana Peony Festival.

of Mill Top and major sponsor of the Indiana Peony Festival, wanted to be the first to commit to a peony garden for the Indiana Peony Trail. He knows how

much the community loves the peony – Indiana's state flower – based on the sheer volume of people he saw coming and going from the festival.

Not only are peonies the Indiana state flower, but they are also a bridal favorite, Shanehsaz

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Don't forget: Fall property taxes due soon

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Treasurer's Office reminds all county property owners that Fall Property Taxes are due by Wednesday, Nov. 10.

Payments can be made at the following Hamilton County bank locations: BMO Harris, Busey Bank, Citizens State Bank, Community First Bank, Fifth Third Bank, First Farmers Bank, First Merchants Bank, The Farmers Bank, Horizon Bank, Merchants Bank of Indiana and Star Financial Bank.

Payments can also be made in person at the Treasurer's Office located in the Hamilton County Courthouse. For more information, visit hamiltoncounty.in.gov to print a bill or pay by credit card or e-check.

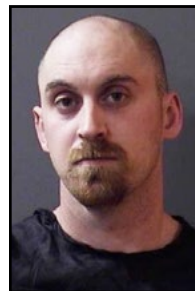
Suspect arrested in Westfield shooting

The REPORTER

On Monday, Westfield police officers responded to a report of shots fired in the 500 block of Sonhatsett Drive. Upon arrival, officers learned two neighbors had been consuming alcohol and an argument ensued resulting in shots being fired.

The suspect in the shooting fled to his residence in the 600 block of Birch Street. After refusing to exit the residence, the Noblesville/Westfield Emergency Services Unit responded and made entry into the home and the suspect, Seth Gerber, Westfield, was arrested.

Gerber was charged with criminal recklessness with a deadly weapon, pointing a firearm and carrying a handgun without a license.



Gerber

Coroner's Office, Parks & Rec move into new shared office building

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Coroner's Office and the Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Department recently relocated their offices. The pair are now sharing quarters in a newly renovated office building at 400 Lafayette Road in Noblesville.

The Coroner's Office outgrew the space it originally shared with the Hamilton County Health Department at 18030 Foundation Drive.

"Our caseload has increased dramatically, and we'll soon be adding more staff," said Coroner John Chalfin. "Plus, this new location is much closer to the morgue at Riverview Health. The time we save just



Chalfin



Stice

driving back and forth has already helped our productivity."

Parks & Rec moved from an aging home on the property of Cool Creek Park in Carmel. Although the new space has a smaller footprint, it offers new amenities, like meeting rooms and parking, that were missing at the former location.

"We've been in here about a month now," said Parks & Rec Director Chris Stice. "And



Reporter photo

while we're still waiting on some new furniture, the layout of this new space is so much more functional. It really lends itself to better camaraderie among our team."

While in the same building, the two offices are separated by

locked doors. Hamilton County's Buildings and Grounds team made all the necessary renovations to the building over the course of the past six months. The parks office is in Suite 400. The coroner's office is in Suite 402.

Westfield Trunk or Treat hosted by Community First Bank, Humane Society for Hamilton County

The REPORTER

Community First Bank of Indiana (CFB) will hold a free community Trunk or Treat from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 27 at its banking center in the southeast corner of Spring Mill Station, 381 S. Junction Crossing, Westfield, in partnership with the Humane Society for Hamilton County. The entire family-friendly event will be held

outdoors around the bank's parking lot.

Visitors can come in costume to trick-or-treat for individually wrapped items at themed booths spaced all around the parking lot, interact with live Batman and Elsa characters from Royal Events Entertainment, and see adoptable pets from the Humane Society.

The themed booths will be

staffed by many CFB employees, as well as several community partners including the Westfield Washington Public Library, Ivy Tech of Hamilton County, Oak Trace PTO Cub Scout Pack 129, M14 Hoops, Westfield Chamber of Commerce, and more. The event will follow local safety guidelines. Please check the event

web page at CFBindiana.com/trunkortreat for any updates regarding weather, safety guidelines, etc.

"We are excited to welcome families to enjoy the Halloween festivities with us," said CFB Marketing/Communication Manager Lainey Schroer. "Having the Humane Society and so many other

See Trunk or Treat in Westfield . . . Page 3

Scott Willis exploring run for Westfield Mayor

Submitted

Republican Scott Willis, current Westfield City Councilor, has officially launched his Exploratory Committee for Westfield Mayor.

Since launching the committee in early September, Willis has focused on meeting with various community groups, residents, business owners, and elected officials to truly listen and understand the needs and concerns of the Westfield community. He plans to continue these conversations throughout the city over the coming months.

"I'm deeply passionate about Westfield and its future," Willis said. "I'm committed to diversifying Westfield's tax base, identifying new businesses and jobs, being fiscally responsible, and strategically growing the city."

During Willis' first term as Westfield City Councilor, he has brought a unique voice and perspective to the council as a 17-year Westfield resident, decorated U.S. Marine, and successful businessman.

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Willis

Indiana ranks as 10th-worst state for controlling pandemic

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Coronavirus statistics are looking better for the country as a whole, with some health experts saying the worst is almost behind us. But while some states are making progress, others are not. Indiana is one of them.

A new study reports the Hoosier state ranks as the 10th-least safe state when it comes to

the pandemic.

Dr. Amy Beth Kressel, infectious disease specialist at Eskenazi Health, said instead of booster shots, the focus needs to remain on getting people fully vaccinated.

"The lack of boosters is not what's been driving the pandemic," Kressel said. "What is continuing to drive infections

and hospitalizations and transmissions and deaths are people who are not vaccinated."

The study compiled data obtained by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the U.S. Census Bureau. Three key findings emerged. Indiana ranked 45th out of the

50 states plus the District of Columbia in vaccination rates and 41st in total positive cases. The state also had the 11th-highest overall death rate.

While Kressel encourages those who are eligible and at high risk to consider boosters, her message to people who haven't gotten the vaccine yet is this: Just get it.

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208 W. Main Street, PO Box 578, Arcadia, IN 46030

PEONY TRAIL

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said. At Mill Top, he is in the business of weddings, so he’s always looking for unique and beautiful backdrops. Peonies are the perfect fit.

Other businesses in Noblesville have committed to planting peony gardens, thus adding future stops along the trail: Hamilton County Courthouse, Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, Noblesville City Hall, Nickel Plate Arts, Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes, Nexus Development, Tom Wood Volkswagen, Riverside Cemetery, Bolden’s Dry Cleaners, Jason Jackson Attorney at Law, Preservation Alliance and Seminary Park.

The concept for the festival and trail were born out of a genuine appreciation for the state flower and all its varieties. “There’s history and nostalgia with the peony, and we need to celebrate that!” said Indiana Peony Festival Director Kelly McVey.

For more information on Mill Top’s involvement

Noblesville businesses can be a part of new Noblesville peony trail

The REPORTER

The Peony Trail Project was born in 2019 when Noblesville Parks purchased over 100 peonies to be planted in the newly renovated Seminary Park.

The peony was then celebrated via the Indiana Peony Festival in May of 2021, with approximately 10,000 people in attendance. This fall, additional peonies will be planted in Seminary Park, and also at the Courthouse, Judicial Building, City Building, Pocket Park, Mill Top, and Tom Wood Volkswagen.

Help beautify the city and become a part of the Noblesville Peony Trail project by purchasing and planting 15 or more peony roots for your local business. By purchasing 15 or more from the list, you will be included in Indiana Peony Festival promotions including the festival website, social media, and illustrated maps of the city with your peonies and business location highlighted.

Orders will be hand delivered to businesses in mid-October along with planting ideas, instructions and contacts for planting help, if needed.

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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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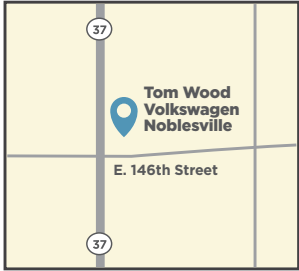


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Jazz artist Diana Krall to play Carmel Palladium in January

The REPORTER

Celebrated jazz artist Diana Krall’s upcoming national tour includes a Jan. 25 stop at the Palladium at the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel.

Tickets starting at \$50 will go on sale at 10 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 22, at the Palladium Box Office, online at TheCenterPresents.org and by phone at (317) 843-3800. The 7:30 p.m. event is part of the Faegre Drinker Encore Series and the 2021-22 Center Presents Season sponsored by Allied Solutions.

Krall is the only vocalist to have eight albums debut at the top of the *Billboard* Jazz Albums chart. A native of British Columbia, she has earned two Grammy Awards and 10 Juno Awards, as well as nine Gold, three Platinum and seven multi-Platinum albums. Her recent releases have included *Love Is Here to Stay*, a 2018 duets set with Tony Bennett, and 2020’s *This Dream of You*, which has drawn acclaim from fans and press alike.

For this event, all patrons regardless of age must show proof of COVID vaccination or a negative test taken within 72 hours of the performance. The Center



Photo provided

also requires masks or facial coverings to be worn at all times in the venues, except when actively eating or drinking.

Subscription packages are still available for the Center’s 2021-22 season, offering up to 20 percent off standard pricing as well as early access to choice seats before single-event tickets go on sale to the general public. A Create Your Own series package requires choosing three or more events from the more than 40 performances already announced.

About the Center for the Performing Arts

The mission of the non-profit Center for the Performing Arts is to engage and inspire the Central Indiana community through enriching arts experiences.

Its campus in Carmel includes the 1,600-seat Palladium concert hall, the 500-seat Tarkington proscenium theater and the black-box Studio Theater. The Center presents and hosts hundreds of events each year, including the Center Presents performance series, featuring the best in classical, jazz, pop, rock, country, comedy and other genres. Educational and experiential programming for all ages includes children’s concerts and camps, book clubs, lectures, and classes in music and dance. The Center is home to the affiliated Great American Songbook Foundation and provides space and support services for six resident arts companies. More information is available at TheCenterPresents.org.

WILLIS

Being ingrained in the local and veteran community has always been a priority for Willis. He currently serves on the Westfield Public Library board, the Westfield YMCA steering

committee, the President’s Council for Purdue University, is Chairman of the Westfield GOP Club, and is involved in several Veteran organizations including the VFW, American Legion,

and Marine Corps League. Willis, and his wife Stacey, have three children – Sophia, a freshman at Xavier University, and Brenna and Graden, both Westfield Schools students.

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great community partners makes this even more of a joy for us. True to our mission, CFB is committed to being actively involved in our community. We hope you’ll join us!”

Megan Davis, Senior Communications Manager for Humane Society for Hamilton County, said, “We are so excited to once again partner with Community First Bank for Trunk or Treat! This is a great way for us to connect with our community and help animals find forever homes.”

About Community First Bank of Indiana

Community First Bank (CFB) was chartered in 2003 in Kokomo, where currently there are three branches, along with two branches in Westfield, and a branch and loan production office in Noblesville. CFB is also opening its newest branch at 93rd and Meridian in Indianapolis in the

coming months. Additional information can be found at CFBIndiana.com. Member FDIC. Equal Housing Lender.

About the Humane Society for Hamilton County

The mission of the Humane Society for Hamilton County (HSHC) is “Saving Lives. Educating Communities. Completing Families.” HSHC serves as both the animal control facility and Humane Society for Hamilton County, and as such, receives partial funding (approximately 22 percent) from Hamilton County to fund the first seven days of an animal’s basic care. The majority of HSHC’s annual operating budget is funded by individual donations and its three annual fundraising events – Wine, Wags & Whiskers, Woofstock, and Tinsel & Tails. HSHC is one of the only open-admission, truly “No-Kill” organizations in

the United States in that it does not euthanize animals for time, space, treatable injuries, illnesses or rehabilitable behavior issues regardless of age, breed, disability or special needs. HSHC also serves the community with a variety of unique programs like the Survivor Program (which funds the medical care and the rescue of over 300 animals at risk for euthanasia in other Indiana shelters each year) and Pets Healing Vets (PetsHealingVets.com), which pairs Hoosier veterans suffering from PTSD/TBI with emotional support pets at no cost to the veteran.

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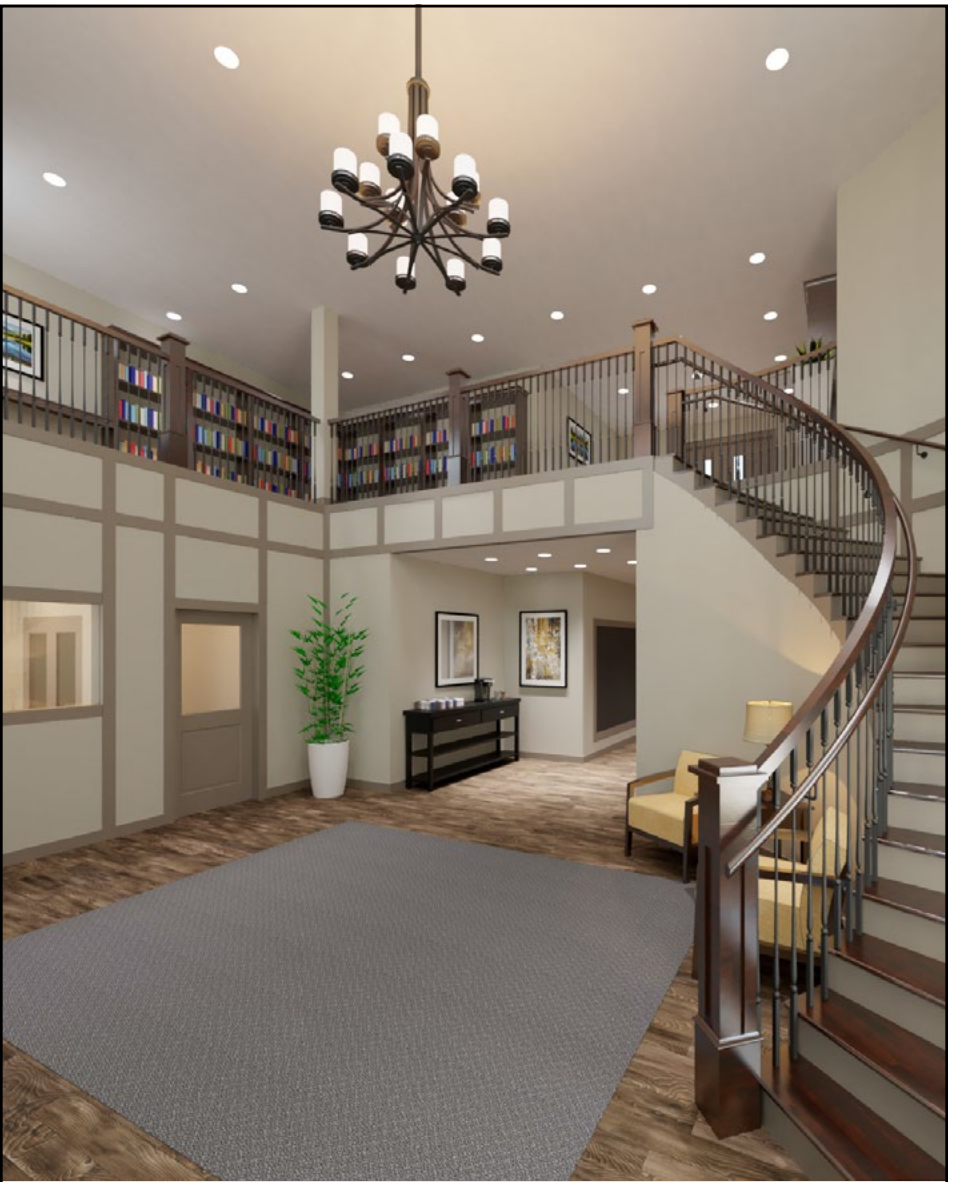
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Frankie Moreno filling in for Tony DeSare this weekend at Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra Pops Series

The REPORTER
Tony DeSare, Printing Partners Pops Series featured male vocalist for "Frank Sinatra and the Great Ladies of Song," is unable to perform this weekend due to illness.

The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra is pleased (and grateful) to its friend, Las Vegas headliner Frankie Moreno, who has agreed to step in for the Friday and Saturday performances. Moreno received rave reviews serving as host of the 2019 AES Indiana Yuletide and returned to Kroger Symphony on the Prairie this summer.

With 14 Top 10 albums (five No. 1's), 50 Top 10 singles (45 No. 1's), an Emmy nomination, and being named Las Vegas "Headliner of the Year" five times, Moreno is consistently breaking records and wowing audiences from coast to coast with his own brand of genre-blurring rock n' roll.

As a child prodigy on the piano and a gifted multi-instrumentalist, Moreno was first introduced to American audiences at the age of 10 on CBS's *Star Search*. He has continued to perform sold-out concerts including Carnegie Hall, The Kennedy Center, The Hollywood Bowl, and Vegas residencies and has collaborated with world-renowned artists like Joshua Bell, Placido Domingo, Allison Krauss, and Chick Corea.

Photo provided
Frankie Moreno will step in for Tony DeSare at the ISO Printer Partners Pops Series.

Moreno will perform with vocalist Capathia Jenkins, an American actress and singer. She is best known for her work as a Broadway performer, with roles in shows like *Caroline, or Change*, *Newsies* and Martin Short's *Fame Becomes Me*. Her television credits include *30 Rock*, *The Practice*, *Law & Order* and *The Sopranos* and has sung on the film soundtracks *Nine*, *Chicago* and *Legally Blonde 2*.

Performances begin at 8 p.m. both Friday, Oct. 22 and Saturday, Oct. 23. An abbreviated matinee of Coffee Pops begins at 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 22. Proof of vaccination or proof of a negative COVID-19 test are mandatory for all patrons over 12 years old; face masks are required by all audience members over the age of 2. For more information regarding the policies of the Hilbert Circle Theatre, please visit the [ISO website](#).

Learn more at the [ISO website](#) about specific program times or purchasing tickets.

Single tickets to the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra are currently on sale. Patrons may become a new subscriber by visiting the ISO's [website](#) or by phone at (317) 639-4300, by mail or in person at the Hilbert Circle Theatre Box Office. Benefits of becoming an ISO subscriber include advance ticket buying opportunities for special events such as the Opening Night Celebration and the annual holiday tradition AES Indiana Yuletide Celebration. Subscriber benefits also include discounted tickets to classical, pops and family concerts and an opportunity to purchase a pre-paid season parking pass to EZ Parking Garage, located at 20 N. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis.

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Two local senior living communities earn Silver Achievement Quality Award

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American Senior Communities has announced that two of its communities, Bethany Village in Indianapolis and Riverwalk Village in Noblesville, have received the 2021 Silver Achievement in Quality Award bestowed by the American Healthcare Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL).

This award is part of the AHCA/NCAL's National Quality Award Program, which recognizes long-term and post-acute communities nationwide for demonstrating dedication to improving the lives of their residents through consistent, quality care.

Applicants for the Silver Award status must have already attained the Bronze Commitment to Quality Award, which focuses on a community's ability to implement a performance improvement system. At the Silver level, applicants continue to learn and develop effective approaches that improve performance and healthcare outcomes. Communities are assessed on their systems of organization, their effectiveness and their tools for improvement in their approaches. This award lays the foundation for the program's next designation, which is the Gold Excellence in Quality Award.

“Caring people make

the difference is not just a slogan, we intentionally seek individuals with a heart for service and a calling to serve seniors,” said American Senior Community COO David Stordy. “It's an honor to be recognized for our commitment to delivering quality care. Going through the process of achieving the Silver award only makes our organization stronger.”

All 2021 honorees were recently recognized at AHCA/NCAL's Annual Convention & Expo. Riverwalk Village is located at 295 Westfield Road, Noblesville, and Bethany Village is located at 3518 South Shelby St., Indianapolis.

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Traffic shift on 116th Street bridge over White River

Effective Wednesday, Oct. 20, a traffic shift to the north side of the 116th Street bridge over the White River, east of River Road, is in place and will remain throughout the rest of the project. The estimated project completion date is Monday, Nov. 15. [Click here](#) for more project details.

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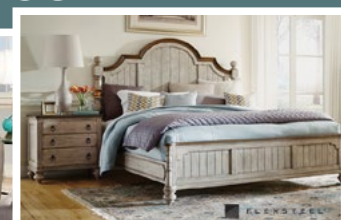
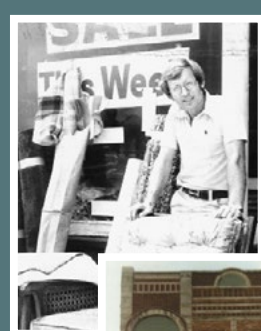
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TODAY’S BIBLE READING

Tell me, you who want to be under the law, are you not aware of what the law says? For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the slave woman and the other by the free woman. His son by the slave woman was born according to the flesh, but his son by the free woman was born as the result of a divine promise.

These things are being taken figuratively: The women represent two covenants. One covenant is from Mount Sinai and bears children who are to be slaves: This is Hagar. Now Hagar stands for Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present city of Jerusalem, because she is in slavery with her children. But the Jerusalem that is above is free, and she is our mother. For it is written: “Be glad, barren woman, you who never bore a child; shout for joy and cry aloud, you who were never in labor; because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a husband.”

Now you, brothers and sisters, like Isaac, are children of promise. At that time the son born according to the flesh persecuted the son born by the power of the Spirit. It is the same now. But what does Scripture say? “Get rid of the slave woman and her son, for the slave woman’s son will never share in the inheritance with the free woman’s son.” Therefore, brothers and sisters, we are not children of the slave woman, but of the free woman.

Galatians 4:21-31 (NIV)

Meeting Notices

The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 25, 2021, at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center. A regular board meeting will follow at 7 p.m. and will be streamed live on the Carmel Clay Schools [YouTube channel](#).

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold its monthly Personnel and Benefits Committee meeting at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2021, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville.

Richard (Rick) B. Eddy
September 3, 1948 – October 15, 2021

Richard (Rick) B. Eddy, 73, Carmel, passed away on October 15, 2021. He was born on September 3, 1948 to the late Millard and Louise (Lipscomb) Eddy.

Growing up in Anderson, Ind., Rick was a lover of all sports, but especially baseball, golf, and IU basketball. Rick was a proud Class of 1966 Madison Heights High School graduate and spoke often of games at the Wigwam. He attended the University of Evansville before becoming a member of the inaugural class of the Northwood Institute in West Baden, Ind. He later received a Bachelor’s in Health Administration from Indiana University.

After serving as a Hospital Corpsman in the U.S. Navy Reserves on Guam during Vietnam, Rick devoted his career to helping others in medical and long-term care environments. Rick spent his later years at CrownPointe of Carmel where he could often be found trading jokes with staff or catching the latest game.

Rick’s fondest memories were competing against his family in legendary battles of Rummikub and Rainy Day Golf on his parents’ lanai where the art of strategic play (aka ‘cheating’) was passed down from generation to generation.

He is survived by his sons, Christopher (Amy) of Indianapolis and Michael (Kelly) of Carmel; brother, Steve (Eileen); four grandchildren; two nieces; and several cousins.

Rick was preceded in death by his parents and his sister-in-law, Patty.

Family and friends will gather Saturday, October 23, 2021 in Bussell Family Funerals, 1621 E. Greyhound Pass, Carmel. Visitation will take place from 10 to 11 a.m. with the Funeral Service beginning at 11 a.m.

A private burial will take place at a later time.

Masks are required at the Visitation and the Funeral Service.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the American Heart Association. Envelopes will be available at the service.

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the family in arrangements.

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Virginia McLaughlin
July 3, 1952 – October 17, 2021

Virginia McLaughlin, 69, Carmel, passed away on Sunday, October 17, 2021. She was born on July 3, 1952 in Detroit, Mich., to Joseph and Anastazia (Soltysik) Saulenas.

As a longtime resident of Ann Arbor, Mich., Virginia recently moved to Carmel to be near her beloved family. Virginia had the gift of seizing the moment, laughing, and enjoying life each day. She loved visiting the shores of South Carolina, walking on the sands of the beach.

Virginia often spent time relaxing on her patio as well as grilling out. She was easily entertained simply by watching people. Her greatest joy in life was spending time with her children, grandchildren and spoiling her pets.

Survivors include her daughter, Lisa McLaughlin; son, Marty (Brooke) McLaughlin; and grandchildren, Patrick, Llewellyn, Tommy, Briella, and Jace.

A Committal service will be held later in Forest Hill Cemetery, Ann Arbor, Mich.

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Football previews

Huskies, Golden Eagles meet to open up sectional play

With the Class 6A football schools off this week, attention turns to the smaller schools as they begin the post-season with the first round of sectionals.

Two of Hamilton County's smaller schools will get together in what will be a big match-up. Hamilton Heights travels to Guerin Catholic on Friday for an opening-round game in Class 3A Sectional 28. Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

This will be only the second time that the Golden Eagles have played the Huskies. The other time was on Nov. 7, 2014, in a sectional championship game. Guerin Catholic won 28-20; the Golden Eagles led 21-0 before Heights made a comeback, but GC was able to hold on and claim its fourth sectional title in five years with that win.

Both teams finished the regular season with victories. The Huskies defeated Rensselaer Central on the road in a rainy Hoosier Conference fifth-place game 14-0 to improve to 6-3 for the season.

"I think they play hard and they're well-coached," said Golden Eagles coach Tom Dille. "They have some good skill players. They have some size up front. They have an identity. They play with confidence."

Heights senior quarterback Guy Griffey has been playing well. Griffey has completed 84 of 156 pass attempts for 1,208 yards and 14 touchdowns this season. Senior Gavin Bramel is the Huskies' top receiver with 27 catches, nine of them for touchdowns. Senior Isaac Tuma is right behind him with 25 catches, two for scores.

Junior Trey Ehman is Heights' top rusher with 858 yards and four TDs. Meanwhile, the Huskies' defense is led by three seniors: Hudson Hochstedler has 58 tackles, followed by Nate Hulen with 49 and Andrew Lienemann with 48. All three have five tackles for a loss.

Guerin Catholic is 2-7 for the season, but got a victory in its final regular-season game by beating Culver Academies on the road 25-20 last Friday.

"They're fast," said Huskies coach Jon Kirschner of the Golden Eagles. "They got good size and they play some pretty smart football."

Guerin Catholic has been using two quarterbacks. Sophomore Ryan Zimmerman has been throwing at a 58-of-108 clip, totaling 879 yards and nine touchdowns, while senior Sam Miller is 75-of-119 for the season, with 765 yards and five scores to his credit. Senior Ryan Glenn has 43 receptions, including six touchdowns, while junior Will Fremion counts four touchdowns among his 22 catches.

Junior Justin Zdobylak is GC's top rusher with 690 yards and six TDs. On defense, senior Adam Novelen leads with 73 tackles, followed by senior Max Nickell with 62 stops. Senior Dylan Balcer has seven tackles for a loss.

"I think their defense plays fast as well," said Kirschner. "I think their secondary is very athletic. I think they're



The Sheridan football cheerleading squad was seen on Main Street Wednesday night. The Blackhawks cheerleaders were keeping a long-running tradition of decorating the downtown windows to support Sheridan as it enters the post-season. The Blackhawks host Park Tudor Friday night in the first round of the sectional.

Reporter photo by Kirk Green

linebackers play the run well. I feel like they're a very well-balanced team with what they do. They're coached well and they execute what they've been coached well. They just play good, solid football."

SHERIDAN-PARK TUDOR

The other sectional first-round football game involving county teams will take place up at Bud Wright Stadium. Sheridan welcomes Park Tudor for a 7 p.m. opening-round contest in Class 1A Sectional 46.

Both the Blackhawks and the Panthers hold 7-2 records coming into this game and are riding long win streaks. Park Tudor has won its last three games.

The Panthers have wins against Shortridge 49-0, Tindley 31-8, Traders Point Christian 60-26, Cincinnati Country Day 48-14, Phalen Academy 55-6, Covenant Christian 35-29 and Edinburgh 52-10. Park Tudor's only losses have been to Centerville 28-13 and North Central Farmersburg 28-20.

"They got a lot of speed," said Sheridan coach Bud Wright. "They got a lot of big people up front. They're exceptionally large up front on the offensive line and the defensive line."

Sophomore DJ Gordon is the Panther's quarterback, and he has had an efficient season, going 73-of-119 for 1,185 yards and 17 touchdowns. Senior CJ

Thompson leads the receptions with 29, including nine scores.

Senior Caden Whitehead is the top rusher with 532 yards and nine touchdowns, while Gordon has gained 490 yards and scored 11 touchdowns. Junior Jonathan Harris has 286 yards rushing.

"They mix it up pretty much," said Wright. "They mix the running and the passing pretty good."

Senior Aaron Roach leads the defense with 87 tackles, followed by sophomore William Harris with 65 stops.

The Blackhawks have won five games in a row, including last Friday's big 28-21 victory over Carroll that clinched the Hoosier Heartland Conference championship for Sheridan.

Senior Gavin Reners leads the Blackhawks' rushing game with 1,121 yards and 13 touchdowns, followed by junior Peyton Cross with 459 yards on the ground and four TDs. Junior Jacob Jones has also scored four touchdowns and leads the defense with 91 tackles, including eight for a loss.

FOOTBALL SECTIONAL SCHEDULE

Friday, Oct. 22 Sectional 28

West Lafayette at Brebeuf Jesuit, 7 p.m.

Yorktown at North Montgomery, 7:30 p.m.

Heights at Guerin Catholic, 7 p.m.

Crawfordsville at Western Boone, 7 p.m.

Sectional 46

Indiana School for the Deaf at Covenant Christian, 7 p.m.

Park Tudor at Sheridan, 7 p.m.

Edinburgh at Indianapolis Lutheran, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 29

Sectional 4

Westfield at Noblesville, 7 p.m.

Fishers at Southeastern, 7 p.m.

Sectional 5

Carmel at Avon, 7 p.m.

Brownsburg at Pike, 7 p.m.

Sectional 28

West Lafayette-Brebeuf Jesuit winner vs. Yorktown-North Montgomery winner, time and location TBD

Heights-Guerin Catholic winner vs. Crawfordsville-Western Boone winner, time and location TBD

Sectional 46

Tindley at Indiana School for the Deaf-Covenant Christian winner, 7 p.m.

Park Tudor-Sheridan winner vs. Edinburgh-Indianapolis Lutheran winner, time and location TBD

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New York	1	0	1.00	-
Philadelphia	1	0	1.00	-
Boston	0	1	.000	1.0
Toronto	0	1	.000	1.0
Brooklyn	0	1	.000	1.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chicago	1	0	1.00	-
Milwaukee	1	0	1.00	-
Indiana	0	1	.000	1.0
Detroit	0	1	.000	1.0
Cleveland	0	1	.000	1.0
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Washington	1	0	1.00	-
Charlotte	1	0	1.00	-
Atlanta	0	0	.000	0.5
Miami	0	0	.000	0.5
Orlando	0	1	.000	1.0

Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Utah	1	0	1.00	-
Minnesota	1	0	1.00	-
Denver	1	0	1.00	-
Portland	0	1	.000	1.0
Oklahoma City	0	1	.000	1.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Golden State	1	0	1.00	-
Sacramento	1	0	1.00	-
L.A. Clippers	0	0	.000	0.5
L.A. Lakers	0	1	.000	1.0
Phoenix	0	1	.000	1.0
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
San Antonio	1	0	1.00	-
Memphis	1	0	1.00	-
Dallas	0	0	.000	0.5
Houston	0	1	.000	1.0
New Orleans	0	1	.000	1.0

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Charlotte 123, Indiana 122	Philadelphia 117, New Orleans 97
Chicago 94, Detroit 88	San Antonio 123, Orlando 97
New York 138, Boston 134, 2 OT	Utah 107, Oklahoma City 86
Washington 98, Toronto 83	Denver 110, Phoenix 98
Memphis 132, Cleveland 121	Sacramento 124, Portland 121

Chris Duarte scores 27 in NBA debut...

Pacers fall short in season opener

By WHEAT HOTCHKISS
Courtesy nba.com/pacers

If the first game of the 2021-22 season is indicative of how the season will unfold, Pacers fans are in for a wild ride.

Indiana (0-1) built and then blew a big lead on Wednesday in Charlotte, rallied late to move back in front, then came up just short in a 123-122 thriller against the Hornets (1-0).

The loss spoiled head coach Rick Carlisle's return as well as several strong individual performances. All-Star forward Domantas Sabonis had 33 points and 15 rebounds, Malcolm Brogdon tallied 28 points and 11 assists, and rookie guard Chris Duarte scored 27 points in his NBA debut.

But in the end, it wasn't quite enough. The Pacers led by 23 points, but gave it all up in a disastrous third quarter and found themselves down 10 midway through the fourth quarter.

Indiana then charged back with a 14-3 run, taking the lead again on Brogdon's step-back three with 4:33 remaining. Charlotte moved back in front on a pair of Gordon Hayward free throws, but Duarte answered with a three on the other end.

Hayward tied the game at 113 with a jumper on the other end before Duarte buried another trey to put the visitors briefly back in front. Hayward, however, answered by banking in a deep three 20 seconds later to tie the game once again.

Sabonis made one of two free throws to put the Pacers in front with 1:51 to play. Hayward's jumper gave the Hornets the lead 14 seconds later, only for Brogdon to bury a three to make it 120-118 Indiana with 1:27 remaining.

Hayward drew a foul on the other end and hit one of two foul shots. Jeremy Lamb missed a good look from beyond the arc on the other end and then Hornets forward Miles Bridges converted a tough layup against Sabonis' contest to give the hosts a one-point lead with 51.2 seconds to play.

Out of a timeout, Brogdon had a good

look for another go-ahead 3-pointer, but this time he missed. Hayward missed on the other end, however, and after a frantic scramble, Torrey Craig corralled the rebound and was fouled by Bridges.

Indiana was in the bonus, sending Craig to the line for the first time as a Pacer with 12.4 seconds remaining. The five-year veteran calmly sank both foul shots to give the Pacers the lead.

After a timeout, Hayward drove and missed, but the Pacers couldn't come up with the rebound. After another scramble, Hornets forward PJ Washington came up with the ball and drew a foul on Craig with 4.6 seconds to play. Washington also hit both foul shots to put Charlotte back in front.

On the other end, the Pacers put the ball in their All-Star's hands, allowing Sabonis to post up on the left block against Washington. The lefty couldn't get the fadeaway shot to drop however, as the Pacers came up just short.

The Pacers made a strong opening statement on both ends of the floor. Sabonis scored a pair of early buckets, Myles Turner blocked two shots in as many minutes to tip off his Defensive Player of the Year campaign, and Duarte knocked down the first shot of his career as the Blue & Gold jumped out to a quick 6-0 lead.

Sabonis kept rolling offensively. He scored eight of Indiana's first 10 points, 12 of their first 19, and 14 of their first 23. The 6-11 Lithuanian converted his first six attempts and two free throws, with his final basket capping a 15-6 Pacers run to open up a nine-point lead seven minutes into the season.

The Pacers remained in front for the rest of the opening frame. Duarte finished the first quarter of his NBA debut with a flourish, hitting back-to-back 3-pointers — the second one at the buzzer — to cap an 11-point quarter and give Indiana a 38-25 lead.

"Chris Duarte had a really terrific game," Carlisle said. "He did what we

needed him to do and that is be a threat to score. He was solid on defense on a lot of possessions...For a first night as a rookie in the NBA, it was an outstanding effort."

LaMelo Ball drained consecutive threes to open the second quarter and pull the Hornets back within five, forcing a quick timeout from Carlisle. But Sabonis quickly righted the ship, draining two triples of his own and adding a layup for good measure, an eight-point flurry in a 68-second span.

Duarte had another impressive spurt minutes later, draining a contested three in front of the Pacers bench at 6:15, then adding a fastbreak layup 55 seconds later to push Indiana's lead to 57-40. The rookie headed to the locker room with head trainer Josh Corbeil after tweaking his ankle shortly thereafter, but returned to watch the end of the half on the bench.

Even without Duarte, the Pacers maintained a double-digit advantage all the way up to halftime, taking a 75-59 lead into the intermission.

Duarte started the second half and the Blue & Gold picked up where they left off. Turner and Brogdon converted layups and then Duarte drained his fourth 3-pointer of the night to push the lead to 23.

The Hornets charged back, however. Ball scored 12 points during a 28-2 run as Charlotte improbably retook the lead. The hosts reeled off 24 unanswered points to cap that sequence, taking the lead on Kelly Oubre Jr.'s 3-pointer with 3:07 remaining in the third quarter.

The Pacers went without a point for over six minutes of game time, from Sabonis' hook shot at the 8:48 mark to T.J. McConnell's drought-ending layup at 2:30.

Indiana briefly tied the game at 88 on Justin Holiday's jumper with 1:45 left in the frame, but the Hornets scored the final four points of the quarter to take a stunning lead into the fourth.

"The building had been pretty dead in the first half," Carlisle said. "A lot of that

was we were playing well. But they got going a little bit, the energy in the building got going, and when that happens, crazy things happen in this league."

The Pacers failed to cut into the lead over the first several minutes of the final frame and Charlotte actually pushed its lead to 10 on Ish Smith's jumper with 7:09 to play.

That's when the Blue & Gold finally made their run. Sabonis scored five straight points and then Brogdon converted a three-point play to trim the deficit to 106-104 with 5:44 remaining.

On the other end, Ball confidently rose up from 30 feet and buried his seventh three of the night to push the lead back to five. But Sabonis answered with his fourth trey. Then after Ball missed a layup, Brogdon got Hornets center Mason Plumlee switched onto him and took advantage, stepping back and draining a go-ahead triple with 4:33 to play.

Sabonis finished the night 13-for-19 from the field and 4-for-6 from 3-point range. Duarte was also impressive beyond the arc, going 6-for-9 from long distance.

"It was crazy," Duarte said of his NBA debut. "I've never played in front of a crowd like that. But I felt great. That's what I worked for, for moments like that. I'm ready."

Holiday was the fourth and final Pacer in double figures, tallying 11 points, seven rebounds, and four assists. Turner added nine points, seven boards, and four blocks in the loss.

Ball led the Hornets with 31 points, nine rebounds, and seven assists, going 7-for-9 from 3-point range. Hayward added 27 points, including 10 straight down the stretch in the fourth quarter.

The Pacers will look to bounce back quickly as they head to Washington on Friday, then return to Indiana to host the Miami Heat on Saturday in the first regular season game at the newly renovated Gainbridge Fieldhouse.

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