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TODAY'S WEATHER



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 Tonight: Periods of rain.

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Congressional redistricting forces county precinct changes

Changes approved by Commissioners, sent to state for approval

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Election Office has filed its suggested precinct changes with the State of Indiana for approval. The Hamilton County Commissioners signed off on the changes at their meeting on Monday.

"We typically do all of this in June or July," said Hamilton County Clerk Kathy Williams. "But with the delay in the census, approval of new house, senate and congressional districts was delayed. Our office has been working tirelessly to get these turned around in a timely fashion."

Indiana is required by

state and federal law to redraw Indiana's Statehouse and congressional maps following the nationwide census every 10 years. The Indiana General Assembly approved the new congressional and state legislative district lines on Oct. 1. Governor Eric Holcomb signed them into law three days later.

"These changes forced us to reevaluate our precincts," Williams added. "Nearly every precinct in Hamilton County will change as a result - whether that's in size,



Williams

location, annexation or name. Voters will get a notification of their precinct changes some time in December."

By law, each precinct must have at least 600 eligible voters and no more than 2,000. A precinct may not cross a congressional or state legislative district line.

State Senate and House of Representatives district lines must be in place for candidates to meet residence requirements by Nov. 8, 2021. Article 4 Section 7 of the Indiana Constitu-

tion requires candidates to be inhabitants of the district for one year before the November 2022 General Election.

Hamilton County Commissioners are required by state law to review and redraw, if necessary, commissioner and county council districts. If needed, changes must be filed with the county clerk no later than Friday, Dec. 31, 2021. City and town councils are required by state law to review and redraw, if necessary, their election districts no later than Nov. 8, 2022. School boards have until Dec. 31, 2021 to review their school board districts that vote by district.

From the desk of Heights Supt. Derek Arrowood

Update #70 from Dr. Derek Arrowood, Superintendent, Hamilton Heights School Corporation.



DR. DEREK ARROWOOD
 Heights Superintendent

Last Thursday, the Northern Hamilton County Chamber of Commerce held its annual State of the Schools meeting. It is a fantastic opportunity for the two northernmost school districts to update members of our local business community about district activities and student achievement. We typically select something really cool to highlight that is central to our mission. This year, it just seemed timely to bring in members of the Hamilton Heights United Flag Football team to share the impact of their first year playing together. Listening to these students share their sense of belonging and participating was an incredible testament to the many benefits afforded to everyone through a culture of inclusion.

Speaking of culture, I want to give a shout out to our HHSC Counseling team which consists of Tricia Rudy, Nikki Wert, Sabrina Duncan, Chelsea Pacheco, Rebecca Johnson, and Jessica Cantlon. These counselors are dedicated to creating a culture of unwavering support and positivity throughout our campus. At our first Superintendent Advisory Group Meeting earlier in the month, these skilled and passionate professionals highlighted their role and function, impactful programs, services, and how parents can work in tandem with our schools as part of a strong safety network for our children and their families.

Because our schools play a significant role in the health and well-being of our students and staff, I am grateful that we have this team of professionals who continue to make a significant difference in the lives of our students that extend well beyond their school days at Heights.

Our latest HHSC Monthly Update, Volume #72, has been posted and it might be the best one ever! It features a massage chair, Meals on Wheels, a scary picture of a snake, amazing HHHS mentors, and HHHS students who can drive skid steers. [Click here](#) to view.

Our own Eric Fisher reunited with Chad Sutton (Garrett High School) and Julia Polston for the first of a two-part series featuring industry workforce development efforts on ICI Digs Deep. Eric and Chad share the latest on their respective trades programs since August 2020. [Click here](#) to listen.

October is National Tackling Hunger Month. Hamilton Heights students and staff have a long history of partnering with local organizations to combat hunger all year long. Whether it is through student-organized food drives, helping with Meals on Wheels, filling backpacks with essentials to help students in need get through the weekend, our onsite student-run food pantry, or having some of our CTE students build outdoor food pantries to help the growing Feeding Team project - there is a lot of good going on to make sure no one in the community goes to bed on an empty stomach.

It is through this spirit of collaboration and partnership that we often see the transformative effect of our schools on our communities. Thank you for your partnership and support.

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Lions Club District, State, and International personnel along with Noblesville Lions Club members.

Noblesville Lions named "500% Model Club"

The REPORTER

On Oct. 23, the Noblesville Lions Club attended the Indiana District Directors meeting and received the 500% Model Club award from the Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF).

The award came about due to Lion Clayton Fleming honoring the LCIF with an estate bequest amount sufficient to make the Noblesville Lions a 500% Model Club. While a member of the Noblesville Lions, Clayton held different offi-

cer positions with the club. He is best remembered as Chair of the Grade School Dictionaries program, which has been in effect for many years. The Lions give out dictionaries every year to a local third grade class.

This is a very prestigious

honor for the Noblesville Club, as it is recognized with Lions Clubs locally, statewide, and internationally. The club's fondest memories and thanks are with Lion Clayton for his many years of service to the club and this bequest.

INDems, former State Supt. Jennifer McCormick stop in Cicero for "Small Town, Indiana" tour

Submitted by INDems

On Tuesday evening, Jennifer McCormick (former Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction), Fady Qaddoura (State Senator, District 30), and Melanie Wright (former State Representative, District 35) continued the Indiana Democratic Party's "Small Town, Indiana" tour with a stop in Cicero.

The Small Town Tour is a 14-stop effort to highlight how Democrats are delivering for Indiana's rural communities. In a press release, Democrats stated this record includes securing **\$250 million in broadband internet expansion**, providing **\$540 million for childcare service providers**, and fully-funding the state's public school systems for the first time in over a decade - all thanks to President Joe Biden's **American Rescue Plan**. Democrats shared this record with



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(From left) Hamilton County Democratic Party Chair Dayna Colbert, Fishers City Councilmember Jocelyn Vare, State Senator Fady Qaddoura, former Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction Jennifer McCormick, and former State Representative Melanie Wright.

Hoosiers in rural communities, making good on a promise to meet voters where they are regardless of the ZIP code.

"Public schools and farmers are the heartbeat of rural communities and the backbone of Indiana itself, and Demo-

crats are set to hold real conversations about how we are

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Noblesville teachers get 8.7% salary increase

The REPORTER

Noblesville Schools announced Tuesday that it has reached an agreement with the Noblesville Teachers' Forum on a new two-year contract that brings an average 8.7 percent salary increase in its first year and an additional 3.7 percent average increase for the second year.

The new deal comes after an historic increase in the previous contract which gave

Noblesville teachers the largest pay raise in approximately 40 years.

Between a critical national teacher shortage and salaries that have lagged other area school districts, Noblesville has made it a top priority to ensure that teacher salaries are competitive.

"We cannot serve our stu-



Niedermeyer

dents without first serving our teachers," said Superintendent Dr. Beth Niedermeyer. "The success of our academic mission depends on our ability to recruit and retain the best educators for our students. I'm committed to providing competitive teacher salaries and am thankful for the com-

munity's support in securing the needed funding to make this happen."

In 2018 the community approved the use of referendum funds specifically earmarked to address the growing pay disparity between Noblesville teachers and those in surrounding districts. In addition to teacher compensation, referendum dollars are also being

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delivering solutions to the most-pressing problems facing Hoosier families in Indiana’s small towns,” said Mike Schmuhl, Chairman of the Indiana Democratic Party. “Democrats have delivered since Day One of Joe Biden’s presidency, and we are ready to fan out across the state to share with families how policies like the American Rescue Plan have fully-funded Indiana’s public schools and expanded broadband internet access. Democrats are creating a better future for Hoosier families in rural America, while the other side appears to prioritize only extreme partisanship and division, a contrast we’ll campaign on into the 2022 elections.”

Indiana Democrats also called out Republicans for their upcoming partisan crusade against the state’s public school system – particularly the upcoming goal to make school board elections partisan. According to Democratic Party officials, this crusade is hypocritical on the surface because **two years ago**, Governor Eric Holcomb and the INGOP supermajority at the Statehouse voted to remove the Superintendent of Public Instruction office as a partisan, elected position. In fact, Indiana Republicans

“The Hamilton County Democratic Party recognizes that Indiana is made up of people from varying walks of life. Many of them don’t feel that they fall squarely into the confines of either of the two major political parties. Hamilton County is no different. An Indiana Democrat looks, feels, and thinks differently from one at the national level.”

“Our goal is to address the issues unique to Hamilton County with an inclusive lens that enables us to create momentum on the topics that are local and relevant. Hamilton County residents, regardless of political affiliation, have more in common than differences.”

“That process starts with hearing from and better understanding our constituents. We are here in Cicero because we want to hear from them, as their largest concerns may not look the same as say, a resident of Carmel or Fishers.”

– **Dayna Colbert, Hamilton County Democratic Party Chair**



like **Attorney General Todd Rokita** have promoted extreme partisanship and misinformation about non-partisan school boards all year in a strategy to divide communities and families.

“About 80 percent of poverty falls in rural areas. That’s directly tied to the Indiana Republican Party’s record on education. That’s the situation Indiana is in. It’s a perfect storm from a decade of poor policy,” **McCormick said during the Cicero stop**. “It’s not a good idea to make school board races partisan. But Republicans are making it a ‘priority bill’. It’s up to us to tell our neighbors about what’s going on at the statehouse.”

“More than \$250 million in broadband and \$100 million for mental health programs were delivered to Indiana because of the American Rescue Plan, including our rural communities,” **State Sen. Qaddoura said**. “Democrats are sick and tired of the culture wars. The Republicans share this [strategy] with the Hoosiers because they only care about the next election.”

“I’m so thankful for President Joe Biden and the American Rescue Plan,” **former State Rep. Wright said**. “Because of the Rescue Plan, schools saw more dollars delivered to our classrooms. It gives administrators a vision for their schools.”

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used for significant safety and mental health upgrades throughout the district.

Per state law, the district could not begin bargaining the contract with teachers until this fall, but salary increases will be retroactive to July 29, 2021.

increases, the new contract also enhances retirement benefits, increases select leave days and addresses compensation issues relative to extra-curricular assignments.

The agreement covers the 2021-2022 and the 2022-2023 school years.

contract on Oct. 4, and the Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees approved it at their Oct. 26 board session.

Noblesville Schools employs approximately 750 teachers and is the largest employer in Noblesville with over 1,500 total staff members.

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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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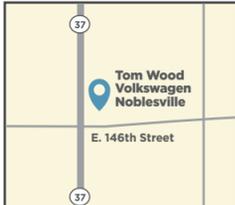


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Boo Bash back in Fishers this Saturday

The REPORTER

Join the fun from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. this Saturday, Oct. 30 at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater for the city of Fishers' annual Halloween celebration.

Boo Bash, presented

by Centier Bank, makes its return to the AMP with more than 50 local vendors offering free, safe trick-or-treating around the Fishers Municipal Complex, Teal Pumpkin Project booths providing non-food items for

children with food sensitivities, a display of community-carved jack-o-lanterns, music, food trucks, and more.

This event is free, and all are welcome. Wearing costumes is encouraged for all participants.

Sen. Young joins colleagues to introduce bill to block IRS surveillance proposal

Submitted by Sen. Young's Press Office

Last week, U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) joined his Republican colleagues to introduce the Prohibiting IRS Financial Surveillance Act, a bill to prevent the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) from implementing Democrats' plan to give the agency access to transaction information of virtually every American.

"Despite Americans' outrage and warnings from local banks and credit unions, Democrats are insisting that we turn our local financial institutions into IRS agents. This proposal from the Biden-Harris administration is a clear violation of Americans' financial privacy," said Senator Young. "My Republican colleagues and I introduced the Prohibiting IRS Financial Surveillance Act to protect law-abiding, tax-paying citizens' confidential banking information from being

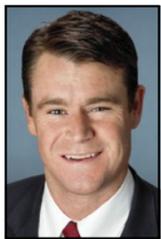
handed over to the IRS."

On Oct. 19, Senator Young joined a group of Republican Senators to discuss the Democrats' IRS bank reporting proposal. [Click here](#) to watch his remarks.

More on the proposed IRS bank reporting rule by the Biden-Harris administration below:

- President Biden, Treasury Secretary Yellen, and the IRS are seeking access to every working American's financial information by requiring financial institutions to report to the IRS each and every withdrawal and deposit that cumulatively total at least \$10,000 over the year.

- The Prohibiting IRS Financial Surveillance Act would prohibit the Biden-Harris administration's proposed violation of



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privacy and federal government overreach.

- Under the Biden-Harris administration reporting regime, a family whose monthly expenses total just \$833 would still be required to be reported to the IRS.

- Nearly every American, even those below the poverty line, would be subject to this proposed reporting regime.

- The Joint Committee on Taxation has analyzed the proposal and found that it is likely to impact taxpayers in every income bracket, including those making less than \$50,000.

- Steven Rosenthal at the left-leaning Tax Policy Center concluded the bank reporting requirement proposal would, "in fact, bury the agency in a sea of unproductive information."

[Click here](#) to read the full text of the bill.

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'Untitled' Dave Chappelle documentary coming to Indianapolis next month

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The REPORTER

Dave Chappelle will screen his documentary 'Untitled' across 10 arenas throughout the U.S., including Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 12. The independent film is produced by Dave Chappelle and produced and directed by Oscar and Emmy-winning filmmakers Julia Reichert and Steven Bognar (American Factory). Tickets are on sale now at Ticketmaster.com.

Fueled by the murder of George Floyd, shut-in by the closures of business due to the pandemic, and unable to perform around the country, the movie follows Chappelle as he provides the community he calls home with two things desperately needed in difficult times – economic and comic relief. What began as an experimental socially-distanced live comedy show in a neighbor's cornfield, grew into an un-

forgettable summer with his neighbors, friends and fellow comedians. Ultimately, Chappelle's cornfield concerts would serve as a model of courage not just for his community, but for the entire live entertainment industry.

No cell phones, cameras or recording devices will be allowed at this show. Upon arrival, all phones and smart watches will be secured in Yondr pouches that will be unlocked at the end of the show. Guests maintain possession of their phones throughout the night, and if needed, may access their phones at designated Yondr unlocking stations in the concourse. Anyone caught with a cell phone in the venue will be immediately ejected. Your cooperation in creating a phone-free viewing experience is appreciated.

About Dave Chappelle

Dave Chappelle is an American comedian, screenwriter, television and

film producer, and actor. Recognized as one of the greatest comedians of all time, Chappelle was awarded the prestigious Mark Twain Prize for American Humor from the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in 2019. Chappelle's work in stand-up comedy, writing, producing, and acting has earned him more than 30 nominations and awards in television and film for projects that include his groundbreaking sketch comedy television series, *Chappelle's Show*, guest appearances on *Saturday Night Live*, and his comedy specials, most recently earning his fifth Emmy Awards in 2021. In audio content, Chappelle has won the Grammy Award for Best Comedy Album three years in a row, 2018 through 2020. In 2017, Netflix cited *Dave Chappelle: Collection 1* as the most-viewed comedy special ever on its service.

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Local Extension Homemakers bring you ‘Holidays in the Sun’

The REPORTER

Think vacation at this year’s Hamilton County Extension Homemakers’ Holiday Ideas program. It will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 17 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds OV Winks Building, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The program begins at 6 p.m. and consists of demonstrations, light refreshments, entertainment, and a craft. Cost for the evening is \$10.

Tropical wear is encouraged, so invite a friend and join the holiday fun at the beach. Please preregister by Friday, Nov. 12 by calling the Purdue Extension Service at (317) 776-0854. Face coverings are recommended but not required, and social distancing encouraged.

The evening is organized and sponsored by the Hamilton County Extension Homemakers.



Photo provided
Susan Peterson, Emily Kuhn, and Bernie Huber dressed as elves to make the 2020 holiday program a drive-thru with take home kits.

For more information on the Extension Homemaker Program in Hamilton County, call Purdue Extension Hamilton County at (317) 776-0854.



Owners of successful Carmel restaurant to open sister location in Fishers

The REPORTER

The owners of Carmel’s Monterey Coastal Cuisine have announced that they will open a sister restaurant in the Nickel Plate area of Fishers.

Tiburon Coastal Cuisine is being launched by Paul Estridge Jr. and Chris Thomas, the local duo behind Monterey’s success.

“The success of Monterey in combination with the incredible location at First Internet Bank in the Nickel Plate district inspired us to take the next step in opening Tiburon,” Estridge said.

Tiburon is scheduled to open in early Fall 2022 at 8701 E. 116th St., Fishers, on the south side of 116th Street just west of the Interstate 69 interchange.

Monterey opened in April 2021 in downtown

Carmel to rave reviews with its high-end menu of sushi, seafood and steaks. Tiburon will serve a similar but not identical menu, co-owner Thomas said.

ALO Property Group served as the listing real estate broker, First Internet Bank will serve as the landlord and Urban Space Commercial Properties served as the broker for Tiburon.

“When we began our marketing efforts, our strategy was to bring a local, superstar anchor restaurant tenant to arguably one of the best corners in Fishers,” said Gary Perel, Principal, Senior Director of Retail at ALO Property Group. We unanimously feel that Tiburon, from the uber-successful owners of Monterey Grill, is exactly the type of operator we were looking for.”

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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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Winter heating season could be most costly since 2007-2008

The REPORTER

The upcoming winter heating season may be the most expensive in several years, and consumers should be preparing now.

Indiana's major natural gas utilities issued their winter billing projections this month, forecasting higher bills than last winter due largely to market conditions. The projections are based on current data and assume average weather. The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) is projecting upcoming winter natural gas spot prices to average their highest levels since 2007-2008.

Utilities buy natural gas in a competitive wholesale market and recover the costs through rates on a dollar-for-dollar basis. They may not profit on the wholesale cost pass-throughs, which require Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC) review and Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) approval before taking effect.

Consumers who need financial assistance are encouraged to contact the statewide Indiana 211 help line, either by calling 2-1-1 or visiting in211.communityos.org to learn about local options that may be available.

The federally funded Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is accepting applications now, along with new federal water bill assistance. Qualifying consumers can learn more, apply, and see a list of local LIHEAP service providers on the Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority's (IH-CDA's) [website](http://www.ihcda.org). Consumers without internet access may call IH-CDA toll-free at 1-800-872-0371 to get connected to a network of community action agencies.

Township trustees and certain utilities also offer financial assistance. IH-CDA has additional information at in.gov/ihcda/homeowners-and-renters.

"If you are behind on your bills or concerned about your ability to pay, you should contact your gas and electric utilities now to discuss payment arrangements," said Indiana Utility Consumer Counselor Bill Fine. "Contacting your utilities sooner instead of later is crucial, especially if you are concerned about being disconnected at any point."

All consumers should consider budget billing options. Most Indiana electric and natural gas utilities offer budget billing,

which provides a consistent monthly payment. The utility sets the monthly amount over a specific period – normally a year – based on the customer's expected usage. A true-up is applied in the 12th month, with a credit or balance typically applied to the next year.

"A customer on budget billing will pay the same amount for gas or electricity over the long term," Fine said. "But the plan will provide certainty through the year's coldest months, allowing the customer to prepare."

This is also a good time to schedule a home heating system tune-up, especially if you have not had one in some time. Regular maintenance is crucial for making sure an HVAC system is working efficiently and safely.

Several additional steps will help add up to energy savings in your home or business:

- Make sure your HVAC system has a clean filter. Change or clean it regularly.
- If your furnace has a humidifier, use it. It will make the air feel warmer.
- Look at your attic's insulation if you haven't done so in a few years. It may have settled over time and may not be protecting your home as much as it once did.

- Keep vents clean and make sure they are not blocked by furniture, rugs, or other items.

- Lower the thermostat a few degrees when going to bed or leaving home for more than five hours. A "smart" or programmable thermostat can do this automatically. See if your utility offers rebates on new thermostats.

- Set each ceiling fan to turn clockwise and run it on a low setting, to push warm air down. Turn it off when no one is in the room.

- Use exhaust fans sparingly, if at all. They will pull warm air out of the building more quickly than you might think.

- Close the damper if you have a fireplace you are not using.
- Unplug phone chargers and other electronic devices when you are not using them.

- Check the temperature on your water heater. In most homes, it does not need to be higher than 120 degrees.

- Clean or vacuum the coils on your refrigerator.

- Consider getting rid of the extra refrigerator or freezer in the garage. Cer-

tain utilities will haul them off and even pay you for them.

- Caulk, weather strip, and seal drafty windows and doorways.

- Open curtains and blinds during the day. Close them at night.

- If you're buying new appliances, look for the Energy Star and WaterSense labels. Be aware that your utility may offer rebates.

The OUCC offers more energy efficiency tips at [this link](http://thislink.com). In addition, consumers should check with their electric and gas utilities to see what energy efficiency programs they offer. These may include an energy audit, either in person or online.

Additional online resources include the Energy Star [Home Energy Yardstick](http://HomeEnergyYardstick.com), and the U. S. Department of Energy's guide to [Do-It-Yourself Home Energy Audits](http://Do-It-YourselfHomeEnergyAudits.com).

Consumers should also be aware of the state's winter disconnection moratorium, which applies only under specific circumstances. By law, electric and natural gas utilities in Indiana may not disconnect service between Dec. 1 and Mar. 15 if the consumer: 1) Is receiving help from the federally funded Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), or 2) Has formally applied for LIHEAP funds and has qualified, with the utility receiving written proof.

Customers who are protected by the moratorium are strongly encouraged to continue to pay heating bills through the winter, even if they can only make partial payments.

About the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor

The Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC) represents Indiana consumer interests before state and federal bodies that regulate utilities. As a state agency, the OUCC's mission is to represent all Indiana consumers to ensure quality, reliable utility services at the most reasonable prices possible through dedicated advocacy, consumer education, and creative problem solving.

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Galatians 6:7-10 (NIV)



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Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Council Highway Committee will meet to discuss highway projects at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2021 at the Hamilton County Highway Department, 1700 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees will hold a regular meeting from 5:50 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 1, 2021, in the Community Room at Washington Woods Elementary School, 17950 Grassy Branch Road, Westfield.

An executive session not open to the public will follow from 6 to 8 p.m.

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The Arcadia Town Council will meet in an Executive Session on Monday, November 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. located at the Arcadia Town Hall 208 W. Main Street Arcadia, IN to discuss IC5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(6) with respect to any individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction.

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Letter to the Editor

Shaffer takes issue with 112% increase in subsidy for Carmel's Proscenium project

Dear Editor:
Carmel taxpayers are being asked to back a 112 percent increase in the subsidy provided to developers of the Proscenium apartment-retail-office complex under construction on Range Line Road.

The city council approved \$8 million for the project in 2015 and added \$4.5 million in 2017. Another \$4.5 million request is now on the table. Material and labor cost increases

are to blame, according to the developer. Those costs increased from 3.5 percent to 5.5 percent, according to industry surveys.

Whatever the case, construction didn't begin until 2018 and is still going on. Another \$4.5 million bite seems inevitable.

The Carmel Redevelopment Commission, which oversaw a 46 percent cost overrun on the Hotel Carmichael project, is overseeing

the Proscenium project. Neither the commission nor the developer provided detailed cost records to support either the original request or the two \$4.5 million add-ons.

Nor have other major construction projects in the Indianapolis area reported 112 percent increases. Only in Carmel where the pickings are sweetest.

Bill Shaffer
Carmel

Letter to the Editor

Is Baldwin keeping the oath?

Dear Editor:
It was recently revealed that Indiana State Senator Scott Baldwin is listed as a member of the Oath Keepers, a far-right anti-government militia group that helped orchestrate the Jan. 6 Capitol riots. At the very least, this should give us pause to dive into something we didn't know about our representative, again.

When asked, Sen. Baldwin claims that he has had no communication with the Oath Keepers since his \$30 donation back in 2010, but has yet to denounce the Oath Keepers. It would be easy for Baldwin to clear his stance with the Oath Keepers by simply saying that he is no longer a member and does not support them or their actions with an unambiguous and direct denouncement.

But he hasn't. Why?

Back in 2010, the Oath Keepers were described to Baldwin as a "pro-constitution and pro-second amendment" group. Which was clearly a big draw for him. During the 2020 campaign season, we never got a chance to really learn about Baldwin and his beliefs, but we have since learned that Baldwin is all about guns and will back groups that support loosening firearm regulation locally and nationally.

In fact, in his first year in the General Assembly, Baldwin signed a resolution emphasizing the Senate's commitment "...to protect the constitutional right to keep and bear arms." Baldwin also cosponsored failed House Bill 1369 which aimed to eliminate gun licenses for handguns. As many remember, he then clumsily promoted his support by

sending out a pro-gun email just one day after the mass shooting at the FedEx Ground Center in Indianapolis, the city he once served as a police officer.

The real fear here is the possibility that there are other, equally dangerous sentiments Baldwin and the Oath Keepers align with. It is our duty, as active participants in our own democracy, to explore that possibility fully and transparently.

And we should certainly be concerned if someone aligned with an organization like the Oath Keepers is in a position of leadership or influencing policy development at any level of our government.

For the People,
Ronnie Saunders
Vice Chair of the Hamilton County Democratic Party

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Football previews

Re-matches highlight Sectional 4 games

The football sectional tournament begins for Indiana's Class 6A teams on Friday, and for the four Hamilton County teams in Sectional 4, it will be a repeat of the regular season's Week 4 games.

Fishers plays at Hamilton Southeastern in a Mudsock re-match at the Royals' TCU Field, while Westfield will take on Noblesville in another Midland Rail contest, this one at the Millers' Beaver Materials Field. Both games kick off at 7 p.m.

FISHERS-

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN

Southeastern traveled to the Tigers' TCU Field on Sept. 10, where it won the Mudsock Trophy by the score of 42-13. The Royals would go on to finish their season 7-2, with their only losses to the two teams ranked above them in the IFCA coaches poll: the No. 2 Shamrocks and No. 5 Brownsburg.

Fishers coach Curt Funk said that HSE has been a very dominant football team all season.

"Their offense is putting up a lot of points and they have a real tough defense," said Funk.

Royals quarterback Sam Jacobs is 43-of-84 through the air, with 732 yards and 10 touchdowns to his credit. Senior Will Gerig has 13 receptions, including two TDs, while senior Jack Wafford has made 11 catches, three for touchdowns. Senior Dylan Conner's nine receptions include four touchdowns.

On the ground, senior Blaine Wertz has gained 958 yards and scored 17 touchdowns, followed by senior Owen Jones with 628 yards and seven scores. Jacobs has 585 yards and four rushing touchdowns. Senior Loudon Sundling leads the Southeastern defense with 72 tackles, 11 for a loss, while junior Evan Sherrill has eight tackles for a loss.

"We are excited for the second season," said Kelly. The coach said his players "are focused on this week" and are taking it one play at a time.

"We aren't looking down the road," said Kelly. "We are looking forward to playing at home in front of our crowd and students."

The Tigers are 6-3, finishing their season on Oct. 15 with a 49-46 double overtime win against Zionsville.

"They play hard and are very fast to the football," said Kelly.

Junior Lucas Minns is Fishers' quarterback, and he has completed 119 of 180 pass attempts for 1,471 yards and 13 touchdowns. Junior Aidan Zimmer is the Tigers' top receiver with 31 catches and six scores, followed by senior Jeffrey Simmons, who has 26 receptions and five touchdowns.

Junior Carson Dunn leads Fishers in rushing with 695 yards and 10 TDs. On defense, junior Grady Stanley is on top of the tackles list with 76, followed by senior Jack Alvarez with 72 and senior Jake Gates with 61 stops. Senior Dominic Oliverio has 11 tackles for a loss, while Stanley has nine and sophomore Brady Wolf has eight.

"Our kids are really excited about the game on Friday," said Funk. "We look forward to the opportunity and everyone is healthy."

WESTFIELD-NOBLESVILLE

Westfield and Noblesville also played their regular-season game on Sept. 10, with the Shamrocks winning 42-15. Westfield was in the midst of an eight-



Joshua Herd/File photo

Fishers' Dominic Oliverio (left, 4) and Hamilton Southeastern's Dylan Conner have been solid for their respective teams this season. The Tigers and the Royals will play a Class 6A Sectional 4 semi-final game Friday at Southeastern's TCU Field.

game win streak, which puts its record at 8-1 for the season.

"Westfield just keeps getting better and better," said Millers coach Dave Sharpe. "It's just quite remarkable how efficient they have been these past few seasons and they're really peaking right now."

The 'Rocks finished the season on Oct. 15 by beating Franklin Central 42-28, clinching a second consecutive unbeaten Hoosier Crossroads Conference championship. Senior quarterback Maximus Webster has been the model of Westfield's efficiency, going 96-of-136 for 1,478 yards and 14 touchdowns.

Freshman Gabe Arambales leads the Shamrocks in receptions with 25, including four TDs. Senior Ian Bruch has 23 catches, while seniors Jackson Wasserstrom and Nic Depasquale each have 18. All three seniors have caught three touchdown passes.

Do-it-all senior Micah Hauser leads the rushing with 710 yards and 13 scores, while senior Trevon Hatchett has 331 yards rushing and six touchdowns. On defense, junior Tyler Dikos has made 97 tackles, followed by 81 stops for Hauser and 70 for junior Charlie Dager. Senior Popeye Williams has made 11 tackles for a loss.

"We are pumped," said Westfield coach Jake Gilbert. "We are ready. We've been waiting for this for a long time."

Noblesville is 2-7 for the season. The Millers have gotten most of their yards on the ground, with sophomore Logan Shoffner gaining 1,165 yards and scoring nine touchdowns. Senior Alairic Rogers-Walton has 467 yards rushing and six scores.

Shoffner also has 14 catches for the Millers. While Noblesville is primarily a running team, senior quarterback Connor Meinerding has done well throwing the ball, going 16-of-30 for 132 yards

and two touchdowns. Sophomore Gage Guley was the quarterback for the Millers in the regular-season game, filling in for Meinerding. Gilbert noted the different quarterback, and also said the Millers "have opened up their offense quite a bit more."

On defense, senior Sam Steinhofers leads with 96 tackles, followed by sophomore Austin Hastings with 83 stops. Two more seniors, Jacob Hoffmann and Seth Stone, both have 7.5 tackles for a loss.

"The defense is a bit different at times as well," said Gilbert.

"Anything can happen in 48 minutes, and our kids have done a great job of getting ready for this sectional match-up," said Sharpe.

CARMEL-AVON

Carmel will open play in Class 6A Sectional 5 with a trip to Avon Friday. Kickoff for that game is set for 7 p.m.

The Orioles finished their regular season with a 1-8 record, getting its first win of the season Oct. 15 against Noblesville 35-21.

Avon sophomore quarterback has had a remarkable year, completing 159 of 276 pass attempts for 2,172 yards and 21 touchdowns. Senior Chrishon McCray is by far the leading receiver, with 57 catches and 17 touchdowns. Three more Orioles players have over 20 receptions as well.

"Avon certainly doesn't look like a 1-8 team on film," said Carmel coach John Hebert. "Their offense produces a lot of explosive plays, especially when the ball is in the hands of Chrishon McCray. He is really an electric player and their QB does a nice job getting the ball to him and their other receivers."

Junior Jaiden Jones is the leading rusher for the Orioles with 345 yards and four TDs, followed by junior Dailon Zeigler with 311 yards and one touchdown. Senior Derrick Shaw II leads the defense

with 51 tackles.

Carmel finished its regular season 8-1, beating Lawrence Central 14-0 in its Week 9 game. Senior quarterback Zach Osborne, who Hebert said practiced Tuesday night "and looked good," is throwing at a 121-of-200 clip for 1,749 yards and 20 touchdowns. Junior Desmond Duffy leads the receptions with 44, including 11 touchdowns, followed by senior Jaedon King with 35 catches and three TDs.

Senior Ethan Hall is the top rusher with 336 yards and two scores, while Osborne has 295 yards on the ground and eight touchdowns. Junior Will Heldt leads the defense with 77 tackles, followed by junior Winston Berglund with 68 stops.

"We took last week to rest and replenish our starters, shifting the focus to our younger players which really was a great shift of emphasis," said Hebert. Those younger players are really ready to play bigger roles in preparing our top 30-40 players for the tournament. I think our team feels we have something to prove. I'm excited to see them take the field."

GUERIN CATHOLIC-WESTERN BOONE

Guerin Catholic will be going where no Golden Eagles team has gone before on Friday: Western Boone.

The Stars will host Guerin Catholic in a Class 3A Sectional 28 game, with kickoff at 7 p.m. It will be the first-ever meeting for the two teams.

WeBo, of course, is the three-time defending Class 2A state champion. The Stars were moved up to 3A this year due to the success factor. Western Boone is 6-4, having won its first-round sectional game last week over Crawfordsville 41-14.

Golden Eagles coach Tom Dilley called the Stars a "very good team."

"They execute at a high level and

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Philadelphia	2	2	.500	1.0
Toronto	2	3	.400	1.5
Boston	2	3	.400	1.5
Brooklyn	2	3	.400	1.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chicago	4	0	1.00	-
Milwaukee	3	2	.600	1.5
Cleveland	3	2	.600	1.5
Indiana	1	4	.200	3.5
Detroit	0	3	.000	3.5
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Charlotte	4	1	.800	-
Miami	3	1	.750	0.5
Washington	3	1	.750	0.5
Atlanta	3	1	.750	0.5
Orlando	1	4	.200	3.0

Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Utah	3	0	1.00	-
Minnesota	3	1	.750	0.5
Portland	2	2	.500	1.5
Denver	2	2	.500	1.5
Oklahoma City	1	4	.200	3.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Golden State	4	0	1.00	-
Sacramento	2	2	.500	2.0
L.A. Lakers	2	3	.400	2.5
L.A. Clippers	1	3	.250	3.0
Phoenix	1	3	.250	3.0
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Dallas	2	1	.667	-
Memphis	2	2	.500	0.5
Houston	1	3	.250	1.5
San Antonio	1	3	.250	1.5
New Orleans	1	4	.200	2.0

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Raptors' length, physicality stops Pacers

By BRENDAN ROURKE
 Courtesy nba.com/pacers

The Pacers took on the Toronto Raptors at Scotiabank Arena hoping to rebound after a loss to the Milwaukee Bucks. But it was not in the cards Wednesday night. The Raptors' length and physical play led to 23 Indiana turnovers as the Pacers (1-4) inevitably fell to Toronto (2-3), 118-100. The Blue & Gold have not won in the regular season in Toronto since the 2013-14 NBA season.

"We were a step slow all night," head coach Rick Carlisle said postgame. "They were very aggressive. They were up and into us. We only got three out of 12 loose balls in the game. That's been the number one indicator of our success and lack of success in the first five games."

Four Pacers finished in double figures. Malcolm Brogdon led the way with 18 points on 7-of-13 shooting. However, he exited the third quarter with left hamstring soreness and did not return to action. Chris Duarte added 14, while Jer-

emy Lamb had 12 off the bench.

Fred VanVleet had a game-high 26 for the Raptors. Coming into tonight, VanVleet had made just six 3-pointers through four games. He equaled his total tonight.

Indiana started cold from the floor, connecting on just one of its first six shot attempts. The drought led to a run of seven unanswered Toronto points and the hosts took an early lead. However, the Blue & Gold found some success in the paint with Domantas Sabonis. His six early points helped Indiana out of the deficit as they took an 8-7 lead with 7:00 left in the first.

The squads remained in a tight battle over the next few minutes. Toronto maintained a slight edge behind the efforts of OG Anunoby. The former Hoosier had nine points over the opening 6:36. He finished the frame with 15.

With 3:54 to play and the score tied at 16 apiece, the Raptors tallied five straight as part of an 11-4 run to take a 27-20 lead. The Blue & Gold managed to cut the lead

to five (29-24) on Duarte's crisp pull-up jumper with 1.7 seconds remaining.

A 7-2 Pacers run over the first 1:37 of the second period tied the score at 31. With the offense struggling, Brogdon took matters into his own hands by driving into the paint and notching consecutive buckets. With 9:35 to play, he added two free throws to give Indiana its first lead since it was 2-0.

The President was not done. He then tallied a triple and a crafty driving reverse layup to keep Indiana in front. He finally received help at the 6:35 mark when Oshae Brissett dropped in a floater to give the Blue & Gold a 42-41 lead.

However, the Pacers had trouble extending the lead from there. Toronto's length in the paint forced several uncharacteristic Indiana turnovers and empty possessions. The Raptors rattled off six straight in a 2:54 span to take a 48-42 lead and force an Indiana timeout with 2:38 remaining.

Out of the timeout, the Raptors' length continued to be a problem. Indiana committed two more turnovers and had a shot blocked over the final two minutes. A late three by VanVleet pushed Toronto's lead to 57-48 before the teams headed to the locker room.

The Blue & Gold could not chip into the deficit much over the first half of the third. A three from Myles Turner at the 7:17 mark cut Toronto's lead to 63-57, but five quick Raptors points quickly pushed their lead back to 11. To make matters worse, the Pacers received news that Brogdon would not return to action after injuring his hamstring early in the frame.

At the 4:37 mark, Indiana managed to trim the lead to seven, 69-62, after T.J. McConnell knocked in a nifty fade-away jumper. But once again, the Raptors quickly extended the lead back to 11.

Indiana's turnover train continued

chugging along. The Raptors kept capitalizing and pushed their lead to 81-66 on VanVleet's 3-pointer with 1:23 to go. Jeremy Lamb's 3-pointer with 6.6 seconds to play appeared to give Indiana some hope before entering the fourth. But VanVleet responded with another triple with 1.4 seconds remaining to take an 87-71 lead into the final frame.

The Blue & Gold found themselves struggling to make headway early in the fourth. Duarte's triple to start the frame provided a glimmer of hope, but VanVleet's sixth 3-pointer of the game and a reverse layup from Khem Birch pushed the Raptors' lead back to 94-78 with 9:03 to play.

At the 7:30 mark, the hosts extended their lead to 20, 98-78, after Scottie Barnes put his head down, drove the lane, and finished with a flush. However, Indiana quickly responded with a 12-2 run to close the gap to 100-90. Brad Wanamaker capped the run with five quick points, including a 28-foot trey that induced a Toronto timeout.

Out of the timeout, the Raptors regained their footing. Behind another Pacers turnover, VanVleet knocked in consecutive buckets to push the lead back to 14. With 2:57 to play, Anunoby added a triple to extend Toronto's lead to 107-92. After that, Indiana never threatened again.

To add insult to injury, Isaiah Jackson, a highly-touted Pacers rookie, appeared to hyper-extend his left knee after fighting for a rebound. Jackson seemed to be in quite a bit of pain and needed help walking to the Pacers locker room with 2:01 remaining.

The Blue & Gold do not have much time to rest, as they have to prepare to play the star-filled Brooklyn Nets on Friday at Barclays Center.

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obviously they're a part of a great program," said Dilley. "Their offensive and defensive systems are proven in the last few years. They play with a lot of confidence."

Senior Elliott Young is WeBo's quarterback, and he is 73-of-119 for 1,237 yards and 13 touchdowns. Seniors Casey Baird and Garrett Morton each have 19 catches, with Morton making eight touchdowns and receptions and Baird three.

Junior Trevor Weakley is the Stars' leading rusher with 606 yards, including six TDs. Jacobs has scored eight rushing touchdowns. Sophomore Cannon Bruner leads the defense with 90 tackles, including 23.5 for a loss. Junior Ryan Taylor has 81 stops, and junior Zayne Sturgis has nine tackles for a loss.

Guerin Catholic is 3-7 for the season, edging out Hamilton Heights 21-20 in

a sectional first-round game last Friday. Sophomore quarterback Ryan Zimmerman is 67-of-128, totaling 1,094 yards and 10 touchdowns. Senior Ryan Glenn has 48 catches, including six for touchdowns. Junior Will Fremion has 25 receptions, five of them for scores.

Junior Justin Zdobylak is the top rusher with 735 yards and seven touchdowns. Senior Adam Novelen leads the GC defense with 81 tackles, while senior Max Nickell has 70 stops. Senior Dylan Balcer has made 9.5 tackles for a loss.

Dilley said keys to the game include taking care of the football and "we have to win the line of scrimmage." The coach also said that when his team does get some opportunities, it must take advantage.

"We need to execute at a high level, because I know they will," said Dilley.

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