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Heights' Fall Resource Night opens doors to network of community services, support

The REPORTER

This year's Husky Fall Family Resource Night drew in a full house of district children and their families. This year's family-friendly event provided a wide range of representatives from community organizations to share of their time and resources to support mental health, physical needs, food assistance, medical care, special ed resources, community classes, and much more.

Attendees of all ages wore costumes to treat-or-treat at each table and enjoyed making crafts and listening to guest storytellers. In addition to spooky treats, children enjoy many giveaways including books, shoes, and coats.

"This fun-filled event also provides opportunity to connect families to services and for others to find out how they can help and get involved," said Mary Ann Haymaker, Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance Coordinator, about the annual family resource festival.

This is the fifth year that Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance and the Hamilton Heights School District have sponsored this event for the community. Special thanks to all volunteers and representatives from those community partners who were able to participate this year, which included:

- Good Samaritan Network
- Hope Clinic
- Prevail
- Big Brothers Bigs Sisters of Central Indiana
- Hamilton County Kids Coats
- A Healthier Hamilton County
- MD Wise Health Insurance
- Stepping Stones Behavioral Solutions
- Family Promise of Hamilton County
- Hamilton Heights Honor Society
- Jackson Township Trustee's office
- Jackson Township Fire Department
- Lift Lab
- Breathe Easy Hamilton County

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Photo provided

Husky Fall Family Resource Night offered district families a fun-filled evening and learn about giving support and/or programs and services available through our community partners. Hamilton Heights' School Counselor, Tricia Rudy, reads an engaging story to Emma Haymaker.

All is said. All is done.

COLUMNIST

SCOTT SAALMAN

"There's a train leavin' nightly called 'When All is Said and Done.' " – Warren Zevon

In 2017, my terminally-ill mother announced, "I want you to write my obituary," leaving her word-guy son wordless. I was not ready to even remotely consider facing the finality her request represented. Melancholic thoughts associated with her obit request perpetually orbited my brain until, four years later, she finally did die, leaving me with the most dreaded of deadlines.

. . . Patricia Lee "Patty, Patsy, Pat, Grandma Bird" Saalman passed away 5:40 a.m., Oct. 14, 2021, at her home, after a long-fought battle with cancer . . .

So began the obituary, a fairly standard death notice. I was too distraught to apply much creative thought beyond the basic, historical facts of her life.

What I didn't reference in the obit was Oct. 12, 2021. That's when I found my 77-year-old dad on a ladder attaching Christmas lights to the house's front gutter. A vintage Santa Claus already stood on the front patio, facing Brushy Fork Road. It was odd seeing Santa there at a time when a Jack-o'-lantern was more appropriate.

A few days earlier, Mom expressed a wish for Dad to hang Christmas lights, sensing, rightfully so, that she wouldn't be "home" for Christmas. He had considered holding off one more day but changed his mind.

"They look great, Dad, but I think we need some lights inside so she can actually see them," I said. I turned the plastic Santa 90-degrees to face Mom sleeping in her hospice bed. Though mid-October, Walmart's garden center had already been transformed into Christmas town. I spent about 100 dollars there, decorating the family room with multi-colored, non-blinking lights, wreaths and a small, pre-lit, table-top, fake tree. I draped Mom with a new Christmassy blanket. As 1957's *Elvis' Christmas Album* played, I anxiously awaited her wake-up, experiencing a tinge of Christmas excitement that I had not felt since my single-digit years in this very same house. Her eyes opened. Sleepily, she said, "I don't believe it. It's so beautiful." Those were the last lucid sentences I would ever hear Mom say.

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Ex-student sues Westfield Washington Schools over 'relentless racist bullying'

WISH-TV | *wishtv.com*

A former student is going after Westfield Washington Schools in federal court. She says the school district in Hamilton County did nothing to protect her from "relentless racist bullying."

The American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana on Thursday filed the lawsuit on behalf of the former student.

She was a seventh-grader at Westfield Middle School in 2020, when the alleged abuse happened. The school is at 345 W. Hoover St., on the district's campus of schools just northeast of U.S. 31 and State Road 32.

The lawsuit says the student endured explicit comparisons to a monkey, and routine use of a racial slur.

The lawsuit shows the student's parents reported abuse numerous times and administrators told them they filed multiple police reports.

The lawsuit also claims Westfield Police Department has no such records.

The student's parents ended up enrolling their child in an online school.

In a statement issued late Thursday afternoon, the school superintendent says the district is aware of the lawsuit but has yet to be served with a copy.

Click here to read a copy of the complaint.

Statement from Superintendent Paul A. Kaiser

"Though we are aware of a lawsuit filed against Westfield Washington Schools, we have yet to be served.

"Westfield Washington Schools has always strived to be a place where all students can achieve academic and social success. We've put an emphasis on cultivating an environment where all students feel safe, seen and valued.

"We are committed to creating a positive and welcoming environment for every student who walks through our halls. For every one of our district families, we will continue on this journey to expand our perspectives and work together to make our school district a place where every student knows they belong and can achieve their goals."

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Daylight Saving Time ends tonight

Don't forget to 'turn and test'

It's time to fall back as daylight saving time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 7. As people TURN their clocks back one hour, the American Red Cross reminds everyone to TEST their smoke alarms.

This weekend is also a good time for everyone to take these lifesaving steps to help prepare households for home fires, the nation's most frequent disaster:

- **Check smoke alarms and replace batteries if needed.** Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a home fire by half. Test smoke alarms once a month. Change the batteries at least once a year if your model requires it. Place smoke alarms on every level of your home, including inside and outside bedrooms, and sleeping areas.
- **Create and practice your home fire escape plan.** Fire experts agree that people may have as little as two minutes to escape a burning home before it's too late. This

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Carmel Fire Department partners with MedVet Indianapolis to care for, save pets

By ALEAH HORDGES
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

The Carmel Fire Department is teaming up with MedVet Indianapolis to better help treat your pets in an emergency.

In a video posted on Facebook by the fire department, the new program gives firefighters the option to take pets to an emergency hospital for further treatment after a fire, serious accident or special rescue.

Pet owners should know that the partnership takes effect immediately.

Carmel Fire Public Information Officer Tim Griffin said firefighters often find dogs and cats in fires and get them to safety. Pets are provided with an oxygen mask and receive CPR when needed, but sometimes pets don't survive due to a lack of capabilities.

The Carmel Fire Department has called MedVet Indianapolis their preferred choice of emergency pet care. It's a 24-hour state-of-the-art veterinary hospital located in southwest Carmel that offers emergency and specialty care for pets.

MedVet employees said they will do everything to save your animal for free up to 48 hours following their arrival. Extended care through MedVet Indianapolis includes advanced equipment and a passionate team.

Both the veterinary hospital and the Carmel Fire Department say they are excited to offer this program to families in Carmel whose pets need care.

Westfield Washington Schools makes masking optional, with certain conditions

The REPORTER

Editor's note: The following statement from Westfield Washington Schools Superintendent Dr. Paul A. Kaiser was sent to the Reporter Friday afternoon.

Rocks family,

First of all, I want to thank you all for your support and engagement throughout this school year. We've all been faced with new challenges and we can only get through them by working together. A looming challenge we're all facing is the ongoing impact of COVID-19, which continues to be a large factor in our operations. From the start, we've followed a data-driven policy based on the guidelines and guidance of the Hamilton County and Indiana departments of health, as well as our partners at Riverview Health.

Early this school year, when the COVID-19 situation took a drastic turn, we took swift action to reverse course and implement a mask mandate. As our city and county vaccination rate continues to lead the state and our district's positive cases remain low, we are prepared to, once again, let the data guide us.

Starting this Monday,

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Members of the Jackson Township Fire Department set up a table at the fall resource festival to share the many safety services and programs they provide the community in addition to responding to fires and medical emergencies.

• Indiana Center for Prevention of Abuse and Suicide
• Changing Footprints
• Children's Bureau of Hamilton County
• Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance

About Hamilton County Youth Assistance Program

Hamilton County Youth Assistance Program serves children between ages 3 and 17 ½. The Early Intervention advocates coordinate services for the youth and families they serve. The program operates in all six public schools in Hamilton County and takes a holistic approach to coordinate the community's vast array of talents, services, and resources to help youth and empower parents and caregivers. The Early Intervention Advocates in each community work under the appointment of Judge Paul Felix, and Hamilton County Circuit Court Judge Michael Casati, Hamilton County Superior Court 1.

All is done

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What I also didn't reference in the obit was Oct. 13, 2021. That's when I returned to my parents' house the following afternoon, only to learn that Mom had experienced a textbook hospice night: restlessness, disorientation, confusion and agitation.

The ethereal glow from the Christmas lights seemed lost on her now, though Dad refused to extinguish them. When open, her left eye, the good one not blinded by cancer, seemed to stare beyond the strung blue, green, red and yellow lights framing the trio of front windows. The red and white glowing Santa still stared in, as if a sentinel. "Blue Christmas" replayed every half hour.

Though asleep, she frequently startled us with anguished words coming from out of the blue: HELP ME! HURRY! She repeated them throughout the day, mantra-like, baffling us. Was she having bad dreams? Was it unconscious gibberish? That night, I used the phone to relay my confusion and frustration about this to my wife, Brynne, and our friend, Nancy, a former hospice nurse. Both women were certain it was Mom's way of asking for pain relief. A nearby bottle of morphine – apply every 15 minutes, instructed the label – had been the elephant in the room. We were reluctant to reference, let alone administer, it. To us, morphine represented the final goodbye. Nancy's shout over the phone, "YOU WILL GIVE HER MORPHINE NOW," brought me to my senses. Mom's comfort was all that mattered. One full medicine dropper's worth of morphine relaxed her, quieted her, transitioned her to a permanent state of incommunicado. Elvis assured us "there will be peace in the valley."

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HELP ME! HURRY! I regret not hurrying to help her. I hear this trio of words in my guilt-ridden nightmares.

. . . on December 31, 1962, she was united in marriage to Marion Jr. "M.J." Saalman . . .

What I also didn't reference in the obit were the earliest hours of Oct. 14, 2021, how Mom's mouth remained agape, eternally wordless. Her eyelids were partially opened, but there was an unsettling glaze to her gaze.

Her breathing became shallower, and the distance between each drawn breath grew wider. For a few hours, we expected each feeble breath to be her last. Was I selfish to feel disappointed with each surprising inhale, to hope for her final breath?

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I told Mom it was OK to let go, that she was a great mother, that I loved her. Dad held her head between his palms and whispered into her right ear. He kissed her mouth, as he'd done daily for almost 60 years. Mom's friend Bev kept vigil with us.

While Mom was heroic during her five-year, stage-four-colon-cancer battle, the true hero was Dad who continuously tended to her needs once she was diagnosed in 2016 on, of all days, his birthday. He seldom rested.

At about 3:30 a.m., I fell asleep in my brother's childhood room. About two hours later, I awoke due to a sudden sensation of something passing through my body. I sat up, startled, just as Dad banged on the bedroom door. "Bev believes your mom took her last breath," he said through the door's crack, though I already knew this.

Her obit is written now.

All is said.

All is done.

Scott Saalman also writes columns for the Dubois County Herald and the Evansville Courier & Press. He is now a proud Fishers resident. You can reach him at ***scottsaalman@gmail.com****.*

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I was born and raised right here in Noblesville. I grew up in a home without domestic violence or assault – it wasn't something I saw, or even heard about. But when I was introduced to Prevail of Central Indiana, I was shocked by the number of individuals who are affected by domestic violence. In 2018 alone, Prevail helped more than 4,000 clients in Hamilton County. (Nearly 80 percent of clients are women and children.) Domestic violence and abuse are hard topics to discuss, so you don't often hear about them. But at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, we're breaking the taboo and raising awareness for Prevail, an organization that helps families in Hamilton County.
*– **Mike Bragg**, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville*

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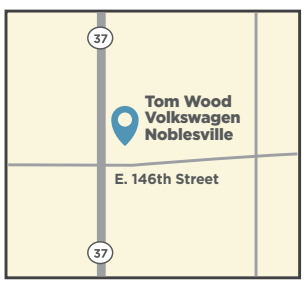

TEST DRIVE TODAY

County Health Dept. now vaccinating kids

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The Hamilton County Health Department has been inundated with kids 5-11 years old wanting to get their Pfizer vaccinations. Health officials say to be sure to make an appointment for your child's shot at ourshot.in.gov. Walk-ins for children under 11 years old are no longer permitted.

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Nov. 8, masks will be recommended, not mandatory, in all WWS spaces or activities, including athletics, choir, band, etc., during the school day. However, the following caveats will apply:

• Per federal mandate, masks will be required on buses.

• Buildings with a COVID-19 positivity rate above 1.75 percent will be required to wear masks indoors, regardless of vaccination status, until the positivity rate drops below 1 percent.

• If six buildings exceed a positivity rate above 1.75 percent, all WWS buildings will require masks indoors, regardless of vaccination status, until all nine buildings have a positivity rate below 1 percent.

We will continue to conduct contact tracing and notifying families if their child has been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19. With the removal of the mask mandate, if your child is within three feet of someone who tested positive for COVID-19, they will be considered a close contact and will be required to follow quarantine protocols. Other mitigation measures – including regular sanitization, promoting hand-washing, monitoring of symptoms, cohorting and distancing – will continue as well, when appropriate and available.

Thank you, again, for your continued support and flexibility as we continue to provide your children with a safe and educational environment. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Dr. Paul A. Kaiser
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Public invited to meeting on master plan for Carmel's Bear Creek Park

The REPORTER

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) invites the community to participate in a second public input meeting to share their vision for Bear Creek Park. The public workshop will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13, in the Jill Perelman Pavilion, 3000 W. 116th St., Carmel.

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CCPR and its consultants will report insights from the first round of public input meetings and discuss park programming options. Feedback gathered during the workshop will help CCPR develop the Bear Creek Park Master Plan. The master plan will help guide the ultimate design of the park's development over the next several years.

Additionally, a representative from SmithGroup, the consultants who are creating the master plan, will be on site at Bear Creek Park from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13 to answer questions and share findings from the first round of public input.

Bear Creek Park was purchased in 2020 and is comprised of more than 26 acres of undeveloped land located in northwest Carmel at 146th Street and Shelborne Road. Additional public workshops, park visits, and online options will be offered throughout the master plan process. Stay tuned to CCPR's social media and **carmelclayparks.com/parks/bear-creek-park** for more information.

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weekend, create a **home fire escape plan** with your household and practice it until everyone can escape in less than two minutes. Escape plans should include at least two ways to escape from every room and a meeting spot at a safe distance away from your home, such as your neighbor's home or landmark like a specific tree in your front yard, where everyone knows where to meet.

Home Fire Campaign saving lives

Each year, the Red Cross responds to more than 62,000 disasters – the vast majority of which are home fires. Every day, seven people die in home fires, and most tragedies occur in homes without working smoke alarms. That's why the Red Cross launched the **Home Fire Campaign** with community partners in 2014 to reduce needless deaths and injuries.

So far, the Home Fire Campaign has reached more than 1.7 million people and is credited with saving more than 1,000 lives across the country. The Indiana Region has installed more than 400 smoke alarms and made over 220 homes safer so far this year as part of the national Red Cross Home Fire Campaign. Since the campaign's inception, volunteers and partners have also:

• Installed more than 2.2 million free smoke alarms

• Reached more than 1.6 million children through youth preparedness programs

• Made more than 948,000 households safer from the threat of home fires

People can visit **redcross.org/homefires** for free resources and to learn more about how to protect themselves and their loved homes from fire, or **contact their local Red Cross** to find out about smoke alarm installation events in their community.

Thanks for reading The Reporter!

From the desk of Heights Supt. Dr. Derek Arrowood

COLUMNIST
DR. DEREK ARROWOOD
Heights Superintendent

This week we received positive test confirmations for three elementary school students. We have followed our established protocols as outlined in our **Re-Entry Plan** and continue to work in collaboration with and under the guidance of our local and state health partners. We send our best wishes for a full and speedy recovery.

About this time one year ago, we were in a much different place as the pandemic affected the county. We had pivoted between in-person and e-Learning several times, and it was all hands-on deck to navigate through the uncharted waters of a global pandemic. The lessons learned by our educators and staff who pushed through have not been forgotten nor has the strength and resilience displayed by our students.

We are grateful that our entire community continues to pull together to help us stay the course in keeping our students learning in class every day. While I realize that we're still not completely out of the woods, I feel our district is in a much better place than it was just a year ago. I remain optimistic that the greatest pandemic-related challenges are behind us.

Thank you for supporting the district's pandemic response efforts and working with us to keep our students and staff safe and in class.

#WeAreHuskies

Latest COVID report for Hamilton Heights

Positive Confirmations, Nov. 1-5
Elementary School: 3

Noblesville Police Dept. implements 'Business Watch'

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Police Department (NPD) has announced the implementation of its new Business Watch program.

The goal of Business Watch is to partner with local businesses and create valuable training programs to assist in shoplifting deterrence and prevention, human trafficking, and fraud detection. Business Watch will also open a direct line of communication between Noblesville business owners/managers and NPD.

Mann

"We are excited to launch this new and innovative program for our local businesses just in time for the busy holiday shopping season," said Noblesville Police Chief John Mann.

NPD will begin signing up local businesses through an application process starting the second week of November. Mann continued, "This will allow our agency to ensure we have up-to-date contact information for keyholders from those businesses who wish to participate which is a crucial step in solving crimes quickly."

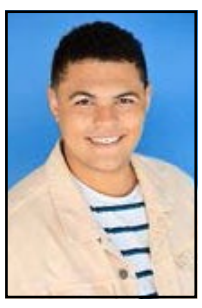
If you are a business owner or manager within Noblesville city limits and are wanting more information on the Business Watch program, please reach out to Community Outreach Sergeant Greg Kehl at (317) 776-6340 ext. 1253, or by email at **gkehl@noblesville.in.us**.

Actors Theatre of Indiana welcomes Hollywood star Richard Riehle in upcoming production

The REPORTER

Actors Theatre of Indiana (ATI) will welcome the talented Hollywood star Richard Riehle to the upcoming TheatreLAB Series reading of Lee Blessing's *A Family Line* at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021. The Reading will be presented at The Studio Theater at The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel.

Riehle



Letts

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Riehle's career has spanned over four decades. His is one of the most recognizable faces in the industry as he has appeared in over 397 films and has made multiple television appearances. Some of his most notable movies include *Casino*, *Office Space*, *Fried Green Tomatoes*, *Executive Decision*, *Lethal Weapon 4*, *Transformers: Age of Extinction* and *The Fugitive*.

His television credits include *Murder, She Wrote*, *Sabrina the Teenage Witch*, *The West Wing*, *ER*, *Grounded for Life*, *The Young and the Restless* and the *Star Trek* television series.

In this new piece, Jonah, played by Riehle, is the white grandfather of Finn, a mixed-race 15-year-old whom he has just met. Taking place during the pandemic, Finn has just lost his mother to COVID-19 and is being sent to live with his estranged father. Jonah is assigned to drive Finn across the country. As they spend 24 hours together in the car, will they find common ground? Will they discover a family bond? Will they even reach their destination?

Riehle will be joined by Carmel High School graduate Jake Letts as Finn. Letts went on to Ball State University where he graduated with a BFA in Musical Theater. A true lover of music, he started as an instrumentalist and branched into classical voice and theater in high school. He recently appeared as Rosencrantz in *Hamlet* (Discovering Broadway). Letts' favorite past roles include The Doctor in *Matilda* (Weathervane Playhouse) and Jack Kelly in *Newsies* (The Tarkington Theater).

Directing The Family Line will be Jane Unger. Past ATI productions include *Alabama Story* and *Lombardi*. Jane is the founding Artistic Director of Profile Theatre Project, Portland, Ore., whose mission celebrates the playwright by presenting a full season of plays by a single writer. In 15 years helming Profile she produced and directed work by playwrights such as Arthur Miller, Neil Simon and Lee Blessing, working directly with many great writers on new play development. Among the awards Jane has received are the Portland Drammy Award for Best Director for Profile's inaugural production *Wings* and the Drammy Lifetime Achievement Award.

Tickets are available at **atistage.org** or by calling the Box Office at The Center for the Performing Arts at (317) 843-3800.

This play is rated PG-13 for language.

About Actors Theatre of Indiana

Actors Theatre of Indiana was co-founded in 2005 by Cynthia Collins, Don Farrell, and Judy Fitzgerald with a mission to celebrate the power of theater and contribute to the quality of life in Central Indiana by offering high quality professional theater performances and programs that engage, inspire, educate, and entertain. An award-winning Equity Professional Theater company, Actors Theatre of Indiana is the resident professional theater company of The Studio Theater at The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel, now in its 16th season of high-powered musical theater productions, world premieres, and innovative community works.

Visit ATI on **Twitter**, **Facebook**, **Instagram** and **YouTube**. For more information on schedules, educational initiatives and ways you can order tickets, visit **atistage.org**.

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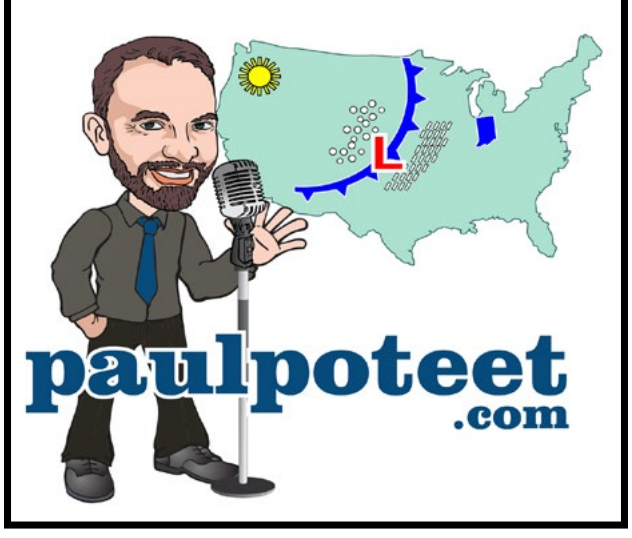

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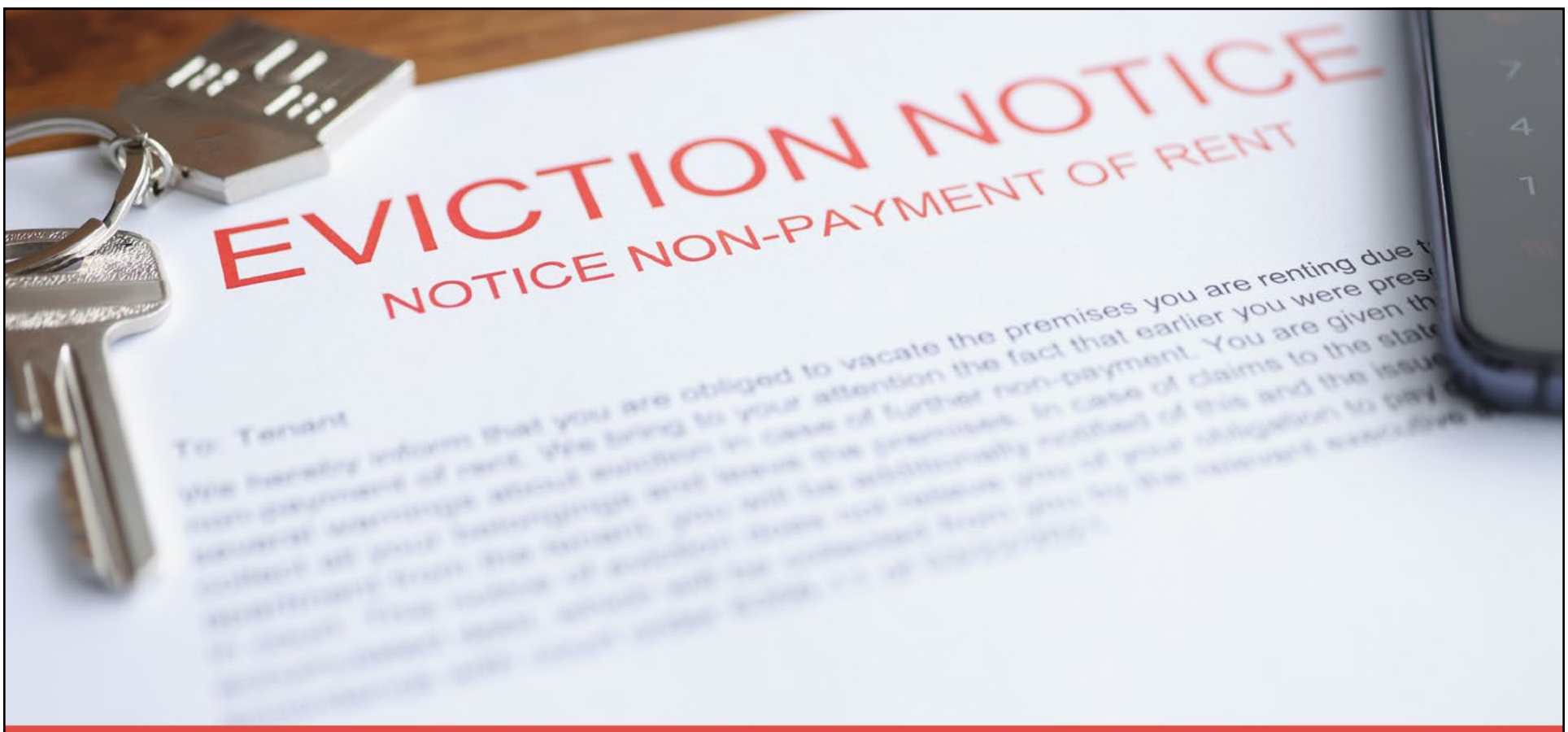

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Ed Sandifer, Planned and Major Gifts Officer at the Indianapolis Zoo, poses with Synergize Legacy Member Matt Hadley and the group's Relationships Over Everything sign.

Synergize contributes to conservation with the Indianapolis Zoo

By DENISE MOE
For the Reporter

Synergize, the startup professional group focused on building relationships for community impact, banded together at their latest 4:30 Meetup event to raise money for the Indianapolis Zoo.

"The Zoo practices good stewardship of the Earth and its animals, which is something we should all be doing," said Heather Hunter, Synergize's marketing and communications coordinator. "People know that the Zoo houses animals and cares for endangered species, but our Zoo in particular also works closely with worldwide conservation efforts."

The Indianapolis Zoo's mission is to protect nature and inspire people to care for our world. In 2021 alone, **the Zoo has supported over a dozen conservation agencies**, including Macaw Recovery Network, International Elephant Foundation, Sumatran Orangutan Conservation Program, and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

In addition to financially contributing to conservation, the Zoo prioritizes sustainability in their construction and operations. They also award the coveted "Indianapolis Prize," the world's leading animal conservation award. Ed Sandifer, Planned and Major Gifts Officer, spoke at the event about the Zoo's work and the ways we can support.

Other speakers included Arron Stanton, founder of Synergize, and David Inman, Chief Revenue Officer at Kennected. They announced Kennected's new presenting partnership with Synergize. The two impact-minded companies are already working closely to boost each of their contributions to Indianapolis and the surrounding communities.

"We're extremely excited about Kennected's support," Hunter said. "Devin [Johnson, CEO of Kennected] and his team are an amazing group who have figured out how to build genuine relationships through automation – no small feat! They definitely have the Synergize spirit."

The event raised nearly $3,000 for the Indianapolis Zoo, bringing Synergize's total 2021 impact to $85,319. The group's goal for the year was originally $60,000, which they achieved in June. Coupled with last year's impact, Synergize has raised over $115,000 for local causes since its inception in late 2019.

This event was sponsored by Synergize member Greg Looney and his company, Inherent Commercial. Inherent Co. will also be sponsoring November's 4:30 Meetup, which will benefit Cocktails and Chemo. For more information about the movement, or to grab a ticket to the next Synergize 4:30 Meetup, visit **synergizeindy.com**.

Market-based climate bill is a sensible solution

GUEST COLUMNIST

CHRIS ELMORE

The next generation of Republicans in Indiana and across the country is ready for conservative leadership on clean energy and environmental issues. That is why I am so thankful to have Senators Mike Braun and Todd Young representing our state's interests in the Senate.

As sponsor and cosponsor, respectively, of the Growing Climate Solutions Act (GCSA), Senators Braun and Young are showing that it is possible to tackle big issues like environmental protection and climate change in a way that does not rely on growing the size of the government or forcing burdensome regulations onto private businesses.

Instead, the GCSA would leverage the power of the free market to incentivize farmers and foresters nationwide to incorporate climate-friendly agriculture practices into their operations. The bill would do this by making it easier for farmers to take advantage of existing carbon credit markets where they could sell the credits they earn from adopting these sustainable farming techniques. That helps our environment while providing stable new sources of revenue for farmers, in turn benefitting our entire economy.

The GCSA is a smart, bipartisan, market-based solution that will help reduce emissions while powering economic growth. These are the kinds of policies for which young conservatives are clamoring. Both our Senators deserve credit for helping advance this much-needed legislation – and I hope Representative Victoria Spartz will help support it in the House.

Chris Elmore serves as the Chair of the Hamilton County Young Republicans.

Rep. Spartz named American 'PATRIOT'

Photo provided

This past week, Congresswoman Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.) was presented with the American PATRIOT Award by the Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC). "It is an honor to receive AMAC's American PATRIOT Award," Rep Spartz said. "I look forward to continuing to work with AMAC on issues important to seniors in Indiana's Fifth District, including Medicare, Social Security, rising healthcare and prescription drug costs, rising inflation, out-of-control federal spending, and border security." AMAC, founded in 2007, is a U.S.-based membership organization for people age 50 and over. The American PATRIOT award is given annually to a consistent supporter of AMAC's core values of faith, family, and freedom.

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Town of Arcadia Utilities

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SUMMARY
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EDUCATION AND/OR EXPERIENCE
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Please visit the Town of Arcadia website at www.arcadiaindiana.org/home/job-opportunities for the Employment application. Include a resume that includes experience and 3 references. Email application plus resume to arcadiatownhall@gmail.com. You can also drop off your application & resume at 208 W. Main Street, Arcadia. Mail applications & resume to: Town of Arcadia, PO Box 578, Arcadia, IN 46030. Fax applications & resume to: (317) 984-9510.

Merchants Bank of Indiana names Janette Milborn new Treasury Management Officer

The REPORTER

Merchants Bank of Indiana on Thursday announced the hiring of Janette Milborn as a Treasury Management Officer, based in Carmel.

With more than 30 years of experience in the banking industry, Milborn is a recognized and accomplished leader in the field, with proven success in sales, relationship management and business development. Prior to joining Merchants, she most recently served as a business relationship manager for JPMorgan Chase Bank in the Bloomington and Indianapolis regions. In additional to her time in business Banking, she has served in Management and Advisory roles in Retail Banking, Retail Training & Development and Wealth Management.

Milborn

In her new role with Merchants Bank, Milborn will be responsible for working alongside businesses to manage cash flow needs, utilize technology to streamline banking and mitigate fraud.

"We are delighted to welcome Janette to our team at Merchants Bank," said Merchants Bank of Indiana President and CEO Michael Dunlap. "Adding her wealth of knowledge and expertise in treasury and client management to the team will only further our bank's commitment to serving our clients at the highest standards possible."

Milborn is a graduate of the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University.

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Serving local neighbors feeds my soul

COLUMNIST

MARK HALL
The Feeding Team Feature

This month's column is about a neighbor we met in June of 2020.

This was a first for us: As we approached one of the pantries, we could see a neighbor on his bike getting food. We have seen neighbors getting groceries at night when we happen to pass near a pantry, but this was different. Here was a man on his bicycle, in the daytime, clearly down on his luck taking what he needed. Prior to today, we had never spoken directly with anyone who was shopping in a pantry. Neighbors often leave a note which is encouraging, but a live conversation while they are getting food? Never. This was a first.

This encounter was clearly divinely orchestrated as I will try to articulate. We will call him "Jimmy" (not his name) and we did not take his picture to keep his identity private. Jimmy was decked out in old jeans and a T-shirt. His blue and orange Cleveland ball cap covered some unruly and dirty hair. His face was smudged, weathered and leathery tanned. Jimmy appeared to be about 40 years young as he explained that he goes to addiction recovery classes in the morning, looks for ways to make money afterwards and sometimes crashes with his brother to take a shower. Most nights, Jimmy lives on the streets of Noblesville.

Jimmy was bright and articulate as he introduced himself, thanked the community for the pantry and asked for something to drink. He complained that he hadn't been able to find anything to drink all morning (this was around 12:30 and the temps were already around 88). Jimmy slammed a half bottle of Gatorade, being careful to save the other half for tonight. He took a can of soup with the pop top lid and planned to have that for lunch. Jimmy had not had many meals lately and was so grateful to have a food source. After visiting for a few minutes as we loaded the pantry, we convinced him that it is OK to take some more food and feel free to come back anytime he or his brother were hungry. He left with a couple of cans of Beefaroni, a box of protein bars and a second Gatorade.

FeedingTeam.org Facts

36 pantries

6,000 meals in September

24 volunteer families

Festival pantry donations exceeded 7,500 items

Jimmy and the thousands of other food-challenged neighbors in Hamilton County are why we do this. Many friends have asked, "Why do this, what's in it for you?" The answer is always the same: Serving neighbors locally feeds my soul. It is a calling, not work.

There were many suppers when we as a young couple with young kids could only afford Dinty Moore Beef Stew and a potato for dinner. Surreal moment. This is why the pantries exist. As a typical young family, we could not always make ends meet. Jimmy, down on his luck, needs food, too.

This is why **feedingteam.org** exists – all starting from a can of beef stew. Thank you for embracing the pantries. We love serving with you.

In future columns we will share more stories from neighbors about how your generosity served them in times of need. Be assured that the face of hunger in Hamilton County is not what you may think.

In practical terms, this simple way to help neighbors is having real impact on lives, families, and our communities. Thank you. A few meals can change the course of a person's life. A can of green beans means so much more when you have nothing to feed your kids. Want to get involved? Go to **feedingteam.org**.

*Mark and Lisa Hall are the Founders of Feeding Team. They may be reached at **lisa@feedingteam.org** and **mark@feedingteam.org** or by calling (317) 832-1104.*

Expanded school choice provides freedom for dissatisfied Hoosier parents

GUEST COLUMNIST

ZECHARIAH YODER

One need not look far to discover the tumultuous climate of public education in America.

Parents across the nation have become increasingly concerned about the content and control of their children's education. Despite the constitutional right for parents to direct the upbringing of their children, one prominent politician recently stated, "I don't think parents should be telling schools what they should teach."

One might be surprised to learn, however, that Indiana offers one of the most robust school choice programs in the country. If you are concerned about losing control over your child's education, private schooling is a valuable alternative, and it may be more affordable than you think.

The Indiana Choice Scholarship Program was enacted in 2011 with the goal of providing quality education to children from low and middle-income families. Under the Scholarship Program, the Indiana Department of Education provides scholarships to families with eligible students to attend private schools of their choosing. Since its inception, participation in the Scholarship Program has grown dramatically from 3,911 students in 2011-2012 to nearly 36,000 students in the 2020-2021 school year. Despite its dramatic growth, income limitations prevented many middle-class families from participation. However, in April of 2021, the General Assembly approved a historic expansion of the Program, offering educational freedom to thousands more Indiana families. Under the expanded program, a student in a family of four with a household income up to $147,075 would be entitled to a Choice Scholarship of 90 percent of the per-student funding formula for the student's school of residence.

Such a scholarship translates to between $5,200 and $6,500 per year, depending on the student's home school district. Although additional criteria must be met to qualify for a Choice Scholarship, the Indiana Legislature provided numerous avenues for qualification. For example, a student between the ages of 5 and 22 is eligible for a Choice Scholarship if the student was enrolled in an Indiana public school, including a charter school, for at least two semesters immediately preceding the semester in which the student is seeking a Choice Scholarship.

Further, the Scholarship Program places minimal requirements on participating schools. Therefore, private schools are given discretion in the development and implementation of curricula, and parents are afforded freedom in selecting the school that best meets their children's educational and philosophical objectives.

As parents, we have no greater asset than our children. The investment in our children begins with a commitment to their education. In a time of educational chaos, the Choice Scholarship Program offers parents control.

Although November is here, parents can still apply for a Choice Scholarship for the upcoming semester. Resources are available at **in.gov** by searching Indiana Choice Scholarship Program. Additional resources and assistance may also be available by speaking with a representative from the participating school of your choosing.

Zechariah Yoder is an attorney at Adler Attorneys at 136 S. 9th Street, Noblesville. He focuses his practice on Appellate Law.

Meeting Notices

The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2021, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Noblesville Common Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2021, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Westfield Oversight Committee will meet at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021, in the Assembly Room at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn St., Westfield.

The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2021, in the Large Group Instruction Room at Westfield Middle School, 345 W. Hoover St., Westfield.

— Cicero —

LEGAL NOTICE
Board of Zoning Appeals

The Cicero/Jackson Township Board of Zoning Appeals will meet on November 18 2021 at 7:00 PM in the Cicero Red Bridge Park Community Building located at 697 i/Vest Jackson Street, Cicero, Indiana 46034, in order to hear the following petitions:

Docket No. BZA-1121-016-R1

A Development Standards Variance Request application has been submitted concerning Article 7.5 of the Cicero/Jackson Township Zoning Ordinance: To allow an accessory structure to be located in the front yard whereas an accessory structure shall only be located to the rear or side of the primary structure.

Project Address: 97 Cedar Lane, Cicero IN 46034

Legal Description: Acreage 1.25, Forest Bay Estates, Section 3, Lot 97. Parcel # 03-06-11-03-02-018.000

The petition may be examined at the office of the Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission, 331E. Jackson St., Cicero, IN 46034.

Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing. Interested parties may also file written comments. Comments may be mailed to Cicero/Jackson Plan Commission at P.O. Box 650 Cicero, IN 46034. Comments may also be dropped off in the Cicero Utilities payment drop box located at 331E. Jackson St. Cicero, IN. Comments may also be dropped off in the Cicero Utilities payment drop box located at 331 E. Jackson St. Cicero, IN. Comments may also be emailed to fzawadzki@townofcicero.in.gov. Comments must be received by 3:00 pm on the date of the hearing. Written comments will be read aloud during the public hearing and entered into the record of the Hearing.

The Hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.

Petitioner's Name: David Fred Date: October 28, 2021

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (which is done in the body by human hands)—remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

Ephesians 2:11-18 (NIV)

Eugene Robert Hoffman, Jr.

January 31, 1950 – October 31, 2021

Eugene Robert Hoffman, Jr., 71, Fishers, passed away on Sunday, October 31, 2021. He was born on January 31,1950 in Indianapolis, son of Eugene Robert Hoffman, Sr. and Madeline (Draga) Hoffman.

Gene was a dedicated family man. He was a loving and devoted husband to his wife Kathy, as they celebrated more than 40 years of marriage together. Most notably, Gene championed his wife through her ongoing battles against cancer. His enduring love for Kathy is one to be remembered and admired always.

As a proud father, Gene was supportive of his three sons, as was Kathy, and together they were their biggest fans – traveling locally and across the country to attend their games. Gene was also a proud grandfather to his six grandchildren and cherished spending time with them and taking them to breakfast whenever opportunity allowed.

As extended members of the Hoffman family, Gene rescued, loved, and cared for his Great Danes, Tank, Jessie, and Gunner. Gene had a lifelong passion for luxury cars, motorcycles, and completed multiple cross-country motorcycle rides with friends. An Indianapolis native and devoted race fan, it was a yearly tradition to attend the infamous race party, have a team in the Calcutta, and make the annual pilgrimage to be in the stands for the Indy 500.

In addition to his parents, Eugene was preceded in death by his wife, Kathryn C. Hoffman, in 2018; and siblings, Chuck Hoffman and Gina Kendall.

Survivors include his sons, David (Jeanine) Hoffman, Nicholas (Cicely) Hoffman, and Alex (Molly) Hoffman; grandchildren, Max Hoffman, Cooper Hoffman, Adelynn Hoffman, Nash Hoffman, Kate Hoffman and Eliza Hoffman; sister, Jana Sue (Chris) Shimer; and his beloved dog, Gunner.

A celebration of Gene's life will be held at a later date. For further details, please communicate with Gene's family.

Arrangements entrusted to Bussell Family Funerals.

Condolences: **bussellfamilyfunerals.com**

James Patrick Gaddis

July 14, 1982 – November 4, 2021

James Patrick Gaddis, 39, Noblesville, passed away suddenly on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis. He was born on July 14, 1982 in Winston Salem, N.C.

Patrick enjoyed the outdoors, camping, and just being in nature. He was artistic and liked to sketch abstract drawings. Patrick loved watching movies with his daughter.

He is survived by his mother, Rebecca Gaddis; daughter, Isabella Gaddis; and his fur babies, Ty and LiLu.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Memorial contributions may be made to Humane Society for Hamilton County, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038, or at **hamiltonhumane.com**.

Patrick's family has entrusted Randall & Roberts Funeral Home with his care.

Condolences: **randallroberts.com**

Larry (Heiny) Heinz

May 25, 1950 – October 2, 2021

Larry (Heiny) Heinz, 71, Lake Helen, Fla., passed away on Saturday, October 2, 2021 at his home. He was born on May 25, 1950 to Earnest Heiny and Wanda (Ward) Hall. He graduated with the class of 1969 from Madison Heights High School of Anderson, Ind.

Larry was an avid player of his trumpet and several other instruments. He played Taps at several memorials. Larry loved music, movies, and fishing. A true American patriot waving flags at Paint the Trump rallies every week. Our beloved brother is now waving his flag in heaven with the Lord.

Larry leaves behind his loving sisters and a brother; Rachel Davenport of Tipton, Tracy Hale of Arcadia, and Treven Rouse of Marietta, Fla., along with his niece and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville at 1 p.m. on Friday, November 12, 2021.

May his soul rest in peace.

Condolences: **randallroberts.com**

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Frantic fourth quarter at Westfield...

King's kick sends Shamrocks to Sectional 4 title over Royals

By RICHIE HALL

WESTFIELD - Minutes after delivering the biggest field-goal kick of his high school career, Westfield's Caleb King talked about something his coach Jake Gilbert - "Coach G" - preaches to his players: How much they love adversity.

"Adversity is what builds championships, it's what makes us in the long run," said King. "We were pretty calm on the sideline. It was a nervous energy, of course. We stayed hard. We stayed ready."

The Shamrocks were remaining calm despite watching Hamilton Southeastern grind down the field and eventually take a 22-21 fourth-quarter lead at Riverview Health Stadium with 35.9 seconds left to go in Friday's Class 6A Sectional 4 championship game. At that point, Gilbert admitted things looked bleak.

But Westfield blasted down the field during those last few seconds, eventually settling on the Southeastern eight-yard line. Once there, King stepped up and booted a 27-yard field goal with three seconds left. Shortly thereafter, the Shamrocks were Sectional 4 champions again, defending their title by winning 24-22 over the Royals.

Both Gilbert and King agreed that the victory came down to practicing for these pressure-packed situations.

"Really, you just have to lock in on executing the plays," said Gilbert. "We work that scenario all the time. We worked it yesterday. So, that's not a new thing. Everything we did, we've practiced a million times. Great play-calling by Coach Schlicher. Blair Schlicher, offensive coordinator, he's the best out there. You got to give kudos to the kids for executing."

Reporter photos by Kirk Green

The Westfield football team defended its Class 6A Sectional 4 championship in thrilling fashion on Friday, as a last-second field goal sent the Shamrocks past Hamilton Southeastern 24-22. Members of the Westfield team celebrate as coach Jake Gilbert (bottom left corner) embraces senior Micah Hauser.

"We just do tons of reps," said King. "Every Monday, we do pressure kicks. If I miss, we got to run. I was focused. I was very trusting on Thadeus O'Neill and Alex Wolf."

The frantic fourth quarter began with the score tied at 14-14. Westfield scored first in the period when Maximus Webster tossed a 40-yard pass to a waiting Jackson Wasserstrom in the end zone. Wasserstrom was being covered by HSE defenders, but he made the catch. King then made the extra point to put the 'Rocks up 21-14.

Hamilton Southeastern's Sam Jacobs made two big plays for the Royals during Friday's game. He scrambled for a 29-yard touchdown in the third quarter, then put Southeastern ahead in the fourth quarter when he completed a two-point pass to Ian Bucher.

That gave the Royals the ball back at the 7:57 mark at their own 24, and they proceeded to run the ball all the way down into the Westfield red zone. At that point, Southeastern had only made one pass during the game. But the Royals made a big pass to set up a touchdown: Sam Jacobs threw to Jack Wafford, who almost got in, but was stopped just short of the end zone.

That was merely a speed bump, though. Blaine Wertz barreled in to score on the next play. Jacobs then made another pass, this one for a two-point conversion. He easily threw the ball to Ian Bucher, who caught it to put HSE ahead by one.

With 35 seconds left, Westfield went into hurry-up mode. Maximus Webster completed four passes to get the Shamrocks down to the Royals' 15. Two plays later, Westfield was at the 10-yard line with seven seconds left, so the 'Rocks went to King, and he made the kick.

"It was nervous energy, but you build off that," said King. "It was adrenaline running through you. Done that rep so many times that I'm not going to miss in that situation."

King said it reminded him of Westfield's earlier win against Brownsburg, in which he kicked a field goal that would ultimately be the game winner.

"The game against Brownsburg, that was a lot of pressure on me, because that ended up winning that game," said King. "But down to that one, game-winner like that, few seconds left, no, I haven't gotten to experience that one yet. Not since middle school."

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The snap, the kick, the reaction

Reporter photos by Kirk Green

Westfield's Caleb King (9) prepares himself to kick a 25-yard field goal (above) with just seven seconds left in the Shamrocks' Sectional 4 football championship game with Hamilton Southeastern Friday at Riverview Health Stadium.

The kick went up (left) and was right on target, giving Westfield a 24-22 lead with three seconds left in the game.

With that, the Shamrocks sideline and crowd (below) started celebrating, as they knew they were close to a successful sectional title defense.

Thanks for reading the Reporter!

Reporter photos by Kirk Green

Westfield's Maximus Webster (left) gets set to make a long pass to Jackson Wasserstrom, who caught Webster's 40-yard throw in the end zone (above) for a touchdown in the fourth quarter.

Hamilton Southeastern's Dominic Burgett (62) gets set to make a defensive play for the Royals.

Hamilton Southeastern's Blaine Wertz rushed 37 times for 159 yards during Friday's game, scoring a fourth-quarter touchdown for the Royals.

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"I know it's a team sport, but if there's ever a part of football where you're out there all by yourself, I think it's the kicker in that scenario," said Gilbert. "To come through, congratulations for that kid. I'm really happy for him to have that moment. He deserves it. He works very hard. He's a great kid, an amazing kid, so I'm happy for our team, I'm happy for him individually, too."

Westfield received the opening kickoff, and worked its way to the 18-yard line, where Micah Hauser took the ball in with a sideline dash into the end zone. King made the extra-point kick.

The Royals got their first score in the second quarter. Southeastern began their touchdown drive at the 11:11 mark of the period, then resolutely ran the ball down the field in a nine-minute drive. Owen Jones got the Royals on the board with a three-yard run into the end zone, and Alex Geroulis was good on the extra-point kick.

The Shamrocks answered back quickly, moving the ball down to the HSE 11. Webster then made a strong run, getting stopped just short of the end zone. But on the next play, the Ball State recruit punched the ball in from the (less than) one-yard line, putting Westfield back in front with 29 seconds left in the half. King's kick made the score 14-7, and that would be the halftime margin.

The Royals received the ball to start the second half, and they made another long run into the end zone. Jacobs scored the touchdown, scrambling into the end zone from 29 yards. Geroulis tied the game with his extra-point kick, and the score would stay 14-14 until the fourth quarter.

"Big time kudos to HSE," said Gilbert. "They deserved to win the game, honestly. They played great, they've got great coaches. That's an awesome program. It's hard to beat a team like that twice, as you can see. I think the adjustments they made from last game to this game were tremendous and they worked. And we need to give our hats off to those guys. I hate that anybody had to lose this game...man, they did a fantastic job."

"I'm super proud of our team," said Royals coach Michael Kelly. The coach was pleased with the fight his team had after trailing at halftime, coming out and scoring to tie the game.

"It was a battle," said Kelly. "I was proud of our guys, how they responded. At the end of the day, it just wasn't meant to be."

Webster finished the game going 11-for-14 and totaled 216 yards. Wasserstrom led the receptions with four (for 61 yards), while freshman Gabe Aramboles made three catches for 75 yards, and Ian Bruch had two catches for 94 yards. Hauser led the rushing with 75 yards.

Southeastern had a stellar performance on the ground, gaining 309 yards. Wertz totaled 159 yards in 37 rushes. Jacobs ran for 89 yards and Jones totaled 61 yards.

"I think our offensive line opened up some big holes and Blaine Wertz had a night, just running the football, ran his heart out," said Kelly. Cramps twice. Owen Jones coming in and doing a phenomenal job as well."

The Royals finished their season 8-3.

"We had a lot of positives this year with our guys," said Kelly. "So thankful to be where I am and thankful to be with the guys that we have in our program. I think we're heading in the right direction. I'm very thankful for our senior class."

Westfield won its 11th sectional championship and improved to 10-1 with the victory. The Shamrocks will play at Fort Wayne Carroll next Friday for the Regional 2 championship.

WESTFIELD 24, HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 22

Score by Quarters

Southeastern	0	7	7	8 - 22
Westfield	7	7	0	10 - 24

Team Stats	**HSE**	**WHS**
First Downs	20	16
By Rush	17	6
By Pass	1	8
By Penalty	2	2
Rushes-Yards	64-309	24-112
Yards Passing	19	216
Comp-Att-Int-TD	2-2-0-0	11-14-0-0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	10-70	5305
Punts-Average	0-0.0	2-42.5

Scoring

First Quarter
WHS, 8:24 - Micah Hauser 19-yard run (Caleb King kick)
Second Quarter
HSE, 2:06 - Owen Jones 3-yard run (Alex Geroulis kick)
WHS, 0:29 - Maximus Webster 1-yard run (King kick)
Third Quarter
HSE, 5:59 - Sam Jacobs 29-yard run (Geroulis kick)
Fourth Quarter
WHS, 7:57 - Jackson Wasserstrom 40-yard pass from Webster (King kick)
HSE, 0:35 - Blaine Wertz 1-yard run (Ian Bucher pass from Jacobs)
WHS, 0:03 - King 27-yard field goal

Southeastern individual stats
Rushing: Wertz 37-159, Jacobs 10-89, Jones 16-61, team 1-0.
Passing: Jacobs 2-2-19.
Receiving: Jack Wafford 1-15, Will Gerig 1-4.

Westfield individual stats
Rushing: Hauser 9-75, Webster 13-21, Trevon Hatchett 2-16.
Passing: Webster 11-14-216.
Receiving: Wasserstrom 4-61, Gabe Aramboles 3-75, Ian Bruch 2-94, Nic Depasquale 1-9, Hauser 1-minus 23.

'Hounds fall to Bulldogs in Sectional 5 final

Carmel saw its season come to an end on Friday, as the Greyhounds fell to Brownsburg 31-7 in the championship game of Class 6A Sectional 5, which was played at the Bulldogs' Roark Field.

Brownsburg quickly went up 14-0 in the first quarter, as the Bulldogs scored on a 10-yard pass play touchdown, then immediately got the ball back on a fumble and scored again on a 20-yard run. In the second period, Brownsburg got a third touchdown on an 11-yard run, then kicked a field goal with 15 seconds left in the quarter, giving the Bulldogs a 24-0 halftime lead.

Carmel got on the board late in the third period when Reece Bellin caught a 33-yard touchdown throw from Zachary Osborne. Ben Sponsler made the extra-point kick. The Greyhounds continued to battle throughout the second half, but Brownsburg put the game out of reach late in the fourth with a seven-yard touchdown pass.

Osborne completed 10 of 23 pass attempts for 80 yards, with Bellin, Blake Matthews, Jaedon King and Desmond Duffy all making two receptions.

The Greyhounds finished their season 9-2.

BROWNSBURG 31, CARMEL 7

Score by Quarters

Carmel	0	0	7	0	- 7
Brownsburg	14	10	0	7	- 31

Team Stats	CHS	BHS
First Downs	7	23
By Rush	1	14
By Pass	3	6
By Penalty	3	3
Rushes-Yards	10-5	54-180
Yards Passing	80	121
Comp-Att-Int-TD	10-23-1-1	13-16-1-2
Fumbles-Lost	4-4	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-58	6-68
Punts-Average	3-34.7	2-37.5

Carmel Scoring

Third Quarter

2:54 - Reece Bellin 33-yard pass from Zachary Osborne (Ben Sponsler kick)

Carmel individual stats

Rushing: Osborne 6-6, Nick Beidl 1-1, Ethan Hall 3-minus 2.
Passing: Osborne 10-23-80.
Receiving: Bellin 2-30, Blake Matthews 2-15, Jaedon King 2-14, Desmond Duffy 2-5, Aydrian Caldwell 1-10, Nate Williams 1-6.

Friday night football scores

Courtesy John Harrell's website www.johnharrell.net

CLASS 6A

Sectional 1
Merrillville 42, Lafayette Jeff 14

Sectional 2
Penn 10, Chesterton 7

Sectional 3
Carroll (Fort Wayne) 36, Warsaw 0

Sectional 4
Westfield 24, Hamilton Southeastern 22

Sectional 5
Brownsburg 31, Carmel 7

Sectional 6
Ben Davis 49, Indianapolis Tech 20

Sectional 7
Lawrence North 28, Lawrence Central 20

Sectional 8
Center Grove 41, Columbus North 7

CLASS 5A

Sectional 9
Valparaiso 42, Munster 0

Sectional 10
Michigan City 48, Mishawaka 25

Sectional 11
Fort Wayne Dwenger 42, Fort Wayne Snider 20

Sectional 12
Zionsville 42, Kokomo 17

Sectional 13
Indianapolis Cathedral 31, Decatur Central 7

Sectional 14
New Palestine 20, Whiteland 17

Sectional 15
Bloomington South 24, Bloomington North 17

Sectional 16
New Albany 34, Seymour 27

CLASS 4A

Sectional 17
Lowell 38, Hobart 10

Sectional 18
New Prairie 35, South Bend St. Joseph 7

Sectional 19
Northridge 27, Leo 26, OT

Sectional 20
Mississinewa 42, Fort Wayne Wayne 6

Sectional 21
Mount Vernon (Fortville) 70, Connersville 0

Sectional 22
Indianapolis Roncalli 35, Indianapolis Chatard 21

Sectional 23
East Central 37, Martinsville 7

Sectional 24
Evansville Memorial 24, Northview 7

CLASS 3A

Sectional 25
Hanover Central 26, Knox 14

Sectional 26
Mishawaka Marian 40, Jimtown 7

Sectional 27
Norwell 24, Peru 13

Sectional 28
Brebeuf Jesuit 42, Western Boone 17

Sectional 29
Tri-West 18, Danville 13

Sectional 30
Owen Valley 14, Vincennes Lincoln 0

Sectional 31
Lawrenceburg 35, Brownstown Central 14

Sectional 32
Gibson Southern 42, Heritage Hills 7

CLASS 2A

Sectional 33
Andrean 49, Whiting 0

Sectional 34
LaVille 41, Pioneer 0

Sectional 35
Eastside 21, Fort Wayne Luers 16

Sectional 36
Eastbrook 28, Tipton 21

Sectional 37
Lafayette Central Catholic 56, Speedway 35

Sectional 38
Indianapolis Scecina 21, Centerville 10

Sectional 39
Triton Central 37, Paoli 35

Sectional 40
Evansville Mater Dei 42, North Posey 13

CLASS 1A

Sectional 41
North Judson 40, Culver 6

Sectional 42
Carroll (Flora) 16, Clinton Prairie 6

Sectional 43
South Adams 41, Union City 7

Sectional 44
Adams Central 49, Triton 3

Sectional 45
Parke Heritage 34, Riverton Parke 16

Sectional 46
Indianapolis Lutheran 34, Covenant Christian 27

Sectional 47
Tri 20, North Decatur 13

Sectional 48
North Central (Farmersburg) 30, Springs Valley 14

NBA standings

Friday's games
Brooklyn 96, Detroit 90
San Antonio 102, Orlando 89
Washington 115, Memphis 87
Cleveland 102, Toronto 101
New York 113, Milwaukee 98
L.A. Clippers 104, Minnesota 84
Golden State 126, New Orleans 85
Portland 110, Indiana 106
Sacramento 140, Charlotte 110

Eastern Conference

Atlantic	W	L	PCT.	GB
Philadelphia	7	2	.778	-
Brooklyn	6	3	.667	1.0
New York	6	3	.657	1.0
Toronto	6	4	.600	1.5
Boston	4	5	.444	3.0
Central	**W**	**L**	**PCT.**	**GB**
Chicago	6	2	.750	-
Cleveland	6	4	.600	1.0
Milwaukee	4	5	.444	2.5
Indiana	3	7	.300	4.0
Detroit	1	8	.111	5.5
Southeast	**W**	**L**	**PCT.**	**GB**
Miami	6	2	.750	-
Washington	6	3	.667	0.5
Charlotte	5	5	.500	2.0
Atlanta	4	5	.444	2.5
Orlando	2	8	.200	5.0

Western Conference

Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Utah	7	1	.875	-
Denver	4	4	.500	3.0
Portland	4	5	.444	3.5
Minnesota	3	5	.375	4.0
Oklahoma City	2	6	.250	5.0
Pacific	**W**	**L**	**PCT.**	**GB**
Golden State	7	1	.875	-
Phoenix	4	3	.571	2.5
L.A. Lakers	5	4	.556	2.5
Sacramento	5	4	.556	2.5
L.A. Clippers	4	4	.500	3.0
Southwest	**W**	**L**	**PCT.**	**GB**
Dallas	5	3	.625	-
Memphis	5	4	.556	0.5
San Antonio	3	6	.333	2.5
Houston	1	7	.125	4.0
New Orleans	1	9	.100	5.0

Pacers' rally at Portland falls short

By BRENDAN ROURKE
Courtesy nba.com/pacers

After consecutive wins at home, the Pacers traveled West to start a four-game road trip by taking on the Portland Trail Blazers.

Indiana (3-7) rallied from a 16-point deficit in the second quarter to scratch and claw its way to a nine-point lead in the fourth. However, the Trail Blazers (4-5) outscored the Pacers 18-5 over the final 4:48 to secure a 110-106 victory after a hard-fought battle. Robert Covington's fifth 3-pointer of the night with 14.7 seconds to go put the final nail in the coffin of the Blue & Gold's defeat. All night, his threes seemed to come at the worst times for Indiana.

Five Pacers finished in double figures. T.J. McConnell filled in for Malcolm Brogdon (non-COVID illness) once again and tallied a team-high 19 points on 8-of-13 shooting, including 3-of-4 from deep. Myles Turner followed with 16. Domantas Sabonis recorded a 15-point, 12-rebound double-double.

The hosts raced out to an 8-0 lead after Indiana came up empty on its first five possessions. McConnell finally ended the drought at the 9:02 mark after getting a friendly roll on a jumper in the paint.

But, the bucket did not spark the offense as the midway point of the first approached. Portland's length appeared to be an early problem, as seven-foot center Jusuf Nurkic clogged up the paint and made entry passes difficult. The Blue & Gold tallied just six points through the first 7:54 before McConnell's 3-pointer cut the Blazers' lead to 17-9.

Using its reserves, Indiana's offense kicked it up a notch. Threes from Justin Holiday and Kelan Martin, followed by two slams from Sabonis, helped trim Portland's 12-point lead to 24-19 with 34.3 seconds left. The score remained the same as the quarter expired.

A pair of threes from Holiday and Martin again helped bring the deficit down to two, twice in the first minute of the second. However, Portland soon found its stroke from beyond the arc.

Leading 27-25, the hosts rattled off a 13-3 run, including three consecutive treys, to take a 40-28 lead with 8:23 remaining. Brad Wanamaker stopped the run with a three, but CJ McCollum's third triple of the frame swiftly negated it.

The Pacers struggled to chip away at the deficit midway through the second. They appeared disconnected on the offensive end, and could not find a way to slow down McCollum on the defensive side. His open jumper off a screen at the 3:09 mark gave the hosts a 59-43 lead over the Blue & Gold.

But, Indiana showed fight down the stretch. Holiday knocked in two 3-pointers as part of a 10-0 run to close out the second. McConnell capped the run with a crafty driving layup with 21.8 seconds to go, cutting the gap to 59-53 before halftime.

Four quick Pacers points to start the third brought the deficit to two. But, once again, Portland made the plays to stay ahead. A bucket from Covington and two free throws from Norman Powell expanded the lead once again.

The Pacers fought for their first tie behind threes from McConnell and Chris Duarte. With 7:15 to play in the third, LeVert knocked in a running jumper to give Indiana its first lead, 72-71. However, Covington quickly regained a Portland lead by answering with a 27-foot triple.

At the 4:46 mark, Myles Turner knocked in his first trey to give the Blue & Gold another one-point lead (77-76). But, Covington responded again with a three, giving the Blazers the two-point edge.

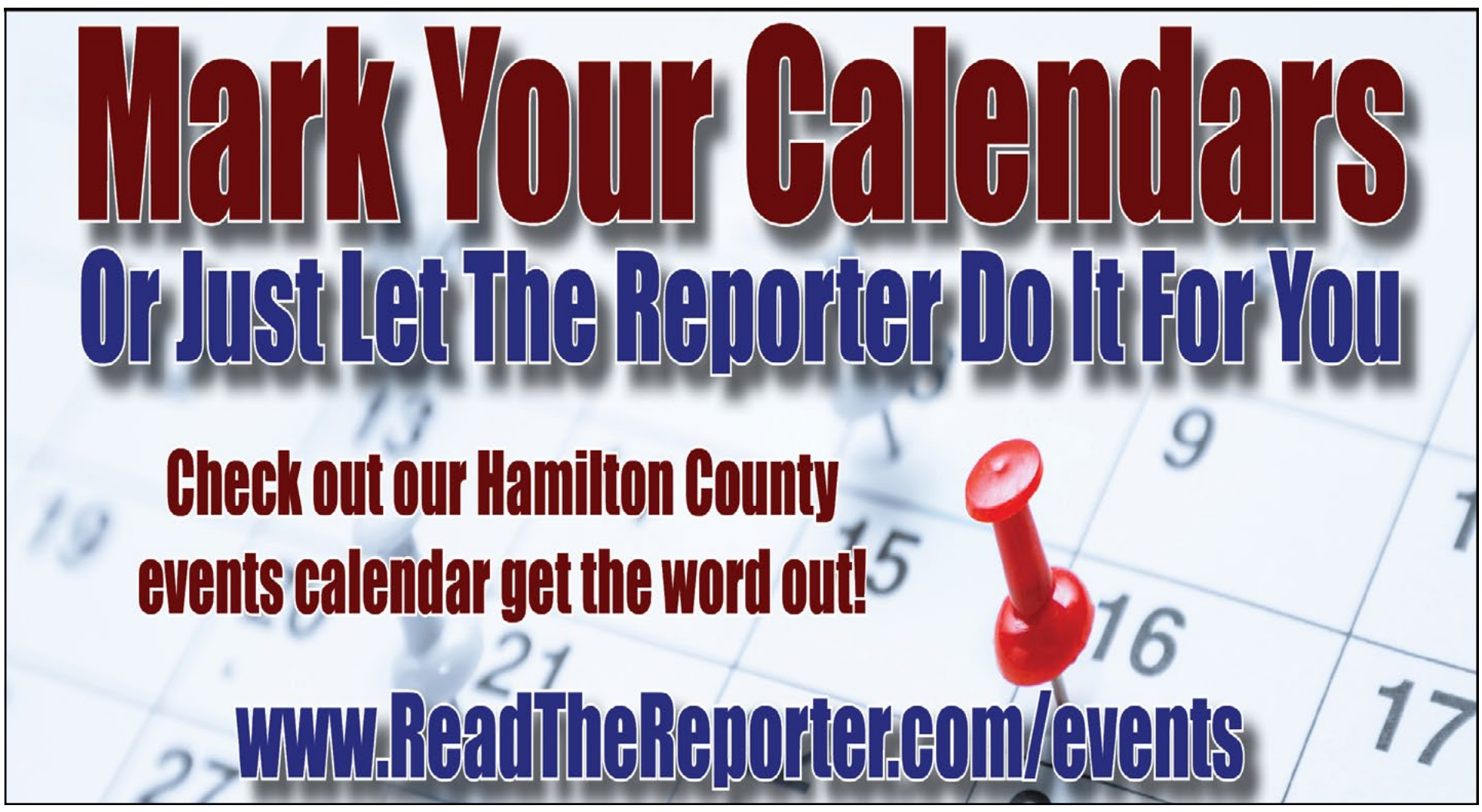
From there, the squads remained in a tight battle to close out the frame. After Torrey Craig banked in a layup, Sabonis powered home a left-handed flush to take an 81-79 lead. The score remained stagnant over a 1:47 span before McCollum's triple put the Blazers ahead by one. However, Sabonis' reverse layup with 34.1 seconds remaining gave Indiana a one-point edge entering the final frame.

A clutch offensive rebound by Little led to an Anfernee Simons three that put the Blazers up 87-86 at the 9:27 mark. 39 seconds later, the IMG Academy product added another to give the hosts a four-point edge.

However, after a timeout, the Pacers appeared to find their footing. Trailing 90-86, Indiana scored 11 unanswered to take a 97-90 lead with 5:51 to play. Turner had five of the run, including a triple after a swat on the defensive end.

Indiana stretched the lead to nine. However, consecutive threes from McCollum and Covington quickly shrunk the gap to 101-98 with 3:55 remaining.

Despite an Indiana timeout, Portland's run continued. Powell, McCollum, and Nurkic combined for six more to give the Blazers a 104-101 lead. Sabonis then cut the lead to one at the 2:09 mark with a layup under the outstretched arms of Nurkic.

Covington once again put pressure on Indiana, drilling a three on the Blazers' next possession. However, this time Turner responded. The Texas center drilled a rainbow trey from the top of the key to pull the Pacers to within one with 1:01 to go.

After McCollum missed a jumper, Indiana had a chance to grab the lead. McConnell drove the lane and fired up a floater. The ball hopped off the rim and into the arms of Covington. He then drilled his fifth three of the night with 14.7 seconds to go to give Portland a 110-106 lead. LeVert tried to answer with a late three but missed. Portland took home the win thereafter.