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Invasives Strike Team in full force across Hamilton County

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Invasives Partnership (HIP) successfully held two Strike Team events in October.

The Strike Team is a group of trained volunteers who participate in “on the ground” efforts to combat invasive species. The HIP Strike Team is led by experienced volunteers and Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) staff who provide technical support and labor to remove invasive species at partner sites.

The events this October took place at Fall Creek Woods Natural Area in Fall Creek Township and at Macgregor Park in Westfield. The events focused on removing woody invasive species such as callery pear, Asian bush honeysuckle, multiflora rose, and autumn olive. Over 57 volunteer hours of invasive removal were



Photo provided

The HIP Strike Team removed invasive species from two local parks last month, including Macgregor Park in Westfield.

donated by 17 volunteers. Invasive species are species that are non-native, aggressive, and cause harm to the environment, human health, and the economy. The proliferation of invasive species in an ecosystem disrupts the complex and critical relationships that locally native species have with their environment and other organisms. Invasive species are responsible for degrading and destroying thousands of acres of Indiana’s native plant communities.

If you’re interested in being part of HIP or the Strike Team, sign up for email notifications for meetings and events at hcinvasives.org. Anyone can join and training will be provided. Pre-registration and completion of an online training is required prior to Strike Team events.

Jocelyn Vare launches State Senate District 31 campaign

Submitted

Jocelyn Vare has announced that she will seek the new District 31 Indiana State Senate seat in 2022. Vare formed her official exploratory committee with the Indiana Election Division on Oct. 26.

State Senate District 31 was redrawn in 2021 to include all of Fishers, Geist, and parts of Noblesville and the northeast side of Indianapolis.

As an at-large city council member for the City of Fishers, Vare is well-known for listening to residents and holding politicians accountable. She was the first Democrat elected to municipal office in the city of Fishers and won her election with strong bipartisan support, including an endorsement from the Fiscal Conservatives of Hamilton County.

"Everyone deserves a public servant who represents them –

someone who puts them first, works hard, and thinks independently," Vare said. "I am that public servant. I have always been centered by local issues that make a difference in people's lives, like caring for our neighborhoods and educating our kids."

Despite what she characterizes as internal council pressure to melt into the fold of the supermajority, Vare has maintained her autonomy on behalf of the residents who voted for her. Her open door policy and demands for government transparency resonate with Fishers residents, and she says she will bring the same ethical practice to her service for all voters in Indiana State Senate District 31.



Vare

Vare embraces her reputation for shining a light on decisions others would prefer to leave behind closed doors. An unapologetic independent thinker, she always returns to the promises she made to and keeps for residents. "In the end," Vare said, “neighbors in Fishers know my skills as an active listener and coalition builder and I look forward to bringing those skills to work for even more Hoosiers."

Vare's announcement coincides with the launch of her listening tour in the newly formed Senate District 31. Vare will use the tour to hear what residents need from their new state senator and grow her coalition in a new district. Residents of State Senate District 31 can

request a meeting with Vare by emailing hello@JocelynVareforIndiana.com or visit her website for information on upcoming events.

Vare launches her bid with a fully formed exploratory committee and team of 10 dedicated volunteer campaign staff who share her vision.

"The support I have received so far has been overwhelming," Vare said, emphasizing that she finalized her decision to run based on encouragement from the community. "I am inspired by their faith in me and appreciate all the volunteers who have already stepped forward to help. We will do this together!"

For more information about Jocelyn and her campaign for State Senate, please visit JocelynVareforIndiana.com and follow her on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



Reporter photo by Denise Moe

Carmel City Council President Sue Finkam recognized U.S. Senator Todd Young at the Hamilton County Republican Party's Fall Dinner on Sunday. Referencing the upcoming Veterans Day Holiday, Finkam noted that Sen. Young understands the costs of preserving freedom, having protected it as a United States Marine and a United States Senator.

Sen. Todd Young speaks to county Republicans

By FRED SWIFT
ReadTheReporter.com

U.S. Senator Todd Young left little doubt that he will be running for re-election next year as he addressed a Republican Fall Dinner crowd Sunday in Carmel. The first-term senator was introduced to the gathering of 300 party faithful by Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen, who welcomed "native son home" to Hamilton County.

Young grew up in Carmel and graduated from Carmel High School in 1990. His parents still reside locally. The senator, his wife and children now live in Bloomington. He defeated former Senator Evan Bayh in 2016 with substantially less name recognition and little campaign reserves.

Young's remarks of a positive tone stressed that Americans can dictate

their future thanks to "the constitutional republic we enjoy." He said voters will be called upon next year to win back majorities in Congress which the GOP lost last year.

He warned, however, that if Democrats make gains in 2022, there will be attempts to enact more regulations, taxes and pack the Supreme Court. He said it would be fair to say the upcoming election "will be the most important of our time."

The dinner meeting was chaired by Laura Campbell, county GOP chairwoman and Carmel City Councilmember, and Congresswoman Victoria Spartz offered brief remarks before the buffet dinner held at the 502 East Event Center.

Many local officeholders were present along with several announced candidates running in the GOP primary next spring.

Three crashes claim two lives this past weekend

The REPORTER

Carmel man dies in single-vehicle crash

At 7:33 a.m. Saturday, the Carmel police and fire departments responded to single-vehicle crash at the intersection of 106th Street and Ditch Road.

Based upon the preliminary investigation, it appears that a Ford truck traveling westbound at a high speed did not negotiate the intersection properly. It then crashed into the structure in the middle of the intersection. As a result of the impact, the truck rolled onto its roof and came to rest northwest of the intersection. The driver and sole occupant of the vehicle, Paul Morse, 35, Carmel, was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Carmel Fire Department

assisted in extracting the victim from the vehicle and as well as providing medical aid. Both roads were blocked in all directions for several hours while the Carmel Police Accident Investigation Team worked the scene and will be investigating to determine the cause of the crash.

It is unknown at this time if drugs or alcohol were a factor in this crash.

Friday crash leaves Fishers man dead

The Fishers Police Department is investigating two serious crashes that occurred over the weekend.

The first occurred on Friday afternoon when an elderly person was killed and two other people were injured in an accident at the intersection of Olio Road and

131st Street.

Investigators said a 2018 Cadillac turned in front of a 2020 Acura. Both drivers, Doris Newman, 81, Fishers, and Marsha Lipe, 72, Indianapolis, were taken to the hospital. Billy Newman, 95, Fishers, was a passenger in one of the vehicles involved and did not survive.

Teenager sent to hospital

The second crash happened on Sunday afternoon when a pedestrian was hit by a car on Allisonville Road near White Oaks Drive. Police believe a 15-year-old was running across Allisonville Road right into the path of a car. Police say the driver of the car immediately stopped and cooperated with police. The teenager was taken to a hospital.

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Cicero Kiwanis invites community to dine at Jim Dandy’s tonight

The REPORTER
Plan to eat in or order out at Jim Dandy Restaurant in Noblesville this evening from 4 to 9 p.m.

The Cicero Kiwanis Club will receive a portion of all sales during this time. Proceeds will be allocated to helping children in the greater Northern Hamilton County area.

The Cicero Kiwanis Club is a part of Kiwanis International, a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time. The Cicero Kiwanis Club has been making a measurable difference for children in the community for more than 40 years supporting many local groups and organizations, including Hamilton Heights School Corporation, Scouts, and Riley Hospital For Children.

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– Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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Tonight’s town hall in Carmel will cover myriad of topics

The REPORTER

Carmel City Council President and Northeast Carmel representative Sue Finkam will hold a Town Hall at 6 p.m. this evening at the Wilfong Pavilion within Founders Park, just northeast of 116th Street and Hazel Dell Parkway. Residents are invited to spend an evening learning about Carmel city services and plans. Featured speakers include:

- Carmel Fire Chief David Haboush, EFO, CFO

will speak about Bleeding Control Kits and the Santa Parade.

- Carmel Police Chief James Barlow will give an update on city safety and schools resource officers.
- Carmel Streets Department Commissioner Matt Higginbotham will speak about how city officials determine what local streets get paved each year.



Finkam

- Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation Director Michael Klitzing will discuss the plans for the new park at 146th Street and River Road, as well as plans for the new greenway forming on the east side.
- Water Utility Director John Duffy will unveil initial plans for the pump house designs at Legacy
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Oncoming flu season may further impact Red Cross blood supply

The REPORTER

As the holidays approach and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warns about a potential spike in flu cases this year, it’s important that those who are eligible, healthy and feeling well make an appointment to donate blood. The American Red Cross continues to address an ongoing emergency blood shortage, and donors are urged to give now to combat the lowest blood supply levels at this time of year in more than a decade. According to the CDC, flu cases reached an all-time low last year due to masking, physical distancing and shutdowns across the country, and many Americans may have reduced immunity this year. When seasonal illness increases, the number of healthy blood donors tends to decrease. Paired with winter weather, busy holiday schedules and ongoing COVID-19 concerns, the already-strug-

Upcoming local blood donation drives

- **Tuesday, Nov. 16 from 2 to 7 p.m.:** Billerica Park Multi-Purpose Community Building, 12690 Promise Road, Fishers
- **Saturday, Nov. 27 from noon to 5 p.m.:** Harley-Davidson of Indianapolis, 12400 Reynolds Drive, Fishers
- **Tuesday, Nov. 30 from 2 to 7 p.m.:** Billerica Park Multi-Purpose Community Building, 12690 Promise Road, Fishers

gling blood supply could be further impacted throughout winter. There is no blood donation waiting period for those who have received a flu shot or a Moderna, Pfizer or Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine or booster, so long as they are symptom-free. Donors are urged to schedule an appointment now by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCross-Blood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). To encourage donors to help meet the needs of hospital patients this month, all who come to donate now through Nov. 23 will

receive a \$10 Amazon gift card by email. Those who come to give around the Thanksgiving holiday, Nov. 24-28, will receive a pair of Red Cross socks, while supplies last.

Blood drive safety

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions – including face masks for donors and staff, regardless of vaccination status – have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive.

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Former State Senator John Ruckelshaus joins Indiana State Medical Association

The REPORTER

Former Indiana state Senator John Ruckelshaus has joined the Indiana State Medical Association (ISMA) as vice president of government affairs. ISMA is the state's largest physician membership organization, representing more than 9,300 physicians and medical students.

"We're excited to welcome John to the ISMA and proud to have him advocating on our behalf," said ISMA President Elizabeth Struble, MD. "John's legislative expertise will help amplify the voice of physicians to help drive the future of health care in the Hoosier State."

Ruckelshaus served District 30 of the Indiana Senate from 2016 to 2020 as the ranking member of the Health and Provider Services Committee and a member of the Senate committees on Insurance

and Financial Institutions and Environmental Affairs.

He also served in the Indiana House of Representatives from 1990 to 1992 where he was a member of the House Public Health Committee.

Most recently, Ruckelshaus worked for the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) as director of talent fulfillment. Previously he served as director of business development at Van Ausdall & Farrar and as a consultant for American Health and Wellness. Earlier in his career, Ruckelshaus was deputy commissioner at the Indiana Department of Workforce Development under Gov. Mitch Daniels.

"John was always a voice of reason in the Indi-



Ruckelshaus

ana Statehouse, and his ability to collaborate with colleagues on both sides of the aisle helped drive policies that improved the quality of life for Hoosiers," said ISMA Executive Vice President Julie Reed, JD. "With his passion for health care, John will help us work towards our goals of making Indiana the best state to practice medicine and for patients to receive care."

About ISMA

With more than 9,300 members, the Indiana State Medical Association (ISMA) is the largest professional membership organization in the state dedicated to maximizing physician leadership and impact. Learn more about ISMA by visiting ISMANet.org and following along on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Indiana Unclaimed Property Division reports success with eBay auctions

The REPORTER

The Office of the Indiana Attorney General's Unclaimed Property Division has ventured into a new method of monetizing physical items – offering them for auction on eBay.

"Our top priority with unclaimed property is to get those assets back to the rightful owners," Rokita said. "To that end, we want to use the most efficient and effective processes to achieve that mission."

The only tangible items received by the Unclaimed Property Division are the contents of dormant safe deposit boxes. All other property is unclaimed money from such origins as closed bank accounts, court deposits, insurance, utility companies, old paychecks, closed estates, or from stock and securities.

Once unclaimed property is in its custody, the Unclaimed Property Division conducts an aggressive outreach effort to locate the rightful owners or heirs. It

pursues rightful owners through mailings, social media, advertisements, and local media coverage.

Individuals and/or businesses have 25 years in which to claim money once it is held by the Unclaimed Property Division. They simply must supply proof of rightful ownership.

The physical property from safe deposit boxes offers a unique challenge in terms of storage and caretaking.

"By statute, we have the option of liquidating those items after three years," said Amy Hendrix, director of the Unclaimed Property Division. "And eBay is certainly the most reasonable and sensible option. We started the eBay auctions this summer, and they have done very well so far. We've gotten favorable feedback."

Selling the items on



Rokita

eBay offers one of the most effective means for getting top dollar for Hoosiers who might eventually claim the property.

"Each November, we receive a new batch of safe deposit boxes," said Valerie Jones, Unclaimed Property Division project manager. "Items are then inventoried, appraised, and authenticated. Then we will be listing them on the eBay auction site."

[Click here](#) to follow the Unclaimed Property Division's eBay auctions.

Be sure to search your name and the names of friends and family at the Unclaimed Property Division's database at IndianaUnclaimed.gov.

Year to date, the Indiana Unclaimed Property Division has returned more than \$35 million, with the average claim amounting approximately \$990.

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It's time to get prepared for safe travel this winter

The REPORTER

Across the country, temperatures are dropping and winter weather is on the horizon, and the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) urges Hoosiers to be prepared.

Governor Eric Holcomb proclaimed Nov. 7-13 Winter Weather Preparedness Week in Indiana. Along with the National Weather Service and other agencies, INDOT encourages the public to use this week as a reminder to take steps to prepare for the hazards that come with winter weather.

For safe travel, INDOT offers the following tips:

- Always slow down for conditions, especially on snow covered roads.
- Never tailgate or drive beside a snowplow. Drivers may not be able to see you.
- The safest place on the road during a winter storm is behind a snowplow, but if you must pass, do so carefully and remember to use appropriate speed for

conditions.

- Be prepared in case of a crash and being stranded. Always carry an emergency kit in your vehicle with food, water, a phone charger, sand or cat litter, flares or bright LED alternatives, a flashlight, and blankets.

- Keep your vehicle full of gas.

- Keep a shovel in your car to dig out around your tires and your tailpipe. Carbon monoxide buildup can cause injury or death.

- Make sure your vehicle battery is strong, fluids are at the correct levels, and your spare tire is properly inflated.

According to the National Weather Service, there are over 66,000 variations of winter storms. Snow, ice, freezing rain, and fog all present challenges for winter travel. Roads can become slick, even after pre-treatment and regular treatment during and after a storm. It's important to know the facts about

INDOT's winter operations.

Maintenance crews monitor forecasts several weeks out and prepare for a winter storm based on the type of precipitation, conditions leading up to the winter storm, and extended forecast following the storm. Roads are pre-treated with salt brine and regularly treated with rock salt. In colder temperatures, salt and brine alone take longer to activate, so environmentally-friendly chemicals are used to boost effectiveness. Snowplow drivers typically work 12-hour shifts during a storm and on average take two-to-three hours to complete a full route.

For information about road conditions during a winter storm, you can visit indot.carsprogram.org or download the INDOT TrafficWise app for Apple and Android devices. You can also follow INDOT on social media for regional information and additional resources.

'Round up at the Register' to support veterans at Bass Pro Shops & Cabela's

The REPORTER

Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's are partnering with customers this week to support Folds of Honor, a renowned organization that pays tribute to the profound sacrifice of fallen and disabled servicemen and women.

Through Nov. 13, customers at all U.S. Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's locations will have the chance to "round-up at the register," with 100 percent of proceeds going to support Folds of Honor and the educational opportunities they provide.

Additionally, in special recognition of Veterans Day, Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's are doubling their normally offered "Legendary Salute" discount. Veterans and members of the military will receive 10 percent off their purchases Nov. 11-14. And, to honor Hometown Heroes from across the country, this discount will be made available to all first responders and law enforcement officers.

"Our entire company takes tremendous pride in honoring and saluting the service of our veterans and members of the armed forces," said Bass Pro Shops Founder Johnny Morris. "This Veterans Day, we are humbled to be able to support a great organization like Folds of Honor. Because of their dedication, the sacrifice

of our nation's veterans is honored through education – an everlasting tribute to their service. We appreciate all of our nation's veterans and groups like Folds of Honor for their work to support our military."

"We will also pause and say thank you to our country's Hometown Heroes this week," Morris continued. "Extending a Legendary Salute to law enforcement officers and first responders over the weekend will serve as a small demonstration of our gratitude for their service as well. May God bless and keep all of America's heroes!"

The work of Folds of Honor breathes life into its powerful mission: Honor their sacrifice. Educate their legacy. Each scholarship honors the sacrifice of an American hero while giving hope to the bearers of his or her legacy.

Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's have a long history of support for America's veterans. This commitment stems from the passion of founder Johnny Morris. Morris' father, John A. Morris, served in World War II, fighting in the Battle of the Bulge. Bass Pro Shops' dedication to veterans' causes is matched by the commitment to hire those who have served our nation (nearly 10 percent of Bass Pro Shops Outfitters served

our country) and the standing Legendary Salute – a 5 percent discount to veterans. Empowering the work of Folds of Honor is also a tangible way to celebrate Veterans Day on Nov. 11.

As President Calvin Coolidge once said, "The nation which forgets its defenders will itself be forgotten."

About Folds of Honor

Founded in 2007 by Col. Dan Rooney, an F-16 pilot in the Oklahoma Air National Guard, Folds of Honor was created to pay tribute to the profound sacrifice of fallen and disabled service men and women. Upon returning from his second tour of duty in Iraq – with the remains of a fallen U.S. veteran – Col. Rooney committed his life to easing the burden of families whose loved one has paid the ultimate price. From its origin in the painful realities faced by families whose loved one in uniform is fallen or disabled, Folds of Honor has been providing scholarships for more than 14 years. For more information on the organization or to donate directly, please visit FoldsofHonor.org.

Meeting Notice

The Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 15, 2021, at the HCPR Administration Building, 400 Lafayette Road, Noblesville.

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Amber Nicole (Womack) Martin October 23, 1978 – November 6, 2021



It is with great sadness that the family of Amber Nicole (Womack) Martin, 43, Pendleton, Ind., announces her passing on November 6, 2021 in her home surrounded by family, friends, and her beloved dog, Bentley.

She was born October 23, 1978 to Rick and Candice (Trump) Womack in Tipton, Ind. Amber attended Hamilton Southeastern High School. After high school she worked as a home health aide before falling ill with lupus and kidney failure; she was a true warrior through her battle. She enjoyed gardening, bird watching, sunshine, the beach, and spending time with family and friends. Amber had a close bond with her nephew, Elan, and a fierce love for her family. She will be remembered most for her kind heart, bright smile, and infectious laugh.

Amber is survived by her parents, Rick and Candice Womack; sister, April (Womack) Arnett; brother-in-law, Roger Arnett; her nephew, Elan Stewart; grandmother, Violet Trump; close family friend, Kassi Green (Ryan Green) and honorary niece, Ruby Green; former husband, James Martin; as well as several aunts, uncles, cousins, and countless friends.

Amber was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Sammy Joe Trump; paternal grandparents, Otis Womack and Rose (Baker) Moulder; and her infant son, Riley Martin.

The family would like to express their gratitude for Amber's cousin and her family, Amy (Matt) Kinkade, and their son, Isaiah, for Amy's tireless devotion to caring for Amber during her final days of life.

Visitation is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, November 11, 2021, with services at 2 p.m. at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Pastor Mark Thompson will officiate. Burial will follow at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Charitable donations can be made in Amber's name to The National Kidney Foundation at kidney.org.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—

Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 3:1-6 (NIV)

Benjamin "Ben" William Schacht

May 9, 1997 – October 25, 2021



Benjamin "Ben" William Schacht, 24, Indianapolis, passed away unexpectedly at his home on October 25, 2021. He was born on May 9, 1997 to David and Susan (Cramer) Schacht.

Ben was a 2016 graduate of Hamilton Southeastern High School in Fishers. He also attended University High School in Carmel. Ben received his Software Developer Certification in 2019 from The Kenzie Academy in Indianapolis. He was most recently providing technology, marketing technology and operational support for a retirement planning firm in Carmel. Ben thrived in his job and enjoyed his coworkers.

In addition to his job, Ben enjoyed his unique music, acquiring collectible fashion pieces, analyzing crypto currency trends, all types of animals and reading books about prominent philosophical, religious and political figures in history. He was a complicated, brilliant, kind, funny and gentle soul.

In addition to his parents, Ben is loved and survived by his younger sister, Sydney Schacht; his grandmother, Donna Schacht; and many aunts, uncles and extended family members.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Jerry Schacht, Sr., and Marilyn Jean and Donald William Cramer.

The Schacht family has entrusted Randall and Roberts Funeral Home with Ben's care. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at a later date, yet to be determined.

We miss Ben immensely, but we are deeply comforted knowing that he is now happy and at peace, free of the struggle of addiction. For those who are experiencing the heartache of mental health issues and addiction, we offer love, peace and healing.

If you would like to do something in honor of Ben, we simply ask for acts of kindness. Kindness and love are the best gifts we can give to one another. The comfort and peace that we have experienced from the love given by our family and friends has been a beautiful gift.

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Barbara Gibson Elliott Scull

May 31, 1926 – November 5, 2021



Barbara Gibson Elliott Scull, 95, Muncie, formerly of Carmel, passed away on Friday, November 5, 2021. She was born on May 31, 1926 in the Old Home Hospital, Muncie, Ind., to W. Raymond and Blanche A. Merchant Gibson.

Barbara grew up on a farm in Delaware County, Ind., and was a graduate of Eaton High School. As both of her parents were very involved in music, she was expected to pursue a career in music as well. For more than 75 years, Barbara was a soloist, directed and sang in church choirs and remembered her first vocal solo was "Away in a Manger" in 1932. She was a great "church pew" sleeper while her parents sang in church events.

Following her high school graduation, Barbara obtained both her Bachelor of Arts and master's in music from Ball State University, Muncie.

Barbara utilized her musical gifts abilities as she taught music for three years at Union City, Ohio, Eastside School and four years at Liberty School in Palestine, Ohio. In 1963, the family moved to Bedford, Ind., where Barbara taught for 15 years at Shawswick High School, two years at Rushville High School, as well as serving as a substitute teacher for three years in the Indianapolis school system.

Barbara returned to teach in the Bedford School system in 1983 and retired in 1989; however, she taught private voice and piano lessons for an additional 12 years before finally retiring in 2001. Barbara directed the musicals *Bye Bye Birdie* and *Calamity Jane*. She entered students in musical solo and ensemble contests in Indiana and Ohio. She trained girls quartets and boys quartets. The "Two & Toos" quartet traveled all over southern Indiana.

Some of Barbara's memberships included Argonauts in Bloomington, Ind., as well as the IRTA, NLTA and life member of NEA. In addition to singing, Barbara enjoyed sewing, reading, traveling, and playing golf.

In addition to her parents, Barbara was preceded in death by her first husband, Joseph M. Elliott; second husband, Wilfred E. Scull; stepmother, Hazel Lambert Gibson; and stepsister, Shirley Lambert Conner.

Survivors include her son, Lawrence Joseph Elliott of Champaign, Ill.; daughters, Beatrice Kay Elliott Conklin of Muncie and Cynthia Ann Elliott Kenworthy of Bedford, Ind.; six grandchildren, Jeff Conklin, Todd (Kim) Conklin, Kelley (Larry) Kemper, Teresa (Mike) Holler, Robin (Brooke) Elliott and Maegan Kiendzior; 11 great-grandchildren, Anna, Nash, Stanford, Kinnon (Tabbie), Kyler, Abby, Anna, Katie, Aiden, Kallyn, and Jackson; and two great-great-grandchildren, Deklin and Daxin.

Family and friends will gather at 10 a.m. on Friday, November 12, 2021 at Carmel United Methodist Church, 621 S. Range Line Road, Carmel, where the Funeral Service will begin at noon.

A Committal Service will take place in Eaton Union Cemetery, 16301 N. State Road 3, Eaton, IN 47338.

In memory of Barbara, donations may be made to Carmel United Methodist Church. Envelopes will be available at the service.

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

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Girls basketball

Shamrocks overwhelm Tri-West

By RICHIE HALL

WESTFIELD - The Westfield girls basketball team is feeling like itself again.

The Shamrocks went back to their roots Tuesday when they hosted Tri-West at CSI Gymnasium. Westfield put on a tremendous display of defense and balance in overwhelming Tri-West 72-20.


Crockett

During the early days of the season, Shamrocks coach Ginny Smith said the team "really focused on our offense and did not spend as much time on our defense, which is out of character for us." So, over the past few days, Westfield has been trying to get back to who it is.

"Starting at the end of last week, into the weekend and yesterday, we really just spent a lot of time just focusing on who we are and what our identity is," said Smith. "And our identity has always been, we've always bought into the defensive philosophy of just locking people down in the half court. And I felt like the kids did a nice job of that."

The 'Rocks scored the first seven points of the game and finished the opening quarter ahead 17-1. Six different players scored during the period, setting a tone of balance that would carry through the next three quarters.

Westfield led 22-2 before the Bruins finally got their first basket of the game at the 5:03 mark of the second period - Tri-West's only points had come from free throws. The Shamrocks didn't let up, taking a 33-6 halftime lead.

Alyssa Crockett and Ellie Kelleher each had 10 points during the half. Ol-



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Westfield's Hailey Remaks scored five points for the Shamrocks during their win over Tri-West on Tuesday. Eleven different Westfield players scored in the 72-20 victory.

ivia Robey hit a pair of 3-pointers, while Emmrey Collinsworth made one triple. Smith was pleased to see so many scoring options for the 'Rocks.

"I think it makes it obviously a little bit harder to guard in a half court," said Smith. "It was good to see. It was nice to see that it was evenly dispersed."

Westfield continued to roll in the second half, outscoring Tri-West 39-14. The Bruins were allowed only seven baskets in the entire game.

Crockett finished the game with 17 points and earned double-double status with 13 rebounds. Crockett was playing

her first full game as a member of the 1,000-point club, having reached that milestone during Westfield's win Saturday at Pendleton Heights.

"There was definitely a sensation, but also a kind of urgency to the game because it was such a close game at Pendleton," said Crockett. "It was definitely awesome and it felt really good."

The 'Rocks were outstanding in their long-range shooting, making 10 of 17 3-point attempts. Crockett, Robey and Collinsworth all had two for the game.

Crockett said after the game that "there's a few things we can clean up, but overall, the team collectively has really pulled it together."

Robey totaled 11 points while Kelleher scored 10. Hailey Remaks collected five rebounds, Chesney Tebbe handed out four assists, Crockett made five steals and blocked two shots, while Kelleher also made two blocks.

Westfield is 2-1 and plays Saturday at Lawrence Central.

WESTFIELD 71, TRI-WEST 20

Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ellie Kelleher	3-5	3-4	10	0
Alyssa Crockett	7-9	1-2	17	1
Chesney Tebbe	3-8	0-1	6	1
Olivia Robey	4-6	1-2	11	1
Hailey Remaks	2-7	0-2	5	1
Aubrey Crockett	1-2	0-0	2	0
Emmrey Collinsworth	3-3	0-0	8	2
Kiki Loveless	0-2	2-4	2	1
Mikayla Rudolph	1-3	0-0	3	1
Lindsey Van Dyke	2-2	0-0	4	0
Maren Dee	0-1	0-0	0	0
Vivien Rector	1-1	0-0	3	0
Reagan Lorenzen	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	27-49	7-15	71	8

Score by Quarters

Tri-West	1	5	7	7	20
Westfield	17	16	19	19	71
Westfield 3-point shooting (10-17) Al. Crockett 2-3, Robey 2-3, Collinsworth 2-2, Remaks 1-3, Kelleher 1-2, Rudolph 1-1, Rector 1-1, Au. Crockett 0-1, Tebbe 0-1.					
Westfield Rebounds (41) Al. Crockett 13, Remaks 5, Robey 4, Au. Crockett 3, Kelleher 2, Rudolph 2, Loveless 2, Dee 2, Lorenzen 2, Collinsworth 1, Tebbe 1, Van Dyke 1, team 3.					

Greyhounds win Large Time Out division . . .

Millers win state cheerleading title

The Noblesville cheerleading team won the IASP Competition Cheer state championship on Saturday at New Castle.

It was the fourth time in the past six years that the Millers have won the state title in the Varsity A Finals. Noblesville was one of three Hamilton County teams to place in the top four; Carmel finished

as runner-up and Hamilton Southeastern took fourth place. Lake Central finished in third.

The Greyhounds won a trophy as well, placing first in the Large Time Out division.

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After a state championship season, the Noblesville boys soccer team also swept the honors at the 2021 Indiana Soccer Coaches Association's banquet last weekend.

Millers senior Palmer Ault was named the ISCA boys' Player of the Year, while Ken Dollaske was named Coach of the Year after guiding Noblesville to the Class 3A state title on Oct. 30. Ault was also one of three Millers players named to the First Team All State. Spencer Holland and Brady Horn joined Ault on the First Team.

Three Fishers players also were named to the First Team: Noah Reinhart, Keiji Nakamae and Tyler March. Two more Hamilton County players received the honor as well: Carmel's Andrew Caito and Westfield's Declan Wheeler.

County players on the Second Team All State are Noblesville's Gabe Ingle, Hamilton Southeastern's Evan Dawdy and Carmel's Connor Dora. Three more players received Third Team All State honors: Fishers' Charlie Stump and Noblesville's Drew Cochran and Brayden Doll.

Carmel's Baenan Mckeown was named as Honorable Mention.

Hamilton County girls soccer players were also well-represented on the ISCA's girls list. Three Noblesville stars were named to the First Team All State roster: Josie Taylor, Ava Bramblett and Makenna Maloy. Hamilton Southeastern's Olivia Smith and Carmel's Emily Roper both were honored as First Team as well.

Two more Southeastern players received Second Team All State honors: Makenna Nickens and Ella Wolf. Other Second Team players are Carmel's Tamara Smith, Fishers' Aubrey Robertson and Guerin Catholic's Katie Koger.

County players on the Third Team All State roster are Fishers' Sami Bird, Noblesville's Lauren Adam, Southeastern's Tatum Coleman and Westfield's Amiah Sprunger.

Three more county players received Honorable Mention: Fishers' Alli MacBeth, Hamilton Heights' Jayla Logan and Southeastern's Caroline Kelley.



Kent Graham/File photo

Noblesville's Palmer Ault (6) was named the Indiana Soccer Coaches Association's boys Player of the Year during the organization's banquet last weekend. Ault was one of several Millers players honored on the All-State teams.

IBCA announces first Players of the Week

Last Monday, Nov. 1, teams from all over the state were permitted to begin their 2021-22 basketball season. With most teams in Hoosierland stepping foot on the hardwood last week, there were a number of quality performances put forth, but three ladies stood out as the first IBCA/Franciscan Health Players of the Week for this year.

South Bend Washington senior Mila Reynolds, Union City senior Emily Livingston, and Eastern (Pekin) junior Kyia McKinley have been selected as honorees for Nov. 1 to Nov. 6 in the recognition program coordinated by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association. Reynolds is the recipient for District 1, Livingston is the winner in District 2, and McKinley takes home honors in District 3.

South Bend Washington's Mila Reynolds put together a pair of Saturday performances that have seemingly been a

constant throughout her career. In the morning contest at the Lake Central Tipoff Classic, the 6-2 forward posted a double-double with 24 points and 11 rebounds in a convincing 69-25 win over Portage. Reynolds also handed out an assist, snagged a steal, and blocked a shot in the morning effort.

Later that afternoon, Reynolds and the Panthers were back at it, this time knocking off host Lake Central, 64-55, in a much tighter outcome. Once again, the University of Maryland commit posted a double-double, with 18 points and a strong 21 rebounds. The senior forward added three assists, three steals, and another blocked shot in the tough win.

A few ladies in District 2 made this a tough choice, but the week Union City's Emily Livingston put together was certainly impressive. The 6-2 senior post was almost dominant at times, helping the

Indians to a pair of victories. On Wednesday, they hosted Class 4A Richmond, leaving with a 61-42 win. Livingston was 10-15 from the field and 4-6 from the charity stripe, scoring 24 points. She also owned the glass, pulling in 20 rebounds, nine of which were at the offensive end of the floor.

Saturday, Union City followed that up with another strong performance, knocking off Southern Wells 71-47 on the road. Livingston was again solid from the floor, making 11 of 19 shots, scoring 22 points. She was also great on the glass, collecting 21 more caroms in the win.

Keeping with this theme of strong frontline play, Kyia McKinley of Eastern (Pekin) was a standout for the Musketeers in District 3. The junior power forward began her week on Friday, helping Eastern to a lopsided, 55-18 win at Borden. In limited action, she still managed to pour in 29 points, while grabbing five rebounds and handing out three assists.

The next day, the 5-11 forward posted her first double-double of the season in her home opener, as the Musketeers knocked off Crawford County, 41-28. McKinley again scored more than half of her team's points, with 22 tallies in the contest, plus she added 10 rebounds, a steal, a pair of assists, and a pair of blocked shots.

This is the 14th season for the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association Player of the Week program, but just the second season it is being presented by Franciscan

Health, a corporate sponsor of the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association.

Player of the Week winners are chosen each week from each of the IHSAA's three districts. Girls winners will be chosen from now through the Monday following the IHSAA Girls State Finals. Boys winners will be chosen starting in three weeks and through the Monday following the IHSAA Boys State Finals.

Other Top Nominees for Week 1

District 1: Kinsey Atkins, Triton; Ashlynn Brooke, Pioneer; Asia Donald, Hobart; Bailey Kelham, Garrett; Julia Mantyla, Northridge; Jaci Menard, Boone Grove; Cierra Pipkins, Griffith; MaKaya Porter, Mishawaka Marian; Lilly Stoddard, Crown Point; Aiyanie Troutman, River Forest.

District 2: Isabella Gizzi, New Palestine; Layla Gold, Cathedral; Laila Hull, Zionsville; **Riley Makalusky, Hamilton Southeastern;** Ellery Minch, Mount Vernon (Fortville); CeCe Mitchell, Southport; Jaelynne Murray, Pike; Bailey Parham, Tri; **Ashlynn Shade, Noblesville;** Jada Stansberry, Alexandria-Monroe.

District 3: Hope Fox, East Central; Keylee Hudson, Eastern Greene; Rhylan Kalb, Northeast Dubois; Karsyn Norman, Bedford North Lawrence; Hadley Parisien, North Daviess; Desiree Sparks, Jac-Cen-Del; Macey Timberman, Northview; Amber Tretter, Forest Park; Ava Weber, Corydon Central; Linzie Wernert, Lanesville.

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New York	7	4	.636	0.5
Brooklyn	7	4	.636	0.5
Toronto	6	5	.545	1.5
Boston	4	6	.400	3.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chicago	7	3	.700	-
Cleveland	7	4	.636	0.5
Milwaukee	5	6	.455	2.5
Indiana	4	7	.364	3.5
Detroit	1	8	.111	5.5
Southeast	W	L	PCT.	GB
Miami	7	3	.700	-
Washington	7	3	.700	-
Charlotte	5	7	.417	3.0
Atlanta	4	8	.333	4.0
Orlando	3	8	.273	4.5

Tuesday's games	
Milwaukee	118, Philadelphia 109
Utah	110, Atlanta 98
L.A. Clippers	117, Portland 109

Western Conference				
Northwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Utah	8	3	.727	-
Denver	6	4	.600	1.5
Portland	5	6	.455	3.0
Oklahoma City	3	6	.333	4.0
Minnesota	3	6	.333	4.0
Pacific	W	L	PCT.	GB
Golden State	9	1	.900	-
Phoenix	6	3	.667	2.5
L.A. Clippers	6	4	.600	3.0
L.A. Lakers	6	5	.545	3.5
Sacramento	5	6	.455	4.5
Southwest	W	L	PCT.	GB
Dallas	7	3	.700	-
Memphis	6	4	.600	1.0
San Antonio	3	7	.300	4.0
Houston	1	9	.100	6.0
New Orleans	1	10	.091	6.5

NFL standings - Week 9

National Conference					
East	W	L	PCT	PF	PA
Dallas	6	2	.750	241	192
Philadelphia	3	6	.333	227	218
N.Y. Giants	3	6	.333	179	216
Washington	2	6	.250	156	227
South	W	L	PCT	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	6	2	.750	260	183
New Orleans	5	3	.625	201	155
Atlanta	4	4	.500	175	220
Carolina	4	5	.444	171	183
North	W	L	PCT	PF	PA
Green Bay	7	2	.778	199	180
Minnesota	3	5	.375	194	191
Chicago	3	6	.333	150	224
Detroit	0	8	.000	134	244
West	W	L	PCT	PF	PA
Arizona	8	1	.889	277	155
L.A. Rams	7	2	.778	261	196
Seattle	3	5	.375	181	169
San Francisco	3	5	.375	185	202

Week 9 scores		N.Y. Giants 23, Las Vegas 16	
Indianapolis	45, N.Y. Jets 30	L.A. Chargers	27, Philadelphia 24
Atlanta	27, New Orleans 25	Kansas City	13, Green Bay 7
Denver	30, Dallas 16	Arizona	31, San Francisco 17
New England	24, Carolina 6	Tennessee	28, L.A. Rams 16
Baltimore	34, Minnesota 31, OT	Pittsburgh	29, Chicago 27
Cleveland	41, Cincinnati 16		
Jacksonville	9, Buffalo 6		
Miami	17, Houston 9		
		Bye week: Washington, Tampa Bay, Detroit, Seattle	

American Conference					
East	W	L	PCT	PF	PA
Buffalo	5	3	.625	235	118
New England	5	4	.556	230	170
N.Y. Jets	2	6	.250	144	251
Miami	2	7	.222	155	242
South	W	L	PCT	PF	PA
Tennessee	7	2	.778	255	211
Indianapolis	4	5	.444	245	213
Jacksonville	2	6	.250	132	209
Houston	1	8	.111	128	258
North	W	L	PCT	PF	PA
Baltimore	6	2	.750	221	195
Pittsburgh	5	3	.625	161	169
Cleveland	5	4	.556	224	196
Cincinnati	5	4	.556	236	203
West	W	L	PCT	PF	PA
L.A. Chargers	5	3	.625	199	201
Las Vegas	5	3	.625	196	189
Kansas City	5	4	.556	221	227
Denver	5	4	.556	187	153

IBCA girls basketball Week 1 poll

Rank	School	Points	Record*	FPV
1	Crown Point	399	1-0	19
2	South Bend Washington	350	2-0	1
3	Noblesville	342	1-0	
4	North Central (Indianapolis)	318	2-0	
5	Bedford North Lawrence	292	1-0	
6	Homestead	290	1-0	
7	Penn	272	2-0	
8	Franklin Community	252	2-0	
9	Zionsville	234	2-0	
10	Fishers	197	2-0	
T11	East Central	159	1-0	
T11	Carmel	159	0-1	
13	Hamilton Southeastern	158	3-0	
14	Mishawaka Marian	140	2-0	
15	Westfield	139	1-1	
16	Silver Creek	134	1-0	

17	Salem	73	1-0
18	Lawrence North	46	1-1
19	Carroll (Fort Wayne)	44	0-1
20	Columbus East	23	1-0
Other schools receiving votes (record):			
Angola (0-0), Ben Davis (0-2), Brownsburg (1-2), Castle (0-1), Charlestown (1-1), Columbia City (1-0), Eastern Hancock (3-0), Evansville Memorial (0-0), Fort Wayne Northrop (1-0), Fort Wayne Snider (0-0), Fort Wayne South (0-0), Garrett (1-0), Hamilton Heights (1-0) , Jac-Cen-Del (1-0), Jennings County (3-0), Lafayette Central Catholic (0-0), Linton-Stockton (1-0), Mooresville (1-1), Mt. Vernon-Fortville (2-1), New Palestine (1-0), North Daviess (1-0), Northridge (1-0), Northwestern (1-1), Pioneer (1-0), South Central-Union Mills (1-0), Tecumseh (1-0), Tipton (0-0), Triton Central (1-0), Tri-West (1-0), University (2-0) , Vincennes Rivet (1-0), Waldron (2-0), Warsaw (1-0), Washington (0-1).			
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