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SUPERHEROES

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Passengers will board the unique, tall railcars from the beautifully restored Hobbs Station platform, located inside Forest Park in Noblesville.

Tickets for the Superhero Express start at \$34 per person. The Superhero Express will run Saturday, Sept. 10 at 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 11 at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

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DEMOCRATS

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member of the Fishers City Council and the Democratic candidate for State Senate District 31.

“This last week, like so many other Hoosiers, I followed the special session closely,” Wilburn said. “I listened to testimony upon testimony, the overwhelming majority of which opposed the passage of **Senate Bill 1**. From the Republican supermajority, I heard responses that were void of compassion, empathy and science. And immediately following the Governor’s signature, we heard from two of the state’s top employers – Eli Lilly & Company and Cummins – speaking out against this bill and indicating that it will cause them to grow outside of our State.”

Vare also spoke about the GOP supermajority as bearing the responsibility for the effects of this new law.

I know my district and I know our community,” Vare

said. “I know Hoosiers and I know Hoosier women. I serve them. I listen to them. Every voice. Every vote. In this house, a Supermajority rules Indiana. Therefore, we are here today because we are dismayed by the Supermajority’s new abortion ban that controls and humiliates the women in our state.”

Wilburn said she is concerned this new law will further endanger an already strained Hoosier healthcare system.

“As a healthcare provider and community researcher, I know all too well that our state is operating from a deficit when it comes to helping families, when it comes to caring for pregnant women, when it comes to providing healthcare to our infants, when it comes to offering enriching childcare opportunities across

our state ... we are nowhere near prepared to handle the onslaught of societal harms and tragic health outcomes that will be the result of **Senate Bill 1**,” Wilburn said.

Asked on Friday whether he was concerned the abortion ban could backfire on Republicans in November, House Speaker Todd Huston, a Republican from Fishers, said if voters are displeased, they will have the opportunity to act on their frustrations.

Democrats on Tuesday said they were confident they could use the abortion issue to break the supermajorities Republicans currently hold in both Indiana legislative chambers.

“You don’t have to be a Democrat to vote for a Democrat,” Vare said. “You just need to believe that Indiana is better when lawmakers chose to listen to the voice of voters. Without more Democrats in the

Statehouse, the Supermajority will continue to choose to ignore you.”

Vare told The Reporter she thinks Hamilton County could be a key area if Democrats are to gain enough ground to influence state policy.

“It is important to note that the Indiana Democratic Party featured two Hamilton County Democratic candidates at this statewide press conference,” Vare told The Reporter. “Victoria Garcia Wilburn and I are running Statehouse races to represent Hamilton County and are considered top Democratic candidates in Indiana. In the entire state, Hamilton County is where several Democratic candidates have a strong potential for election victories. The 2022 midterm election could prove for the first time that Hamilton County is no longer dominated by the Republican Party.”

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FISHERS ART

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Works from many artists will be on display at Fishers Arts Council's Second Friday reception, including **Hamilton County Courthouse** by Noblesville artist Rodney Reveal (left) and **Reynolds Farm Equipment – 1955** by Fishers artist Mark Rouse.

“We are excited to have the Fishers Arts Council share this pictorial history of Fishers and Hamilton County to begin our celebration of the Fishers Sesquicentennial!” Senior Community Leadership Officer Jeena Siela said. “It’s incredibly important to the Foundation to understand how Hamilton County has evolved over the years to support its residents and

celebrate the role of local artists in capturing and showcasing this history.”

“Last year when Fishers artist Mark Rouse came to us with his idea for this exhibit, we could not wait to see where it would take us,” Fishers Arts Council Executive Director Les Reinhardt said. “With Mark as a member of The Fishers Historical Society board, the partnership for this exhibit

made perfect sense. We’re proud to partner with the historical society for this exhibit, along with eight award-winning local artists, and two local authors. It’s a great way to celebrate Fishers’ Sesquicentennial in the Collaboration Hub.”

About the Fishers Arts Council

Fishers Arts Council is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organization whose mission

is to support, advocate, and cultivate visual and performing arts opportunities that educate and/or enhance the lives of those who live, work, and visit Fishers. Visit the new art gallery space at the Collaboration Hub at Hamilton County Community Foundation, 11810 Technology Drive, Fishers, online at FishersArtsCouncil.org, or call (317) 537-1670.




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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Recognizing lifesaving actions of 14 heroes



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Last week, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office recognized 14 heroes for saving a life during multiple emergencies (CPR/AED/Narcan/Crisis) within Hamilton County. Congratulations are in order for Officer Matt Hyde, CO Sgt. Robert Pontius, Officer Noah Defoe, Officer Michael Biddle, Dep. Pat Traphagan, Dep. Skyler Moe, Dep. Daniel Wallace, Dep. Steven Forner, Dep. Austin Rumer, Dep. Scott Jones, HCCC Living Unit Coordinator Michael Guyer, HCCC Living Unit Coordinator Nathan Guyer, HCCC Living Unit Coordinator Heather Dailey, and NPD Sgt. Brandon Brooks.

Test your knowledge of Hamilton County

Every year County Line poses a brief quiz to see how well-informed readers may be on basic facts about Hamilton County historical figures, geography and government. Here are this year's questions:

COLUMNIST

FRED SWIFT
The County Line

1. Who is regarded as the county's first white American settler?
2. How many townships compose the county?
3. Who represents the county in the U.S. House of Representatives?
4. What is the current population of the county?
5. What are the county's eight incorporated cities and towns?
6. What are the two ma-

- jor reservoirs partially or wholly in the county?
7. Who is the present sheriff in the county?
 8. What is the largest of the Hamilton County parks?
 9. What former U.S. vice president resides in the county?
 10. What 500 Mile Race driver considers Hamilton County home?
- If you answered all ten questions correctly, you are very well informed. If you got only five or fewer correct, I suggest reading the Reporter every day because all the answers have appeared here during the past year and will likely appear again in our news stories.

See the answers to this year's County Line Quiz on Page 5.

Noblesville trying to boot adult baby store out of town

By ADAM PINKSER
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

The owners of My Inner Baby received a cease-and-desist order from the Noblesville city government on Friday, days after the Board of Zoning Appeals ruled the business was in violation of its current zoning guidelines.

The store opened almost two years ago in a commercial strip between State Road 37 and Herriman Boulevard.

"We're a medical supply store," said owner Ryan Polokoff. "We sell adult diapers and related incontinence supplies as well as costumes for age-play, as well as any type of events where people want to participate in age regression."

Polokoff said age regression is used in therapy, allowing people to retreat back to a time in their lives when they felt safe.

"PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder) comes into play," Polokoff said. "We've got customers that are military, or ex-military, that have stressful jobs, and it's just a coping mechanism to help deal with adulting."

The city government says because My Inner Baby markets itself with the hashtag "#ABDL" — adult babies and diaper lovers — by definition, it's considered a sex shop, and therefore the business is violating its commercial zoning guidelines.

"ABDLs are a group of persons who involve themselves in child-like role-playing for sexual stimulation," said attorney Beth Copeland at an Aug. 1 zoning meeting.

Polokoff admits that while a portion of his customers may use some of his

products for role-playing, he doesn't ask them any questions.

His business is licensed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to sell high-quality diapers to those who need them for medical purposes.

"We're going to fight for what's right. The short of it is we're not going to be bullied by people that want to impart morals that are theirs," Polokoff said.

Polokoff said he is suing the city government to prevent them from evicting his business, filing court documents Tuesday afternoon to seek a stay of Noblesville's order to shut down its store and to request a judicial review of the city's order.

A spokesperson for the city of Noblesville's legal department on Tuesday provided News 8 with a statement in response to the suit:

"The City is continuing to take appropriate action to enforce existing zoning ordinances for the benefit of the community. On August 1, 2022, the Board of Zoning Appeals unanimously affirmed the Noblesville Planning Director's decision that the business My Inner Baby was operating is not a permitted use under Noblesville's Ordinances. Despite the unanimous decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals, My Inner Baby continued operating, and therefore the City requested (and continues to request) that My Inner Baby voluntarily comply with the law and the Board's decision."

"The City will continue to monitor the situation and will take further legal or enforcement action as appropriate. As of this time, no petition for judicial review has been received by the City."



John Wesley Williams (right) was the 8-year-old drummer for his father, Captain Wm E. Williams, during the Civil War. (Courtesy of Sheridan Historical Society)

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Gookins appointed to replace Judge Bardach

The REPORTER
Local attorney Stephenie Gookins, who ran in but lost the May primary election for the newly created Superior Court 7 to court magistrate Darren Murphy, will now get a seat on the bench as the appointed replacement for Superior Court 6 Judge Gail Bardach, who retired July 1.
Governor Eric J. Holcomb announced Stephenie K. Gookins as his appointment on Tuesday.
Hamilton County Republican Party Chair Mario Massillamany released the

following statement Tuesday afternoon:
“Stephenie currently is a partner in the law firm of Terry & Gookins and has been in private practice in Hamilton County since 2000. She has also served as a public defender in various Hamilton County courts for the past 21 years. Stephenie received a bachelor of science from Indiana University and a law degree from the Indiana Uni-



Gookins
versity McKinney School of Law. She will be sworn in as the Judge of the Hamilton County Superior Court on a date to be determined. Stephenie Gookins has been a strong supporter of the Hamilton County Republican Party, attending events, helping with fundraisers, and promoting Republican candidates. Congratulations to Stephenie on this prestigious judicial appointment.”

Fishers PD seeking suspect for Goodwill indecent exposure



Photos provided by Fishers Police Department

Fishers police are seeking the public's assistance in identifying a man suspected of indecent exposure. The incident occurred between 5 and 5:30 p.m. on July 5 at the Goodwill Store located at 11561 Geist Pavilion Drive – near 116th Street and Olio Road. Immediately following the incident, the suspect was seen walking westbound near the Ale Emporium Restaurant. Anyone with information regarding this suspect should contact Fishers Police Detective Jonathan Dossey at dosseyj@fishers.in.us.

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The joint project between Noblesville Parks and SMC Corporation is part of an effort to restore and beautify the Hague Road Nature Haven.

SMC Corporation helps Noblesville Parks plant trees, remove invasive species

The REPORTER

SMC Corporation of America and the Noblesville Parks Department recently worked together on a sustainable program to help restore the Hague Road Nature Haven. The project, aimed at sustainability and beautification, involved removing invasive species that are a problem in the area.

"As we continue to battle this ever-growing problem, we are starting to restore the area with new trees that will aid in the process of removing invasive plants," said Jonn Russell, certified arborist and parks maintenance staff member.

With SMC Corporation's contribution of time, manpower and materials, the group was able to plant 30 new native sapling trees. Native tree species planted included Red Maple, Hackberry, Yellowwood, Kentucky Coffeetree, Black Gum and Swamp White Oak. As trees were planted, safety cages were built and placed around the samplings to help prevent damage from nibbling creatures.

"Our initiative is to restore this area and others like it to its natural habitat to

house wildlife of all kinds: deer, birds, insects, and even field mice. Over the next few years, SMC and the parks department are hoping to develop this area into more of an attraction, not only for the residents of Noblesville, but nature loving members of the surrounding areas," Russell said.

While removing invasive species, the parks left several Milkweed Pods in the hopes that this will continue to help with the Monarch butterfly population, which has grown in size and number since the project was started in 2020.

The Hamilton County Soil & Water Department also donated materials to install two new "Boot Brush Stations" in the Nature Haven's parking lots. Boot Brush stations provide information about invasive species and are just one way that people can help to protect the non-paved trail, the parks and even their own property.

Russell said the battle to eradicate invasive species continues with the department's goal to have an amazing walking trail with information about the plants and wildlife.

About Noblesville Parks & Recreation

The Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department manages over 876 acres of parkland in the City of Noblesville, including seven developed parks, 109 acres of undeveloped properties and 127 miles of trails, connector sidewalks and greenways throughout the community, in addition to two golf courses and the Noblesville Soccer Fields. For more information, visit noblesvilleparks.org.

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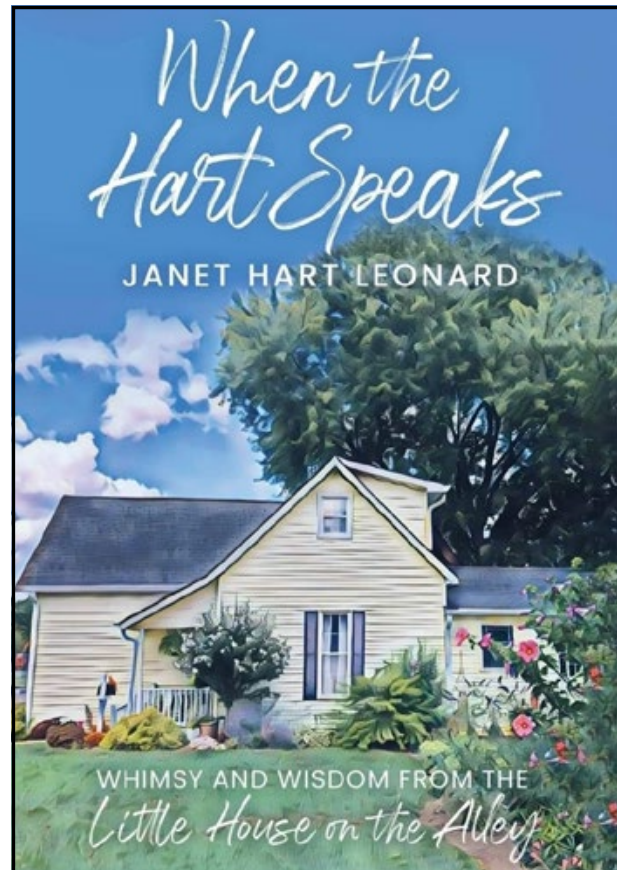
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Answers to County Line Quiz

1. That's an easy one. William Conner, who arrived in 1802.

2. Nine. They are: Adams, Jackson, White River, Washington, Noblesville, Wayne, Clay, Delaware and Fall Creek.

3. Victoria Spartz, a Noblesville resident.

4. 332,000 according to the 2020 census, but somewhat more by now.

5. Cities are: Carmel, Fishers, Noblesville and

Westfield. Towns are: Atlanta, Arcadia, Cicero and Sheridan.

6. Morse at Noblesville, and Geist near Fishers

7. Dennis Quakenbush, who was elected in 2018.

8. Koteewi County Park, which is 800 acres. It is located along White River at Strawtown.

9. Mike Pence lives in Carmel.

10. Conor Daly considers Noblesville his hometown.

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The roundabout at 106th Street and College Avenue will feature a patriotic centerpiece commissioned by Clay Township and Friends of Home Place.

Carmel details upcoming construction throughout Home Place neighborhoods

The REPORTER

There are major improvements planned for the Home Place area of Carmel. These improvements involve storm water collection and mitigation, several roadway improvements, the creation of new roundabouts at major intersections, newly established pedestrian connectivity, landscaped medians, and other elements.

106th Street multi-use path

On or after Aug. 15, the construction of a multi-use path on 106th Street from Pennsylvania Street to College Avenue will begin. The path will be constructed along the south side of East 106th Street within the city's right-of-way with defined crossings at each intersecting roadway. This project will also include storm water collection and regrading which will improve drainage along this section of roadway. The project will not involve any scheduled closures of East 106th Street and work will be substantially complete before the end of 2022 with restoration to the area in the form of grass or plantings to take place in early spring of 2023.

106th Street & College Avenue roundabout

On or after Sept. 6, the construction of a new roundabout at 106th Street and College Avenue will begin with a 60-day full closure of the intersection. Once complete, there will be new pedestrian crosswalks and a piece of patriotic art commissioned by Clay Township and Friends of Home Place.

College Avenue reconstruction

This fall and winter, residents will notice continued utility work along College Avenue from 96th Street to 106th Street in preparation for the rebuilding of the northern section of College Avenue.

Spring 2023 will bring major reconstruction to the northern section of College Avenue. This project also will involve storm water collection, the addition of pedestrian paths, landscaped medians and a single-lane roadway in each direction. This project does not widen College Avenue but rather reconstructs it in a design that fits within the already existing city right-of-way.

Pennsylvania Parkway & College Avenue roundabout

Also scheduled for 2023, the city will begin the construction of a new roundabout at the intersection of Pennsylvania Parkway and College Avenue. This is expected to be a full closure with details forthcoming.

96th Street & College Avenue 106th Street & Westfield Boulevard

In late 2023, roundabouts at 96th Street and College Avenue as well as 106th Street and Westfield Boulevard are anticipated to begin construction through the INDOT bidding process. Further details to be announced as they become available.

Storm water improvements

Additional storm water work is being designed and scheduled by region with projects expected to begin in the fall of 2022. Improvements will start in the Orchard Park neighborhood south of 106th Street and Westfield Boulevard, with future projects to be announced.

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Community News

Eat all the fish you can at Wayne-Fall Lions Club Fish Fry!

The Wayne-Fall Lions Club invites the community to an all-you-can-eat fish fry from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Clarksville Christian Church in the Picnic Shelter, 16600 Lehr St., Noblesville.

The meal will include the Lions Club's famous fried cod, plus two sides, a dessert, and a drink. Hot dogs will be available for kids.

The meal will cost \$12 for adults and \$6 for kids aged 10 and under. Carry out will be available.

Chuck Haberman running for Noblesville School Board

Submitted

Chuck Haberman, currently serving as the Assistant Director of Economic Development for the City of Noblesville, filed on Aug. 5 to run for the Noblesville School Board.

"I'm excited to officially be a candidate for Noblesville School Board," Haberman said. "I've spent the last several years pursuing a deeper connection to the Noblesville community and serving in board leadership roles with the Chamber of Commerce and Ivy Tech that interface with our K-12 education offerings. As a recent graduate of the Miller Ambassador program offered by the school district, and as my own children enter Noblesville Schools, I found my driving force is to ensure all of our children receive the greatest K-12 educational opportunity."

Haberman was hired by the City of Noblesville in 2020 as Workforce Development Manager until his promotion to Assistant Director of Economic Development in November 2021. Before joining the City of Noblesville, Chuck led HR and talent development teams in the construction industry at Custom Concrete and then Gaylor Electric.

Haberman served eight years in the United States Marine Corps as a Combat Engineer. During his service, he traveled the world over three deployments and discovered his passion for service, leadership, and lifelong learning. After the Corps, Haberman received his B.S. in Organizational Leadership and Supervision from IUPUI, an M.P.S. in Organization Development and Change at Penn State, and most recently finished the Certified Economic Developer Certificate from the University of Oklahoma Economic Development Institute.

Other community involvement by Haberman include:

- Miller Ambassadors – Class of 2022
- Noblesville Chamber of Commerce – Board Member, Board of Directors
- Ivy Tech Community College Hamilton County – Vice Chair, Campus Board of Trustees
- Hamilton County Economic Development Corporation – Board Member, Board of Directors
- Hamilton County Leadership Academy – Class of 2020
- Twin Oaks of Noblesville Homeowner's Association – President, Board of Directors
- Marine Corps Coordinating Council of Indiana – At Large Council Member

Haberman lives in Noblesville with his wife, Kari; daughter, Paige; and son, Connor. They love being outside as often as possible, especially with friends and family. Feel free to connect with him on his [Facebook page](#) or by emailing ElectChuckHaberman@gmail.com.

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A data-driven analysis of Indiana’s top 20 elementary schools

In 1983, *US News & World Report* published its first school ranking, “America’s Best Colleges.” *US News & World Report*’s ranking systems are considered by many to be the most popular and the most influential serving as a “valuable reference” when it comes to making important educational choices.

US News & World Report publishes rankings for Best Colleges, Best High Schools, Best Elementary Schools, Best Middle Schools as well as other educational rankings. The data for schools, kindergarten through 12th grade, can be found at usnews.com/education/k12. Using filters, the data can be sorted by many factors, including school name, grade level, location, and public school type. This provides a valuable data resource for parents as well as school administrators and school board members.

US News & World Report ranked 1,016 elementary schools across Indiana for their report titled, “The 2022 Best K-8 Schools.” The rankings are 50 percent based on mathematics and reading proficiency scores as reported on state assessments. The other 50 percent is based on mathematics and reading performance scores which take into account socioeconomic factors and historically underserved minorities. Typically, factors such as overcrowding, high student-teacher ratios, high minority enrollment percentages, and high economically disadvantaged percentages are found to be some of the causes for school populations to have lower standardized testing scores.

Let’s take a look and see what the numbers say. Looking at the top 20



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public elementary schools in Indiana, one takeaway which stands out is the fact that Brownsburg Community Schools has five elementary schools and Penn-Harris-Madison has four elementary schools on the list. The more affluent school districts, including Zionsville and Carmel Clay, each only have one elementary school to make the top 20. School size doesn’t seem to matter; elementary schools with both larger and smaller enrollments made the top 20. Student-teacher ratios averaged 18 to 1. Looking at minority enrollment, the range for the Top 20 is from 2.8 percent to 49.7 percent. The range for economically disadvantaged is from 3 percent to 43 percent.

How do Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) elementary schools rank and compare with the top 20 in Indiana? Let’s take a look to compare ranking numbers, enrollment numbers, student-teacher ratios, and socioeconomic factors such as minority enrollment and economically disadvantaged percentages.

Looking at the data for HSE elementary schools, the top-ranking elementary school came in at number 104. HSE did not have a single elementary school rank in the top 100 out of 1,016 ranked elementary schools in the state of Indiana.

These rankings are calculated based on equally weighted factors of proficiency scores and performance scores. Data is based on the 2018-2019, 2019-2020, and 2020-2021 school years with school information being provided by the government. HSE Schools’ proficiency percentages are very low in comparison

Top 20 Public Elementary Schools in Indiana ranked by US News & World Report (2021 Data)						
#	School	School District	Grade	Enrollment	Student-Teacher Ratio	Minority Enrollment Economically Disadvantaged
#1	Northpoint Elementary	Penn-Harris-Madison	K-5	594	19 to 1	36.9% 8%
#2	Lincoln Elementary	Brownsburg Community	K-5	511	16 to 1	29.7% 27%
#3	Prairie Vista Elementary	Penn-Harris-Madison	K-5	511	20 to 1	20.9% 14%
#4	Cardinal Elementary	Brownsburg Community	K-5	911	21 to 1	37.1% 30%
#5	Eden Elementary	Greenfield-Central	K-3	172	11 to 1	8.7% 27%
#6	Reagan Elementary	Brownsburg Community	K-5	553	17 to 1	33.1% 27%
#7	Thomas Jefferson	Valparaiso Community	K-5	265	16 to 1	30.2% 43%
#8	Mary Frank Harris	Penn-Harris-Madison	PK-5	460	23 to 1	20.7% 15%
#9	Cedarville Elementary	East Allen County	K-3	795	23 to 1	14.1% 21%
#10	North Salem Elementary	North West Hendricks	K-5	213	14 to 1	2.8% 27%
#11	Horizon Elementary	Penn-Harris-Madison	PK-5	659	19 to 1	17.9% 13%
#12	Zionsville Pleasant View	Zionsville Community	PK-4	818	14 to 1	13.3% 3%
#13	Lincoln Trail	North Spencer County	PK-6	381	18 to 1	5.0% 28%
#14	White Lick Elementary	Brownsburg Community	K-5	533	17 to 1	27.6% 21%
#15	CSA Lincoln Campus	Bartholomew Consolidated	K-6	365	20 to 1	21.6% 27%
#16	College Wood	Carmel Clay	K-5	748	22 to 1	46.8% 4%
#17	Merle Sidener Gifted	Indianapolis Public	2-8	352	20 to 1	49.7% 36%
#18	Ferdinand Elementary	Southeast Dubois County	PK-4	277	19 to 1	3.6% 22%
#19	Memorial Elementary	Valparaiso Community	K-5	466	21 to 1	19.5% 25%
#20	Delaware Trail	Brownsburg Community	K-5	524	15 to 1	24.6% 25%

Rankings of HSE Elementary Schools by US News & World Report						
	School District	Grade Level	Enrollment	Student-Teacher Ratio	Minority Enrollment	Economically Disadvantaged
#104	Thorpe Creek Elementary	HSE	K-4	668	19 to 1	32.0% 15%
#147	Geist Elementary	HSE	K-4	631	17 to 1	24.2% 6%
#152	Brooks School	HSE	PK-4	749	18 to 1	32.7% 16%
#171	New Britton Elementary	HSE	K-4	682	18 to 1	35.3% 18%
#200	Fall Creek Elementary	HSE	K-4	569	18 to 1	22.3% 7%
#224	Lantern Road	HSE	K-4	558	17 to 1	26.2% 10%
#305	Harrison Parkway	HSE	K-4	587	16 to 1	32.9% 22%
#312	Sand Creek Elementary	HSE	K-4	686	17 to 1	36.7% 20%
#321	Cumberland Road	HSE	K-4	555	17 to 1	34.6% 25%
#331	Durbin Elementary	HSE	K-4	322	15 to 1	24.2% 20%
#499	Hoosier Road	HSE	PK-4	599	17 to 1	30.6% 13%
#519	Fishers Elementary	HSE	K-4	399	17 to 1	30.3% 19%
	Southeastern Elementary*	HSE	K-4	811	20 to 1	34.2% 5%

*Southeastern Elementary is unranked due to lack of data for student performance

Proficiency Percentages in English/Language Arts & Math by grade level (ILEARN data)				
	ELA 2021 Data Brownsburg	ELA 2021 Data HSE	Math 2021 Data Brownsburg	Math 2021 Data HSE
3rd Grade	66.9	56.9	80.0	71.3
4th Grade	72.5	53.5	79.8	65.3
5th Grade	72.4	48.4	76.5	58.1
6th Grade	66.7	52.2	69.8	52.2
7th Grade	70.0	57.2	69.4	48.9
8th Grade	73.5	61.2	67.7	41.0

to nearby top performing school districts.

This was more than likely a sizable factor contributing to the low rankings by *US News & World Report*. For example, see the yellow chart above for a comparison between Brownsburg Community Schools’ Proficiency Percentages for 2021 versus Hamilton Southeastern Schools’ Proficiency Percentages for 2021 as

provided by the ILEARN assessment for children in grades three to eight. (Data provided by the Indiana Department of Education)

Proficiency percentages provide a rate of student achievement – the percentage of students learning and progressing at or above grade level. Children who fall behind grade level for consecutive years may find it increasingly difficult to

catch up with their peers. Keeping students at or above grade level is necessary to ensure college and career readiness.

I encourage you to check out the data available at *US News & World Report* and data from the Indiana Department of Education. Then, if you are concerned with Hamilton Southeastern Schools’ rankings and don’t think they are making

the grade, you can help turn things around.

School board members set policy. Policy establishes priorities. Voting for school board candidates who will make policy so academic success and learning outcomes become Priority Number 1 for HSE Schools is the first step in helping the children in our community get back to grade level in both Math and English/Language Arts.

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Carmel Clay Historical Exhibit on display now at CAC Children’s Gallery

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The Carmel Clay Historical Society (CCHS) is the featured exhibit for August and September at the Carmel Arts Council’s Gallery. The exhibit focuses on the Kinzer family, a pioneer family who came to Carmel in 1828. The Kinzer family created a thriving farm, maple sugar camp and community in Carmel. The exhibition focuses on the work of the first three generations of Kinzer descendants. Artifacts used by the Kinzer family are on display as well as art created by Kinzer descendants. The gallery is open Friday through Sunday and is run solely by volunteers. The gallery’s hours are 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday.



The Carmel Arts Council Gallery is located at the intersection of Main Street and Veterans Way. (Look for The Pint Room, Muldoon’s, Gallery, and Chocolate Café on each corner.) If you are interested in volunteering with the gallery, please contact Debbie Gangstad at dgangstad@

carmelclayhistory.org. The gallery is the current holder of the Guinness Book of World Records record for smallest children’s gallery in the world. CCHS is grateful for this opportunity to showcase its collection while the museum is closed for construction.

Todd Thurston announces intent to run for Noblesville Common Council

Submitted

Longtime Noblesville resident Todd Thurston has announced his plans to run for Noblesville Common Council in the newly redrawn District 2 in Southwest Noblesville. Thurston graduated from Noblesville High School in 1990, and has been a passionate volunteer, community leader, and advocate for the city ever since. Currently, Thurston serves on the Noblesville Youth Assistance Board. He recently retired from the Noblesville Fire Department

Merit Board, having served four years as President. His community involvement and experience also includes leadership roles with the Noblesville Parks Board, the Fifty Club of Hamilton County, Noblesville Kiwanis, Noblesville Elks Lodge, and the Noblesville Boys & Girls Club. “I love Noblesville,” Thurston said. “This is an incredible opportunity to truly listen to the people of Noblesville and ensure that their feedback and needs are reflected in the decisions being made by the city council.” In August 2020, Thurston was recognized by Prevail as its Community Hero of the Month. He is also a 2014 graduate of Hamilton County Leadership Academy, past board member, and recipient of the Impact Award for his service and impact in Hamilton County. Professionally, Thurston is a Commercial Sales Manager at Hare Truck Center in Noblesville. Prior to joining Hare, he spent 13 years in the highway construction industry.

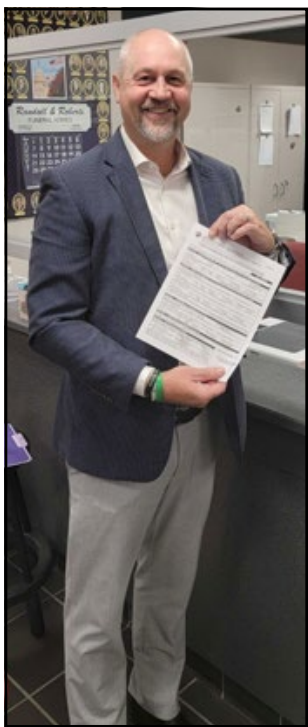


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Thurston has lived in Noblesville for 33 years and is married to Jennifer. They have two sons, Spencer and Conner. The Noblesville Common Council election will take place in the May 2023 Primary.



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The Farmers Bank in Sheridan to hold community shred day

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The Farmers Bank in Sheridan, located at 987 White Ave., will hold a free community shred day from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 27. This event is open to the

public. Please do not bring your shred items in plastic bags. There is a maximum limit of five standard size boxes/paper bags per vehicle. The shred event will end once the shred truck is full.

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Letter to the Editor

Noblesville voter asks referendum question of board candidates

Dear fellow Noblesville School District residents,

As the field of school board candidates for Noblesville is getting finalized, please join me in asking important questions of these candidates.

I recently posed the same question to four of the candidates (on their Facebook pages) at the time about their thoughts and plans for future school funding via a referendum. This is a vital question for these candidates, and those running in two years from now. These elected school board members will have to navigate and plan how to replace the current referendum set to expire in a few years.

Only one candidate thus far has replied to my question on their page publicly (thank you), two replied in a private message, and the other said they would not reply on their page. I hope they all at some point before the election go publicly on the record about school funding and their vision for it.

School funding is the largest part for your property taxes here in Noblesville. I supported this school funding in the past, and I still do. What I and the voters want is transparency, a plan, and that plan is communicated to the residents.

Please get to know these candidates, ask them for their plan on this vital issue, and other issues you hold dear to. Thank you.

Kevin Kalstad
Noblesville

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Young explains his reasoning for voting against federal “Inflation Reduction Act”

The REPORTER Senator Young filed amendments and motions to:

U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) voted against what he has called “the Democrats’ reckless tax-and-spend bill,” the “Inflation Reduction Act.” The legislation passed the Senate by a vote of 50-50, with Vice President Kamala Harris breaking the tie.

“With inflation at a 40-year high and our country in a recession, this bill is the absolute wrong approach to helping Hoosier families,” Sen. Young said. “Despite its name, this legislation does nothing to address rising prices or high energy costs. Instead, the bill will raise taxes on nearly every income bracket, spend billions of dollars in Green New Deal waste, double the size of the IRS, and grow big government. This bill is bad for Indiana and won’t help bring relief to those struggling in this challenging economy.”

According to [analysis](#) by the nonpartisan Joint Committee on Taxation, the legislation will increase the average tax burden on Americans in nearly every income bracket, including those making under \$10,000. The legislation will rapidly [grow the size of the IRS](#), likely leading to increased audits of low- and middle-income taxpayers. And according to the Congressional Budget Office, 93 percent of the bill’s promised deficit savings [would come after 2026](#).



Young

1. Prevent Washington Democrats from raising taxes on anyone making less than \$400,000 per year, consistent with President Biden’s repeated pledge
2. Protect innovation of and access to affordable antibiotics
3. Ensure the new Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Program would not go into effect if it discourages access to pharmaceuticals, if there is a public health emergency, or if it will hurt the country’s economic competitiveness against China
4. Add funding for states to implement Safe Haven Baby Boxes
5. Provide more resources for veterans’ mental health care
6. Strike a provision to create a \$27 billion federal bank for green energy projects
7. Extend Section 174 to allow immediate expensing of R&D costs
8. Provide free TSA Pre-Check for certain severely injured or disabled veterans
9. Require the IRS to identify, investigate, and prosecute fraudulent claims for the bill’s clean vehicle tax credit
10. Eliminate any tax provision in the bill if it may be used to fund or otherwise subsidize the purchase of materials, technology, or critical minerals produced in China

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The Carmel Police Department (CPD) is warning Carmel commuters that Main Street and the side streets around the Arts & Design District will be congested during “rush hour” times beginning today, Aug. 10, the first day of school for Carmel Clay students. Parents and students are encouraged to be patient and allow for extra travel time.

See map and read below for alternative routes and a plan to alleviate the congestion until parents and students settle into a routine.

- Due to the closure of Smoky Row for reconstruction, many drivers heading to Carmel’s elementary, middle and high schools are likely to use Main Street as a primary route, which means traffic will be congested from 7 to 9 a.m. and 2 to 5 p.m. If possible, please avoid this area during those times.
- CPD officers will be stationed at the traffic signal at Main Street and Range Line Road so they can monitor and make adjustments to help keep traffic flowing.
- Those traveling from



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the west are encouraged to use 146th Street and Lowes Way to access Range Line Road and Keystone Parkway.

- Finally, Carmel Clay Schools has issued a reminder about the [city ordinance](#) against parking or stopping in the residential neighborhoods near the school. CPD will strictly enforcing that parking ordinance.

Visit [Carmel Clay Schools](#) for traffic patterns and suggested alternative routes to every school in Carmel.



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Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

James 2:8-13 (NIV)



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Meeting Notices

The Carmel Advisory Committee on Disability will meet at 9 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 12, 2022, in the Caucus Room on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.

The Carmel Historic Preservation Commission will meet at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 11, 2022, in the Caucus Room on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) the Hamilton County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Committee will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 12, 2022, in Conference Room 1A in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville. The meeting is to discuss the American Rescue Plan Act and other county business as needed. The meeting may be accessed virtually by calling (219) 225-8177 and entering Conference ID 549 724 310#.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners have rescheduled the Aug. 26, 2022, highway meeting. They will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 12, 2022, at the Hamilton County Highway Department, 1700 S. 10th St., Noblesville. The purpose of the meeting is for discussion of highway projects and other county business.

The Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Board will meet in an executive session at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 15, 2022, to discuss land acquisition/litigation/personnel.

A regular board meeting will follow at 6 p.m. in the HCPR Administration Building, 400 Lafayette Road, Noblesville.

The Carmel Plan Commission will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 16, 2022, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of the Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.

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Berniece Sears Eggers October 26, 1928 – August 7, 2022

Berniece Sears Eggers, 93, Westfield, went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Sunday, August 7, 2022. She was born on October 26, 1928, in Pulaski County, Ky., the youngest of seven children, to Belia and Katie (Bradley) Sears.

At the age of 27, Berniece began her career with Lotus Gardens Restaurant, Indianapolis location, where she served as Hostess Manager for 35 years. She was appreciated and loved by the many patrons through the years because of her warm and friendly personality. Berniece and Bob became family to the Yee family, spending many holidays and special events together.

Berniece enjoyed cooking and produced many delicious dishes from her favorite recipes. She was also gifted in decorating her home and arranging beautiful flowers. One of the greatest qualities Berniece possessed was her kindness, love of people, and never speaking an unkind word about anyone. In addition to her parents, Berniece was preceded in death by her husband of 75 years, Robert "Bob" Eggers; sisters, Genieve, Gertie, and Imogene; and brothers, Vic, Jesse, and Kenneth.

Berniece is survived by her family friend, Jenny Yee; and several nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will gather at 11 a.m. on Monday, August 15, 2022, at Trinity Baptist Church of Westfield, of which Berniece was a longtime member, and where the Funeral Service will begin at noon. A Committal Service will follow in Hamilton Memorial Park Cemetery.

In memory of Berniece, donations may be made to Trinity Baptist Church of Westfield, 1415 E. 191st St., Westfield, IN 46074. Envelopes will be available at the service.

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist with arrangements.

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Celebration of Life

Thomas E. Cook January 1, 1939 – June 24, 2022

The family of Thomas E. Cook of a Celebration of Life to be held at noon on Saturday, August 13, 2022, at the Atlanta Christian Church, 200 E. Main St., Atlanta. If you choose to wear a mask, please bring your own.

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Micheal Eugene Roudebush December 26, 1949 – August 5, 2022

Micheal Eugene Roudebush, 72, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, August 5, 2022, at Riverview Health Hospital. He was born on December 26, 1949, to the late Gene and Ruby Roudebush in Noblesville.

Mike graduated from Ball State University and proudly served his country in the National Guard. He worked as an assistant bank manager for American National Bank in Noblesville and retired after over 22 years with Harbour Water Company. In retirement, Mike followed his passion for woodworking, contributing his craftsmanship to numerous special projects during his 17 years with the Hamilton County Parks Department. He enjoyed watching NASCAR races and spending time with many beloved pets over the years.

Mike is survived by his wife of 25 years, Pati Roudebush; stepdaughter, Angela (Kevin) Connolly; and two grandsons, Lyndon and Oscar Connolly.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

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

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Virginia Mary Griep Greenen October 12, 1941 – July 7, 2022

Virginia Mary Griep Greenen of North Ft. Myers, Fla., passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 7, 2022, with her loving family by her side.

Virginia was born on October 12, 1941, in New Effington, S.D., to the late Leo and Catherine Griep. She attended boarding school for part of her school years and then moved to St. Paul for high school where she graduated in 1959. In July 1962, Virginia met Charles, the love of her life and husband of nearly 60 years. She was a housewife and cared for the family. Virginia and Charles moved many times, to many different places to follow Charles' career. Eventually they settled in Monticello, Ind., where they owned and operated Arrowhead Campground from 1977 to 1987.

After their last child graduated from high school, they moved to Lafayette, where Virginia started working at Home Hospital. After another move, she began to work at a medical insurance company and then ultimately retired from Hurco in Indianapolis in 2011 while living in Noblesville.

Virginia loved quilting, painting, ceramics, needlepoint, tole painting, sewing, gardening, opera and reading. You would find her in a quilt store several times a week. She had a laugh that would light up any conversation. She was extremely creative and hard working. She loved her cats and was rarely without one by her side.

Virginia is survived by her husband, Charles Dewenter Greenen, Jr.; children, Teresa (Jim) Schmith, Chaz (KT) Greenen, David Greenen and Deborah (Brad) Manion; sister, Barbara Griep; grandchildren, Megan (Joseph) Klein, Molly Cochran, Katie Lucchetti, Sam Manion, Emma Manion and Jack Manion; and great-grandson, Sebastian Klein.

She is preceded in death by her brothers, Douglas Griep and Roland Griep (and wife Jean); and sons-in-law, Greg Cochran and Ross Lucchetti.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, August 19, 2022 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church with Fr. Chris Miller celebrating.

Burial will follow at Riverview I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Friends and family are encouraged to share a photo, a memory, or messages of condolence at springerfuneral-home.com.



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Girls county golf season in full swing

Zink sinks an ace to help No. 5 Southeastern find victory over No. 1 Carmel

By RICHIE HALL
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A dual meet Prairie View Golf Club turned into a big day for Hamilton Southeastern's Cora Zink on Tuesday.

The senior made a hole in one during the No. 5-ranked Royals' meet with No. 1 Carmel. Zink aced the 150-yard, par 3 Hole No. 4. Not only was it an achievement for Zink, it also lifted Southeastern to a win.

The Royals scored a team total of 160 at the nine-hole dual, the first nine-hole match for both teams this season. Carmel scored a 162, so Zink's ace made the difference.

Ella Bui and Janelle Garcia led Southeastern, as they both carded 39s. Zink and Lauren Stewart each scored 41s, followed by Annabelle Willard with a 45 and Makena Watson with 49.

The Greyhounds' Michaela Headlee was the meet medalist, totaling a 38. Claire Swathwood followed with a 40, Ava Nguyen scored a 41, Kamryn Williams and Sophie Mock both had 43s and Maya Berglund rounded out the lineup with a 47.

Carmel travels to Harbour Trees today to take on No. 4-ranked Noblesville in a 4:30 p.m. dual meet. The Royals are next in action Saturday at the Lapel Invitational.

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Westfield, which has risen to No. 2 in the state, won a three-team meet with No. 4 Noblesville and Guerin Catholic Tuesday at Harbour Trees.

The Shamrocks totaled 149, followed by the host Millers with 151 and the Golden Eagles with 175. Sami Hanavan, Samantha Brown and Addi Kooi all scored 36s, while Claire Thompson completed the scoring with a 41.

Noblesville's Caroline Whallon was the meet medalist, scoring a 34. Jordan Adam, Karis Shields and Ally Hutchinson all added 39s. Other Millers scores were Josie Kelley 40, Olivia Anderson 44, Presley White 44 and Savannah Munson 45.

Guerin Catholic picked up a tournament win Monday, triumphing at the Cathedral Irish Invitational at Maple Creek Golf Club.

The Golden Eagles scored a 355. Brebeuf Jesuit also finished with a 355, but Guerin Catholic won on the fifth-player score. Izzy Pinon led GC with an 81, which was good for individual runner-up honors. Sarah Rigg added an 89, followed by Ali Scott 92, Sydney Delagrangre 93 and Gracie Navarro 98.

The Golden Eagles had a second team at the tournament, and it scored a 488. Golfers



Photo provided

Hamilton Southeastern's Cora Zink made a hole in one Tuesday during the Royals' dual meet with Carmel at Prairie View. Zink aced the 150-yard, par 3 Hole No. 4, and helped Southeastern to a victory at the meet.

in that group were Avery Wall 108, Maris Bulger 118, Annie Murphy 124 and Mallory Aigotti 138.

Westfield sent its Green team to Maple Creek, and it finished third

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Indiana High School Girls Golf Association Poll

Rank	Team	Points
1	Carmel	140
2	Westfield	133
3	Castle	126
4	Noblesville	112
5	Hamilton Southeastern	110
6	Batesville	101
7	Homestead	96
8	Center Grove	90
9	Franklin Community	89
10	Zionsville	77
11	Penn	52
12	Floyd Central	42
T13	Fort Wayne Carroll	40
T13	Culver Academies	40
T15	Plainfield	27
T15	Brownsburg	27
T15	Lake Central	27
18	Avon	16
19	Valparaiso	14
20	Crown Point	11

NOTE: Carmel received all seven first-place votes.

Honorable mention: Jasper, Columbus North, Bedford North Lawrence, Guerin Catholic, Lebanon, University, Northridge, Logansport, Mishawaka, Tippecanoe Valley, New Albany.



The Carmel girls soccer team finished as state runner-up in Class 3A last season, and has several players back on this year’s team. The Greyhounds begin their season Saturday at Hamilton Southeastern, one of several tough teams on Carmel’s schedule.

Let the county soccer season countdown begin

By **RICHIE HALL**
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The Carmel girls soccer team will offer familiar faces and a slightly different schedule to its fans during the 2022 season.

The Greyhounds have several players returning from last year’s team, which finished 18-3-2 and was the state runner-up in Class 3A. Coach Frank Dixon said he really likes this team: “No superstars,” he said, but there are many talented and hard-working players on the roster.

Carmel will be a senior-heavy team this year, with 12 of them competing on the team. That includes two starters from the state championship game: Defender Annika Nelson and goalkeeper Aubree Empie, who had 41 saves and eight shutouts for the ‘Hounds last year, only giving up nine goals.

Other key seniors returning are two forwards, both of whom were among Carmel’s top scorers. Sophia Shep-

herd returns the most goals, having scored seven last year, while Claire Swigart added six goals last season. Bethany Ducat is also back at goalkeeper, she had 45 saves and allowed just three goals. Both Ducat and Empie had eight shutouts on the season. Other returning seniors include Ava Cabelon, Kathryn Hartung, Greta Heyl and Kendall Young.

The Greyhounds have a significant number of juniors on the team, totaling eight. Three of them started in the state title game. Forward Megan Hamm is one of them; she was another prolific scorer last year with six goals. Hamm joined midfielder Janie Bartling and defender Riley Wilpolt in the state starting lineup.

Also back for their junior seasons are Ava Albright, Emily Boyer, Olivia Gardner and Clare Simmonds. Two sophomores are returning, Olivia Cebalo and Camryn Love.

“We played a lot of lineups in this year’s preseason DeWayne Akin Showcase

and I learned that even with two of the top goalkeepers in the state, we have some work to do on defense,” said Dixon. Several big defenders graduated from Carmel last year, including Tammy Smith (now at Wright State), Saliyah Brady (Howard University) and Luci Bair (Bellarmine), so “there are a few holes to fill in the defense,” said Dixon.

Another big graduate was Emily Roper, last season’s Hamilton County Player of the Year. Roper, now at Ball State, led the team in scoring with 19 goals. As a result, Dixon said “the offense will need some reworking, too.”

“The temptation is to try and improve everything all at once but we will resist that and try to be playing our best at tournament time in October,” said Dixon.

As for the schedule, the Greyhounds had to re-work theirs after the school left the Metropolitan Conference this past winter. But Dixon sees that as a positive, as Carmel will still be play-

ing a few of the MIC teams, and have games against five Hoosier Crossroads Conference teams.

The new schools on the Greyhounds’ schedule include four that were ranked in the top 20 of the final 2021 Indiana Soccer Coaches Association’s Class 3A poll. Those schools are No. 9 South Bend St. Joseph, No. 11 Castle, No. 14 Chesterton and No. 15 Plainfield. Dixon said the team now plays 11 top-20 ranked teams, and will also pick up games against a top-five team from Kentucky and a top-10 team from Ohio.

“On paper this looks to be not only the most difficult schedule in Carmel Girls Soccer history but possibly the most difficult schedule ever played by a girls team in Indiana,” said Dixon. “As usual, the girls always enjoy a challenge and are very excited for the games to begin.”

The Greyhounds begin their season Saturday by playing a morning game at Hamilton Southeastern.

Carmel Roster

Seniors: Emma Barrett, Ava Cabelon, Bethany Ducat, Aubree Empie, Kathryn Hartung, Greta Heyl, Natalie LaFon, Annika Nelson, Ashton Rohrbacher, Sophie Shepherd, Claire Swigart, Kendall Young.
Juniors: Ava Albright, Jane Bartling, Emily Boyer, Chloe Fouts, Olivia Gardner, Megan Hamm, Clare Simmonds, Rylie Wilpolt.
Sophomores: Olivia Cebalo, Camryn Love, Addison Smith.
Freshmen: Emma Ehret, Olivia Joyce.

Carmel Schedule

Aug. 13: at Hamilton Southeastern, 11 a.m.
Aug. 15: Plainfield, 7 p.m.
Aug. 16: South Bend St. Joseph, 7 p.m.
Aug. 20: at Guerin Catholic, 12:30 p.m.
Aug. 27: Carmel Invitational
- Opponent TBA, 9 a.m.
- Fishers, 6:45 p.m.
Sept. 2: at Zionsville Invitational, opponent TBA, 6 p.m.
Sept. 3: at Zionsville Invitational, opponent TBA, noon
Sept. 6: Lawrence North, 6 p.m.
Sept. 8: at Lawrence Central, 7 p.m.
Sept. 10: at Chesterton, 4 p.m.
Sept. 12: North Central, 7 p.m.
Sept. 17: Castle, 2:30 p.m.
Sept. 19: at Noblesville, 7 p.m.
Sept. 21: Center Grove, 7 p.m.
Sept. 24: Zionsville, 11 a.m.
Sept. 26: at Westfield, 5:30 p.m.

Colts Tyquan Lewis returns from Halloween horror

By **ANGELA MORYAN**
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October 31 was no treat for Tyquan Lewis. The Colts defensive lineman’s season ended against the Titans with a serious patella injury.

“I probably thought about that play 100 times this offseason and it was just one of those freak things,” head coach Frank Reich said.

The play that haunted head coach Frank Reich all

offseason wasn’t actually the one that injured Lewis’ knee. That happened two plays before.

“I felt it. I was like, ‘Yeah, something was off,’ Lewis recalls. “Then I got the sack. Next play, I got the interception, and I was like, ‘I’m feeling good.’ And then I’m running with the ball, and I’m like, ‘I’m running slow.’ I just felt something go away from me. Then I was like, ‘Oh no! What’s going on?’ And then boom, it happened.”

“It was bad for him just to see him go off the field just to see how hard Ty works and stuff like that,” defensive lineman Kwity Paye said. “That was a sad day for us defensive linemen.”

To make matters worse, all of this happened during a contract year. Lewis was going through rehab, unsure if he even get to step back out with the Colts. But, Paye says Lewis didn’t dwell the negatives. General manager Chris Ballard’s commit-

ment to him in the offseason helped that attitude.

“It boosts your morale knowing that someone has your back through thick and thin,” Lewis said. “It wasn’t easy. It was gruesome. But for me, it was like let’s go back to work.”

“It’s hard. It’s a hard surgery, hard recovery but to his credit, he’s done well, especially to me in the last week,” Reich said. “It just feels like he’s maybe a step ahead of when we got him back into it.”

“I feel great. Knee’s great. I couldn’t be any more proud than where I’m at right now,” Lewis said. “It doesn’t matter what it is in my life, I cherish every moment, man, because it’s made me who I am. Overcoming obstacles, whatever it is in life that you need to get through, just cherish it because that grind will never go away.

Lewis is already making a major impact during training camp, setting up for an eye-grabbing season.

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MLB standings

Tuesday's games									
Kansas City 4, Chicago White Sox 2					Milwaukee 5, Tampa Bay 3				
Chicago White Sox 3, Kansas City 2					Colorado 16, St. Louis 5				
Baltimore 6, Toronto 5					Late games				
Philadelphia 4, Miami 1					L.A. Angels at Oakland				
Cleveland 5, Detroit 2					Pittsburgh at Arizona				
N.Y. Mets 6, Cincinnati 2					San Francisco at San Diego				
Atlanta 9, Boston 7, 11 innings					Minnesota at L.A. Dodgers				
Washington 6, Chicago Cubs 5					N.Y. Yankees at Seattle				
Houston 7, Texas 5									

American League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Yankees	71	39	0.645	-
Toronto	60	50	0.545	11.0
Tampa Bay	58	51	0.532	12.5
Baltimore	58	52	0.527	13.0
Boston	54	57	0.486	17.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Minnesota	57	51	0.528	-
Cleveland	57	52	0.523	0.5
Chicago White Sox	56	54	0.509	2.0
Kansas City	45	66	0.405	13.5
Detroit	43	68	0.387	15.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	71	40	0.640	-
Seattle	59	52	0.532	12.0
Texas	48	61	0.440	22.0
L.A. Angels	47	63	0.427	23.5
Oakland	41	69	0.373	29.5

National League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Mets	72	39	0.649	-
Atlanta	65	46	0.586	7.0
Philadelphia	61	48	0.560	10.0
Miami	49	60	0.450	22.0
Washington	37	75	0.330	35.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
St. Louis	60	49	0.550	-
Milwaukee	59	50	0.541	1.0
Chicago Cubs	44	65	0.404	16.0
Cincinnati	44	65	0.404	16.0
Pittsburgh	44	65	0.404	16.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
L.A. Dodgers	75	33	0.694	-
San Diego	61	51	0.545	16.0
San Francisco	54	55	0.495	21.5
Arizona	49	59	0.454	26.0
Colorado	49	63	0.438	28.0

WNBA standings

Tuesday's game		Late games	
Seattle 111, Chicago 100		Atlanta at Las Vegas	
		Connecticut at Los Angeles	

Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
x-Chicago	25	9	0.735	-
x-Las Vegas	23	10	0.697	1.5
x-Connecticut	22	11	0.667	2.5
x-Seattle	21	13	0.618	4.0
x-Washington	20	14	0.588	5.0
x-Dallas	17	16	0.515	7.5
Atlanta	14	19	0.424	10.5
Phoenix	14	19	0.424	10.5
Minnesota	13	20	0.394	11.5
New York	13	20	0.394	11.5
Los Angeles	13	20	0.394	11.5
Indiana	5	29	0.147	20.0

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Avon vs Center Grove - 3 pm

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