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TODAY'S WEATHER



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Westfield Washington Schools gives nurses Rock Service Award

The REPORTER

During Tuesday's Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) Board of Trustees meeting, the board, in partnership with the Westfield Education Foundation WEF, gave out Rock Service Awards to the Riverview Health nurses who staff all 10 of the district buildings.

This award is a new recognition that the school district gives to organizations and people who have gone above and beyond the call to support the mission of WWS, which is to provide rigorous and engaging experiences to prepare all children for their future.

Dr. Chase Stinson, director of special education and

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Photo courtesy Shawn Davis, Rocks House Media
(From left) Dr. Chase Stinson, Nurse Jeannie Langenkamp, WWS Nurse Coordinator Teresa Layton, Nurse Jean Marie Hamilton, and Nurse Jamie Moenter.

\$5 acre farm land & locating roads

My Great-Grandfather Baltzell was a strong influence on my life, even though I only knew him a short time when I was very young.

He had been president of the Indiana Sheep Association and at one point took about 300 of his prize sheep to Europe. One of the buyers was a member of the Royal family. Grandpa apparently had a meal in the palace and encountered a boiled egg in an upright holder. He asked if the Royals wanted to see how Hoosiers ate their boiled eggs. Receiving a positive response, he took the egg out of the holder, cracked and peeled it. The family story stopped at that point. I never did learn how he actually ate it.

He later served as County Auditor. Grandmother worked in the office and helped lay out some of the early roads. She was an IU graduate, but I don't think her father ever went to school. When I served as Hamilton County attorney, an issue came up about Macadam roads, and I couldn't tell exactly the meaning of the statute. Grandma was in her late 90s and not clear on current events, but gave a very helpful explanation of her roadwork activities in the auditor's office which clarified the issue. (Macadam is a type of road construction, pioneered by Scottish engineer John Loudon McAdam around 1820, in which crushed stone is placed in shallow, convex layers and compacted thoroughly. A binding layer of stone dust (crushed stone from the original material) may form; it may also, after rolling, be covered with a cement or bituminous binder to keep dust and stones together. The method simplified what had been considered state-of-the-art at that point.)

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Jet skis hitting the water in Cicero soon

The REPORTER

Head-to-head motorcross style racing on jet skis will hit the waters of Morse Lake Reservoir for the first time in decades when the Indiana Insurance Solutions Midwest Nationals come to Hamilton County.

This two-day event is sponsored by **Great Lakes Watercross** and sanctioned by the **International Jet Sport Boating Association** (IJSBA). Everything is set for Saturday, Sept. 10 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 11 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Kirsten Hasty told The Reporter she has received plenty of Parks Department support in bringing Watercross back to the county.

"I began working with the Hamilton County Parks Department several years ago in hopes of bringing Watercross back to Morse Reservoir," Hasty said. "There were races on the Cicero end of the lake

at Red Bridge Park back in the 1990s. Hamilton County Parks Department and Hamilton County Sports Authority, a Division of the Hamilton County Tourism Bureau, have been integral in bringing this event to Hamilton County."

Morse Reservoir jet pilots set up a practice course on Morse Reservoir once per week from May through September. Multiple local riders are National and World Champions racers and have been practicing on Morse Reservoir since the early '90s. According to Hasty, Morse Reservoir Jet Pilots have partnered with an exceptional promoter, Great Lakes Watercross, to ensure a top-notch event.

Local racer Mike Hamaker said training on Morse Reservoir helped him win a World Title.

"In 2016, I moved to Cicero and Morse Reservoir," Hamaker said. "I quickly saw Tuesday nights would become my favor-



Photo provided

The two-day Watercross event is set for Sept. 10 and 11.

ite day of the week as the local jet ski riders practiced every week, and coming from a background of powersports, I quickly became interested."

Hamaker raced a complete season in 2017 and trained with the Morse Reservoir Jet Pilots every week for two summers.

"In 2019, I decided to switch classes and enter into the Sport

Spec class, which is typically the largest class," Hamaker said. "I was fortunate to train with some really fast riders on Morse who helped push me to world championship level contention. In 2019, our group went to Lake Havasu City, Ariz., for the IJSBA World Finals where I won a

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Hamilton County Parks & Duke Energy take nature education programming on the road

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Parks and Recreation (HCPR) has officially introduced its latest educational resource – an enclosed trailer that functions as a nature center on wheels. Thanks to funding provided by the Duke Energy Foundation, the unique project was put in gear back in 2017, but temporarily stalled during the pandemic.

Mark LaBarr, Government and Community Relations Manager for Duke Energy, was instrumental in securing a portion of the funds in the early stages of the project that contributed to the purchase and complex interior build-out of the trailer. The 34-foot-long trailer was officially introduced to the public

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Photo provided by Hamilton County Parks and Recreation
The "Be Naturally Curious" trailer team: (from left) Bruce Oldham and Amanda Smith, both of HCPR; Mark LaBarr of Duke Energy; Mark and Kathy Kipp of Vector Sign Solutions; and HCPR Director Chris Stice.

Let's Ride for Lupus next month

Noblesville mom helps raise awareness & money for Lupus research

By **STU CLAMPITT**
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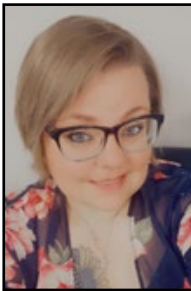
Four years ago, Amber Destefano was diagnosed with lupus. Her mother, Amy Bianchi, who lives in Noblesville, started working to raise awareness in Hamilton County and research money for the Indiana chapter of the Lupus Foundation of America.

According to Bianchi, until the first motorcycle ride they held last year, their only option had been to travel to Indianapolis to participate in fundraisers. Next month, on Saturday, Sept. 17, "Let's Ride for Lupus" will be an all-day event at the Sheridan American Legion, 406 E. 10th St.

This year's ride is being hosted by Midwest Maniacs MC.

"Last year when my daughter, Amber, was struggling with lupus, I wanted to bring awareness to Hamilton County about lupus, and I wanted to raise money for research,"

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Amber Destefano



Two Noblesville School Board candidates reach out to readers

By **STU CLAMPITT**
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Two at-large Noblesville School Board candidates reached out to The Reporter to talk about why they are running and what they hope to improve if elected.

Misti Ray and Melba Kiser both announced their campaigns in the pages of The Reporter. You can read those initial announcements at the following two links:

- [Misti Ray campaign announcement](#)
- [Melba Kiser campaign announcement](#)

From meeting at various community

events, they found they have common ground in, as Ray put it, "pretty much everything we stand for."

"I would say we are becoming friends," Kiser told The Reporter. "We were not friends before we each decided to run. But what we have are the same goals and the same objectives. That is to put kids first, to have



Ray



Kiser

transparency to the parents, and to be sure we are providing the best education to our kids and really represent what the community needs."

Ray said she felt compelled to run because she sees a great deal of "noise" creeping into the classrooms.

"There is a lot of distraction within the school and it is losing its focus on academ-

ics," Ray said. "I'm finding more and more 'noise' in the classroom that is distracting from the kids learning. I am a substitute teacher and an involved parent. I have three kids that have either gone through or are still in the school district. One has already graduated. By the time my youngest graduates I will have had a child in Noblesville School District for 30 consecutive years. That's not counting my own Noblesville K through 12 education."

Kiser is a grandmother who wants her

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ROADS

It has been said it is not what we don't know that hurts us, it is what we know that just isn't true. That can be said of Hamilton County roads. Originally, roads were created whenever the public used a path for 20 years or more.

A 1980s statute removed the duty of the County to accept publicly used roads. Some roads are owned outright by the County; some merely have a right-of-way existing to the edge of the pavement. Some roads are privately owned by a

homeowners association while other roads are one-rod wide on either side of the centerline. Prior law required the road to straddle property lines, but that is not always the case now. Great-Grandfather had the opportunity to buy a

farm that my wife and I now own for \$5 per acre. He turned it down as overpriced. Later, my father paid \$45.50 an acre for some of it and \$245.50 for the rest. It may have increased in value because great-grandfather had been hired to hand dig a drainage ditch across the farm.

The farm next door sold when I was in high school. Dad asked if I thought farm ground could ever get more than \$600 per acre, the then-unheard of asking price. Large parcels in this county have brought as much as \$60,000 per acre. What will my great-grandchildren have to pay?

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Amy Bianchi said. "Last year we raised \$6,000 in three months."

According to Bianchi, this motorcycle club reached out to her and asked how they could help.

"They heard about the ride we did last year, and Josh Eberhard reached out to us a couple times and was really interested in being a part of something so good," Bianchi said.

All the money raised next month will go the Lupus Foundation of America, Indiana Chapter for research.

"We are selling raffle tickets for \$10 each for four tattoos that will be given away, we have a \$1,000 La-Z-Boy recliner that we are selling raffles for, and a hot air balloon ride for two people from Circle City Balloon Team," Bianchi said. "You do not have to be there to win any of these

raffles."

You can buy tickets by calling Amy at (317) 697-2048 or by sending a message through their [event page on Facebook](#).

"In the morning, we will serve Titus donuts and coffee," Bianchi said. "For dinner, Rackz BBQ has donated 30 pounds of pulled pork, Firehouse Subs is donating meat platter trays, as well as tea and lemonade. My friends and I will make green beans, coleslaw and other sides."

Kick stands will go up at 11 a.m. on Sept. 17. The cost will be \$20 for a single rider or \$25 for a bike with a passenger. Participants who are not riding will be able to the Monon Trail near the Sheridan American Legion starting at 2 p.m. to show their support.

"Bringing awareness to Hamilton County is the big goal here," Bianchi said.

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student services, said he has seen first-hand what the COVID-19 pandemic did to WWS nurses.

"Simply put, the last two school years would not have been possible without these amazing healthcare professionals," Stinson said. "The nurses in Westfield schools have spent the last two years on the frontline of an unprecedented global pandemic, and that is on top of the already consequential job they do on a daily basis. So, the school district and the Westfield Education Foundation want our nurses to know that we value them and their hard work."

School Board member

Bill Anderson said it is important that the district highlight important community partners.

"As a school board, we have had to make some very tough decisions for the safety and wellbeing of all of the students, staff and families in our district," Anderson said. "And it truly helped us to know that we had such a strong and dedicated group of nurses on our team. Seeing them navigate the ever-changing guidelines and never miss a beat, gave us the confidence to know that every student in our district would be under expert care when they walked through our doors."

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Rock Service Awards

WWS Nurse Coordinator
Teresa Layton

School Nurses
Susan Benner
Brandi Bowlds
Adrienne Eskildsen
Jean Marie Hamilton
Melissa Hurst
Lisa Kaufman
Jeannie Langenkamp
Kortney Marburger
Jessica Marchand
Jamie Moenter
Erin Scheller
Karissa Southworth
Jordan Sterr

Assisting building nurses
Helina Doppelfeld
Jane Van Dyne



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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World Title. I am so excited to be a part of Midwest Nationals. Fans can expect lots of family fun on and off the water and some of the most competitive racing for the championship anywhere in the U.S.”

Brandon Oburn said **Indiana Insurance Solutions** is proud to be the title sponsor for this event.

“We love to be involved in our community and have been involved in motor sports in one form or another for many years,” Oburn said. “So title sponsoring the first year of the Midwest Nationals hosted by Great Lakes Watercross was an opportunity we

couldn’t pass up. We love our local community and the fantastic people that have supported us over the years.”

Hasty told The Reporter racers from across the Midwest and beyond are expected to participate in this event. It is a last chance qualifier for the IJSBA World Finals that will be held Oct. 1 to 9 in Lake Havasu City, Ariz.

Classes are available for multiple styles of watercraft and for all skill levels, beginner through pro. Anyone wanting information about spectating or participating in the event can check out greatlakeswatercross.com.

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grandchildren’s generation to have the same quality of education and opportunity she is grateful for in her own life.

“I have grandkids who are going to be going through the Noblesville school system and I had been seeing that the education in the United States was really falling down,” Kiser said. “I am an immigrant from Cuba and a naturalized citizen. I was lucky to have received a fantastic education here and was very lucky to have my parents bring me here. But I have seen that the education is not going to be preparing our kids to be self-sufficient and to be able to achieve their goals. I want my grandkids and future generations to have the same opportunity that I had to be self-sufficient and to build their dreams.”

The specific examples she gave come down not only to falling test scores, but also to her belief that schools are not teaching fundamental life skills.

“If you look at the ILEARN scores for the last 10 to 12 years, you will see that the proficiency levels have fallen in English reading and writing and mathematics,” Kiser said. “Kids are not learning how to do their finances. They are getting into a lot of debt. They are not being prepared for future career goals, whether that would be going to college or just to earn a living. We have 30 to 40 percent of our kids who are not proficient and are not going to

be able to have good-paying jobs and careers that are going to let them really build their dreams.”

Ray told The Reporter she sees too many non-academic responsibilities being added to teachers’ plates by administrations.

“Our teachers are teachers,” Ray said. “They are educators. They are not counselors. They are not psychologists. They care about their students. They know them. They get to spend a lot of time with them. So sure, they can tell when a student is not having a good day. But they don’t need to play the role of the psychologist or enter politics. There’s no place for that when you are trying to teach reading and writing and math and science. They are getting distracted with everything that is not academically related.”

Kiser agreed, citing examples of surveys taking up days of classroom time at the beginning of each school year.

“I have spoken to several teachers in different schools who feel that there is too much stress placed on some of these social studies and other surveys and too much of the school time – we are talking about days, often in the beginning of the school year – that is spent having the kids take these surveys that really have nothing to do with teaching them what they are in class for,” Kiser said. “That’s a big issue for the teachers.

NATURE ON WHEELS

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(Top) The “Be Naturally Curious” mobile nature center will help provide nature education programming. (Above left) Amanda Smith, Superintendent of Natural Resources and Education for HCPR, addresses a group of inquisitive youths during an informal wildlife presentation. The naturalist’s interpretation is typical of the type of programming that will take place in and around Hamilton County Parks’ newly completed “Be Naturally Curious” nature education trailer. (Above right) Mark LaBarr (right), Government and Community Relations Manager for Duke Energy, was recognized for Duke Energy’s funding support by HCPR Parks Director Chris Stice (left) on stage during the final concert of the Cool Creek Concert Series.

at Cool Creek Park during the parks department’s final installment of its summer concert series in the park. LaBarr, who attended the trailer’s launch ceremony, says that he is pleased that the trailer will advance the S.T.E.M. and environmental education initiatives established by Duke Energy, intended to benefit the entire community.

“This trailer will allow our Superintendent of Natural Resources and Education, Amanda Smith and her staff, to literally take the highly regarded Cool Creek Nature Center nature education programming on the road,” HCPR Parks Director

Chris Stice said.

Aptly themed “Be Naturally Curious!,” the trailer not only offers park staff the ability to engage visitors of all ages walking through its interior “learning space,” but also features a large stage deck that lowers, permitting educational and entertaining presentations to be made to large groups in an out-

door setting.

Both the interior and exterior graphics of the trailer were designed to serve as an extension of the nature education programming by inviting interactivity, whether parks staff is present or not. The challenging application of the vinyl graphics to the entirety of the trailer’s surfaces was undertaken by Vector Sign Solutions, a lo-

cal sign resource located in Noblesville.

The Be Naturally Curious trailer will be used at county parks events throughout the year. Details regarding its tour schedule will be found online by visiting MyHamiltonCountyParks.com, on Hamilton County Parks [Facebook page](#), or by calling (317) 770-4400.

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There is too much emphasis placed on specific standards as opposed to giving them an overall education in the subject matter.”

Ray agreed and cited an example from a specific survey she had access to.

“I have a screenshot of a few questions of a survey that was given to a student,” Ray told The Reporter. “One of the questions reads, ‘I will tell a lie if it will keep me out of trouble.’ Then it’s multiple choice: It’s very much like me; mostly like me; somewhat like me; a little like me or not like me at all. How is that related to their academics? Unfortunately, that provider that this quiz is coming from, on their website it says, ‘Our commitment is to justice, equity, diversity and inclusion.’ We’re pushing this stuff and it has nothing to do with what they are actually there to learn and what the parents send their kids to school for. There is a reason we have hundreds of students being pulled from Noblesville Schools within the last two years to go to private schools.”

If you would like to learn more about these candidates and what they stand for, their online details are below.

[Click here](#) to visit Misti Ray’s campaign website.

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[Click here](#) to visit Melba Kiser’s campaign website. [Click here](#) to visit her campaign Facebook page.

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Ainsley isn't your typical child. Like many kids, this fourth grader loves reading, chicken pot pies, anything colored purple, and Harry Potter.

But watch for a minute and you will see Ainsley also loves serving others.

According to her mom, Brianna, "Since age four, Ainsley's birthdays have been about giving to causes that are important to her. Instead of asking for presents, she asks for support of the Humane Society, even receiving an award for her contributions."

After learning about **FeedingTeam.org**, this enterprising nine-year-old set out to be a difference maker in the world. Determined to find a way to stock food in the pantries, Ainsley settled on a good, old-fashioned garage sale at their suburban Indianapolis area home.

Next the work began. Working with Mom and Dad, sale items were identified, sorted, and organized. Signs were made to tell everyone about the garage sale raising money to purchase food to donate into the pantries. Pictures of all the items were listed for sale online with a couple of brilliant caveats:

First, if a customer purchased online, they had to stop by the in-person sale to pick up their items. Ainsley explained her strategy: "This was on purpose. We wanted them to buy more when they came to the garage sale."

Next, she used best-offer pricing for the sale. When customers learned about Ainsley's garage sale, offers were ... well, shall we just say, a bit higher than what was expected. The grin on Ainsley's face tells the story – people were impressed with her plan. Really impressed!

Fast forward after the garage sale, and let the math begin. With all the money

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Facts
48 pantries
8,500 meals in July 2022
Over 30 volunteer families

she raised, how is it best used? How do we make every penny count? A trip to the grocery was followed by a purchase plan and then even more math. When the dust settled, 300 (yes, you read that right), 300 items were purchased, organized, and delivered into pantries in Fishers and Noblesville.

As you read this month's column, hungry neighbors are being fed today because of the giving heart of this young lady. Ainsley's 300 acts of kindness to her community cost her personal time, toys, clothing, and games. Her reward? The satisfaction of serving other people in her community. Our reward? An example of what it means to selflessly serve. Well done, and thank you, Ainsley for a lesson well taught. Thank you, Mom and Dad. This doesn't happen if not for your hearts, too. We are so very thankful for neighbors stepping up to host, donate, stock, and organize pantries.

Please save the date for this year's Food and Fund-raiser, taking place from 3 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 1 at Federal Hill Commons in Noblesville. With three bands, food trucks, a beer garden, and a bounce house, we are set to have a great time all while helping feed hungry neighbors. The price of admission is items for the pantries. Volunteers will be ready to take your donations.

With over 27,000 food-challenged neighbors in Hamilton County, **FeedingTeam.org** is a registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that provides outdoor 24/7/365 no-questions-asked free food pantries throughout the county.

The pantries exist to meet the food insecurity needs of gap families, neighbors who may not qualify for public assistance and could use a few meals before payday.



Ainsley, a girl with a servant's heart, recently worked to provide 300 items for the Feeding Team pantries.

The pantries serve as many food-challenged neighbors as possible, and our hearts are with those who, like my family, could not always make ends meet.

Thank you for embracing the pantries. We love serving with so many neighbors across Hamilton County. In future columns, we will share more stories about how your generosity served neighbors in times of need. The face of hunger in Hamilton County is not what you may think.

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

Would you like to get involved? Volunteer opportunities are available. We are evaluating new pantry locations. If you think you have a potential location, please contact us.

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



Community First Bank supports Westfield & Noblesville teachers

The REPORTER

Community First Bank (CFB) has donated \$5,500 to support teachers and their classrooms for the 2022-23 school year.

CFB will partner with the Westfield Education Foundation and the Noblesville Schools Education Foundation in Hamilton County to offer three teacher mini-grants. The bank also supports teachers in Marion and Howard counties.

“We have continued to witness the way that teachers pivot and persevere through challenges to still give their very best to their students, and our team would like to honor and support the work of these educators,” CFB CEO Robb Blume said. “One of our core beliefs is that we must be actively involved in making our communities better places to live, and this partnership is a way that we get to continue to live that out.”

Local winners from the 2021-22 CFB-funded grants were Atieno Boyd and Heather Young’s “Your Future is Bright” grant (Miller Success Academy), Jennifer Sawa’s “Lunch Bunch Book Club” grant (Washington Woods Elementary School), and Erin McKinney’s “Getting Interactive” grant (Westfield High School). Teacher grant applications for 2022-23 are now open to Westfield and Noblesville staff, and winners will be selected in the fall.

Through community partnerships, the Founda-



(Top, from left) CFB Executive Banker Bonnie Riley, Westfield Education Foundation Executive Director Ashley Knott, and CFB Residential Mortgage Sales Manager Janelle Campbell. (Above, from left) CFB Assistant Branch Manager Taylor Davis, Noblesville Schools Education Foundation Executive Director Adriann Young, and CFB Mortgage Loan Originator Korbin Cruea.

tions can provide resources that will enrich and enhance teaching and learning in the local schools and promote lifelong learners. Community First Bank encourages other local businesses to join them in partnering to support teacher grant programs.

About Community First Bank
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(CFB) was chartered in 2003 in Kokomo and is committed to keeping outstanding customer service, local decision-making, and relationship-building at its core. The locally owned and operated bank currently has branches in Indianapolis, Kokomo, Westfield, and Noblesville. CFB has been named as one of

the Best Places to Work in Indiana for eight consecutive years by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. Additional information can be found at CFBIndiana.com. Member FDIC, Equal Housing Lender.

Community News

Eat all the fish you can at the 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.



Don’t miss Westfield Farmers Market tonight at the Plaza

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Avocado tell you something ... the Westfield Farmer’s Market is tonight. Stop by for baked treats, fresh vegetables, dog treats, and so much more. Veg out and enjoy live music at Grand Junction Plaza every Thursday through Sept. 1.

Tonight’s Market Vendors

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Letter to the Editor

Noblesville school board candidate outlines his priorities

Dear Editor:

As my son enters kindergarten this year in our fantastic district, I felt called to serve the community and all the wonderful men and women working tirelessly to shape his future by running for Noblesville school board.

I looked at the school board and the current status quo has gotten us some of the lowest paid teachers in Hamilton County and the 26th best district in the state. Is that enough?

Noblesville is top-tier district, and we need to ensure our teachers, administrators, and students have what they need to accomplish top-tier education. The district is what drew my wife and I to Noblesville, and the district is what will continue to help fuel the economy of today and produce the leaders of tomorrow.

We have two candidates running on maintaining the status quo, and two who feel we were better 30 years ago.

I believe we have a lot of good going for us, but we have some work to do to improve ourselves.

My campaign is focused on:

Improving teacher pay

When elected to the School Board, I would advocate for realistic teacher salaries, supply funds, and continuing education resources.

College and career readiness

When elected to the School Board, I would look to expand our career readiness past the JEL program at North Central, and look at creating apprenticeships with local businesses who need talent to create a homegrown talent pipeline.

STEAM Education and the Arts

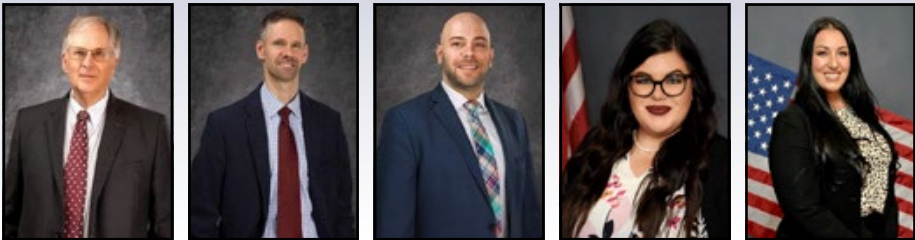
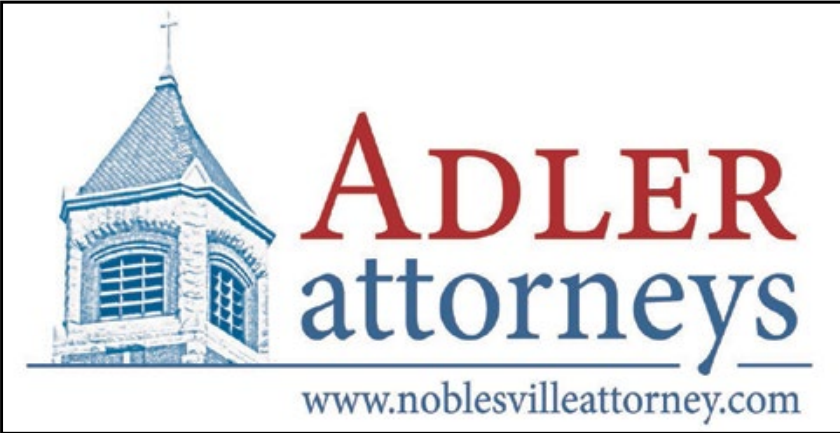
Focusing our attention and funds on STEAM will ensure that our students develop strong literacy, numeracy, and STEAM skills, and the life skills needed to thrive in the 21st century economy, including critical and creative thinking, leadership, and judgment and decision-making.

Honest understanding of SEL

Some candidates are vilifying SEL education. However, after the pandemic, our students are behind on how to interact with one another. Which means as they enter the workforce, they’re employees who do not know how to behave, how to serve, or how communicate.

I hope throughout this campaign, we’ll see teachers as the professionals they are, who are supporting and caring for their students.

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On Tuesday night, Lucas Oil Stadium, the home of the Indianapolis Colts, was the venue for the Stadium Tour with headliners, Def Leppard (below left) and Mötley Crüe (bottom right). Joan Jett (below right), Poison (bottom left), and a new band called Classless Act (not pictured) rounded out the lineup. (Reporter photos by JohnGeiger.com)



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Noblesville’s novel new Noble Optique

Submitted by Noble Optique

Nestled on the roads of the Noblesville square, Noble Optique opened last fall and brings a fun and upbeat store to downtown. Noble Optique strives to be different – different in frame selection, different in experience, and in creating a totally different atmosphere. They enjoy showing the community that eye care can be relaxing and enjoyable. You can stop in for their signature sparkling water with an edible flower while you look through their amazing frame lines. Or you can grab a free cup of coffee and relax in their massage chair with essential oils before your exam. Noble Optique focuses on making your experience an unparalleled and enjoyable visit.

Experience and quality care are of the upmost importance and things they pride themselves on. Owner Mark McCormack brings 30 years of optical experience to Noblesville. He has spent many years in the ophthalmic industry along with an extensive frame background. He is also a nationally certified optician and has worked as a private optical practice consultant.

Mark always takes his time with patients and ensures they receive the best care possible. Patients rave about his optical knowledge and patient education. Their Google and Facebook reviews continue to show their dedication to the patient experience. Gina R states that Noble Optique has the “Best selection of eyeglass frames. The customer service and time they take to make sure you are happy with your selection and getting exactly what you are looking for is 5 stars. Highly recommend checking them out when in the market for glasses.” Jessica T agrees and says that they are “Such a great addition to the square.”

As Noblesville residents for 21 years, Mark and Kelly say they enjoy the opportunity to serve their community. They enjoy engaging with the public and getting to know their patients. Noble Optique provides a way for Mark to provide the eye care service that he excels in while being an active part of his town. As the store approaches its one-year anniversary, they say they are excited to continue bringing excitement and energy to the Noblesville downtown, including offering discounts to other downtown business on the Noblesville square. Mark says he looks at it as just one more way to engage with those around him and show his appreciation for all of the support



Photo provided by Noble Optique
Step into Noble Optique at 840 Logan St. on the Square in Noblesville.

Noble Optique has received. Unique, colorful, and specialty frame lines are one of Mark and Kelly’s favorite things to bring to Hamilton County, including several lines not being found within several hours of Indianapolis. Ana C’s Facebook review states, “This store is amazing! They have beautiful frames! I love, love mine! Don’t buy new frames until you get the chance to visit this beautiful store. You will not be disappointed!!!”

Noble Optique prides itself on helping you discover frames that make you feel amazing while providing the best quality lenses. From the everyday frame, to the glamorous or the edgy, the goal is to have something for everyone and bring fashion to Hamilton County.

Noble Optique offers full eye care services, including comprehensive eye exams, contact lens fittings, contacts, prescription glasses, and sunglasses, as well as a discounted \$50 new patient eye exam special and a \$25 contact lens fitting fee on all types of contacts as another way to give back to the community.

Noble Optique is located at 840 Logan St. The hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. Learn more at [Noble-Optique.com](https://www.noble-optique.com) or by calling (317) 219-7131. You can also check out the Noble Optique [Facebook page](#) and [Instagram feed](#).



State Auditor: taxpayer refund checks could begin arriving by this weekend

The REPORTER

State Auditor Tera Klutz, CPA confirmed the 1.7 million automatic taxpayer refund (ATR) checks are printing and the first group of checks should reach mailboxes later this week.

“We have worked tirelessly with the Governor’s team to get Hoosiers their checks, and despite the many challenges we encountered, we are pleased to get printing started,” Klutz said. “To those Hoosiers who have been patiently waiting for their check, I want to say – the wait is over! We have successfully printed the first round of checks, which eligible Hoosiers should start to see receive this weekend.”

On June 30, 2021, when state reserves exceeded 12.5 percent of state budget general fund appropriations for the following year, a \$1.1 billion excess reserve transfer was automatically generated. The transfer was divided equally amongst Indiana taxpayers (\$125 each) and teacher pensions.

To qualify for the \$125 (or \$250 if filed jointly), taxpayers would have had to file an Indiana individual income tax return for 2020 with a postmark date of Jan. 3, 2022.

Then, in June of this year, the state closed the books with an annual surplus of \$3.9 billion. When combined with its previous reserve balance, resulted in Indiana having over \$6 billion in reserves. Gov-

ernor Eric Holcomb called a legislative special session asking the General Assembly to return some of that surplus to Hoosiers.

On Aug. 5, Gov. Holcomb signed **Senate Enrolled Act (SEA) 2** to provide a second ATR of \$200 for any individual who qualified for the first refund of \$125.

How taxpayers receive their \$125 and \$200 refunds will depend on how they filed their 2021 individual income tax return. If taxpayers listed direct deposit (checking or savings account) information on their 2021 Indiana income tax refund, they should have already received their \$125 direct deposit. If they have not received a direct deposit, they will receive a combined check from the Auditor of State for \$325 (or \$650 if filed jointly).

“Like many industries, state government was not spared the headaches that come from dealing with a shortage – in our case, a paper shortage,” Klutz said. “We typically don’t print this many checks at one time, which created the challenge of locating the amount of paper required to print the



Klutz

1.7 million checks needed. Luckily, this challenge became a ‘blessing in disguise’ since the paper arrived within days of SEA 2 becoming law, enabling us to send Hoosiers one check instead of two which saves the State an additional \$1 million in processing, printing and postage costs.”

With roughly 50,000 checks printed each day, Klutz anticipates all 1.7 million refund checks being mailed by early October.

Scam Alert

Klutz, along with the Department of Revenue, says Hoosiers should be mindful of potential scams about ATRs. All refunds will be issued by direct deposit or check.

Individuals should ignore any texts, emails or phone calls regarding these refunds, especially messages containing links or requesting personal or financial information, such as Social Security or bank account numbers. If taxpayers have any questions on the validity of messages or calls, please call the Auditor of State’s office at (317) 232-3330 or Department of Revenue at (317) 232-2240.

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On Aug. 12, the individuals pictured above were seen on surveillance video involved in a theft at Menards. They were last seen driving a 2005 GMC Envoy. The Westfield Police Department is asking for the public’s assistance in identifying these individuals for questions regarding the case. If you have any information on either of these individuals, please call Detective Adam Zosso at (317) 804-3238, or call Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana at (317) 262-8477 (TIPS). Please reference Case Number 2022-00035872.

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On Sunday evening, Cicero Friends of the Park welcomed the Atlanta Music Hall Quintet at Red Bridge Park. (From left) John Scanlan on keys, Jim Newell on bass, John Newby on horns, Bob McLeaish on drums, Steve Newby on guitar, and Linda Newell, singer. If you would like to see them perform in person, you can catch them at The Atlanta Music Hall, 135 W. Main St. Check them out on [Facebook](#).

Photo provided

Obituary

Larry Leon Scaggs
July 13, 1939 – August 15, 2022

Larry Leon Scaggs, 83, Carmel, was called to his heavenly home Monday, August 15, 2022. He was born July 13, 1939, in Eaton, Ind., son of W.M. and Delia Miller Scaggs.

Larry was an entrepreneur who was a hard worker with strong work ethics. As a young adult, Larry recognized his need for salvation, was saved, and attended Bethel Baptist Church in Georgetown, Ill. He enjoyed fishing, playing cards, and would often win at playing bingo. He was very generous and would willingly give to others in need. Larry strongly felt no one should be alone on Thanksgiving, so he would invite people into their home to share a delicious meal together with his family. Most importantly, Larry loved his family and spending time together.

In addition to his parents, Larry was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Donna; brothers, James, Lloyd, Jerry, and Richard; and sister, Wilma Jean.

Survivors include his children, Tina (George) Hoehne of St. Charles, Ill., Dixie (Mark) Martin of Westfield, Gary Scaggs (Kymberly Arnell) of Ocala, Fla., and Denise Scaggs of Vacaville, Calif.; seven grandchildren, Jamie (Michael), Aaron (Melissa), Peyton, Zachary, Corie, Stephanie, and Chad; six great-grandchildren, Grant (Megan), Max, Jack, Kingston, Trey, and Bodhe; and sister, Pat (Darrell) Terhune.

Family and friends will gather at 10 a.m. (CDT) on Monday, August 22, 2022, at Chrisman Nazarene Church, 313 N. Pennsylvania St., Chrisman, Ill., where the Funeral Service will begin at 11 a.m. (CDT). Grant Daily, great-grandson of Larry, will officiate the service. Burial will follow in the Woodland Cemetery, Chrisman.

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The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 22, 2022, at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St., Carmel.

The Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District Board will meet at noon on Monday, Aug. 22, 2022, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Hamilton County Commissioners will meet at 1 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 22, 2022, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold a Personnel and Benefits Committee meeting at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2022, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville.

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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Humbert M. (Marc) Lopes

July 6, 1925 – August 16, 2022

Humbert M. (Marc) Lopes, 97, Fishers, passed away, August 16, 2022. He was born in Fall River, Mass., on July 6, 1925, the eldest son of the late Belmira Correia Lopes and Francisco Lopes.

Humbert has been a man of integrity, honor, deep faith, and respect for everyone. Over many years, he has gathered and kept close his family and many friends in his neighborhood, church, and community. Humbert has lived life large into “super-elder” years with health, connectedness and vitality that inspires all of us.

Ever proud of his heritage, Humbert was first-generation American-born, raised with his grandmother, Victoria de Sousa Correia, a young widow who immigrated with her two daughters, including the youngest child who became his mother, from the Azores Islands, Portugal, to the U.S. His grandmother cared for him while his parents worked in the mills and construction in Fall River, Mass.

Humbert proudly served two tours in the Army Air / Air Force from August 1944 to November 1952, in both WW II and the Korean War. He enlisted in the Army Air Corp, winning a placement in flight cadet training and commissioned as an officer in 1944. He became certified as one of the few “3-headed monsters”, deployed as a radar man, bombardier, and navigator, flying B-29s with the 344th Bomber Squadron, 98th Bomber Wing. He flew over 50 bombing sorties over Japan and Korea. Humbert was honorably discharged from the Air Force as a First Lieutenant in November 1952.

In 1950, Humbert used his GI Bill benefits to obtain a B.S. degree in Chemical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N.Y. Always an athlete, he also lettered in varsity soccer at Rensselaer. He went on to have an illustrious career in product development and management with The Firestone Company. His management career took him to opening new plants and managing plant operations in the U.S., Canada, Wales, U.K., Greece, and Brazil. Humbert was instrumental in formulating and developing the highly successful business for Firestone’s rubber roofing product. Ultimately, in 1978 he rose to the position of President of Firestone Industrial Products Company (FIPC), the diversified products division of The Firestone Company. He embodied the true American story of opportunity and achievement, from immigrant roots to senior executive of a Fortune 500 company in two generations.

Beyond his career success, Humbert’s proudest achievements have always been raising and loving his family and giving back to his community. Humbert married his late wife, Helen Stinziano Lopes, in November 1952, returning to Somerset, Mass., near his family in Fall River, Mass., after his military service. There they raised two daughters, Patricia and Joanne. In 1967, a corporate promotion took the family to live in Lindsay, Ontario, Canada, a great family adventure as they explored Canada for several years. Shortly after returning to the U.S. in 1972, the family settled in Carmel, where Humbert led management operations of FIPC nearby. Together, they enjoyed many years experiencing all that the Midwest has to offer. Upon the terminal illness of his wife, Helen (dec. April 1982), Humbert took early retirement to care for her and to enjoy their



brief time left together. After her death, Humbert successfully consulted on operational efficiency and integration with many prior clients. Always devoted to his faith, Humbert became a more active volunteer and participant in his church, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Roman Catholic Church (OLMC), Carmel.

Life began anew when Humbert met and married Shirley Peetz Dupons in April 1986. Together, they built another life, enjoying travels to Florida, the Caribbean and Europe in their retirement years. Both having deep faith in God and Jesus Christ, they have been active in both OLMC and East 91st Street Christian Church, participating each weekend in both services, pursuing Bible studies and connecting with friends sharing their devotion to faith. They found joy in visiting all their children, enjoying time at the beach on the East Coast and exploring new areas in Texas together. Humbert and Shirley frequently entertained and created a community among neighbors and friends.

In 1993, Humbert took on a new role: volunteering with Hamilton County’s Financial Management to aid and advocate for seniors and disabled individuals in managing their finances. Not long later, he grew this program from a fledgling group to a large team of active volunteers with the mission to keep the elderly and others in their homes. Ultimately, Humbert became President of the Hamilton County Money Management Program, and a board chair and member of the Indiana Governor’s Council on Aging. Upon receiving the 2012 Golden Hoosier Award for his service, he famously said, “I’m helping the old people.” He was 87 at the time; we said, “But you are the old people.” He didn’t believe us, and we are glad he didn’t.

Humbert is survived by his loving wife of 36 years, Shirley Dupons Lopes; his two daughters, Patricia (Rick Lundregan) Earnest and Joanne (Rice) Powell; his sister, Carolyn (David Woodworth) Alves; his blended family son and daughter, Scott (Cynthia, dec. August 2022) Dupons and Heidi (Stephen) Stump; grandchildren, Morgan (Jennie) Earnest, Kelli Lundregan, Ryan Lundregan, Hannah Powell (Colby Hufnagle), Sophie Powell, Katie Stump (Devin Basile), and James (Chenoa) Stump; and great-grandson, Killian Stump.

Humbert is preceded in death by his late wife, Helen Stinziano Lopes; mother and father, Belmira and Francisco Lopes; his brothers, Robert Lopes and Frank Lopes, Jr.; and stepson, David Dupons. He is also preceded in death by his in-laws, Norma Stinziano, Margaret Rioux, and Pasquale Stinziano, who loved him like a brother.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, August 21, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers, Mass. will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, August 22, 2022, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, 14598 Oak Ridge Road, Carmel, with Rev. Dan Gartland officiating.

Future interment will take place at Saint Patrick’s Cemetery in Fall River, Mass.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in Humbert’s memory to the charity of your choice.

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TODAY’S BIBLE READING

You adulterous people, don’t you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. Or do you think Scripture says without reason that he jealously longs for the spirit he has caused to dwell in us? But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says:

“God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”

James 4:4-6 (NIV)

John Robert Eibs

November 7, 1944 – August 15, 2022

John Robert Eibs, 77, Fishers, passed away on Monday, August 15, 2022, at IU Health Saxony in Fishers. He was born on November 7, 1944, to the late Franklin and Frances (O’Neil) Eibs in Minneapolis, Minn.



John proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps, serving two tours in Vietnam as a Forward Observer E-5. He worked for over 30 years in logistics management for Target Stores. John was active in New Hope Presbyterian Church. He enjoyed traveling, playing cards, and golfing in retirement. John enjoyed visiting with his many friends in Indiana and Florida, and loved spending time with his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife, Jean Eibs; daughter, Kelly Ginder; son, Patrick (Darcy) Eibs; grandchildren, Brock, Whitney, Dani, Johanna, and Wisky; sister, Mary Ann Eibs; and brothers, Patrick Eibs and Tom Eibs.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon, with services at noon, on Saturday, August 20, 2022, at New Hope Presbyterian Church, 12550 Brooks School Road, Fishers.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL IS BACK!

County schools facing rivals old & new in first week of 2022 season

By **RICHIE HALL**
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The 2022 Indiana high school football season begins Friday, with teams now making their final preparations for their opening games. In Hamilton County, the first week of the season means taking on rivals, both old and relatively new.

Here's a look at all some of this Friday's games, with the other previews to come in tomorrow's edition.

NOBLESVILLE-MOUNT VERNON

Noblesville will play its first official game at the brand-new Beaver Stadium on Friday, and the Millers get a big name for their first opponent: Mount Vernon, last season's Class 4A state champion and pre-season No. 1-ranked team in both the Associated Press media poll and the IFCA coaches' poll.

This is the third consecutive year that Noblesville has opened its season against the Marauders. The Millers traveled to Mount Vernon last year and came away with a 57-36 win. The good news for Noblesville is that many of the players who helped get that victory are back on the roster for this season.

Millers coach Dave Sharpe named five returning linebackers: Austin Hastings, Gavin Kinyon, Mac Lynas, Trey Speek and Jordan Sharp, whom the coach said "are all very experienced players."

"We're really going to lean on them to give us a boost early in the season," said Sharpe.

Two more players are back in the secondary, juniors Cameron Wilson and Carter Richardson. Senior Zach Lee returns on the defensive line.

The offensive line is experienced as well, with seniors Andrew Page, Nathaniel Hamm, Blake Cole and Ben Decker returning, along with junior Ransom McDermott.

"We feel very good about our linebackers and our offensive line," said Sharpe.

On offense, junior Logan Shoffner returns; he was Noblesville's leading rusher last season. Juniors Gage Gulley and Blake Widget are the halfbacks. The Millers also have a freshman quarterback, Landon Hughes. Sophomore tight end Aiden Brewer is back after getting "quite a bit of playing time last year," said Sharpe.

With all that experience coming back, Sharpe said that the practices have been going "very good." And since they have that experience, Noblesville's players are aware of what awaits them when they take on Mount Vernon this week, and in the future.

The Millers play Bennett's Academy in Lisle, Ill. for their Week 2 game. "It's a great program and a great powerhouse Catholic



Noblesville freshman Landon Hughes (center) is slated to be the starting quarterback for the Millers in their season-opener Friday against Mount Vernon.

Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Football League in the Chicago suburbs," said Sharpe.

After that comes play in the Hoosier Crossroads Conference, which continues to rise in quality every year.

"They know exactly how good the teams are in our league," said Sharpe. "We have to finish this year; we have to be a better second-half team."

CARMEL-LOUISVILLE TRINITY

It will be a battle between two powerhouses at Carmel Stadium when the Greyhounds welcome Louisville Trinity on Friday.

The two teams have played each other off and on since 2013. Last season, Carmel went to Trinity and overcame a quick 17-0 hole to win 49-38, evening the series record to 3-3.

The Greyhounds will have quite a good number of players returning from the previous season. Senior wide receiver Desmond Duffy, committed to Ohio University, had 772 yards receiving and 11 touchdowns for Carmel. Greyhounds coach John Hebert said that Duffy is "a great kick returner and punt returner as well." Also back on the receiving line is senior Reece Bellin, who totaled 344

yards and collected four touchdowns.

Senior Blake Matthews is also back as Carmel's third receiver, "so our receiving corps is definitely a strength of the team and I think getting the ball into their hands is going to be the goal," said Hebert.

The coach wants to run the ball as well. Senior Nick Beidl is the starting running back for Carmel. Another key returner is senior Ethan Trent at center.

"He was a top 50 IFCA player, first team all-conference, committed to Indiana State," said Hebert.

On defense, senior safety Winston Berglund will lead the way. Hebert called the Purdue commit "as good as it gets athletically and as a tackler and as a leader."

Berglund will be joined by fellow Purdue commit, senior Will Heldt as an outside linebacker. Other key returners on defense are junior defensive lineman Artemas Bryant, Carmel's top pass rusher last season, and senior cornerback Kyle Fedorcha. Junior Christian Peterson, a transfer from Pike, will be the kick returner, while senior Ben Sponsler is back as the Greyhounds' kicker.

Hebert also listed several other players that "have really improved in the weight room and they've gotten their speed numbers significantly better:" Seniors Mason Bradwell, Noah Bradbury, Tim Haas, Vincent Neal, Beau Willman, Patrick Greene, and juniors Aidan McFall, Charlie Marsh and Sam Birany.

After hosting Trinity, Carmel travels to Center Grove in Week 2, then welcomes Detroit Cass Tech for Week 3.

SHERIDAN-WESTERN BOONE

Sheridan will continue one of the oldest opening-week rivalries in the state when it welcomes Western Boone to Bud Wright Stadium.

The Blackhawks and the Stars have been playing each other in Week 1 since 1997. Last year's game didn't go Sheridan's way, as WeBo rolled to a 55-13 win. But the 'Hawks recovered and went on to finish 2021 with a 7-3 record.

Wright will have an experienced four-some back on both offense and defense: Peyton Cross, Keegan Hampton, Dagan Johnson and Jacob Jones. All four are seniors. Junior Zach Bales also returns.

Wright pointed out that Cross was Sheridan's second-leading rusher last year.

"He's a four-year starter, so hopefully he's ready to pick it up," said Wright, who begins his 57th season coaching the Blackhawks on Friday.

Wright said that the defensive line and linebackers will be the strength of the team this year, with Cross as a four-year starter and Jones a three-year starter.

"Jones has led the team in tackles as a sophomore and junior," said Wright. "Keegan's a good, strong linebacker and Bales is the middle linebacker."

Meanwhile, the offensive line will be young, with Wright saying that "three or four sophomores" will be starting there.

"Johnson will go both ways this year," said Wright. "He's the only offensive lineman that will go both ways."

As for the offense, the Blackhawks will continue with their trademark rushing game, although Wright said "hopefully we can throw the ball a little bit more than we did last year."

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Ashlynn Shade transfers to La Lumiere

The REPORTER

Noblesville basketball star Ashlynn Shade has transferred to La Lumiere, the well-known prep school in La Porte, according to a story from the Indianapolis Star that broke on Wednesday.

Shade had been a three-year starter for the Millers, leading the team to a state championship during her junior season, as well as a sectional title her sophomore year. She averaged 20.9 points and 8.3 rebounds per game during her junior year, and committed to play at the University of Connecticut.

Be sure to read Friday's edition for the remaining county high school football previews!

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Fishers' Maeve Hanley (7) and Westfield's Mia Smith (27) battle for the ball. Also pictured is Westfield's Ari Williams.

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Westfield & Fishers have back-to-back battles

Southeastern's Caroline Kelley named Player of the Game at Wednesday match

The REPORTER

The Westfield and Fishers soccer teams played each other on back-to-back nights this week.

The boys went first, playing at the Shamrocks field on Tuesday. That game finished in a 1-1 tie. The Tigers scored their goal in the first half, with Kyle Clayton finding the back of the net. Westfield's Oliver Smith tied the game with a second-half goal.

On Wednesday, Fishers and Westfield's girls teams played at the Tigers' field, with the home team winning 2-1. Freshman Elise May

scored Fishers' first goal, with senior Lilly Touhy making the assist. Junior McKinley Boland converted a penalty kick for the Tigers' second goal.

Westfield stats were not available at press time.

Fishers' victory was the second of the week, as the Tigers defeated Pendleton Heights 5-0 on Monday. Five different Fishers players scored one goal each: Anna Pettit, Touhy, May, Emmy Streeter and Emerson Huneck. Maddie Meier and May both had one assist.

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The Hamilton Southeastern girls team kept its record perfect with a 4-0 win at Franklin Central on Wednesday.

The Flashes held the Royals to one goal in the first half; Tatum Coleman assisted Caroline Kelley on the score. Southeastern got going in the second half with three goals. Ayla Conn scored off a double assist from Coleman and Kelley.

Chloe Count scored the third goal by a Kelley assist, then Kelley scored on a free kick to complete the scoring; she was named HSE's player of the game.



Reporter photo by Kirk Green

Fishers' Sienna Mullen (19) keeps steady on the ball during the Tigers' girls soccer game with Westfield on Wednesday.

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**WESTFIELD-
NEW PALESTINE**

Westfield, the Class 6A runner-up the past two seasons, will go on the road for its opener, traveling to fellow powerhouse New Palestine on Friday.

The Shamrocks will have a new look to them this year, after graduating a stellar senior class, many of whom have gone on to play Division I football. But don't worry, there is quite a bit of talent returning for the 'Rocks.

That list includes defensive back senior Dillon Thieneman, senior linebackers Charlie Dager and Tyler Dikos, senior offensive tackle Alex Ashley and senior offensive lineman Michael Clifford. Gabe Arambolles returns as a sophomore wide receiver; he played significant minutes for Westfield last year as a freshman.

"We have pretty good depth in our defensive front," said Shamrocks coach Jake Gilbert. The coach said his team's defensive linemen and linebackers "should be very productive, backed up by a

great safety." The coach also said he feels great about the team's tight ends and quarterback, senior Cole Ballard, "even though they are new."

This will be the third time in program history that Westfield has played the Dragons. New Palestine took on the Shamrocks in 1991 and 1992, winning both times.

"New Pal has a great program," said Gilbert. "I have seen them in person a few times over the years. Coach Ralph has the highest winning percentage in the history of Indiana. They are strong and physical and play hard. It will be a battle. I think it will be a good matchup!"

**HAMILTON
SOUTHEASTERN-
LAWRENCE CENTRAL**

Hamilton Southeastern travels to Lawrence Central to begin its season, marking the fifth straight season that the Royals have played the Bears in their opener. Southeastern has won all four of the previous meetings in this series, including last year's game 35-7.

"I have not really seen much of LC other than

watching or film from last year," said Royals coach Michael Kelly. "I know the return a lot of guys from a highly competitive team last year. They have great speed and can execute well. It is going to be a battle for us. We need to start fast and play with relentless effort."

Kelly said his team has "grown tremendously" during the past two weeks of practices, noting that "consistency in practice has made a significant difference. Our defense is practicing really well. Our guys understand their jobs and are competing at a high level."

Senior Ty Bradle is slated as HSE's starting quarterback; he played in eight games last season and threw for 234 yards and three touchdowns. Two receivers also return in senior Clayton Wilke and junior Donovan Hamilton.

The Royals' defense will be anchored by three solid seniors. Griffen Haas totaled 56 tackles for Southeastern last season, while Shane Gastineau had 48 stops and Cole Earlewine made 47 tackles. Another senior Christian Miller, had 31 stops.

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Volleyball: Noblesville sweeps in double four-sets this week

The REPORTER

The Noblesville volleyball team is off to a 2-0 start this season. On Monday, the Millers beat North Central in an away match, taking a four-set contest 25-18, 25-23, 23-25, 25-14. Noblesville followed that up with a four-set win over Mount Vernon Wednesday at The Mill, by the score of 25-13,

25-22, 25-27, 27-25.

The Millers are back in action Saturday when they play at Bishop Chatard. * * *

Hamilton Heights got a four-set victory over Lebanon on Wednesday, 20-25, 25-16, 25-20, 25-17.

Libero Kennedy Cherry scored several aces while also playing dominant on the back row. Macie Smith

and Emma Blanton both hit several kills.

The Huskies' junior varsity team won in three sets, 20-25, 25-10, 15-10. * * *

Carmel dropped a four-set match to Roncalli on Wednesday, 22-25, 33-31, 25-20, 25-15.

Lauren Evans put down 13 kills for the Greyhounds, with Avery Carroll hitting

eight and Emily Waddell getting six. Waddell led the blocks with six, followed by Carroll with three and Evans with two. On defense, Lauren Dossey and Evans both had 19 digs, with Carroll collecting seven digs. Dossey also served two aces.

Carmel hosts its Round Robin tournament on Saturday.

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Noblesville's dropped a 4-1 dual meet at Brebeuf Jesuit on Wednesday.

The Millers' victory came from No. 2 doubles, with Jack Gigante and Caden David splitting the first two sets 6-4, 1-6 before winning a 10-8 super tie-break.

Soccer Polls

Here are the Indiana Soccer Coaches Association polls for the week of Aug. 15.

3A BOYS

- 1. Fishers
- 2. Zionsville
- 3. Carmel
- 4. Chesterton
- 5. Noblesville
- 6. Valparaiso
- 7. Castle
- 8. Hamilton SE
- 9. Penn
- 10. Lake Central
- 11. Elkhart
- 12. Center Grove
- 13. Westfield
- 14. Columbus North
- 15. Munster
- 16. Perry Meridian
- 17. Goshen
- 18. Warsaw
- 19. Plainfield
- 20. Northridge

3A GIRLS

- 1. Homestead
- 2. Hamilton Southeastern
- 3. Noblesville
- 4. Carmel
- 5. SB Saint Joseph
- 6. Castle
- 7. Center Grove
- 8. Zionsville
- 9. Cathedral
- 10. Evansville Reitz
- 11. Chesterton
- 12. North Central
- 13. Bloomington South
- 14. Penn
- 15. East Central
- 16. Columbus North
- 17. Fishers
- 18. Valparaiso
- 19. Brownsburg
- 20. Crown Point

2A BOYS

- 1. Brebeuf Jesuit
- 2. Ev. Memorial
- 3. West Lafayette
- 4. Canterbury
- 5. Guerin Catholic
- 6. Concordia Lutheran
- 7. Bishop Dwenger
- 8. Mishawaka Marian
- 9. Culver Academies
- 10. Speedway
- 11. SB St. Joseph
- 12. Bremen
- 13. Washington Community
- 14. Heritage Hills
- 15. Lawrenceburg
- 16. Gibson Southern
- 17. Yorktown
- 18. Heritage Christian
- 19. Northwestern
- 20. Tri-West

2A GIRLS

- 1. Evansville Memorial
- 2. Chatard
- 3. Guerin Catholic
- 4. Mishawaka Marian
- 5. Brebeuf Jesuit
- 6. Leo
- 7. Mater Dei
- 8. Tri West
- 9. West Lafayette
- 10. Hanover Central
- 11. Hamilton Heights
- 12. Heritage Hills
- 13. Silver Creek
- 14. Jasper
- 15. South Dearborn
- 16. Belmont
- 17. Western
- 18. Batesville
- 19. Lawrenceburg
- 20. Gibson Southern

1A BOYS

- 1. Park Tudor
- 2. University
- 3. Westview
- 4. Kouts
- 5. North White
- 6. Faith Christian
- 7. South Knox
- 8. Forest Park
- 9. Covenant Christian (Indpls)
- 10. Southwestern (Shelby)
- 11. Jac-Cen-Del
- 12. Lutheran (Indpls)
- 13. Carroll (Flora)
- 14. South Ripley
- 15. Bethany Christian
- 16. Providence Cristo Rey
- 17. Northeast Dubois
- 18. Switzerland County
- 19. Argos
- 20. Trinity

1A GIRLS

- 1. Heritage Christian
- 2. Evansville Christian
- 3. Mater Dei
- 4. Andean
- 5. Argos
- 6. Providence
- 7. Westview
- 8. Forest Park
- 9. Faith Christian
- 10. Tipton
- 11. FW Canterbury
- 12. Northeast Dubois
- 13. Cascade
- 14. Oldenburg
- 15. Switzerland County
- 16. Speedway
- 17. Covenant Christian Demotte
- 18. Boone Grove
- 19. Lakewood Park Christian
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Minnesota	4	Kansas City	0	St. Louis	5	Colorado	1
Toronto	6	Baltimore	1	Oakland	7	Texas	2
Seattle	11	L.A. Angels	7	Houston	3	Chicago White Sox	2
San Diego	10	Miami	3	L.A. Dodgers	2	Milwaukee	1
Boston	8	Pittsburgh	3	Late game			
N.Y. Yankees	8	Tampa Bay	7	10	innings	Arizona	at San Francisco

American League					National League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB	East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Yankees	73	45	0.619	-	N.Y. Mets	76	42	0.644	-
Tampa Bay	62	54	0.534	10.0	Atlanta	72	47	0.605	4.5
Toronto	62	54	0.534	10.0	Philadelphia	65	52	0.556	10.5
Baltimore	61	56	0.521	11.5	Miami	52	66	0.441	24.0
Boston	59	59	0.500	14.0	Washington	39	80	0.328	37.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB	Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	63	55	0.534	-	St. Louis	65	51	0.560	-
Minnesota	61	55	0.526	1.0	Milwaukee	62	54	0.534	3.0
Chicago White Sox	61	57	0.517	2.0	Chicago Cubs	49	67	0.422	16.0
Kansas City	48	71	0.403	15.5	Cincinnati	46	70	0.397	19.0
Detroit	45	75	0.375	19.0	Pittsburgh	45	72	0.385	20.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB	West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	76	43	0.639	-	L.A. Dodgers	81	35	0.698	-
Seattle	65	54	0.546	11.0	San Diego	66	54	0.550	17.0
Texas	52	65	0.444	23.0	San Francisco	59	57	0.509	22.0
L.A. Angels	51	67	0.432	24.5	Arizona	53	63	0.457	28.0
Oakland	43	75	0.364	32.5	Colorado	51	68	0.429	31.5

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