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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Community comes together to help preserve local art

Examining my adoption records

CertaPro Painters & Sherwin Williams join together to help repaint sculptures for local welder & artist

The REPORTER

CertaPro Painters of Indianapolis, with the help of Sherwin Williams, has announced they will donate their time, expertise, equipment, and paint to help a local artisan Ernie Taylor revitalize some of the over 250 sculptures on his property. Having served customers throughout the greater Indianapolis area for almost 25 years, CertaPro Painters of Indianapolis is happy to help give back to the community in a fun and meaningful way.

"We are excited to use our passion and expertise in painting to help Ernie preserve this local Northside landmark," said JJ Darr, President of CertaPro Painters of Indianapolis.

The opportunity for this community project came about when CertaPro [heard about a story in The Reporter about Taylor](#), a veteran in his mid-nineties,

who needed help repainting his hand-crafted metal sculptures. He grew up during the Great Depression Era and became the first person in his family to graduate high school in hopes of escaping his impoverished lifestyle. Throughout his learning, he focused his attention on welding courses. This led to a long and successful career as a professional welder. He also served in World War II and was stationed in Italy.

Taylor is now retired and lives what he calls "a simple life." Since 1962, he's lived on State Road 32 just west of the Hamilton-Boone County Line with his collection of handmade metal art pieces. Some of them were crafted into floral arrangements, animals, or even humans – a hobby he and his wife bonded over when he retired nearly 25 years ago.

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Photo provided
CertaPro Painters of Indianapolis President JJ Darr (left) recently spoke with Ernie Taylor about his sculptures. More than 100 families will help repaint those sculptures this morning at Ernie's home, located at 10985 E State Road 32, Zionsville.

As my adoption and reunion story continues, I've changed some names, places, and dates.

It felt nearly impossible to get through the rest of my workday once I received those documents, and I couldn't wait to go home that evening and hop on our computer to do some searching on the Internet. It helped a little to be able to share the big news with Mary during yet another closed-door session. We squealed so loudly that a coworker of ours stopped us in the hallway.

"Hey, I heard you guys," she asked. "Is someone pregnant or something?" I hated to leave her in suspense, but we simply grinned, replied "no," and went on our way.

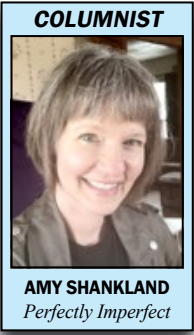
Thankfully our family didn't have any plans that evening, so the laptop was all mine after dinner. I first wanted to see if Linda or Jack, my biological parents, were one of the many faces I had seen in the college yearbooks. I discovered neither one of them was on my list, so unfortunately my trips to South Bend had been wasted. But none of that mattered now.

I looked up Linda's name and potential graduation date at St. Mary's, and sure enough she was listed. She had majored in psychology. I was so pleased to see that she had graduated. I then entered Linda's full name along with Cleveland, Ohio, to see what results would come up. The first result was an obituary from the *Waltham News Tribune* in Waltham, Mass., of a man named Joseph Murphy.

Joseph Raymond Murphy Jr., 51, of Waltham, beloved husband of Linda (Fitzgerald) Murphy, entered eternal rest Friday, June 30, 2006 at Massachusetts General Hospital.

I wondered why Google had pulled up this obituary then got my answer as I continued reading. The list of survivors included his father-in-law, Tim F. Fitzgerald of Cleveland, Ohio. It also included a daughter, Sabrina Cathleen Murphy of Boston. My head began to spin and I wanted to jump up and down. But I had decided to hide what I was doing from my sons and stayed quiet. I didn't want them to feel pressure to keep a secret from their grandmother.

A possible half-sister? Wow! Suddenly I wanted to see what these ladies looked like. I hopped on Facebook, typed in their names



GiGi's Playhouse gearing up for seventh 3.21 Run in Noblesville

Supporting programs for hundreds with Down syndrome

The REPORTER

GiGi's Playhouse Indianapolis, a local Down syndrome achievement center, will play host to its seventh annual 3.21 Mile Run on Saturday, Sept. 10 at Forest Park in Noblesville. The event supports the continued growth of GiGi's Indianapolis location and the 572 participants who benefit from its free therapeutic, educational, well-being and career programs.

"This will be the first time we've been able to host this event in person since the pandemic," Executive Director Denisse Jensen said. "It will be so exciting to celebrate together in person once again and raise funds for the Playhouse."

This year's fundraising goal is \$60,000, money that is vital to helping GiGi's achieve its mission. "Like many not-for-profits, the past couple years have been

a challenge financially," Jensen added. "Down syndrome is the largest chromosomal disability in our country, and yet, it's the least funded. This run is critical in helping us expand our programs and reach more people with Down syndrome."

The 3.21 Run is also designed to educate and inspire

central Indiana residents to embrace children and adults with Down syndrome – kids like 10-year-old Kinley Palmer from Fishers, who was diagnosed with Down syndrome moments after she was born.

"We love GiGi's," her mom, Maria, said. "It provides a safe and inclusive place for Kinley, and it has provided our family with tremendous support and resources, as well as lifelong friendships."

See [GiGi's . . . Page 2](#)

Find fall spirit at Harvest of Hope Festival next month

The REPORTER

The fourth annual Harvest of Hope Festival hosted by Circle of Hope Wesleyan Church-Noblesville Campus, 396 Park St., will take place from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8.

The festival will highlight more than 40 vendors – including artisans, crafters, boutiques, and direct sales – a barrel train, family fall portraits for \$5, pumpkins, and local favorite Smokey Blue BBQ. The festival spans several acres with convenient parking onsite and is a rain or shine event. There are no admission fees, and many activities are free for families to enjoy.

The Harvest of Hope Festival is currently the largest event of the year that Circle of Hope puts on, and it takes almost a full year of planning to pull off. Local businesses within the community help support the members and leadership team in marketing and supplies leading up to and during the festival. Each year, the festival continues to expand in size and planned activities.

All funds raised after expenses are paid benefit



Photo provided
A barrel train is just one of the fun family-themed activities your kids can enjoy at the Harvest of Hope Festival hosted by Circle of Hope Wesleyan Church in Noblesville.

the two local fundraisers the church is focusing on for the year. This year, the fundraisers include projects to send all 10 children on a Summer Church camp trip in 2023, and replacing the carpeted flooring throughout the church.

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Fishers Arts Council invites public to 'Second Friday' juried art exhibit reception

The REPORTER

Fishers Arts Council (FAC) is currently welcoming the public into its third annual Juried Exhibit of Hamilton County Artists, sponsored by Jiffy Lube of Indiana. This exhibit is free and open to the public.

There also will be a free public "Second Friday" reception from 6 to 8 p.m. tonight, Friday, Sept. 9 at the Collaboration Hub Gallery, 11810 Technology Drive, Fishers. The reception will include live music from the Goodman & Joven Duo, refreshments, and adult beverages.

Steve Sanner, President of Jiffy Lube of Indiana, again has stepped up to be the corporate sponsor for this event. Sponsoring the event involves covering the cost of cash prizes for the winning juried artists, event advertising and more. FAC is excited to continue its partnership with Jiffy Lube of Indiana, as the company has been a major arts supporter throughout Indiana, most notably with the Jiffy Lube Mural Project.

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Photo provided by Fishers Arts Council
Patron enjoy the Fishers Arts Council's new gallery space at the Collaboration Hub.

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and cities, and hoped to see one or both of them. Unfortunately, I didn't find them. I pressed on.

Now that I had names, dates, and cities, the Internet yielded a variety of information. I found data from Joseph and Linda's marriage records and saw they had been married in September 1981. I found Linda's age and current address, her father's obituary from 2007, and even information from her voting records. It looked like her mother and father had divorced and her father

had remarried and moved to Florida. I discovered the names of her paternal grandparents and their dates of birth, death, and marriage.

Finding all of this was thrilling, but it also felt a little scary, at least for my birth mother. What if I were some psycho trying to look her up? All the stuff on the Internet had made my search fairly easy, although if I hadn't had the non-identifying information from years ago that would not have been the case.

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

- Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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- Disinfecting wipes

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PRESERVE

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The CertaPro Painters of Indianapolis and Sherwin Williams teams, along with their clients and the community, will repaint Taylor's sculptures this morning at 10 a.m. at his home, 10985 E. State Road 32, Zionsville. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Be sure to read The Reporter on Saturday for photos from the event. At least 100 families will volunteer their time help repaint Taylor's sculptures, and The Reporter will be there to cover it.



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GiGi's

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Photos provided

Support from people like you help children like Kinley Palmer (left) and adults like David Harshbarger (right) achieve their Best of All at GiGi's Playhouse.

Adult Honoree David Harshbarger is 25 years old. The Zionsville resident participates in a number of programs at the Playhouse, including EPIC, a program for adults that provides opportunities for socialization and community involvement. His mom Sue says the activities are key to keeping him engaged in his community.

"As they get older and graduate from high school it's easy to become isolated," Sue said.

"Routines and schedules are so important for their mental health and happiness. We're incredibly grateful to GiGi's for providing that for David."

The 3.21 Run kicks off

with open registration at 2 p.m., along with live music, a kids' carnival, and a Silly Safaris show. The Kids Dash for Down syndrome starts promptly at 4 p.m., immediately followed with the 3.21 Mile Run and a 1 Mile Inspirational Walk.

To register a team, learn more about the event, volunteer or become a sponsor, [click here](#). Registration is \$40. Kids 12 and under are \$15. All registered attendees will receive a shirt and medal.

About GiGi's Playhouse

Serving children and adults of all ages, GiGi's Playhouse Indianapolis provides educational and therapeutic programs at no charge

to families in a format in which individuals with Down syndrome learn best. Gigi's will never let cost deter families from participation or impede the achievement of children and adults. In helping individuals with Down syndrome achieve their Best of All, Gigi's also advances its larger vision of global acceptance for people of all abilities. All programs aim to maximize self-confidence and empower individuals to achieve their greatest potential. GiGi's Playhouse Indianapolis is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable organization. Learn more at gigisplayhouse.org/indianapolis.

HARVEST

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During the summer of 2017 at the monthly Leadership Meeting, the leaders of the church realized the annual Trunk N' Treat hosted by the church needed replaced with something better equipped to engage all families interested in local fall fun.

"I still remember sitting at the meeting listening to all the ideas we were bouncing off each other, and it was finally my turn to pitch an idea," Clara Furst said. "Pastor Carol (lead Senior Pastor) turned to me and said, 'Well, Clara, let's hear it. What do you think we can do?' I took a big pause and said, 'We need to do the biggest festival with a dance floor that Noblesville has ever seen.' Let's just say that was the quietest I had heard the leadership team be in a while! We decided to forego the dance floor, but after some nudging, we – the leadership team – all came into agreement that the festival made the most sense and was an exciting new endeavor!"

The church campus is huge, and its members love engaging with people. The church leaders agreed that fall-themed everything would make lasting memories for anyone in attendance. The bonus is the opportunity to feature specific fundraisers that need extra support.

According to Furst, the Harvest of Hope Festival embraces the church's mission: "To gather, go, and grow."

The Circle of Hope Wesleyan Church members and leaders invite all within the community to enjoy this fun-filled Fall Day.

[Click here](#) to visit the Harvest of Hope Festival events page on Facebook.

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It's not just cats in trees, they help find dogs, too!



Photo provided by Noblesville Fire Department

When you hear foot pursuit, you probably think about police officers. But on Monday, Noblesville Fire Engine 76 was at the fuel pumps when these three firemen heard a woman yell for her dog that had gotten loose. After a foot pursuit, 76's crew caught this excitable pup named Edward and returned him to his owner. Great work, gentlemen!

GALLERY

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"While this is a juried show and our judge decides the awards, the community gets a say as well," FAC Executive Director Les Reinhardt said.

Patrons can visit the gallery in person during business hours to select their favorite works and vote, as well as during the first hour of the Friday night reception.

"The gallery has also gone live on Facebook, and everyone has really been blown away by the talent coming out of Hamilton County," Reinhardt said. "The comments are so positive; plus we include those 'likes' in our vote tallying for the People's Choice winner."

Reinhardt says that those who can't visit in person can vote for their favorite through the Facebook album pinned to the top of the FAC Facebook page at [Facebook.com/FishersArt](https://www.facebook.com/FishersArt) until 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 9. The awards ceremony begins at 7:15 p.m. Friday and winners will be posted to the album as well as at fishersartsCouncil.org.

Guests can visit the gallery in person at 11810 Technology Drive from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. You can also see the juried exhibit in the online gallery at FishersArtsCouncil.org/

art-gallery-exhibit.

A juried exhibit is one in which artists pay a fee to enter, and a juror reviews their works digitally before deciding if they will be part of the exhibit. Once chosen, artists bring their art to the gallery where the juror reviews the art in person, and selects winners based on their skill and presentation.

The juror for 2022 is Terry Lacy, selected by FAC's Juried Exhibit Committee, chaired by Pat Grabill. Lacy received his BFA from the Herron School of Art and his MFA from Indiana University. After teaching graphic design at Purdue University, he and his wife Fran started Lacy Design in Carroll County. Lacy has exhibited widely and accepts commission work in handmade paper in addition to watercolor and oil.

This year was the largest turnout of artists and artwork submitted to the FAC exhibit. On the responsibility of jurying the show, Lacy said, "I found the 2022 Juried Exhibit of Hamilton County Artists show to be very diverse and of a high quality across the board. The range of subjects, the multiple painting techniques, and the surprising skill levels are very impressive. I liked several pieces very much and would readily hang several

of them on my walls. It is reassuring to know so much good work is being produced in Hamilton County."

"We are honored to showcase the incredible talent of Hamilton County in our gallery – with Westfield, Carmel, Fishers, Noblesville, and even that little slice of Indianapolis inside the Hamilton County border represented – we hope to keep growing to include artists from all of our towns," Reinhardt. "This truly is a beautiful exhibit of Hamilton County Artists."

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The salary range for this position is \$56,000 to \$58,000.

Interested applicants can submit a cover letter and resume to Todd Burtron at

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Westfield Police Department announces many promotions



Photo provided by Westfield Police Department

Members of the Westfield Police Department (WPD) gathered on Tuesday at Trinity Baptist Church, 1415 E. 191st St., Westfield, to celebrate some recent promotions and enjoy time catching up with co-workers and families. Eric Grimes was promoted from Patrol Lieutenant to Patrol Captain. Jeff Swiatkowski and Josh Harrell were promoted from Patrol Sergeant to Patrol Lieutenant. Officers Lindsay Bevilaqua, Dewey Abney, and Rafael Diaz were promoted to the rank of Patrol Sergeant. Officer LeeAnn Carter was appointed to Detective. Thanks to WPD Chaplain Daniel Minton and Trinity Baptist for playing host and providing delicious food.



Casey Keller to speak to Westfield Chamber on choosing happiness

The REPORTER of the BeGood2DoGood Corporation. She will discuss how life has not turned out as she planned, hoped, or expected it to, but it's turned out exactly as it's supposed to. In the face of adversity, choosing happiness is not only an option; it can lead you to where you are meant to be. But you have to make the choice.

The Westfield Chamber of Commerce will welcome Casey Keller as the featured speaker at the September Luncheon, set for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 15 at the Prairie Waters Event Center, 4180 Westfield Road, Westfield.



Keller is the Executive Director of the Sigma Kappa National Housing Corporation and the President of the Sigma Kappa National Housing Corporation.

[Click here](#) to register for the luncheon.

Fishers Band Boosters host Christmas in October Craft Fair



October 8, 2022 9am-3pm
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A portion of proceeds supports the band department and their student opportunities like 2023 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade participation!

Sheridan firefighter Craig Isenhower retires



Photos provided by Hamilton County Professional Fire Fighters Local 4416

The Hamilton County Professional Fire Fighters Local 4416 congratulates Sheridan Fire Department Local 4416 member Craig Isenhower on his retirement. Thank you for your years of dedicated service to the citizens of Sheridan.

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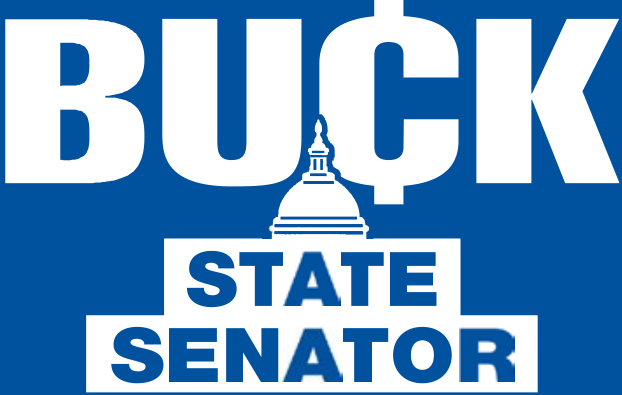


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Strut 2 Save Lives returning to Noblesville

Proceeds support legacy of race car driver Bryan Clauson who gave gifts of life through organ & tissue donation

The REPORTER

Jill Nicolich was given a second chance at life in 1997 when she received a kidney donation from an organ donor in Philadelphia.

“I was young and scared, just filled with so many emotions,” said Nicolich, a Noblesville resident and retired administrator for F.C. Tucker. “Everything with my transplant went very well. The kidney was practically a perfect match for me. I know how grateful and lucky I am to have had my new kidney for 25 years now. It is very overwhelming to think about.”

Nicolich and her smart, sassy and mischievous 5-year-old Golden retriever, Makena, will be among more than 100 fellow dog owners and walking enthusiasts at the sixth annual Strut 2 Save Lives on Sunday, Sept. 11.

“I’ll be walking to honor my donor hero and his or her family,” Nicolich said. “I think about them and thank them every day because of the incredible gift of life they gave to me.”

The one-mile Strut 2 Save Lives returns to Noblesville’s Dr. James A. Dillon Park, located at 6001 Edenshall Lane on 146th Street, about a quarter mile east of Hazel Dell Road. Registration begins at 10 a.m. and costs \$25 for adults, \$12 for children ages 12 and younger, and \$65 for families up to five participants.

A live DJ will provide music until 1 p.m. A professional photographer will be available at no charge fol-



Photo provided

More than 100 dog owners and their furry companions are expected to take part in the sixth Strut 2 Save Lives in Noblesville’s Dr. James A. Dillon Park.

lowing the walk to capture images of pets and owners.

Strut 2 Save Lives will welcome a host of area vendors this year, including Pet Wants (dog bones and chews), Emmitt’s Closet (an eclectic and herbal boutique), Finntastic Flora (indoor plants), Noblesville Rocks (jewelry made from polished rocks), MTB Creations (wooden engraved cutting boards, wine corks and more), Teter Organic Farm (organic produce and flowers), Artisan Luuma (African handbags and baskets) and County Line Apparel (T-shirts and clothing accessories). A balloon artist and dog nail trimmer plus food from E&M Hot Diggity Dogs and beer from Moon-town Brewing will also be available at the event.

Once again, the business community has come together to support donation and transplantation at this event. This year’s Strut

2 Save Lives sponsors are Schillinger Associates, Nucor Harris Rebar Midwest, RJE Business Interiors, Freije Brands, Indiana Vein Specialists, ExamWorks, Ortho-Indy, Select Sewing Service, Riverview Health, Spectrum Brands, Williams Comfort Air and Today’s Champions.

Last year, 111 individuals and five teams participated to raise awareness about organ donation and transplantation. All proceeds from Strut 2 Save Lives benefit Indiana Donor Network Foundation’s **Bryan Clauson Legacy Fund**, which supports donor families before, during and after their loved one’s donation by providing financial assistance for transportation, accommodations, food and other necessities before and during the donation process.

Strut 2 Save Lives honors the legacy of former Noblesville resident Bryan

Clauson, an IndyCar and USAC driver who died in 2016 from injuries sustained in an on-track accident in Kansas. A registered organ and tissue donor, his gifts of life saved five people and helped heal countless others. An avid dog lover, Clauson’s parents, Diana and Tim Clauson, created Strut 2 Save Lives in 2017.

No matter age or medical history, anyone can sign up to be a donor at DonateLifeIndiana.org. Visit [Indiana Donor Network](http://IndianaDonorNetwork.org) to learn more about organ donation and transplantation.

Indiana Donor Network’s mission is to save and enhance the quality of life through organ, tissue and eye donation and transplantation. Its vision is to be a leader in organ and tissue recovery. Founded in 1987, the organization coordinates donation in 85 of the state’s 92 counties and serves transplant hospitals throughout the U.S.



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Jill Nicolich of Noblesville and her 5-year-old Golden retriever Makena will be walking during the Strut 2 Save Lives fundraiser on Sept. 11.

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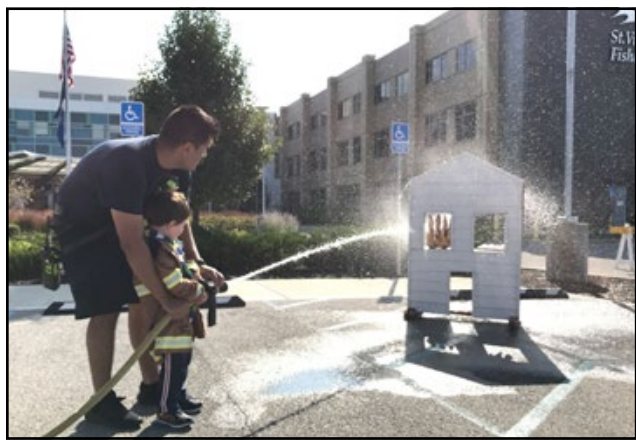


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Time to get ready for Fishers Safety Day!

The REPORTER

From 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Sept. 10, the annual Fishers Safety Day, presented by Fishers Fire & Emergency Services, will take place at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater, 2 Municipal Drive. This "All Things Safety" event is free to the public and will be running alongside the popular Fishers Farmers Market, which makes it fun for the entire family.

There will no shortage of great activities, including the Bicycle Rodeo from 9 to 11 a.m. at the NPD AMP. Be sure to preregister for the rodeo at pack190fishers.org/special-events.

Other activities include:

- Versiti Blood Donations
- 45 Vender Booths
- Face Painting
- Touch a Truck
- Spray water from a fire truck
- Military on site
- Hamilton County Emergency Management
- Music
- Food Trucks at the Market
- Fishers Farmers Market
- State Farm/Indiana Sheriffs Association Seat Belt Convincer
- Police Departments
- Water Safety
- Chimney Safety
- Gun Safety
- Bike Safety
- Personal Protection
- Animal Safety
- Elderly needs and safety
- Utility Safety
- And much, much more

Fishers Safety Day Schedule

8 a.m.: Opening Ceremonies, featuring the Fall Creek Jr. High and Hamilton Southeastern Intermediate/Junior High Choirs

8:30 a.m.: Fishers Junior High Strings

9:30 a.m.: MC Axe and the Fire Crew with Kasey the Fire Dog to perform

9 to 11 a.m.: Scout Pack 190 and Hamilton County Sheriff's Department Bike Rodeo

11 a.m.: Fishers Fire Department Extrication Demo

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Janus welcomes three to Board of Directors

The REPORTER
Janus has announced the addition of three new members to its Board of Directors. Thank you to everyone who has and is currently serving on the Board. These three newest members will bring their valuable backgrounds to the table.

Jamie Campbell
Campbell is a retired career deputy prosecutor, married to Joe Vaughn since December of 1986 and the mother of Ethan and Casey Vaughn. Campbell and her family moved to Carmel from Miami, Fla., in 1995. Casey is 28 and lives in Philadelphia. Ethan is autistic, non-verbal and has always participated in Special Ed, including services and support. He has the “big waiver” and lives in a supported apartment with a roommate. When Ethan finished high school, his family looked at all options for him, with Janus being one. It was readily apparent that Janus was the place he loved and the place where he belonged.

Jill Dunn
Metalsmithing is a second career for Jill Dunn and one that has been defined by her past experiences. She spent 42 years working with special needs children and adults who were intellectually delayed and seriously mentally ill at a not-for-profit where she served as the CEO. Her days were filled with problem solving where she relied on creative thinking in order to build and preserve the mission of the organization.

As her first career was winding down, Dunn found herself drawn to the arts. During undergraduate school, she studied studio art and psychology and then went on to graduate school in business and organizational management. She started her art studies in painting, but in later years enjoyed working with silver, brass and copper and shaping the metal into jewelry, adding stones, textures and patinas.

Dunn grew up in the

Detroit, Mich. Area, and the influence of her heritage and culture exposed her to Holocaust survivors and WWII veterans. Many of the stories and challenges that were shared and experienced had a lifelong influence on the artist. Her work reflects textures of the visions of the past with the influence of the Expressionism and Impressionism periods of art.

Dunn’s family also has a great impact on her as her four children and husband are great supporters and will occasionally provide valuable input. Daily influences of the news, her surroundings, the love of trees and plants and color all provide a palate of information.

Dunn is a graduate of Michigan State University with a BA and a MA. She is a member of the prestigious Indiana Artisan, and she is a two-time recipient of the Sagamore of the Wabash.

Dunn resides in Carmel with her husband and two energetic Wire Hair Fox Terriers.

Greg Whitehead
Whitehead is an Indiana native, born and raised in Elkhart. After college, he attended Ball State University in Muncie. He has lived the majority of his life in Westfield and is the Sales and Marketing Director for Young at Heart Pharmacy. He has been with Young at Heart Pharmacy for 11 years and in Long Term Care for over 20 years. Young at Heart specializes in offering pharmacy services to those with disabilities which includes but not limited to group homes, supported living and independent living.

Whitehead enjoys spending time with his four kids, wife, golfing, doing handyman work and is one of the owners of Roots Enterprises, a landscaping and lawn mowing company.

These three members are joining the following . . .

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Are HSE Schools in a period of academic decline?

The other day I was chatting with a friend of mine, and we were discussing the recent ILEARN scores. My friend has a daughter who graduated two years ago from Fishers High School and two younger children in elementary and middle school.



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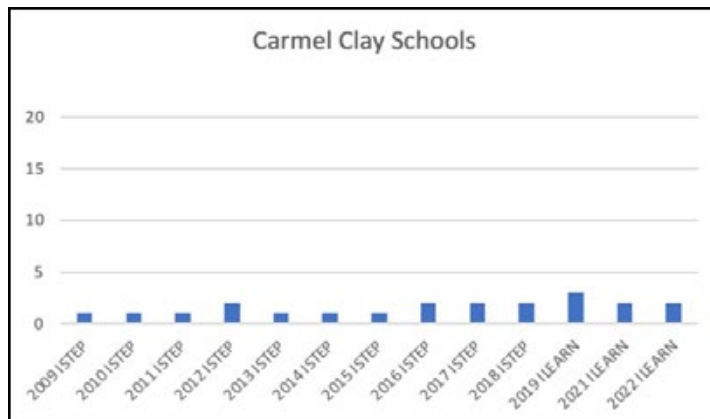
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She made the comment that she can tell based on her children's homework assignments, textbooks, and class projects that HSE Schools are not as academically rigorous as when her older daughter attended. She believes a decrease in academic focus is responsible for HSE's lower standardized test scores. She is concerned that her younger children will not have the same level of college preparedness when they graduate. She wants to see HSE Schools return to a focus on academics rather than social issues.

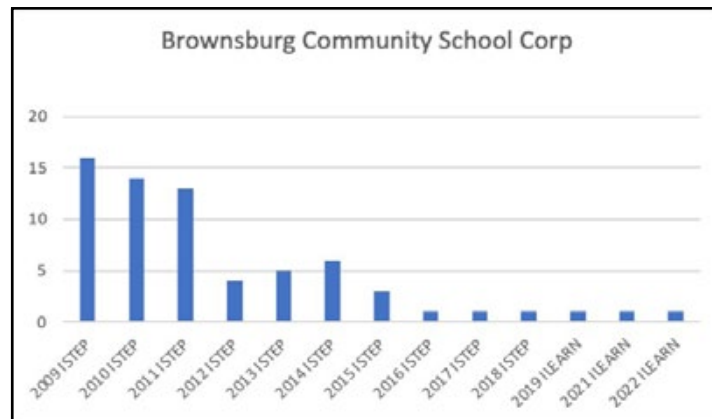
In order to answer the question, "Are HSE Schools in a period of academic decline?" we can look at the data. The Indiana Department of Education has an excellent data center on its website with spreadsheets going back to the Spring of 2009 for ISTEP scores. We can look at that data from 2009 to 2022, and by using Group Cohort Analysis, we can see how HSE Schools performed in rankings relative to the top performing school districts in the State of Indiana.

HSE currently uses Group Cohort Analysis as a tool to determine benchmarks for metrics and objectives. The group cohort they have chosen is based on enrollment. Since, for this purpose, we are determining whether HSE is in a period of academic decline, choice of cohort group was based on whether a school district historically scores among the highest on standardized testing assessments. The cohort group includes 23 of the top performing school districts: Carmel Clay, Zionsville, Brownsburg, West Lafayette, Barr-Reeve, SE Dubois, North Spencer, Hamilton Southeastern, Plainfield, Penn-Harris-Madison, Crown Point, NW Hendricks, Munster, Center Grove, East Porter, Noblesville, Westfield, Warrick, Union, Valparaiso, North Posey, Southern Hancock, and Wa-Nee.

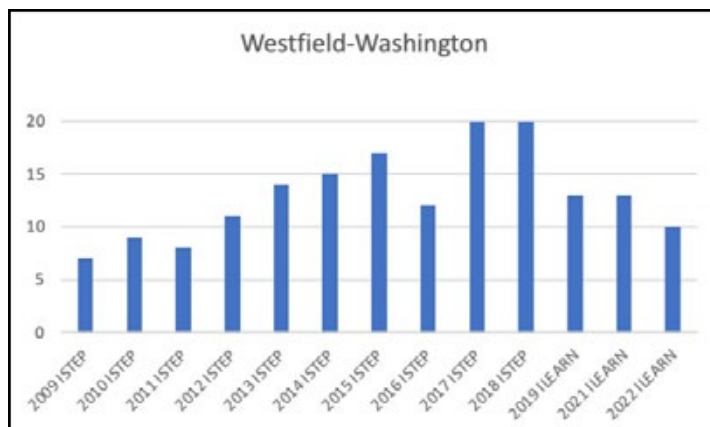
Looking at school corporation data from the IDOE website, rankings can be made



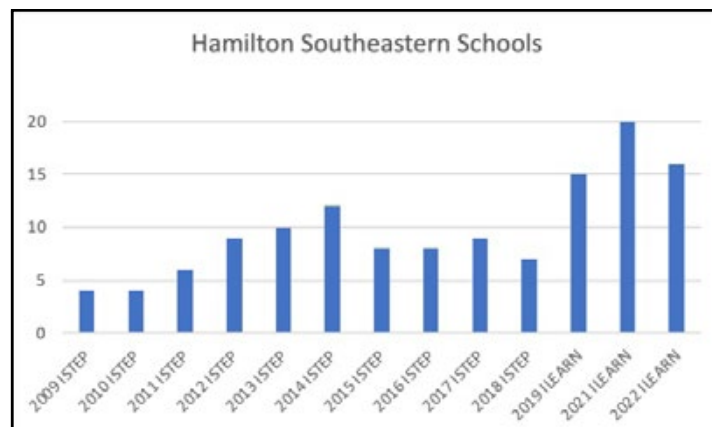
Starting with Carmel Clay Schools, we see a whole row of short little bars. This means Carmel Clay Schools has consistently ranked in the top five school districts from 2009 to 2022. This is indeed an impressive academic accomplishment.



Next, let's look at Brownsburg Community Schools. You can see from the chart that Brownsburg's rankings from 2009 to 2011 placed Brownsburg in the middle of our Cohort Group. But, Brownsburg's bars get shorter. And for the last six years they have been the leader. They are currently the best performing public school district in Indiana on the ILEARN assessment.



This chart shows us patterns of both academic incline and decline. Westfield Washington starts out strong in 2009. Then gradually, academic performance starts to decrease as shown by the bars in the chart getting taller. But the good news for Westfield is that the rankings for 2019 to 2022 show much improvement.



Hamilton Southeastern's chart is concerning. We start out so strong in 2009 and 2010, ranking number four! Then begins a period of academic decline from 2011 to 2014. Our rankings improve from 2015 to 2018. But there is a huge decline in ranking in 2019, followed by another decline in 2021. We once ranked number four; now we rank 16.

Graphics provided by Kellie Kelly

within this Cohort Group. A score of 1 to 23 was assigned to each school district based on its performance each year as defined by the combined Math/ELA proficiency percentages on the standardized test given in grades three to eight.

Shown above are charts for four of the 23 schools in the group cohort: Carmel Clay Schools, Brownsburg Community Schools, Westfield-Washington Schools, and Hamilton Southeastern Schools. Keep in mind the charts show the ranking number, so it's like golf ... lower is better! We want to see short

bar graphs, and we want to look for patterns of increase/decrease.

In summary, using Group Cohort Analysis for the top 23 performing school districts in Indiana shows that Hamilton Southeastern Schools is in a period of academic decline. Even though our 2022 ranking did improve, we still have a long way to go to return to the levels of academic success our students once achieved.

It's up to the stakeholders in our community to decide who to elect for the

school board in November. If you are also concerned about HSE's academic decline, then please vote for school board members who want to make student learning and student outcomes priority number one for HSE Schools.

If you wish to learn more and to meet the candidates for school board who want to focus HSE Schools on academic excellence, please attend the Town Hall Meeting on Monday, Sept. 12 at the Fall Creek Township building from 7 to 9 p.m. You can register for this event at fishersone.org.

Rummage Sale

Noblesville Elks #576 will be holding a rummage sale for charity that is open to the public.

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Saturday Sept. 17
9 a.m.- 1 p.m.



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Amber Destefano

Four Hamilton County food support programs receive \$7,500 from Duke Energy Foundation for hunger relief

The REPORTER

The Duke Energy Foundation is awarding nearly \$100,000 in grants to local food pantries and community organizations across Indiana to help put food on the table for Hoosier families in need. The grants will support the purchase of canned goods, fresh produce and essential supplies to address food insecurity across the company's Indiana service territory.

"Food is the most basic of needs, and there are organizations throughout the state that provide a lifeline to Hoosiers who may not know where their next meal

will come from," Duke Energy Indiana President Stan Pinegar said. "They fill a vital role in the communities we serve, and we're committed to supporting their work to help increase food access for those in need."

Locally, the following four Hamilton County organizations were awarded a total of \$7,500 in grants:

- **Fishers Youth Assistance Program (Hamilton County) – \$2,000**
- **Hamilton Heights**



Pinegar

Youth Assistance Program (Hamilton County) – \$1,500

- **Open Doors of Westfield (Hamilton County) – \$1,000**
- **Riverview Health's Indiana Mothers' Milk Bank (Hamilton County) – \$3,000**

Elsewhere in Indiana, 21 other organizations received critical funding. They include:

- Bread of Life Food Pantry (Decatur County) – \$1,500
- Churches in Mission

- (Morgan County) – \$1,000
- Clay County YMCA (Clay County) – \$10,000
- Community Harvest Food Bank (Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wells and Whitley counties) – \$6,000
- Dinner Before Bedtime (Shelby County) – \$5,000
- Fayette County Food Council (Fayette County) – \$3,000
- Food Finders (North-Central Indiana) – \$5,000
- Food Finders (Tippecanoe County) – \$11,000

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AG Todd Rokita offers these tips to avoid scammers' penalties as football season kicks off

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita reminds Hoosiers to take steps to avoid scammers' penalties during football season. Whether your team is at the college level or professional, be mindful of fake tickets and trick parking.

"Fall is just around the corner and that means football season is back," Rokita said. "I encourage Hoosiers to be cautious before making any snap decisions to buy tickets or pay for parking. Don't allow scammers to ruin your weekend or your team spirit. If you believe you've fallen victim to any type of scam, please contact my office to file a complaint."

During large sporting events, con artists are exceptionally prevalent and can fool even the most experienced fans. Scammers take advantage of fans by selling fake, duplicated, or nonexistent tickets. The most important thing to remember is if the deal sounds too good to be true, it usually is.

Rokita offers the following tips to avoid scams to make sure you don't get tackled by fraudsters this season:

- Research the seller or broker with the **Better Business Bureau** and check membership in the **National Association of**

Ticket Brokers.

- Know the refund policy. You should only purchase tickets from a ticket reseller that provides clear details about the terms of the transaction.

- Use payment methods that come with protection. Always use a credit card so you may have some recourse if the tickets are not as promised.

- Avoid brokers or resellers that require you to pay with cryptocurrency.

- Get email confirmations or a receipt for all reservations and tickets.

- Check the seats before purchasing. Ask for section, row, and seat numbers to avoid obstructed views and purchasing tickets that do not exist.

- Slow down! If a deal seems too good to be true, it probably is. Refuse to be rushed. Scam artists often try to hurry prospective buyers into deciding.

The best way to kick off the season is to be alert.

Don't feel obligated to be the MVP and handle the scammers yourself. Hoosiers are encouraged to contact Attorney General Todd Rokita's Office regarding any suspected scams or scam attempts. You can file a complaint online by visiting indianaconsumer.com or by calling 800-382-5516.



Rokita

Leah York announces bid for Carmel City Council

Submitted

Republican Leah York, a lifelong Carmel resident and owner of a nonprofit consulting firm, has announced her intent to run for the Central District on the Carmel City Council.

"I have the right combination of experience, skills, and leadership style that uniquely qualify me to serve as the Central District's representative on the Carmel City Council," York said. "I am active in our community and have a keen understanding of the needs of the Central District."

The Central District encompasses Carmel's vibrant business core including Midtown, City Center, and the Arts & Design District.

York plans to prioritize intentional and thoughtful growth in Carmel by focusing on what residents want and businesses need. She understands finance, bud-

gets, how to connect with people, and tackles challenges head-on through her work as a consultant in the nonprofit sector.

York plans to make the safety of all those who live, work, or do business in Carmel her top priority while on the City Council and wants to ensure that Carmel's public safety departments have the resources and tools to be prepared to deter or respond to any threats in the community.

"If elected, I plan to have a continual open dialogue with residents," York said. "I pride myself on being a highly accessible and transparent leader."

Aside from owning Talbott Talent, York is the chair of the OneZone Women's Network of the OneZone Chamber of Commerce, Vice President of The O'Connor House, and a volunteer for the Carmel Farmers Market.



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Fishers Glow in the Park coming next weekend

The REPORTER

Fishers Parks is bringing you a new experience this year in addition to the family-friendly Glow in the Park event you know and love, all presented by Centier Bank.

21+ Night
Friday, Sept. 16

This new, adults-on-

ly version of Glow in the Park, presented by Centier Bank, will bring local, live DJs to the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater stage for a rave-style date night or night out with friends. Guests can expect black lights, a neon paint splash zone in front of the AMP stage, local beer, drink, and

food vendors, inflatables, and more.

A \$15 ticket to 21+ Night gets you entry into the event, discounted refills in a commemorative glow-in-the-dark Glow in the Park SiliPaint cup, unlimited access to inflatables and activities, and more. Glow sticks, white T-shirts, and all things glow in the dark are encouraged for fun photo opportunities.

Register now to get the early-bird rate of \$15 per ticket. Admission will be \$20 the day of the event. Register for your ticket [here](#).

Family Night

Saturday, Sept. 17

Families and kids of all ages are invited to the free event to get messy while enjoying live DJs, dancing, and a neon splash zone. Black lights, fog machines and lasers will light up the night, so wear white, and get ready to glow.

All Family Night participants must register for a wristband to be granted entry to this event. Pre-registration is required, and wristbands can be picked up at the Fishers Parks HQ, 8100 E. 106th St., prior to the event. Pre-register [here](#).



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As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says:

“See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.”

1 Peter 2:4-6 (NIV)

Radford “Rad” Thomas Thoman

October 2, 1964 – September 4, 2022

Radford, Rad, Rad Daddy Thoman, 57, was welcomed into God’s loving arms on September 4, 2022. He was born on October 2, 1964, to the late Dr. Rex and Joyce Thoman. Rad grew up in a large loving family and enjoyed being surrounded by those that meant the most to him.

Rad had an enormous heart and would do anything for those he loved. He was a fun loving, free spirit who was always in for a good time. Rad was an entertainer in his own right, always making others laugh, whether with him or at him.

Rad had much success during his 27 years of employment at Atkins Elegant Desserts, where he met his wife Shelli, whom he married in 1995. They had two children together, Fallon and Conrad to whom Rad dedicated much time and love. In the past five years, Rad was building a new career as a Project Manager with Performance Services of Indiana. This was a challenge, but Rad was never afraid of a good challenge. Other than family, Rad enjoyed fishing, golfing and just being outdoors. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him!

Survivors include his wife, Shelli; daughter, Fallon; son, Conrad; siblings, Reg Thoman (Linda), Scott Thoman, Jenny Whaley (Rich), Tim Thoman (Cathy), and Steve Thoman (Michelle); sisters and brothers-in-law, Kathy Thoman, Kris and Jeff Facsko, and Brett Conrad; 17 nieces and nephews; seven great-nieces and great-nephews; and dear friends, Pat Atkins and Linda Kessler and family.

A Celebration of Life Mass will be held at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, 14598 Oak Ridge Road, Carmel.

Rad requested his final resting place be in Canada where he shared many fond memories with his dad, siblings, nephews, and friends.

In lieu of flowers, consider donating to a [GoFundMe](#) page that honors Rad’s loving and generous heart. The funds will be used by his family to perform random acts of kindness in his memory.

“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old has gone, the new has come!” 2 Corinthians 5:17

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This 2-story gem is located in historic old Noblesville, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, upper level has kitchenette, home is on a large lot and has a 3-car garage w/extra storage. Close to shops and restaurants. **BLC#21874285**

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This lovely 3 BR, 2.5 BA home with loft is move-in-ready, main level has new luxury vinyl throughout, eat-in kitchen w/pantry, fireplace, all appliances stay, there is an attached 2-car garage & 2-car detached garage. **BLC#21874929**

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Volleyball



The Hamilton Southeastern volleyball team swept its way to the Mudsock trophy Thursday at Fishers. The Royals won 25-5, 26-24, 25-10 to improve their record to 11-1 for the season. Reporter photo by Richie Hall

HSE takes Mudsock trophy at Fishers

By **RICHIE HALL**
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FISHERS – The Hamilton Southeastern volleyball team was feeling loose before the Mudsock match at Fishers on Thursday.

Once the match began, the Royals let loose. Class 4A No. 1 Southeastern blitzed through the opening set, came out on top of a highly-competitive second set, then cruised home in the third to take the Mudsock trophy. The set scores were 25-5, 26-24, 25-10.

“We were ready to go from the get-go,” said Royals coach Jason Young. “We’ve been waiting on this and want an opportunity. This match is obviously very special to bring both schools together. They’re playing against their friends, they’re playing against kids they’ve played with, so it’s an extra-special night for us. The environment is just a lot of fun.”

Southeastern ran through the first set and led 6-3 early in the second before the Tigers made their own big run, taking seven of the next eight points to led 10-7. Ava Vickers and Ellen Roberts made a block during that run.

Fishers would continue to lead for most of the set, although the Royals tied it up at 19-19 after Tiffany Snook hit a kill and Avery Hobson served back-to-back aces. The Tigers then jumped back ahead 22-20.

But then Lauren Harden took over. Her block tied the score at 22-22, and she hit four kills over the next six points. Southeastern had a set point at 24-23, which Fishers erased with a kill, but Harden then blasted two more kills to clinch the set.

“I was just thinking we got to play together, we got to communicate more,” said Harden. She said there were times the Royals were making errors on plays because they didn’t communicate,

“so just as a team, we talked. We need to communicate more. Just play clean, play relaxed, play our game. We play together, we’ll be fine.”

Southeastern slowly pulled away in the third set, a set in which both teams played great defense. On more than one occasion, the Royals would save a ball from the floor with a close dig, get it back up and put a hitter in position to make an attack. Fishers also had some nice defensive gets as well.

Southeastern pulled away when it scored five straight points from 8-5 to take a 13-5 lead, then went up 17-6. The Tigers won back-to-back points to get to 20-10, but the Royals made another five-point run to take the match. Avery Hobson finished it off with a kill.

Hobson put down 13 kills, while Harden hit 11. Hobson also led the serving with five aces, and Kaylyn Christy added four aces. Breonna Goss had a great game at the net, making 4.5 blocks (one solo and seven assists). Macy Hinshaw dished out 20 assists and Sophie Ledbetter collected 20 digs.

Vickers hit seven kills for the Tigers and also made four blocks. Margo Hernandez had 14 assists.

“We are a very up-and-down team right now,” said Fishers coach Steven Peek. “The team we played is an excellent team. I thought they made good, small adjustments through the match, but we really didn’t force them into many big adjustments because we played right into their system, what they like to do.”

This was also a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game, and the Royals are now 3-0 in the conference and 11-1 overall. They host Pendleton Heights on Monday. The Tigers are 2-1 in HCC play and 9-5 overall, and play next Thursday at Brownsburg.



(Above left) Hamilton Southeastern’s Sophie Ledbetter led the way on defense with 20 digs. (Above right) Fishers’ Ava Vickers hit seven kills for the Tigers. Reporter photos by Kirk Green

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Football

Mudsock Week comes to a head tonight

Fishers-Hamilton Southeastern rivalry fest culminates in football matchup

By **RICHIE HALL**
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This past week has been rivalry week in Hamilton County, and it all concludes tonight with Week 4 of the football season.

There will be some huge games between backyard rivals, including the annual Mudsock game. Fishers travels to Hamilton Southeastern tonight for a 7 p.m. kickoff, in a game that will likely draw thousands of fans to TCU Field. Last year's game saw 8,000 people in attendance.

"We try and treat this game like any other game," said Fishers coach Curt Funk. "Keep the schedule the same and focus on getting better each day. We want them to enjoy the moment and make memories but still stay levelheaded and focused."

"We remind them that this game is a step in the process of us getting to where we want to be in our growth," said HSE coach Michael Kelly. "We try to get them focused on how they play rather than who

they are playing. We do not ask them to play perfectly, we expect them to play hard and with great effort."

Here's another similarity between the previous Mudsock game and this year's game: Both teams are unbeaten (3-0) coming into the contest. The Royals are also rated No. 4 in the Class 6A Associated Press media poll and No. 5 in the IFCA coaches' poll. The Tigers are receiving votes in both polls.

Southeastern toughed out a 12-7 victory at Lawrence Central for its first game, then ran through North Central 45-14 and Avon 48-13 in its next two. The Royals have gotten solid play from senior quarterback Ty Bradle, who has completed 43 of 68 passes for 406 yards and six touchdowns.

Junior Donovan Hamilton has 16 catches for four touchdowns, while junior Jalen Alexander has rushed for 297 yards and two scores. Senior Griffen Haas leads the defense with 19 tackles, with senior Shane Gastineau and junior Judah

Parker each getting 17 stops.

"HSE has a strong defense, and they play fast to the ball," said Funk. "They make you earn every yard and create turnovers and three and outs."

Fishers has made its way to 3-0 with victories over North Central 34-0, Pike 28-17 and Noblesville 49-25. Senior quarterback Lucas Minns has had a consistent start, going 18-for-30 with 338 yards and three TDs. Senior Aidan Zimmer has nine catches, while sophomore JonAnthony Hall has two touchdown receptions.

Junior Khobie Martin leads the rushing with 300 yards and three touchdowns, while senior Carson Dunn has 224 yards and five touchdowns. Senior Grady Stanley is on top of the defense with 22 tackles, followed by junior Ryan Cox with 21 tackles. Kelly said Fishers is a balanced team "that is playing with a lot of confidence."

"They are well coached, disciplined, and play hard which is always a good combination for success," said Kelly. The coach also

said the Tigers are "talented in the skill positions," and their offensive linemen and defensive line "are very good."

WESTFIELD-NOBLESVILLE

This year's chapter of the Noblesville-Westfield football rivalry will be written at the Millers' new Beaver Stadium. Kickoff for that game is at 7 p.m.

Both teams will come into the game with 2-1 records. The Shamrocks are tied for seventh in the 6A AP poll and No. 10 in the coaches poll, while Noblesville is getting votes in the AP poll.

"We love playing our neighbors," said Westfield coach Jake Gilbert. "It is definitely fun! But ultimately we have to focus on what's in front of us every Friday night. They are a good football team so we'll have to lock in and play our best."

The Shamrocks dropped their opener at New Palestine 42-28, then rebounded to beat Lawrence Central 42-27 and Zionsville 23-

16, both at home. Senior quarterback Cole Ballard is off to a nice start, with a 23-of-37 completion rate and 334 yards, including three touchdowns. Sophomore Gabe Arambales leads the receptions with six, while junior Maximus Nosler has two TD catches.

Sophomore Kendall Garnett tops the rushing list with 161 yards, while Ballard has run for four touchdowns. Senior Tyler Dikos has 19 tackles, putting him on top of that list.

"They have done a great job of figuring out how to win close games the past couple of weeks," said Millers coach Dave Sharpe. He had high praise for the newcomers as well.

"Although they have a lot of new faces on both sides of the ball, their winning culture really showed in the third and fourth quarter of their Week 2 game," said Sharpe. "They feel confident they're going to win games in the second half. It's going to take an outstanding four-quarter effort from our team."

Noblesville opened the season with wins over Mount Vernon 43-35 and Benet Academy 21-13 before falling to Fishers last week 49-25. Junior Logan Shoffner has already rushed for 445 yards, an average of 148.3 yards per contest. Gage Gulley (260 yards) and Blake Widget (161 yards) have both rushed for four touchdowns, with Shoffner rushing for three.

Freshman quarterback Landon Hughes is 8-for-21, with 132 yards and a touchdown pass so far this season. Junior Austin Hastings has dominated the defense with 37 tackles.

"I think their offense is extremely dangerous," said Gilbert. "They are huge. They can hold the ball for forever. They execute extremely well and have great ball security. Their backs hide behind those big offensive linemen and squirt out on you at full speed. They are tough to stop."

BREBEUF JESUIT-GUERIN CATHOLIC

The football game between Brebeuf Jesuit and Guerin Catholic will be the culmination of a sports tripleheader taking place at the Eagles Nest on Friday.

The two teams will face off in boys tennis and volleyball first, with each contest beginning at 5 p.m. The football game then kicks off at 7:30 p.m. The Braves are 1-1, while the Golden Eagles are perfect at 3-0.

Brebeuf is tied for seventh in the 4A coaches' poll and rated No. 8 in the AP rankings. The Braves dropped their opener to Bishop Chatard 24-13, then beat Tri-West 36-8 in Week 2. Brebeuf did not play a Week 3 game.

Guerin Catholic, meanwhile, is ranked No. 5 in both 3A polls, and should be highly-rated after a good start. The Golden Eagles have taken care of McCutcheon 45-21, Lafayette Central Catholic 47-10 and Heritage Christian 35-21. This will be GC's first Circle City Conference game of the season.

Junior Ryan Zimmerman is having an outstanding start, passing at a 62-92 clip for 985 yards and eight touchdowns. Senior Will Fremion has 23 catches, including five scores, while

junior Jack Cherry has 18 receptions.

Senior Justin Zdobyalak has rushed for 221 yards and four touchdowns. Senior Anthony Ferrucci leads the tackles with 34, while junior Gavin Stella has 27 stops, six for a loss.

PIKE-CARMEL

Carmel is at home for the second week in a row, taking on Pike in a 7 p.m. kickoff.

The Red Devils are 0-3 to start the season, falling to Zionsville 31-24, Fishers 28-17 and Ben Davis 38-0.

The Greyhounds are 1-2, but the losses have been to good teams: Louisville Trinity 17-7 and Center Grove 31-27. Carmel got its first win last week, beating Cass Technical 35-21. The 'Hounds are No. 6 in the 6A coaches' poll and tied for seventh in the AP poll.

Senior quarterback Jack Kazmierczak is playing well, completing 40 of 62 pass attempts for 666 yards and seven touchdowns. Senior Reece Bellin has 16 catches, five for touchdowns.

Senior Nick Beidl leads the rushing with 111 yards. Senior Will Heldt and Mason Bardwell each have 31 tackles to lead the defense.

HAMILTON HEIGHTS-NORTHWESTERN

Hamilton Heights goes back on the road tonight to play Northwestern in its first Hoosier Conference East Division game. Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

The Tigers are 1-2 to start the season. Northwestern began with a 33-7 victory over Twin Lakes, but fell to Eastern 53-30 and Lafayette Central Catholic 42-13 in subsequent games.

The Huskies are 2-1. Heights opened with a 34-7 win at Lapel, dropped a 14-7 game at North Montgomery, then rebounded with a 21-0 shutout of Rensselaer Central last week on its new turf field.

Junior quarterback Bodie Derrer is 28-of-49 through the air, with 494 yards and seven touchdowns to his credit. Sophomore Tyler Champion has been impressive with 13 receptions, five of them for TDs.

Junior Owen VanHaaren leads the rushing with 151 yards. Juniors Ethan Millers and Eric Balcom both are on top of the defense with 26 tackles each.

SHERIDAN-DELPHI

Sheridan travels to Delphi tonight for a 7 p.m. Hoosier Heartland Conference game. The Blackhawks are 2-0 in conference play and 2-1 overall, and are receiving votes in both 1A polls.

The Oracles are 0-3, falling to Benton Central 20-14, Carroll 39-6 and Eastern 49-0.

Sheridan rebounded from a 35-12 season-opening loss to Western Boone with big wins over Clinton Central 47-0 and Tri-Central 54-7. Senior Peyton Cross has gained 318 yards rushing, followed closely by junior Zach Bales with 313 yards. Both players have scored four touchdowns.

Sophomore Caleb Alexander has made 9 of 15 pass attempts for 147 yards and a pair of scores, with junior Trent DeCraene making six catches. Cross and senior Jacob Jones both have 27 tackles, with Bales making 26 stops.



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Soccer



Sheridan's Emma Alexander (left) gets the ball from Kadence Voegel during the Blackhawks' Thursday win.

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Sheridan, Noblesville, HSE, Fishers, University all victorious

The REPORTER

The Sheridan girls soccer team got another big win on Thursday, taking care of Delphi 9-0 in a home Hoosier Heartland Conference game.

Kadence Voegel got the Blackhawks' first goal, off a corner kick by Mac Smith. Voegel scored again minutes later, with Chaney Smith making the assist.

Sheridan began to cruise after that, leading 6-0 at halftime. The game finished with 16 minutes left when Brianna Clausen scored her first-career goal. Chaney Smith provided the assist.

Chaney Smith also scored two goals in the game. Other goal scorers were Makenzy Terry, Lily Chesney, Ji Warren and Lucy Hester. Warren handed out two assists, with Kennedy Zachery and Clausen both making one.

The 'Hawks are 2-0 in the conference and 5-3 overall, and travel to Hamilton Heights on Monday.

Noblesville's boys team traveled to Southport on Thursday and came home with a 6-0 win.

The Class 3A No. 3 Millers scored one goal in the first half, when Sam Divis put a free kick into the net. But things were different in the second half, with Noblesville erupting for five goals.

Luke Odle began the second-half scoring, heading in a cross from Gavin Vogelgesang. Sammy Holland sent a through ball to Divis, who put it in for his second goal of the game. Miles Tucker added the Millers' fourth goal with 10 minutes left in the game.

Pavlos Michaeloff scored his first goal of the season with three minutes

left, off an assist by Holland. Michaeloff soon returned the favor, as he and Dom Fisher assisted Holland on his first goal of the season and sixth of the game.

Noblesville is 4-1-2 and plays Saturday at 3A No. 20 Center Grove.

Hamilton Southeastern beat Guerin Catholic 4-0 in an all-county match-up that also was the 3A No. 4 Royals' Senior Night game.

Brandon Nuss, Jonathan Leeper and Rex Randy all scored first-half goals for Southeastern. Leeper scored again in the second half, with Logan Wright providing the assist.

The Royals are 7-1-2 and play Saturday at 3A No. 11 Perry Meridian. The 2A No. 14 Golden Eagles are 1-6-1 and host Covenant Christian next Thursday.

Fishers breezed past Pendleton Heights 6-0 on Thursday.

Kyle Clayton scored three goals for the 3A No. 6 Tigers, with Santiago Morales adding two and Caleb Hernandez scoring one. Morales and Noah Reinhart both had two assists.

Fishers is 6-2-2 and plays at Columbus East on Saturday.

University's boys, ranked No. 3 in 1A, sailed past Anderson Prep Academy 14-0 on Thursday.

The Trailblazers led 12-0 at halftime. Cole Jacob, Sam Ricketts and Chris Millen all scored three goals, Jake Malinzak had two, and Neiman Kumler, Alex Munn and Wes Lucas all had one goal.

University is 5-2-1 and hosts Franklin Community on Saturday.

Volleyball

Millers beat 'Rocks in all-county match

The REPORTER

In an all-county match up, the Noblesville volleyball team beat Westfield in four sets, 24-26, 25-17, 25-23, 25-21, at the Shamrocks' CSI Gymnasium on Thursday.

It was the first Hoosier Crossroads Conference victory of the season for the Millers, who are 1-2 in the conference and 9-3 overall. Noblesville hosts its own invitational on Saturday. Westfield is 2-1 in the conference and 8-4 overall, and hosts Carmel on Monday.

Hamilton Heights picked up a four-set Hoosier Conference win at Western on Thursday, 25-18, 23-25, 25-19, 25-17.

Audrey Peterson made big blocks for the Huskies, while Lauren Lewis hit several kills on the outside. Ryan Sanders came in from junior varsity and picked up big points for the varsity team. The Heights JV won its match 25-12, 25-23.

The Huskies are unbeaten in the conference at 4-0 and 11-6 overall. They play

Tuesday at Noblesville.

University also got a four-set win on Thursday, beating Shortridge 25-10, 25-15, 22-25, 25-17.

The Trailblazers played aggressively, serving 27 aces and hitting 10 kills. University is 5-3 and plays next Thursday at Liberty Christian.

Sheridan dropped a tough five-set match at Carroll on Thursday, falling 20-25, 16-25, 25-23, 25-18, 15-10 in a Hoosier Heartland Conference contest.

Senne IJzer served five aces, followed by Claudia Headlee with two. IJzer also hit 18 kills, followed by Shelby Eaton with six and Lexi Lewin with five. Nova Cross handed out 30 assists. Jacquelynne Bates collected 28 digs, followed by IJzer with 17 and Payton Warren with 15.

The Blackhawks are 1-3 in the conference and 3-8 overall. Sheridan plays at the Indiana School for the Deaf tournament on Saturday.

Tennis

Noblesville heading to HCC tournament play at HSE

The REPORTER

The Noblesville boys tennis team won a hard-fought Hoosier Crossroads Conference dual meet with Franklin Central 4-1 on Thursday.

No. 1 singles Ethan Feliciano won his match 7-5, 6-1. All of the other matches went three sets. The Millers got three of those matches, coming back in each one. No. 2 doubles Camden David and Caden David turned things around to win that

match 2-6, 6-2, 6-2, then No. 1 doubles Rory Bushong and Liam Shepard clinched the meet, winning 6-7 (6), 6-2, 6-2.

Jack Brenneman won at No. 2 singles, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4. No. 3 singles Jack Gigante fought hard before falling 7-5, 4-6, 6-2.

Noblesville finished up regular season conference play with this meet, and travel to Hamilton Southeastern for the HCC tournament next week.

MLB standings

Thursday's games							
Minnesota 4,	N.Y. Yankees 3			Milwaukee 2,	San Francisco 1		
Miami 6,	Philadelphia 5			Cincinnati 4,	Chicago Cubs 3		
Milwaukee 4,	San Francisco 2			Washington 11,	St. Louis 6		
				Chicago White Sox 14,	Oakland 2		

American League					National League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB	East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Yankees	83	55	0.601	-	N.Y. Mets	87	51	0.630	-
Tampa Bay	77	58	0.570	4.5	Atlanta	86	51	0.628	0.5
Toronto	76	60	0.559	6.0	Philadelphia	75	62	0.547	11.5
Baltimore	72	65	0.526	10.5	Miami	56	80	0.412	30.0
Boston	67	71	0.486	16.0	Washington	49	89	0.355	38.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB	Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	70	65	0.519	-	St. Louis	81	57	0.587	-
Minnesota	69	67	0.507	1.5	Milwaukee	73	65	0.529	8.0
Chicago White Sox	70	68	0.507	1.5	Chicago Cubs	57	80	0.416	23.5
Kansas City	56	82	0.406	15.5	Cincinnati	55	80	0.407	24.5
Detroit	52	85	0.380	19.0	Pittsburgh	50	86	0.368	30.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB	West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	88	49	0.642	-	L.A. Dodgers	94	42	0.691	-
Seattle	77	60	0.562	11.0	San Diego	76	62	0.551	19.0
L.A. Angels	60	77	0.438	28.0	San Francisco	65	71	0.478	29.0
Texas	59	77	0.434	28.5	Arizona	65	72	0.474	29.5
Oakland	50	87	0.362	38.5	Colorado	59	79	0.428	36.0

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6:40 Eastern Hancock at Heritage Christian | Indiana SRN
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