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## PURSUIT

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bachelor's degree after high school. By collaborating across our county, we are providing new opportunities for all students, and providing Hamilton County with the education and training pipelines that will continue to drive our economy."

The new Pursuit Institute name was adopted after a series of focus groups and engagement sessions with community leaders, employers, students, parents and teachers.

Carrie Lively, Execu-

tive Director of The Pursuit Institute, said, "The collaboration between education and industry that is taking place in Hamilton County is unique. This innovative approach is the catalyst for developing state of the art programming and educational opportunities. What makes this even better, is that we are affording these opportunities to thousands of students within the county, ensuring equitable access to education, regardless of where students reside."

Lively says she also wants to support educators, students and parents in understanding the importance of engaging in CTE before leaving high school. The Pursuit Institute will create opportunities for students through collaborative partnerships, and also help parents, students, and educators to realize the role that CTE plays in the education of all students. The school districts engaged are Carmel, Hamilton Heights, Noblesville, Sheridan and Westfield.

## 5K

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## BIRTH MOTHER

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after that statement. She was relieved that I didn't have any feelings of hatred towards her. She loved hearing about my family and my background.

Linda told me she was able to hide her pregnancy during her sophomore year of college just as I had hoped. Only a few people even knew she was pregnant, although her siblings figured it out. She told me her mother had been furious with her and didn't even visit her in Cincinnati that summer. But both her father and my birth father, Jack, did visit her. I asked her about Jack.

"Jack is a great person," Linda said. "He and I stayed friends for a long time but lost touch about 30 years ago." She had even gone to visit him one time and met his wife, whom she described as delightful.

"I had much stronger feelings for him than he did for me back in college," Linda continued. "We just weren't meant to be a couple."

Linda told me she had been a school psychologist for 38 years and had stayed in the Boston area after attending graduate school nearby. I asked if her daughter knew about me, and Linda shared that she did not.

Linda was concerned because Sabrina had a typical Irish temper and she wasn't certain of her daughter's reaction. I then had to share with Linda about my own struggle with my mother.

We went on to some lighter topics. We were amazed that we had both married men named John. Her husband had known about me before he died. We also couldn't believe that I was raised just 15 minutes away from Notre Dame and St. Mary's. Linda told me she got to see me one time in the hospital after I was born and had taken a picture of me that she had given to Jack. I asked about my original name and she laughed.

"I was definitely a hippie back then," Linda said. "I just thought the name was beautiful."

We discovered we both had numerous moles on our pale skin, and our minds and bodies were happier if we slept more than eight hours a night – when we could get away with it. We promised to text pictures to each other. I told her about my Internet searches and she confirmed that she wasn't on Facebook

or any other sites where I could find her. I also shared what I had found – or hadn't found – in the yearbooks.

"Yeah, I really wasn't into all that stuff and probably wasn't in there," Linda replied. She asked me if I had contacted Jack yet.

"Not yet, although I have his information and I've seen many pictures of him," I replied. "I think I just wanted to contact one birth parent at a time." She said she felt confident he would be glad to hear from me.

Before we knew it, 90 minutes had passed, and my husband was walking in the back door with Jonathon and Jacob. John explained to the boys that I was talking to an "old friend" and rushed them off to take their showers.

Linda and I agreed that we would talk to each other again in a couple of weeks. As we disconnected, I knew I would be facing another practically sleepless night. But realizing that it would be due to excitement and pure joy made it that much easier. My birth mother and I were starting to get to know each other and begin a friendship. It was beyond anything I had hoped or dreamed of!



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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## Sign up now for Fall Art Classes with Fishers Parks

### The REPORTER

In Fishers Parks’ wide variety of art class offerings, learn from local and regional makers and artists. The season begins Oct. 15 and runs through December with a slate of hands-on, fall art programming in the Maker Labs at Fishers Parks HQ, 8100 E. 106th St., from stained glass and eco-dyeing to sewing and fashion design.

For both kids and adults, see a full lineup of classes and dates at [this link](#).

#### October

- Oct. 15: Spooky Plush Workshops
- Oct. 15: DIY Halloween Costume Lab
- Oct. 18: Stained Glass for Beginners
- Oct. 19: Stained Glass for Beginners
- Oct. 20: Stained Glass for Beginners
- Oct. 22: DIY Halloween Costume Lab
- Oct. 25: Fashion Design Series: Mood Board

#### November

- Nov. 1: Fashion Design Series: Sketching
- Nov. 8: Fashion Design Series: Draping 101
- Nov. 12: Eco-Dye Workshop
- Nov. 13: Eco-Dye Workshop
- Nov. 15: Fashion Design Series: Patternmaking
- Nov. 22: Fashion Design Series: Sewing 101
- Nov. 29: Fashion Design Series: Runway Challenge

#### December

- Dec. 6: Eco-Dye Throw Pillow
- Dec. 7: Eco-Dye Throw Pillow
- Dec. 9: Marbling Ornaments & Custom Cards
- Dec. 10: Macraweave Workshop
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## The Reporter’s own Tim Campbell speaks at national cartoonist panel



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Reporter cartoonist Tim Campbell of Carmel (third from left) – who is also nationally syndicated by Counterpoint – recently participated with two other cartoonists in a panel hosted by the American Association of Editorial Cartoonists in Columbus, Ohio. The panelists discussed “Cartooning in a Post-Truth World.” When it comes to creating a good cartoon, Campbell argued that he aims simply to make people think about the news. “I’m not trying to get people to think as I think,” he said, “but simply to get them to start thinking.” [Click here](#) to read the full story at The Daily Cartoonist. You can see Campbell’s cartoons in the pages of The Reporter in our weekly print edition, which is also distributed via email each Monday.

## Early Voting Locations

You don’t have to wait until November 8

#### Carmel

Mercy Road Church, 2381 Pointe Pkwy.  
Jill Perelman Pavilion, 3000 W. 116th St.

- Oct. 26 and 27 from 2 to 7 p.m.
- Oct. 28 and 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Nov. 2 and 3 from 2 to 7 p.m.
- Nov. 4 and 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

#### Fishers

Roy G. Holland Memorial Park Building, 1 Park Drive  
Billericay Park Building, 12690 Promise Road

- Oct. 26 and 27 from 2 to 7 p.m.
- Oct. 28 and 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Nov. 2 and 3 from 2 to 7 p.m.
- Nov. 4 and 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

#### Westfield

Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn St.  
Cool Creek Nature Center, 2000-1 E. 151st St.

- Oct. 26 and 27 from 2 to 7 p.m.
- Oct. 28 and 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Nov. 2 and 3 from 2 to 7 p.m.
- Nov. 4 and 5 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

#### Noblesville

Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square

- Oct. 14 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Oct. 17 to 21 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Oct. 24 to 28 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Oct. 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Oct. 31 to Nov. 4 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Nov. 7 from 8 a.m. to noon

Hamilton County Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St.

- Oct. 14 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Oct. 17 to 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Oct. 24 to 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Oct. 31 to Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Nov. 7 from 8 a.m. noon



# State Senator Jim Buck

Running For Re-Election In Senate District 21

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## Focused On Fighting Inflation

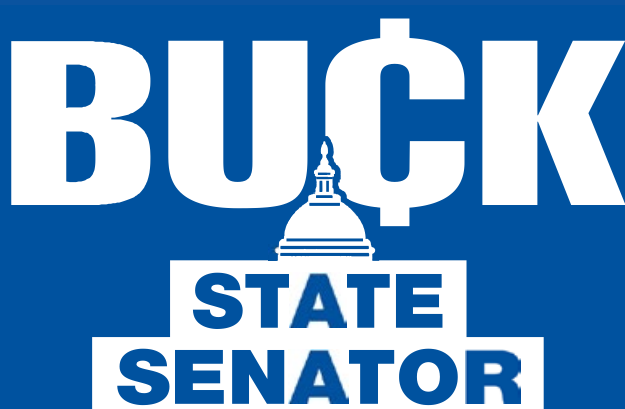
Jim Buck is helping families deal with Biden’s inflation by cutting the income tax, capping the gas tax, repealing multiple utility taxes, and returning budget surplus dollars to taxpayers.

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Jim Buck is endorsed by the Indiana State Police Alliance, the Fraternal Order of Police and the Professional Firefighters due to his vigorous efforts to fight crime and opioid addiction while fully supporting our public safety officers.

## Focused On Improving Education

Jim Buck voted for record funding increases for Indiana schools which has allowed local schools direct more dollars to the classroom and give teachers raises. He trusts parents to make the decisions for their children’s education and voted to guarantee them a voice at school board meetings.



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“I humbly ask for your vote on or before November 8.” – Sen. Jim Buck

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Letter to the Editor

Shaffer: Political leaders are misleading public on economic future

Dear Editor:

Inflation reached 8.2 percent year-over-year this week. It's up 15 percent since President Biden took office (257.971 to 296.808 according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics).

The mayor of Carmel, advising the city council on economic matters, solved the inflation problem for us, saying: "The war in the Ukraine, of course, has impacted food prices tremendously as well as gas prices ... If that were to be resolved, we might see substantial falls that bring that number down."

Gross Domestic Product declined in the first half of the year (again, Bureau of Labor Statistics numbers).

This week the President told CNN we need not prepare for a recession.

We know what the far-left Green Woke progressives think.

So, what does Carmel's council do? It approves \$170 million in new borrowing at interest rates "not to exceed" 5 to 8 percent. How realistic those numbers are will be played out in the days to come.

One thing is clear: political leadership has become misleading leadership.

**Bill Shaffer**  
Carmel

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Letter guidelines this election season

With the approach of the Nov. 8 General Election, the Reporter is establishing some Letters to the Editor guidelines to keep things fair and balanced.

Letters addressing new topics about the upcoming election or the policies of individual candidates will be accepted until the end of the business day on Tuesday, Nov. 1 and will be published on Wednesday, Nov. 2.

Letters in response to new topics published in our Nov. 2 edition will be accepted until Friday, Nov. 4 and will be published in our Saturday, Nov. 5 edition.

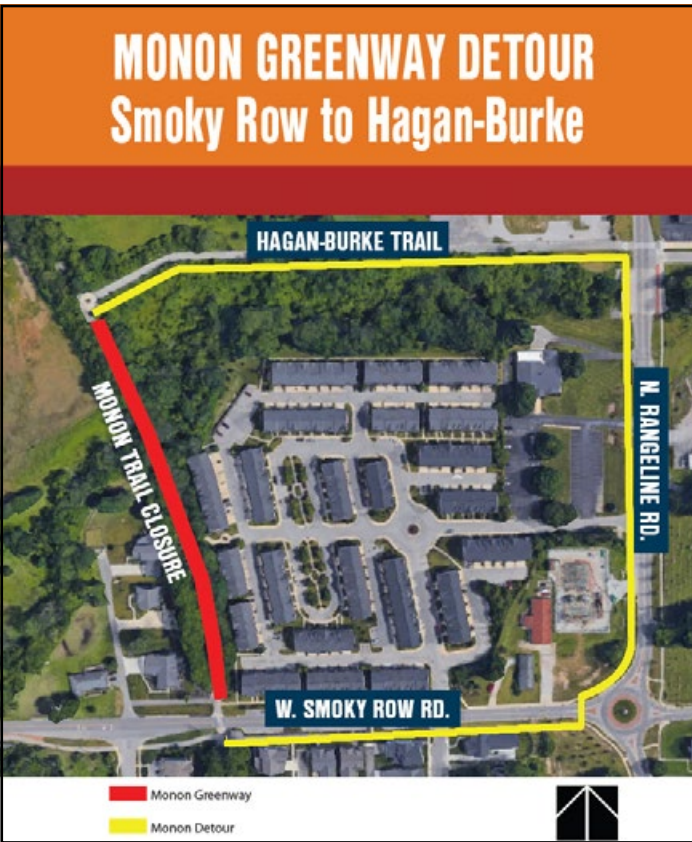
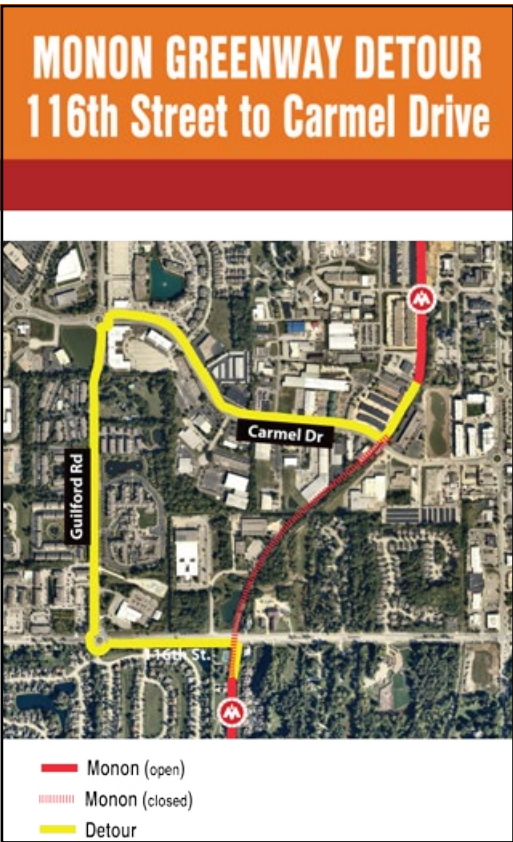
These deadlines will give candidates and their supporters the opportunity to reply to letters addressing new topics.

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Construction creates two closures on Monon Greenway



Graphics provided by Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation

(Above left) Due to a culvert replacement project, the Monon Greenway will be closed from 116th Street to Carmel Drive on or after Oct. 14. The closure will last approximately two weeks. During this time, detour signage will be posted. Monon Greenway traffic will be detoured west to Guilford Road. (Above right) Additionally, the Monon Greenway is closed from Smoky Row Road to the Hagan-Burke Trail due to a construction project. This closure will last through the end of the year. For questions about this closure, please contact the City of Carmel engineering department at [engineering@carmel.in.gov](mailto:engineering@carmel.in.gov). During this time, detour signage will be posted. Monon Greenway traffic will be detoured along West Smoky Row Road, North Range Line Road, and the Hagan-Burke Trail.

Carmel announces winners of Midtown's Got Talent

**The REPORTER**

The winners have been announced from Midtown's Got Talent, which staged its third annual music talent competition at Midtown Plaza in Carmel.

Playing out over three weekends and including a variety of age and performance categories, Midtown's Got Talent continued to grow in participation and audience attraction.

"We were pleased to see the number of competition participants grow this year, and especially happy to see how the contestants and the audience alike left the final performance feeling inspired," said Nancy Heck, Director of Community Relations and Economic Development. "We are proud that this program encourages talented performers and



Photo provided by City of Carmel

(Front row, from left) Jess Wright, Laura Adornato, Azalia Davidson, Evan Burton and Alex Selear, and John Paul Pack. (Back row, from left) Michael Gallo, Teilah McClung, Meg Iyer, and Alyssa Fuhrman.

provides an opportunity for the public to support and enjoy the arts within our community at one of our favorite gathering spots, Midtown Plaza."

Below are the results of the competition:

- Youth (ages 10 to 13) – John Paul Pack, Evan Burton and Alex Selear, Azalia Davidson
- Teen (ages 14 to 17) – Meg Iyer, Teilah McClung, Alyssa Fuhrman
- Adult (ages 18 and over) – Laura Adornato, Michael Gallo, Jess Wright

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# Westfield unveils Union Square development

Submitted

Union Square at Grand Junction, a residential and commercial development in Westfield, is set to bring new life to the city block between State Road 32, Mill, Jersey, and Union streets. Overlooking the city’s new Grand Junction Plaza, it will add apartments, retail, office, a food and beverage hall, an extended plaza area, and public parking.

“Old Town is proud of the partnership that has developed with the city of Westfield over the last five years,” Old Town Companies CEO Justin Mofett said. “Collectively, we have responded to the city’s need for increased parking and housing options. Union Square is a catalyst for a truly walkable city that connects residents with neighboring, place-making initiatives, such as the new library, the expanding trail network, and a host of small businesses that contribute to Westfield’s charm.”

Union Square at Grand Junction will be a significant part of downtown Westfield’s transformation. It includes a variety of luxury amenities for residents such as reserved covered parking, state-of-the-art fitness facilities, and an elevated pool and courtyard gathering space that will overlook Grand Junction Plaza. The three buildings will create

a welcoming backdrop to the buzz of the plaza while also bringing 196 apartments, a 300-car parking garage, 17,000 square feet of retail space in the primary mixed-use building, a 15,000 square-foot food and beverage hall, and a 40,000 square-foot office/retail building.

Union Square is a great example of what can happen in a community through strong collaboration. It is only possible through partnerships, including:

- City of Westfield
- Lake City Bank, financing
- Studio M, architecture and planning
- American Structurepoint, engineering
- Old Town Construction, on-site construction

Union Square will bring even more excitement to the Grand Junction Plaza area for Westfield residents to enjoy. Groundbreaking is expected in the fall of 2022 with move-in-ready buildings in the summer of 2024. For those who may be interested in learning about commercial leasing opportunities, please send an email to [wendy.creech@oldtowncompanies.com](mailto:wendy.creech@oldtowncompanies.com).

About Old Town Companies

Old Town has become one of the most diverse real estate development companies in the state, having



Rendering provided by Old Town Companies

Westfield city officials see Union Square as a major component of the transformation of downtown.

successfully taken multiple large-scale developments from inception to completion. The company has grown rapidly through a willingness to collaborate with diverse industry partners and community stakeholders to successfully complete projects that add value by enhancing quality of life through thoughtful design and construction practices. Learn more about Old Town at [oldtowncompanies.com](http://oldtowncompanies.com).

Letter to the Editor

## Westfield voter encourages you to think green before going to polls

Dear Editor:

I vote "green." I vote for the climate, environmental protection, and the future for my children and my grandchildren.

At a recent candidate forum, the two Democratic candidates in my district, Josh Lowry and Joey Mayer, both admitted that climate change exists, expressed concern about Indiana's abysmal air and water quality, and the need for Indiana to be a leader in clean energy by investing in solar and wind energy now.

Since neither of the Republican candidates attended the forum, I emailed Senator Jim Buck and Representative Donna Schaibley specifically about their support for solar energy in Indiana.

Senator Buck stated that "it is (his)

hope that Indiana does nothing to inhibit the use and development of renewables across our state." Unfortunately, he also voted to end net metering, which pays solar system owners a fair price for the excess energy they put back into the electric system, benefiting both their neighbors and the utility company which doesn't have to generate as much electricity from dirty fossil fuels.

Donna Schaibley never responded to my email.

Before you vote, go to [VotersForAGreenIndiana.org](http://VotersForAGreenIndiana.org) to see the candidates' views, environmental voting records and campaign donations and VOTE GREEN!

Monica Cannaley  
Westfield

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# Pioneer Fall Fest

## Morris Homestead Barn

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Hope to see you there!

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### Meeting Notices

The Clay Township Board will meet to discuss adoption of the 2023 budget at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2022, at the John W. Hensel Government Center, 10701 N. College Ave., Carmel.

The Westfield City Council will hold a special meeting at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2022.

Send Meeting Notices to: [Notices@ReadTheReporter.com](mailto:Notices@ReadTheReporter.com)

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# ACCURATE BALANCED LOCAL NEWS

# JOE FORGEY

## NOBLESVILLE SCHOOL BOARD

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Letter to the Editor

# Joe Forgey is an “absolute champion” of Noblesville

Dear Editor:

School board elections, like most elections, can be positive and energizing as candidates discuss new ideas and visions of improvement for the school community, but these elections can also stir up negative opinions as well. Accusations aren’t

always presented at face value and unless you experienced the situation first-hand, it is very difficult to make a valid conclusion about someone.

My purpose in writing this is not to comment on any specific details or controversies but to offer a simple, yet

important perspective of candidate Dr. Joe Forgey from someone who has personally known him and his family for most of my life.

Many Noblesville residents know Dr. Joe because he has lived and served in the community for 45 years. But if you

have not had the pleasure of meeting him, know that he is an absolute champion of Noblesville. He sincerely loves Noblesville and truly has no agenda other than the best interest of our community at the forefront of his mind.

He is a supporter of teach-

ers, he is a supporter of all students, and he is one of the most energetic supporters of Noblesville that I have ever known. He is the kind of person you want serving the schools in our community.

**Molly Applegate**  
Noblesville

Letter to the Editor

# Reader concerned with Carmel Clay Schools’ lack of transparency around SEL/DEI committees

Dear Editor:

Last fall, Carmel Clay Schools initiated the development of two parent advisory committees: one for Social Emotional Learning (SEL, now called “Skills for Success”) and one for Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI). The school’s DEI coordinator, Terri Roberts-Leonard, leads the DEI committee, and the school’s mental health coordinator, Stephanie Whiteside, leads the SEL committee.

The school’s original recruiting document claimed that members would receive information on the SEL/DEI initiatives, as well as making recommendations, reviewing Panorama survey data, and to provide perspective, feedback, and suggestions. Due to the concern over random, unidentified parents accessing student SEL data, one parent filed a public records request (October 2021) for the names of school and committee members, the selection criteria, and verification of a background check and/or a non-disclosure agreement. The school refused to provide these records for months and a complaint was filed under the Office of Indiana’s Public Access Counselor (OPAC).

The school’s law firm responded to the complaint that committee members had concern about their identities being revealed. The response to Mr. Luke Britt, Indiana’s Public Access Counselor (PAC), also indicated 23 and 26 members sitting on the DEI and SEL committees, respectively. Additionally, 40 staff members participate on the DEI committee and 25 staff members on the SEL committee. Building principals are considered “ad hoc” participants.

Just before Christmas, Mr. Britt issued a response refuting the school’s belief that they could operate outside of the transparency laws so long as the committee did not involve the school board directly, based on outdated guidance from the Open Door Law Handbook. Mr. Britt responded to each party that “groups specifically established by a public agency’s chief executive for the purposes of taking official action on the agency’s public business qualifies as an Open Door Law body.” Mr. Britt then updated the handbook to reflect the true intent of transparency laws and encouraged the school to revisit the issue.

In January, the school continued to hold these meetings closed door, despite OPAC guidance, and would not produce

the requested public records. Another complaint was filed with additional information provided to PAC that Stephanie Whiteside had admitted in an email that “everyone selected demonstrated some knowledge and support of SEL.” This time, Mr. Britt wrote a formal opinion, 22-FC-34, May 25, 2022, highlighting the school’s improper use of the committees to “establish secret committees populated with agreeable stakeholders for the ease and comfort of vetting controversial topics” and that “It will not happen right now on the PAC’s watch.”

Mr. Britt continued, “The law simply does not contemplate a public agency hand-picking groups of select community members as an established deliberative assembly to operate behind closed doors to receive information, deliberate, make recommendations, or set policy outside the view of the remainder of the public. Contrary to CCS’s arguments, this position is in no way dissonant from the rest of the Open Door Law.” Finally, he wrote “to the extent a community member chooses to avail themselves of the responsibility of establishing policies of a public school system, they cannot hide their identities or activities while doing so. Therefore, the roster of members and their selection ... is public record.”

In a last-ditch effort to avoid disclosure of the names, Carmel Clay Superintendent Michael Beresford emailed committee members advising them of the pending disclosure. He said, “Feel free to contact me if you have questions.” The participant list was later released in July, and it appears that six names were removed from the list: two names are absent the SEL list, and four from the DEI list. Who are the six individuals who asked to have their names removed and why?

Over a year later, there are other items not fulfilled from the original records request, including the 65 staff members from the SEL and DEI groups, without citing a statutory exception. If this is what Carmel Clay Schools considers a “transparent” process, they are catastrophically headed in the wrong direction. They are intentionally obfuscating the goals of these committees who have intimate access to our children, but we as parents and community members are once again left in the dark.

**Jennifer Hendrix**  
Carmel

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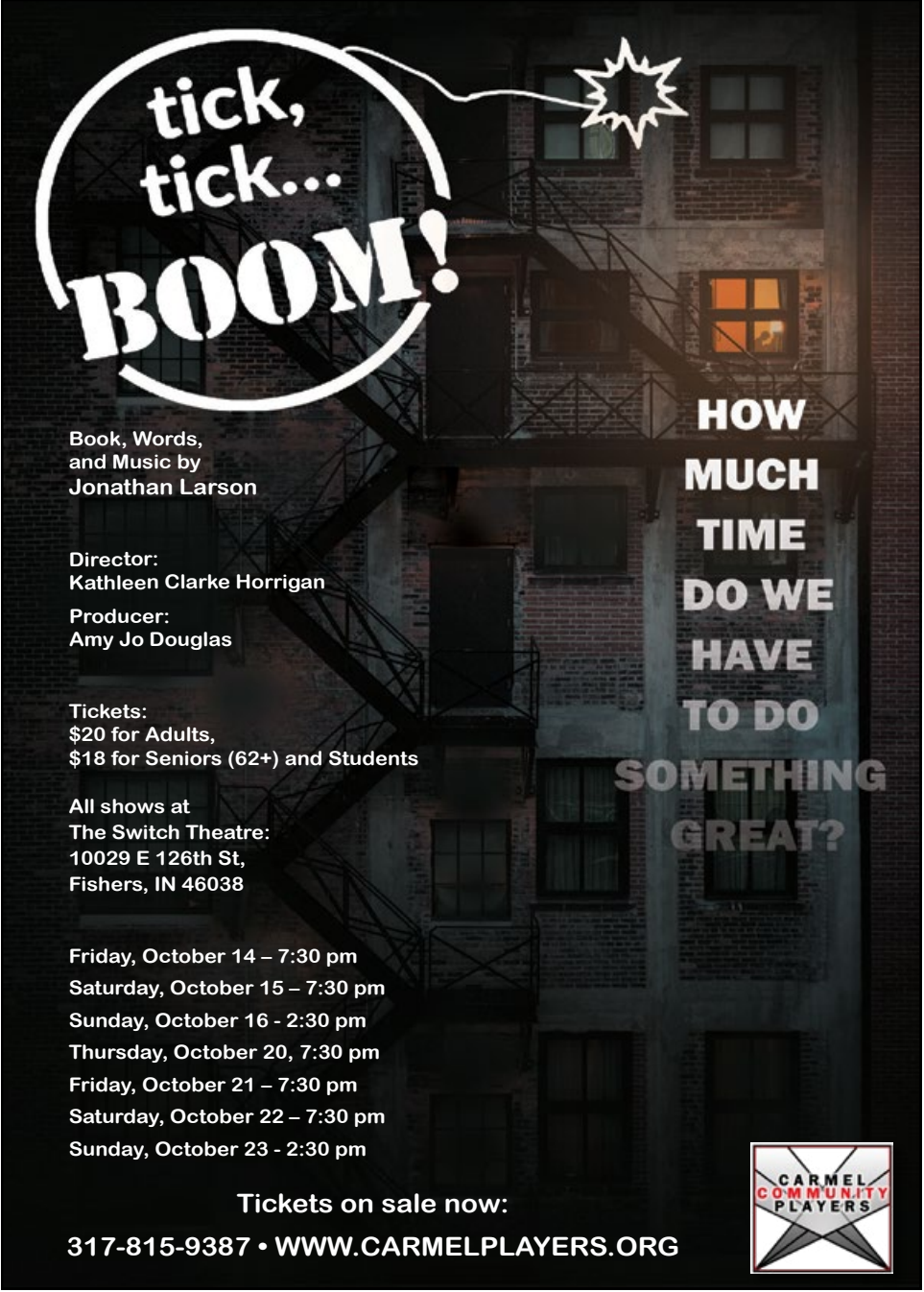
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# Citizens, businesses & groups come together to clean up Geist Reservoir



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Thank you to the businesses and residents who participated in the Geist Cleanup Corporate Action Day on Sept. 23. In this Corporate Blitz volunteer event, participants helped remove trash from Geist Reservoir. The following companies and groups joined the effort: Black & Veatch, Bowen Engineering, Cardno, Carpenter Realty, Citizen's Energy Group, Clark Dietz, Commonwealth Engineers, Deaton's Waterfront Services, FA Wilhelm, Fishers Department of Planning and Zoning, Fishers Department of Public Works, Fluid Waste Services, Geist Lake Coalition, Geist Marina and Marina Limited Partnership, Greely Hansen, Reprographix Inc., and Williams Creek Management.

## Senior & family caregiver expo set for Nov. 5 at Indiana State Fairgrounds

### The REPORTER

Anthem is working with [Caregiving.com](https://www.caregiving.com) to provide a unique opportunity people to meet and build relationships with a diverse group of local resources and health-care providers, all unified by a commitment to delivering outstanding service to the caregiver community and their loved ones.

“Being a caregiver is an important responsibility that can be complex and stressful,” said Dr. Kimberly Roop, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield’s Medicaid President in Indiana. “We are grateful to provide our community with resources to help navigate the process, provide education, peer support, and connect caregivers with tools and inspiration to overcome the challenges. Resources in our communities can be extremely helpful as a caregiver builds a support structure that lifts them up and brings confidence in knowing their devotion to their loved one is invaluable.”

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Nov. 5 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in the Agriculture Horticulture Building. Those that attend will be able to connect with care-

givers and aging professionals from their own community. The expo will include hundreds of local businesses that serve family caregivers and their loved ones from all areas of the family caregiving continuum including health and wellness, benefits information, educational resources, financial information, legal planning, and local advocacy and support groups.

“While family caregivers often deal with a similar set of challenges nationally, the way they navigate those challenges is often determined locally based on their available resources,” Caregiving.com CEO Mike Eidsaune said. “That is why it is important to us at Caregiving.com to show up in our communities across the country to bring a diverse set of location specific resources to family caregivers that will enhance their lives as well as their loved ones. We’re committed to creating solutions for family caregivers nationally, that support them hyper-locally.”

The expo is completely free to family caregivers, and they will enjoy a variety of activities while connecting with and learning from local caregiving resources.

## Don't miss Halloween extravaganza at Carmel's Center for the Performing Arts

### The REPORTER

**One Dark Night . . . A Rock Symphony of the Macabre**  
Saturday, Oct. 22 at 8 p.m.  
The Palladium

Conceived as “a terrifying orchestral exploration of all things evil and dark from the world’s greatest composers,” *One Dark Night* is a Halloween-themed stage extravaganza assembled around electrified arrangements of spooky classical masterworks by composers such as Beethoven, Mozart, Chopin and Prokofiev. Classically trained rock guitarist Neil Zaza, known for his viral YouTube videos, leads a six-piece band, accompanied by vocalists, costumed actors, narration and multimedia clips from classic horror and monster films to a create an immersive seasonal experience.

[Click here](#) for tickets.  
**Angélique Kidjo**  
Sunday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m.  
The Palladium

Over the past three decades, singer-songwriter and activist Angélique Kidjo has cemented her status as one of the most singular and extraordinary voices in

international music. Often described as “Africa’s premier diva,” the Benin-born artist was named to Time magazine’s list of “The 100 Most Influential People of 2021.” On her latest album, 2021’s *Mother Nature*, the four-time Grammy Award-winning luminary joins forces with young artists from the worlds of West African music, Afrobeat, Afro-pop, dancehall, hip-hop and alt-R&B. The result is a visionary body of work, rooted in a deep understanding of musical tradition yet forward-thinking and inventive.

[Click here](#) for tickets.  
**Aaron Lewis: Frayed at Both Ends, the Acoustic Tour**  
Friday, Oct. 28 at 8 p.m.  
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The Palladium

Aaron Lewis grew up in Springfield, Vt., listening to his grandparents’ country 8-tracks. Those roots inspired the founder of multi-platinum rock band Staind to return to his origins, with successes including the *Billboard* No. 1 Top Country Albums *Town Line* and *Sinner* and the No.



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*One Dark Night* is a Halloween-themed stage extravaganza assembled around electrified arrangements of spooky classical masterworks by composers.

1 Hot Country Song “Am I the Only One.” Having recorded with George Jones, Willie Nelson, Charlie Daniels, Alison Krauss and Vince Gill, Lewis has put a traditionalist brand on his outlier country. *Frayed at Both Ends*, released in January, shows the workman’s country star at his most personal and unplugged – an intimate record reflected in this acoustic tour.

[Click here](#) for tickets.  
**Jon McLaughlin: Indiana 15th Anniversary Tour**  
Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m. (recently added)  
Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 7:30 p.m.  
The Tarkington

Raised in Anderson, Jon McLaughlin has been attracting fans with his heartfelt, hook-laden songwriting

and impassioned delivery since his 2007 debut album, *Indiana*. Now the Nashville-based artist is returning to the road to celebrate the 15th anniversary, performing the album in its entirety with a full band.

In the years since, McLaughlin has released several full-lengths and revealed a true evolution in both his piano playing and singing. He has played shows with

Billy Joel, Kelly Clarkson and Adele, collaborated with longtime friend Sara Bareilles, co-written with Demi Lovato and even performed at the Academy Awards. His latest album is *All the Things I Say to Myself*.

Opening the show will be singer-songwriter Kris Allen, winner of Season 8 of *American Idol*. Learn about Kris Allen [here](#).

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# Highlighting importance of Pregnancy & Infant Loss Awareness Month in Indiana

The month of October sheds light on issues related to infant mortality as we recognize National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Month.

In Indiana, the infant mortality rate (IMR) is 20 percent higher than the national average, according to [Indiana University School of Medicine](#). Factors that contribute to this are socioeconomic background, income, race, geographic location and many others. While rates have improved from past years, Indiana and the rest of the U.S. have work to do in order to get IMR rates down significantly.

To highlight the importance of this month, Dr. Cameual Wright, vice president and market chief medical officer of [CareSource](#), a nationally recognized non-profit health plan, is sharing information to raise awareness for and promote healthy pregnancies across the state of Indiana and beyond.

### Raising awareness

It is no question that infant mortality is an issue plaguing the health care system in the U.S. According to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC), almost 20,000 babies died before their first birthday in 2020. The causes of this range from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) to prenatal risks and preterm birth, all of which Indiana University School of Medicine reports as the causes for half of infant mortalities in Indiana and nationally.

Not only are these statistics concerning, but how this disproportionately affects



GUEST COLUMNIST  
DR. CAMEUAL WRIGHT

race shows a need for improvement within the health care system. For example, the [Indiana Department of Health](#) (IDOH) reports that the IMR for White infants was 5.5 per 1,000 live births in 2020, while the IMR for Black infants was 13.2 per 1,000 live births. We need to raise awareness around these disparities and ultimately address them by creating additional social services that handle these concerns. Accessibility to proper providers needs to be considered, as well as adequate representation among providers, so mothers feel comfortable with a medical professional who understands their culture and their needs.

### Emphasis on prenatal care

According to the IDOH's [Maternal Mortality Review Committee](#) (MMRC), for pregnancy-associated deaths in 2020 in Indiana, only 50 percent of the women accessed prenatal care starting in the first trimester of their pregnancy. This shows the significance of adequate prenatal care as it encourages pregnant women to monitor their health, become informed of steps they can take to protect both their infant and themselves and ultimately identify high-risk pregnancies that require more care early on. Barriers that may prevent women from receiving prenatal care are high health care costs, transportation, quality care availability, lack of childcare and other social factors. The same IDOH committee and the Indiana Hospital Association (IHA) reported that in 2020, there

were 34 counties in Indiana categorized as maternal care deserts, meaning they lack a hospital with inpatient delivery services.

As stated, there are many factors that prevent mothers from accessing proper prenatal care starting in their first trimester. However, placing an emphasis on quality care during pregnancy can save lives – these doctor visits have the ability to catch the signs and symptoms of high-risk pregnancies early on to prevent further complications. Talk with your health care provider about prenatal care options as well as appointment times to ensure a safe and healthy pregnancy for both infant and mother.

### Looking ahead: Importance of advocating for health

These statistics reflect the realities of pregnancy and infant loss in Indiana and across the U.S. However, combating this with awareness of the issue and how it impacts a wide range of demographics differently within the health care system is one step towards change. Along with this, prenatal care plays an enormous role in catching the signs and symptoms of high-risk pregnancies early on before complications arise. These preventative measures, along with advocating for one's health at all times, are a few ways to ensure healthy moms and babies during pregnancy and post-birth.

As Indiana and the U.S. push for change to lower the numbers relating to pregnancy and infant loss, there is hope in the fact that there are steps to take to prevent maternal mortality, just like infant mortality. The

[Indiana MMRC](#) reports 79.3 percent of pregnancy-associated deaths were deemed preventable in 2020. Lowering the rates of both maternal and infant mortality are goals that are in reach.

At CareSource, we encourage all mothers to connect with our case managers who work side by side with them through their pregnancy to provide education and coordinate care. Our Babies First Program provides incentives for obtaining recommended prenatal care, well-childcare, immunizations and lead testing. We also recently partnered with the Indiana University Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health at IUPUI on a five-year grant to launch a housing equity initiative to work to reduce Indianapolis' infant mortality rate by addressing housing, a key social determinant of poor infant health.

Additionally, we are partnering with the state of Indiana on the My Healthy Baby Program, which connects women early in pregnancy with an OB Navigator, who provides them with personalized support during pregnancy and postpartum. Along with this, we are supporting the Indiana Pregnancy Promise Program to promote recovery from opioid use by providing maternal and infant support. By taking preventative steps to ensure healthy pregnancies in Indiana and beyond as well as being a strong advocate for your health, CareSource believes we can all work together to keep moms and babies healthy this year and moving forward.

*Dr. Cameual Wright serves as the Vice President and Market Chief Medical Officer at CareSource.*

## Letter to the Editor

### Want to lower the temperature around school board debates? Vote Forgey, say these Noblesville voters

Dear Editor:

After the shooting at Noblesville West Middle School four years ago we, along with other parents, formed a group dedicated to advocating for the safety of all children in schools. We spent every day pushing state and local officials on several issues, including more resources to address serious and chronic mental health issues among children.

No one measure will prevent every incidence of school violence, but it was clear to Noblesville parents, who just experienced a violent tragedy at our own children's school, that today's generation of children face unprecedented pressures that can not only challenge an individual child's mental health, but potentially result in a situation that endangers everyone in a school.

Thankfully, no one is more aware of these pressures than Noblesville school administrators and most school board members, including Joe Forgey.

Unfortunately, there is a group of outside influencers who, for purely political reasons, are smearing school leaders for doing what is necessary to protect children. These interests aren't all from Noblesville, and they aren't interested in what happened to our kids. They are pursuing their political agenda in many communities across the nation by making up phony stories about what is being taught in schools and duping local school board candidates into buying into their fake issues.

They are denouncing social and emotional learning and other mental health efforts as "socialism," "racism," and "indoctrination." This is wrong.

Developing character traits of resiliency, empathy, respect and kindness, and skills such as emotional regulation and goal setting not only serve to lessen conflicts that often lead to school violence, they help create a generation of graduates with skills that employers find critical in today's workforce. We can all agree that preparing students for the future is a big reason why our education system is so key to the success of our community.

Parents are their children's lifelong support system and play the most important role in their development. Social-emotional learning is intended to strengthen, not counter, that support.

Joe Forgey gets it. He has dedicated his entire adult life to children, serving as a beloved pediatric dentist for generations of Noblesville kids. He exemplifies the calm, thoughtful, academics-focused and child-centered leadership we currently have in Noblesville. He will hold school leaders accountable, but above all else, he will support our kids. He'll keep the focus where it belongs – on kids, not political agendas.

Hopefully Noblesville voters will set aside the politics, divisiveness, and ugliness characterizing the debate about schools in America. Quite frankly, we need to lower the temperature, not raise it. We need less divisiveness, not more. The only way to achieve that is to elect Joe Forgey on Nov. 8.

Steve & Anita Rogers  
Noblesville

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#### HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners will meet on Friday, October 28, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. in Conference Room 1A located in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060. The meeting is to discuss the American Rescue Plan Act and other county business as needed. Meeting may be accessed virtually by dialing 1.219.225.8177 Conference ID 746140532#

/s/ Robin M. Mills  
Hamilton County Auditor

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A closeup of a bone record from the Songbook Library & Archives clearly shows the image of a human ribcage.

## Songbook Foundation partners with Forté Sports Medicine & Orthopedics

*Multiyear agreement includes promotion of rare recording collection*

### The REPORTER

The Great American Songbook Foundation has reached a multiyear agreement for Carmel-based Forté Sports Medicine and Orthopedics to serve as title partner for a uniquely appropriate historical collection.

Some call them “bone records.”

The Songbook Foundation, headquartered at the Palladium at the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel, preserves and celebrates the history of the Tin Pan Alley tunes, jazz standards and songs from Broadway and Hollywood that form the foundation of American popular music. Among other education and preservation initiatives, the nonprofit organization maintains a vast Songbook Library & Archives with more than 500,000 documents, recordings, images and memorabilia representing the music’s creators and performers.

Among the holdings are bootlegged copies of pop and jazz recordings that were etched into used X-ray film for underground sharing among music fans in the former Soviet Union, where Western music was illegal. Though the film is cut into discs – with a cigarette used to burn a spindle hole in the center – the ghostly images of ribs and other bones are still clearly visible.

The 18 recordings of songs such as “Begin the Beguine” and “We Just Couldn’t Say Goodbye” were donated to the Songbook Library & Archives by late Indianapolis resident Richard W. Judy and his wife, Jane M. Lommel. Judy acquired the items while he was an exchange student in Moscow from 1958 to 1959.

“These bone records are always a highlight for people who visit the archives, because they are just so unusual and tell a unique story about the power of music in adverse circumstances,” said Christopher Lewis, executive director of the Great American Songbook Foundation. “This partnership enables us to share that story more widely with the public.”

Under the agreement, the collection is now known as the Bone Records Collection presented by Forté Sports Medicine and Orthopedics. Among other elements, the partnership includes plans for a lobby display of the records to open early next year at the company’s offices off U.S. 31.

“This exhibit presents a unique opportunity to further our support for the community while making a direct connection to our name and its double meaning,” Forté President Dr. Mark Ritter said. “Forté is a word that refers to a person’s strong suit or something that shows one’s special ability. It also has a musical reference of playing loudly, which is exactly what we hope to do by helping the Great American Songbook Foundation broaden awareness of and increase access to these historical materials.”

The Songbook Foundation typically displays items from its collections at its multimedia exhibit gallery at the Palladium, but is laying the groundwork to establish a standalone Songbook Hall of Fame Museum designed to be an international attraction.

### About Forté Sports Medicine and Orthopedics

Forté Sports Medicine and Orthopedics, previously known as Methodist Sports Medicine, is an independent, physician-owned orthopedic practice recognized as one of the region’s most respected orthopedic groups. Founded in 1983 as one of the country’s original sports medicine practices, Forté’s physicians and staff provide comprehensive, specialized sports medicine and orthopedic care to patients of all ages.

Clinical evaluations performed by highly skilled fellowship-trained orthopedic surgeons, combined with advanced surgical techniques and comprehensive non-surgical treatment options, provide patients with exceptional treatment outcomes and a return to active living. Forté provides patients with expert orthopedic care in several sub-specialties, including hand, wrist, elbow and shoulder; foot and ankle; hip and knee; joint replacement and revision; spine care and sports medicine. Forté has been trusted by the Indianapolis Colts as their official team physicians since 1983 and serve as the orthopedic provider for Purdue University, Butler University, Indiana State University and numerous high schools and public safety departments throughout central Indiana.

Forté Sports Medicine and Orthopedics also innovates daily through a separate 501(c)(3), Forté Orthopedic Research Institute, which improves the lives of patients everywhere through advanced clinical research and education.

### About the Great American Songbook Foundation

The mission of the Great American Songbook Foundation, founded in 2007 by five-time Grammy® Award nominee Michael Feinstein, is to inspire and educate by celebrating the timeless standards of pop, jazz, Broadway and Hollywood. Headquartered at the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel, Indiana, the Foundation advances this rich legacy by curating physical artifacts of its creators, performers and publishers; operating a multimedia exhibit gallery; overseeing the Songbook Hall of Fame; offering programs for the public and research opportunities for scholars and artists; and providing educational opportunities for student musicians, including the annual Songbook Academy® summer intensive. The Foundation is a Cultural Affiliate of the Los Angeles-based Grammy Museum®. More information is available at [TheSongbook.org](http://TheSongbook.org).



Photos provided by American Veteran Riders Association

## Noblesville resident organizing ‘Rose Ride’ for fallen Richmond police officer Seara Burton

### The REPORTER

Noblesville resident Izzy Menchaca, a senior officer of the American Veteran Riders Association and member of the Noblesville VFW Post 6246, is coordinating the Rose Ride in honor of Richmond Police Department OFC Seara Burton.

Motorcycle riders and the Jeep communities will meet on Saturday, Oct. 15 at the Noblesville VFW, 654 S. 9th St., to head to Richmond present an Honor and Sacrifice flag to the Richmond PD K-9 Unit. The group will depart from the VFW at 10 a.m.

The group will then meet up with other riders from all over Indiana to pay their respects by placing a rose or carnation at the Richmond Police Memorial followed by the presentation of the Honor and Sacrifice flag in honor of K-9 OFC Seara Burton.

According to Vince Blas, the Commander of the American Veteran Riders Association and a member of the Noblesville VFW, “This is the 2nd Rose Ride within two months that our group has coordinated. The most recent Rose Ride was for Elwood Police Officer Noah Shahnnavaz.”



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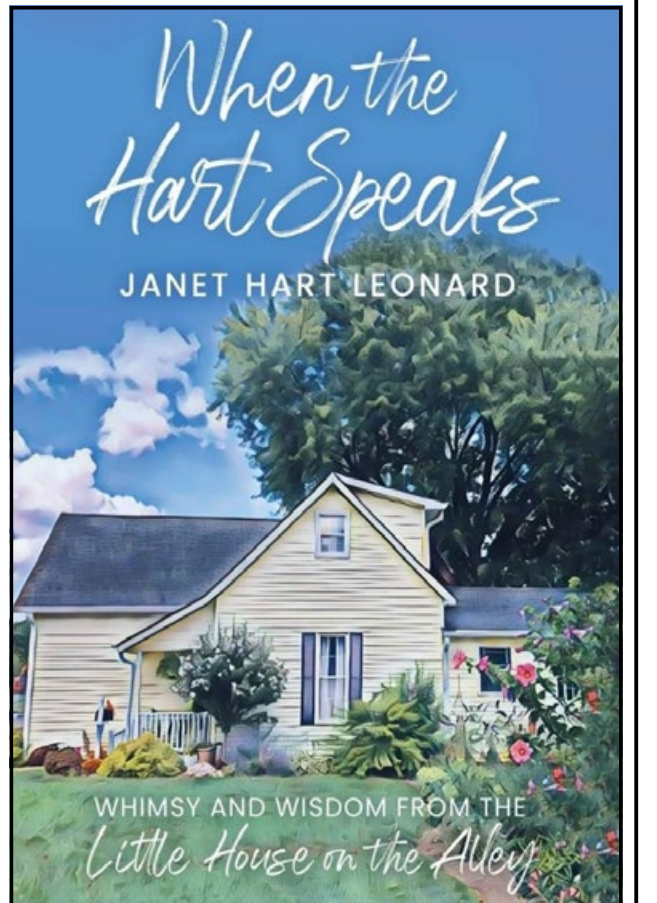
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Letter to the Editor

# Noblesville voter grateful Forgey has decided to serve his community

Dear Editor:

There is nothing so beneficial to a community as a smart citizenry who care.

Dr. Joe Forgey was a successful professional for decades and has every right to retire to some tropical beach, where his biggest headache is a tee time. Instead, he has chosen to stay involved, and to give back to this community by leveraging his experience, his expertise, and his leadership on the Noblesville School Board.

I write today to enthusiastically support Dr. Joe Forgey for Noblesville School Board, with as much enthusiasm as he brings to the task at hand.

I met Dr. Forgey eight years ago, when my husband and I bought our home in Noblesville. We were living across the country and chose Noblesville on a map based on location and schools. We had the good fortune to move in next door to his daughter, which also makes him our neighbor. I remember thinking at the time what a good sign it is when generations of a family want to invest in the same community – it must be a great place to live.

Today, we have lived in Noblesville for eight years, our eldest at-

tends Hinkle Creek and our youngest will enroll there in August. I’ve found that working the Forgey name into conversation is met with kind smiles and familiar refrains of “of course!” all over Noblesville. He even mentored my dentist on how to be a dentist. I mention that not because the School Board is a popularity contest, but because Joe Forgey and his family have gone out of their way to benefit and befriend members of this community for decades. He brings the context of a long history of being involved in Noblesville to every school board meeting.

Dr. Forgey also brings the pragmatism and experience of owning a successful small business in this community for decades. Any small business owner knows that you must invest today to grow tomorrow, and that you have to plan for contingencies along the way. Your paycheck isn’t guaranteed unless you earn it each week. That’s the same thinking we need at the School Board: build upon success, invest for the future, all while keeping a close eye on the budget.

Today, School Board members must be able to stay focused on the task at hand despite a barrage of dis-

tractions from outside agitators and misinformation. Joe Forgey showed all of us during the last two years that he would remain focused on the immediate task at hand: safety, sound science, commonsense solutions to make the most out of a volatile situation for which there was no play book. We are going to need more of that in years to come as folks along the fringes try to roil up controversy. Joe Forgey will work to give our kids a world class education in our growing community.

I’m grateful that Dr. Forgey is willing to stick around and talk about metrics and budgets when he could have left town for margaritas and beaches. Dr. Forgey’s on the bleachers, cheering on his grandkids and he’s in the classroom, demonstrating that Real Men Read. I’m hopeful that my own kids will benefit from his leadership, graduate from Noblesville Schools, and one day they will look at a map and realize that Noblesville is a great place to live.

Please join me in voting for Dr. Joe Forgey for the Noblesville School Board.

**Samantha Miller, Ph.D.**  
Noblesville

Letter to the Editor

# Joe Forgey will continue to make positive impacts in Noblesville Schools

Dear Editor:

Noblesville Schools strives to **Engage | Inspire | Empower** in all aspects of learning, leadership, and education. Therefore, these same qualities are equally important for our School Board candidates. One candidate who does an exceptional job of embodying these characteristics is Dr. Joe Forgey.

No one “school boards” like Joe Forgey. Having three students in the district, our family activities often find themselves centered around the activities of the school. Undoubtedly, wherever we may be, we will see the presence of the Noblesville School Board. And quite often, that presence is Joe Forgey. He is consistently engaging with the community and public. When Joe is present, he is not simply sitting back and letting the pieces fall where they may, but he is actively engaging with those around him. He is constantly meeting others, hearing from others, and learning from others. This applies to not only the community and families of Noblesville, but also the faculty and staff. Joe Forgey lives out loud the meaning of **ENGAGE**.

From speaking with Joe, it is clear that one of the most important qualities he looks for in working with others is a positive and forward-thinking mindset. Someone who is willing to listen, someone who is “pro” others, and someone who exudes a level of positivity. I would venture to say that Joe, himself, is this kind of person. He is genuinely interested in promoting others. He is consistently looking for the greater good. His ability to find and seek a positive message even in difficult times is nothing short of inspiring. Joe understands that our world needs and thrives on those who work for the good of others. It is in these ways that Joe has made it his mission to **INSPIRE** while serving on the Board.

Joe understands his position on the Board is not one of power or control, but rather one of listening, representation, and understanding. It is his ability to listen, gather information, remain level-headed, look for common ground, and seek resolution when possible that allows him to empower others. A true leader leads by example and guidance, empowering those around him or her. This is especially true within our school communities. We need a Board who will empower our teachers and educators to do the hard work of preparing our students for the future. We need a Board who will empower our administration to make the hard and oh-so-important decisions of what will be the best for all students. We need a Board who will ultimately empower its students to lead successful lives allowing them to thrive in today’s world. Joe understands, that in the end, to **EMPOWER** others is the most important part of his role on the Board.

It’s been said that if you want to make a difference, start at home. Make a difference on Tuesday, Nov. 8 by voting for School Board candidates that make a positive impact. Please consider casting a vote for Dr. Joe Forgey and his mission to Engage, Inspire, and Empower our community and Noblesville Schools.

**Kami Propst**  
Noblesville

# Sheridan Public Library awarded \$1,000 racial equity collection grant

**The REPORTER**

The Sheridan Public Library has been chosen as a recipient for the Advancing Racial Equity Development Grant.

This program was made possible through a grant from Indiana Humanities with funds from Lilly Endowment Inc. Sheridan Public Library was awarded \$1,000 towards the humanities material.

The collection consists of over 70 items now available for circulation. The list of items includes titles such as *One Night in Miami*, *South to America: A Journey Below the Mason Dixon to Understand the Soul of a Nation*, *Stamped* and *Harlem Shuffle*.

Patrons are encouraged to view the collection now on display at the library. Visit [sheridan.lib.in.us](http://sheridan.lib.in.us) for more information.



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# Carmel man ignored symptoms of blood clot that nearly killed him

**By LAKYN McGEE**  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

At the age of 55, Chris Betelak ignored serious signs and symptoms that almost killed him.

He experienced leg swelling, shortness of breath, and aches and pains.

“I was working in the back yard just back along the fence line in the back pasture and I, almost suddenly, got very fatigued and very short of breath,” he said.

An active mountain climber, Betelak said he didn’t understand the severity of his symptoms.

“I ignored it. I was doing some fairly strenuous work, but nothing that would have caused me to be out of breath,” explained Betelak. “I had bronchitis at the time and was having some back issues. It was things that made me believe that maybe it was something else.”

Hours after he ignored the symptoms, his wife decided to call a doctor.

Anne Greist, a hematologist at the Indiana Hemophilia Thrombosis Center, said Betelak experienced a blood clot.

“There are still a lot of people, and maybe even people who died from blood clots before they’re even diagnosed,” said Greist. “Blood clots are very common.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control, anywhere from 30 percent of people die within one month of diagnosis. Twenty-five percent of people die when a blood clot blocks the arteries in the lungs. That’s called a pulmonary embolism. Betelak is one of the lucky ones that survived it.

Now at the age of 60, Betelak said he didn’t have a family history of blood clots or a pulmonary embolism.

“They call that unprovoked,” he said. “I feel lucky. I do. I think the odds of something worse happening were pretty high. If I would have known and seen the signs in my calf earlier before the clots broke off and went to my lungs, I would have been much better off.”

Greist said to prevent your risk, you should maintain an active lifestyle and keep your weight down.



# State Sen. Kyle Walker gets endorsement from NFIB Indiana PAC

## Submitted

The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) Indiana PAC has endorsed State Sen. Kyle Walker in his re-election campaign for Senate District 31.

NFIB Indiana represents more than 11,000 small and independent business owners across the state. The NFIB Indiana PAC is comprised solely of NFIB members.

“There’s a lot riding on the outcome of this year’s election,” NFIB State Director Natalie Robinson said. “Small businesses are dealing with the worst inflation in decades, the challenge of finding enough qualified workers, and persistent problems with the supply chain. Senator Walker understands these challenges and will fight to create and maintain an environment where Indiana’s small businesses can grow and create jobs.”

In the Senate, Walker has supported fiscally responsible policies including a balanced state budget, tax cuts for Hoosiers and investments in economic development and quality of life.

During the 2022 Special Session this summer, Walker supported an inflation relief package that included an additional \$200 taxpayer refund to Hoosiers, capped the gas tax and paid down state debts (SEA 2). During the 2022 legislative session, Walker supported a \$1.1 billion income tax cut for Hoosiers, which – when fully implemented – will be tied for the lowest income tax rate in the country (HEA 1002). He also authored innovative economic development legislation (SEA 245) to attract sports, convention and tourism events

to Indiana, which generate significant revenue, encourage investment and bring visitors to the Hoosier State.

In 2021, Walker supported the balanced, two-year state budget that made key investments in infrastructure, public safety and education (HEA 1001). He

also secured funding to support entrepreneurial activity across the state.

“We need to stay laser focused on strengthening our economy and doing what we can to alleviate the impacts of inflation caused by unsustainable national policies that are harming Hoosiers,” Walker said. “In the Senate, I will continue to focus on efforts to reduce cost of living, create jobs and help our businesses thrive.”

The NFIB Indiana PAC is the latest business organization to support Senator Walker in his re-election campaign. He’s also been endorsed by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce and the Indy Chamber Business Advocacy Committee (BAC), as well as labor groups including the Indiana AFL-CIO and the Indiana State Pipe Trades Association.

Walker has also been endorsed by the Indiana State Police Alliance, Indiana Fraternal Order of Police, Fishers Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 199, Lawrence Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 159, Indianapolis Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 86, Indiana Fire Chiefs Association and Indiana Professional Firefighters PAC.

Walker’s district encompasses parts of Hamilton and Marion counties, including all of Fishers and part of Lawrence. For more information visit [Walker-forIndiana.com](#).



Walker

## TODAY’S BIBLE READING

*Bold and arrogant, they are not afraid to heap abuse on celestial beings; yet even angels, although they are stronger and more powerful, do not heap abuse on such beings when bringing judgment on them from the Lord. But these people blaspheme in matters they do not understand. They are like unreasoning animals, creatures of instinct, born only to be caught and destroyed, and like animals they too will perish.*

*They will be paid back with harm for the harm they have done. Their idea of pleasure is to carouse in broad daylight. They are blots and blemishes, reveling in their pleasures while they feast with you. With eyes full of adultery, they never stop sinning; they seduce the unstable; they are experts in greed—an accursed brood!*

2 Peter 2:10-14 (NIV)

## Esther Fay Beard

June 18, 1929 – October 11, 2022

Esther Fay Beard, 93, rural Atlanta, passed away on October 11, 2022, at Miller’s Merry Manor in Tipton.

She was born on June 18, 1929, near Arcadia to Avery and Mary (Beller) Bowman. She attended Walnut Grove School Elementary and Junior High School and graduated in 1947 from Walnut Grove High School.

Esther Fay, as she was fondly known, married Ralph Eugene Beard on January 13, 1951, and they began their lives together in a farm home north of Arcadia. She enjoyed her new role as homemaker and also worked in the cafeteria at Walnut Grove School.

She was an active member of the Arcadia Church of the Brethren. When the new Brethren Church was built, the old church was torn down. She gathered wood from the demolition, and being a gifted wood carver, she made Christmas ornaments from the wood and gave them to family, friends and church members. She was an excellent seamstress and made clothing for her family. She also made a quilt for each grandchild (seven of them) and gave a handmade quilt to each one when they graduated from high school. In her leisure time she enjoyed reading, crocheting, taking care of her pets and just being outdoors.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, and a sister, Leona Zetterberg.

Surviving her is a daughter, Karen Fay Chase of Windfall, Ind.; sons, Charles Avery Beard of Arcadia, and Steven Eugene Beard of Atlanta; grandchildren, Cristy, Sara, Amber, Stephanie, Candace, Amanda, and Anna; plus eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at noon on Monday, October 17, 2022, at Hartley Funeral Home Cicero Chapel, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero, with Pastor Mark Knapp officiating. Burial will follow at the Cicero Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until time of the services.

Memorial contributions may be made to your local Humane Society. You may send condolences at [hartleyfuneralhomes.com](#).



## Wanda Edith Green

April 17, 1933 – October 11, 2022

Wanda was born April 17, 1933, in Noblesville to Ear-mel E. and Muriel M. Wallace. Muriel passed away when Wanda was four years old and she was further raised by her stepmother, Mildred L. Wallace.



She married Willis “Wid” Neal Green on February 18, 1955, in a ceremony at her father’s home. They were married for 67 years until his passing earlier this spring. They spent the majority of their married years in Straw-town on their farm ‘Green Acres’ at the home they built there. Wanda joined her beloved husband, her parents, and her stepmother with her Heavenly Father on October 11, 2022, while living at Five Star Residences of Noblesville.

Wid and Wanda were blessed with two sons, David (Deborah) Green and Dale “Buck” (Barbara) Green; five grandchildren, Kelly (Michael) Poulin, Joshua (Ashley) Green, Kyle (Susan) Green, Jamie (Jon) Meinert and Julie Green; plus eight great-grandchildren, Aubrey, Brock, Elizabeth, Weston, Gabriel, Joanna, Rosie, and Emily.

Additional survivors include her brother, Allen “Shorty” (Ann) Wallace; a sister, Linda (Dan) Stewart; and several nieces and nephews.

Wanda graduated from Noblesville High School in 1951. She had worked at Perry Davis Furniture, the FSSA Office in Noblesville, and McMahon/Alliant Foodservice. She also worked on their farm gardening, raising cattle and numerous pets. She attended White River Christian Church and Omega Christian Church.

Wanda loved her grandkids and great-grandkids, walking in the woods, animals and wildlife that included cats, cows, raccoons, butterflies, hummingbirds that were her favorites, Friday laundry days, Harlan romance novels, family gatherings, cooking, crossword puzzles, twilight drives with Wid and swinging on the front porch (usually enjoying an ice cream bar). Wid and Wanda were regulars at Jim Dandy Restaurant in Noblesville. They also enjoyed vacationing in Florida, taking cruises, and visiting Branson.

Visitation will take place from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, October 15, 2022, at Hartley Funeral Home Cicero Chapel, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero. Funeral services will be held at noon with Pastor Neal Brown officiating. Burial will follow at Carey Cemetery near Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Omega Christian Church. You may send condolences at [hartleyfuneralhomes.com](#).

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Girls Soccer Regionals

# No. 1 Millers’ late first half scores become knockout of No. 17 Homestead

By CRAIG ADKINS  
For The Reporter

**NOBLESVILLE** — Since the 2011 girls soccer season, Homestead and Noblesville have met on the soccer field now eight different times and each time, that meeting has meant something down the road. After this particular battle, the Millers are now 6-1-1 against the Spartans.

Thursday night’s Class 3A regional semifinal matchup at Hallmark Orthodontic Soccer Complex in Noblesville was no different. A late momentum surge in the first half, along with a solid defensive effort helped the host and No. 1-ranked Millers to a 3-0 win over the visiting Homestead Spartans.

Homestead put defense at the forefront and it might have been too costly.

“This time of year, goals are tough to come by. I’ve watched Homestead play. We knew they would take a defensive posture against us, because they couldn’t play us straight up,” said Noblesville head coach Mike Brady on Homestead’s defensive game plan that kept

the match scoreless for a majority of the first half.

The Spartans’ plan of a thick defense inside the 18 worked, to an extent. Noblesville found seams and was eventually able to penetrate further into the defensive front, setting up what proved to be a pivotal final five-plus minutes of the first half.

The Millers had a corner kick from the right side that was overshot, but not too far. Meredith Tippner jumped up and headed the ball to the right side in front of the goal. Marit McLaughlin took the header and sank it with her right foot into the back of the net for a 1-0 lead in the 35th minute.

“All of our goals, as you heard Coach (Hetzel) say, were nice goals on our part and we were able to again,” stated Brady on his team’s goals and how opportunistic they were.

Just a couple of minutes later, Noblesville took advantage of another opportunity off a corner kick, this time from the left side.

Lauren Adam tapped the corner kick attempt to Ava Bramblett. Then, with a couple dribbles around a



Reporter photo by Kent Graham  
**Noblesville’s Lauren Adam played solid defense for the Millers, helping them to a 3-0 regional semi-final win over Homestead on Thursday.**

defender, Bramblett lofted up a shot from 28 yards out, finding the back of the net in the 37th minute for a quick 2-0 Miller lead.

“We know how we want to play the game and we have some set pieces in place. You saw the one off of the corner kick and usually I drop my head and wonder why we worked on that and this time, Ava Bramblett. That’s why she’s the best player in the state and she buried that ball. There are few players that can strike a ball like that,” continued Brady on his senior leader in Bramblett.

Even with a 2-0 lead at halftime, no lead is safe, especially against an opponent like Homestead. But, this game’s momentum seemed much different than the past.

**See Knockout . . . Page 13**

# Carmel takes down Brownsburg, heads to championship

**The REPORTER**

The Carmel girls soccer team advanced to their own regional championship game on Thursday, beating Brownsburg 3-0 in the semi-final at Murray Stadium.

The Class 3A No. 4 Greyhounds scored their first goal in the game’s fourth minute. Olivia Joyce made a pass to Ava Cabellon, who went one-on-one with the Bulldogs’ goalkeeper and got the goal. Carmel added a second goal in the 22nd minute, when Cabellon sent a pass to Megan Hamm, who put the ball in the net.

The ‘Hounds added another goal in the second half. Emma Ehret scored in the 61st minute, off a long pass from Greta Heyl.

“All three goals started from defensive plays as the girls played stifling defense all night,” said Carmel coach Frank Dixon.

The Greyhounds are 16-2-2 and will take on Cathedral at 2 p.m. Saturday for the regional championship.

The boys game will follow, and will also see Carmel play the Irish.

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Hamilton Heights, ranked No. 20 in 2A, fell in the regional semi-final to No. 7 Bellmont 3-0 Thursday at the Huskies’ field.

The Braves scored all three of their goals in the first half.

“Bellmont was the better team, the more aggressive team, and so the result favors them, but at the same time, I appreciate this team and what they accomplished in the face of expectations that were not very high for them,” said Heights coach Travis Kauffman.

The Huskies finished their season ranked 14-6-1. The team had graduated several seniors from last season, but still had another winning campaign, including a defense of its sectional championship.

Among the seniors graduating from this year’s team are Cassidy Felger, who Kauffman said is “really just



Reporter photo by Richie Hall  
**Hamilton Heights’ Ella Hickok makes a play towards the net during the Huskies’ regional semi-final game with Bellmont on Thursday.**

the heart of this team on the field, but she’s simply about the greatest human being that I’ve ever coached. How she encourages her team, so she’s going to leave a hole.” Riley Landis is another graduating senior starter; Kauffman said she is “tremendous” on defense.

“We’ll miss their talent, certainly, but that leadership, they’ve helped create a legacy, a program that can do what we did this year,” said Kauffman.

CLASS 3A GIRLS SOCCER

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Crown Point 2, Lake Central 0  
Penn 1, Goshen 0 (4-2 PK)  
Fort Wayne Carroll 1, McCutcheon 0  
Noblesville 3, Homestead 0  
Carmel 3, Brownsburg 0  
Cathedral 1, East Central 0  
Center Grove 2, Roncalli 0  
Evansville Reitz 2, Floyd Central 0

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRINGS

At Penn  
Crown Point vs. Penn, 2 p.m.  
At Kokomo  
Fort Wayne Carroll vs. Noblesville, 2 p.m.  
At Carmel  
Carmel vs. Cathedral, 2 p.m.  
At Bloomington South  
Center Grove vs. Evansville Reitz, 2 p.m.

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6:40 pm Castle at Evansville Memorial | Indiana SRN  
6:40 pm Purdue Poly at Covenant Chr | Indiana SRN  
6:40 pm Traders Point at Indianapolis Lutheran | Indiana SRN  
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Volleyball



(Above left) Hamilton Southeastern’s Sophie Ledbetter makes a dig during the Royals’ sectional match with Carmel on Thursday. Southeastern won in straight sets to advance to Saturday’s semi-finals. (Above right) Fishers’ Margo Hernandez makes a set during the Tigers’ match with Zionsville. Fishers also won in straight sets.

Fishers & HSE both advance to semi-finals

The REPORTER

Sectional volleyball play began for Hamilton County teams on Thursday. At Class 4A Sectional 8, host Hamilton Southeastern and Fishers both advanced to the Saturday morning semi-finals with straight-set victories. The Tigers went first, sweeping Zionsville 25-21, 25-17, 25-19.

“I think a lot of our message coming in was focused on things that we can control, that we got to get better at,” said Fishers coach Steven Peek. “One of those things is serving. We had probably our best serving match of the night. “Just the look of the ball, the pace of it, the way that we’re thinking and approaching things aggressively with confidence. Those are the types of things we’re talking about.”

The Tigers improved to 18-8 for the season and play Noblesville in the first semi-final, which starts at 11 a.m.

The Royals, ranked No. 1 in 4A, beat Carmel 25-18, 25-17, 25-18. Southeastern improved its record to 28-1 for the season.

“What we’ve been focused on all year is just playing our base game,” said Royals coach Jason Young. “That’s gotten us out of a lot of trouble, is staying true to who we are.”

Young said he thought his team was “very aggressive” and that his setters did “an unbelievable job” of distributing the ball evenly.

Avery Hobson led

Southeastern’s hitting with 13 kills, followed by Lindsey Mangelson with 10, Lauren Harden with nine and Breonna Goss with five. The Royals take on Westfield at 12:30 p.m. in the second semi-final.

“For us, I think it’s just been about getting used to playing with each other and getting the lineup right and then just getting into the flow,” said Young.

Carmel finished its season 22-10.

“Our kids knew they were just in for a fight, and you know what? I’m super proud of them because there was no ounce of quit in us tonight,” said Greyhounds coach Kristine Deem. “They just kept fighting for every single point that we earned.”

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Guerin Catholic, the host of Class 3A Sectional 27 this year, swept Herron 25-15, 25-12, 25-9 in a first-round match on Thursday.

The Golden Eagles are 13-17 and host Shortridge at 11 a.m. Saturday in the first semi-final match. Hamilton Heights will play Bishop Chatard in the second semi-final, which starts around 12:30 p.m.

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University dropped a straight-set match to Cascade, 25-10, 25-9, 25-11 in the first round of Class 2A Sectional 43 on Thursday.

The Cadets will play Sheridan in the second Saturday semi-final, which will start around 12:30 p.m. The Trailblazers finished their season 8-13.



Reporter photo by Kirk Green  
The Carmel team comes together after a point.

SPORTS SCHEDULE KNOCKOUT

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**Friday, Oct. 14**  
**FOOTBALL**

Avon at Noblesville, 7 p.m.  
Brownsburg at Southeastern, 7 p.m.  
Culver Academics at Guerin Catholic, 7 p.m.  
Fishers at Zionsville, 7 p.m.  
Franklin Central at Westfield, 7 p.m.  
Lawrence Central at Carmel, 7 p.m.  
Sheridan at Carroll, 7 p.m.  
Lafayette Central Catholic at Heights, 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Oct. 15**  
**BOYS SOCCER REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

*At Carmel*  
Carmel vs. Cathedral, 4:30 p.m.

*At Kokomo*  
Noblesville vs. Fort Wayne Carroll, 4:30 p.m.

**CROSS COUNTRY REGIONALS**

Carmel, Guerin Catholic, Heights, Sheridan, University, Westfield at Noblesville, 10:30 a.m.  
Fishers, Southeastern at Taylor University, 10:30 a.m.

**GIRLS SOCCER REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

*At Carmel*  
Carmel vs. Cathedral, 2 p.m.

*At Kokomo*  
Noblesville vs. Fort Wayne Carroll, 2 p.m.

**VOLLEYBALL**

*Sectional 8 at Southeastern*  
Noblesville vs. Zionsville-Fishers winner, 11 a.m.  
Westfield vs. Southeastern-Carmel, winner, 12:30 p.m. Championship, 6 p.m.

*Sectional 27 at Guerin Catholic*  
Shortridge vs. Guerin Catholic, 11 a.m.  
Heights vs. Heritage Christian winner, 12:30 p.m. Championship, 6 p.m.

*Sectional 43 at Park Tudor*  
Park Tudor vs. Covenant Christian, 11 a.m.  
Sheridan vs. Cascade, 12:30 p.m. Championship, 6 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 21**  
**FOOTBALL**

*Sectional 28 games*  
Bishop Chatard at Northwestern, 7 p.m.  
Heights at Maconaquah, 7 p.m.  
Guerin Catholic at Oak Hill, 7 p.m.  
Tippecanoe Valley at Peru, 7 p.m.

*Sectional 45 games*  
Union City at Sheridan, 7 p.m.  
Indiana Deaf at Tindley, 7 p.m.  
Wes-Del at Hagerstown, 7 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 28**  
**FOOTBALL**

*Sectional 3 games*  
Fishers at Fort Wayne Northrop, 7 p.m.  
Homestead at Southeastern, 7 p.m.

*Sectional 4 games*  
Westfield at Carmel, 7 p.m.  
Zionsville at Noblesville, 7 p.m.

It didn’t take long in the second half for the proverbial “nail in the coffin” type of dagger that would solidify the win for Noblesville.

Bramblett had a short throw-in from the right side. Atley Pittman took the throw in and passed the ball to a wide open Meredith Tippner, who shifted to her left foot, hooking it just inside the right post and past Spartan goalkeeper Lillie Yohey. Tippner’s goal in the 46th minute made 3-0, but that would wind up the final.

The remaining 34 minutes saw Homestead trying to get itself back into the game, but Noblesville was not having that and did everything it could to keep the Spartans scoreless.

The more noticeable thing in this regional semi-final win is obviously the three goals scored, but that’s not what made the win complete.

Noblesville’s overall defensive effort didn’t go unnoticed, to say the least. Lauren Adam and Nadia Zaborowski were tremendous in keeping Homestead scoreless.

“Lauren on the left side and Nadia on the right. That’s the one thing we’re finding that teams can’t. You don’t find outside back play like that and we have two of the best outside backs, so it’s difficult for teams to defend that,” said Brady on the defensive combo of seniors Lauren Adam and Nadia Zaborowski.

The 17th-ranked Homestead Spartans end their season at 11-6-3.

Noblesville (17-1) advances to the regional championship on Saturday at Kokomo to face Fort Wayne Carroll (15-5-1) at 2 p.m. The winner of the Kokomo Regional will move on to play either Crown Point (16-4-1) or Penn (8-11-2) in the semi-state that will be played at Kokomo or Chertonton on Oct. 22.

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# UNDEFEATED: Southeastern faces off with Brownsburg tonight for conference title

Junior Khobie Martin has had a solid rushing year with 823 yards and nine touchdowns, followed by senior Carson Dunn with 525 yards and six scores. Senior Grady Stanley has 62 tackles, while junior Brady Wolf has made 16.5 tackles for a loss.

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