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SECRET LIFE

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To be fair, there’s a softer side to Brynne that I should tell you about. By day, her favorite mental escape is tending to the flora in our yard.

Streaming murders by night, planting flowers by day. The dichotomy that is my wife.

Sometimes the cat and I look at her from my upstairs writing room window. She seems at peace down there on her gardener’s bench amongst her countless pots, watering petunias that will add color to the coming Fall, digging dirt, enjoying a serenade of cicadas and Paul Carrack’s blue-eyed soul. I once heard Barbara Streisand singing “ageless and ever evergreen” from the outdoor Bluetooth speaker, and my heart became a yo-yo. The cat yawned. I returned to the keyboard, inspired by my wife’s creativity. I imagined how at the onset of each new Spring our dormant yard must appear to her as a blank page, a clean canvas, awaiting her next masterpiece.

Recently, I asked her to reveal her innermost thoughts about her secret life of plants, that world where each plant’s name sounds like a piece of a poem in progress.

Spearmint. Cat mint. Beardtongues. Dusty Miller. Stonecrop Sedum.

“It captures all of my senses,” she said. “It’s therapeutic to stop, see, smell, and feel. It helps me to feel grounded in where I am. The birds, the bugs, the breeze . . .”

Lobelia. Sweet William. Bachelor’s Button. Tall Phlox.

“Feeling the dirt on my hands and under my nails. The smell of damp dirt. That really does it for me,” she said. “It smells good. It smells like Earth. It’s a love and a respect for the earth.”

Daylilies. Royal Mallow. Vinca. Creeping Jenny. Purple Coneflower.

As a speech-language pathologist, Brynne focuses on improving a person’s memory, cognitive skills, swallowing, and regaining their speech. It’s exhausting work. After a long drive home, she’s happy to trade her patients for impatiens. “I don’t really want to talk to people when I get home,” she said. “I talk to my plants.”

Rocket Larkspur. Elegant Zinnia. Afro-Australian Daisy. Black-Eyed Susan. Speedwell.

“I like figuring out the compositions. What colors and heights and textures will look nice together. The spacing of things. Something big, something little; I



Photos provided by Scott Saalman

like that pattern. I love getting as many unique colors as I can find,” she said.

Shasta Daisy. Four O’Clock. Columbine. Johnny Jump-Up. Salvia.

“I’ll go out there after work to forget, detach and get grounded again,” she said. “I am carried away, to the point that I don’t know what time it is.”

Russian Sage. Balloon Flower. Heuchera (Coral Bells). Coleus.

“I always want to touch flowers,” she said. “I want to deadhead. Get the dead out of there so new growth can come. It’s crazy to me that you can pinch back a plant so it looks like hardly anything is left, yet it comes back full because you did that. It’s sort of a metaphor for life. It’s

true for a lot of things.”

It’s awkward for me when she deadheads flowers in public places. She can’t help it, like a compulsive CVS shoplifter. I look away, playing innocent bystander while her covert pinches behead faded blooms, causing spent seeds and dried petals to fall on the sidewalk. It’s macabre, really, and takes me full circle to her nighttime murder documentaries.

I imagined the following Keith Morrison narration: “By DAY, she filled their yard on ALL AMERICAN ROAD with BEAUTY and

LIFE. By NIGHT came something SINISTER—”

“It’s hard for me to sleep knowing you know how to get rid of a corpse,” I said.

“I have a wood-chipper coming from Amazon tomorrow,” she said. It was her stab at a joke. Note to self: no more *Fargo* for Brynne.

“You didn’t order a wood-chipper,” I said. “Too much online evidence.” Then, more imagined Keith Morrison narration: “—now it’s HER husband WHO is PUSHING DAISIES.”

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5:00 SHS TOUR

4:00-6:00 EDUCATION FOUNDATION DINNER

5:00-6:30 KID ZONE AND TAILGATES

7:00 2023 HOMECOMING GAME

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15

2:15 SCHOOL PEP SESSION

8:00 HOMECOMING DANCE

MIEBACH

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The City of Fishers will provide Miebach Consulting with a \$77,000 matching, reimbursable workforce training grant for new employees. These incentives are proposed, but not in effect until approval by the Fishers City Council, City of Fishers Redevelopment Commission.

“Today marks an exciting day for the city of Fishers and the state of Indiana,” said Ann Lathrop, chief strategy officer for the Indiana Economic Development Corporation. “Miebach’s decision to grow here not only demonstrates the attractiveness of our state for businesses but also the dedication of

our workforce. We are laser-focused on fostering a pro-growth environment that will allow for continued expansion and innovation, and we look forward to supporting Miebach and seeing the positive impact they will have on central Indiana.”

Based on the company’s job creation plans, the IEDC committed an investment in Miebach Consulting of up to \$425,000 in the form of incentive-based tax credits. These tax credits are performance-based, meaning the company is eligible to claim incentives once Hoosiers are hired.

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Two weeks until Fishers' largest community race

15th annual Geist Half Marathon & 5K presented by Meijer returns with a new fall date on Saturday, Sept. 16

The REPORTER

There's only two weeks left before Fishers' biggest race of the year returns. The 2023 Geist Half Marathon & 5K presented by Meijer will celebrate its 15th year with a new fall date on Saturday, Sept. 16. The race kicks off at 7 a.m. on Olivo Road near 113th Street.

There's still time to register to run, walk, or volunteer at this popular community tradition. This weekend, the City of Fishers is offering a special Labor Day weekend promotion through Monday, Sept. 4 with 15 percent off registration in honor of the 15th year with promo code LABOR15.

This year's event fea-

tures a new route for the family-friendly 5K (3.1 miles) through the new Geist Waterfront Park, a half marathon (13.1 miles) showcasing the stunning water views and wooded landscapes along Geist Reservoir, and a post-race party hosted by Fishers Parks. All participants receive a race shirt, medal, and free post-race beverage from MashCraft Brewing. Runners and walkers can also receive race day discounts and free treats from local businesses after the race, including Ohanalulu, Pearl



Street Pizzeria, Geist Jazzerise, MashCraft Brewing, and Mochinut. VIP registration is also available, featuring free post-race drinks from King Jugg Brewing Company; an all you can eat breakfast buffet from Ale Emporium; a private Gear Check; commemorative pint glass; post-race stretch session from Stretch Zone; and additional restroom facilities.

More than 600 volunteers will help to host the community race, and volunteer opportunities are still

available for course marshals and runner services volunteers. To sign up, visit VolunteerFishers.com.

Race sponsors include Meijer (Presenting Sponsor), DeVeau's School of Gymnastics (5K Race Sponsor), IU Health (Photo Sponsor), WTHR-Channel 13 (Bib Sponsor), and Stretch Zone (Starting Line Sponsor).

Online registration is open until 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 15. Onsite registration is also available at the event expo on Sept. 15 at Grace Church Fishers until 8 p.m. Race day registration is not available.

For road closure information, event details, and registration visit GeistHalf.com.

What you should know about National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

By CODY ADAMS

WISH-TV | wishtv.com

September was proclaimed **National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month**. It's an opportunity for people to learn a little more about what we can do to help.

I've shared this story on air and on social media. My family is very open about my oldest daughter's health history. She had a rare form of leukemia when she was born and was diagnosed at just 4 months old.

As first-time parents, we weren't really prepared. I was still trying to figure out how to change diapers.

She received treatment at Riley Hospital for Children. At just 8 months old, she received a bone marrow transplant that saved her life. Before she received the transplant, she had to go through intense chemotherapy. In fact, it's the exact same chemotherapy an adult

would get.

Think about that. A baby gets the exact same type of chemo that an adult gets.

I tell you this not to just share her story but to help shed light on the need for more childhood cancer research.

About 9,910 children in the United States younger than 15 will be diagnosed with cancer in 2023, according to [statistics from the American Cancer Society](http://statisticsfromtheAmericanCancerSociety).

The National Pediatric Cancer Foundation says out of the billions of dollars in cancer research, only 4 percent of that goes to childhood cancer research.

Cancer is still the No. 1 killer by disease of children. Additionally, two out of three survivors will suffer some sort of chronic health condition from the chemo.

Those are just some of the things that children and their families deal with in the fight against cancer.



Photo provided by Cody Adams Family
Madi Adams poses for a photo while receiving treatment for cancer at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

Thankfully, with the help of Riley Hospital for Children and our amazing family, our oldest daughter is now 9 years old and prospering.

If you want to learn more, check out [my five-part series, from March 2022](http://myfivepartseries.com), about childhood cancer and the research that is happening.

Local entrepreneur Jeff Chenault opens Kitchen Tune-Up franchise in Noblesville

Submitted

Kitchen Tune-Up, the kitchen remodeling franchise known for providing an exceptional customer experience, has arrived in Noblesville.

Meeting the growing demand from homeowners seeking to update and upgrade the look of their kitchens, Noblesville Kitchen Tune-Up is serving homeowners throughout Lebanon, Ulen, Noblesville, Westfield,

Whitestown and Zionsville.

Local resident Jeff Chenault has launched Kitchen Tune-Up's operations along with the support of the company's Home Office located in Aberdeen, S.D. The award-winning company has established itself as the industry leader with more than 35 years of success behind it.

"I couldn't be more thrilled to have this opportunity to serve my community and our surrounding cities," Chenault said. "My team and I at Kitchen Tune-Up Noblesville are aligned with our mission and dedication to assisting every homeowner in achieving their desires to transform the kitchen into the heart and soul of their home."

Prior to joining Kitchen Tune-Up, Chenault held over 20 years of experience in marketing and project management roles before opening his own solar maintenance company. His experience in business ownership has given them the foundation he needs to launch and grow their Kitchen Tune-Up business locally.

"Jeff is a fantastic ad-



dition to the Kitchen Tune-Up family," said Heidi Morrissey, president of the Kitchen Tune-Up Franchise System. "We have all the confidence in him and his team to create amazing kitchen and cabinetry transformations across their community. He is exactly the type of kitchen remodeling provider homeowners in Noblesville need to complete their kitchen project."

In addition to residential clients, Kitchen Tune-Up offers kitchen remodeling for commercial customers. Services for both client bases include the company's Original Tune-Up, a proprietary wood reconditioning process, as well as cabinet redoing, cabinet painting, cabinet refacing, and custom cabinets. Plus, the Kitch-

en Tune-Up sales process guides homeowners through the entire project.

"I'm an entrepreneur at heart and after owning and operating my own solar maintenance business for seven years from the ground floor, with no experience being self-employed, I learned valuable information that will be crucial in opening my Kitchen Tune-Up location," Chenault said. "Kitchen Tune-Up was exactly what I was looking for, building off my passion for home remodeling combined with the incredible resources and blue prints the home office provides new owners. I'm eager to see all that is to come!"

To learn more about Kitchen Tune-Up of Noblesville visit KitchenTuneup.com.

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Westfield Washington Township hosts nonprofit training series

The REPORTER

Westfield Washington Township has engaged with Hedges Consulting, a central Indiana-based firm, to provide a four-part training series for Hamilton County nonprofits that serve the Westfield community.

This training series will offer sessions on building capacity for the organization in the areas of Program & Impact, Leadership & Culture, Marketing & Communications, and Development.

“We are excited to provide this training to Hamilton County nonprofits through the support of Westfield Washington Township,” explained Jodi Snell, Director of Strategy & Impact with Hedges. “This is the second cohort that has gone through the training series and it has been wonderful to engage with the organizations in a way that allows them to build capacity. They are a very collaborative group of organizations, and the series has allowed for us to bring best practices to them and for them to learn from their peers.”

Westfield Washington Township welcomes the following nonprofits participating in this session: The Cooper House, Family Promise, HAND, Inc., Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank, Prevail, Riverview Health Foundation, Trinity Free Clinic, Wellbeing Collation of Westfield, and Women of Westfield.

“This provides our partnering nonprofits an opportunity for further training



Photo provided

Several local nonprofits will participate in this year's training series.

that they otherwise couldn't afford on their own,” Township Trustee Danielle Carey Tolan said. “I love watching the agencies grow and learn from this series and from each other.”

Township officials look forward to continuing the partnerships that have been cultivated with the nonprofit organizations serving Westfield Washington Township and Hamilton County residents.

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Franciscan HEALTH Doctor joins Franciscan Physician Network Carmel Family Medicine

The REPORTER

Board-certified family medicine physician Rachel Land, DO, has joined the care team at Franciscan Physician Network Carmel Family Medicine.

Dr. Land received her training at Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Indianapolis. Her residency in family

medicine was at Franciscan Health Indianapolis. Dr. Land is certified by the American Board of Family Medicine.

Franciscan Physician Network Carmel Family Medicine is located at 12188-B N. Meridian St., Suite 280 in Carmel. For more information or to make an appointment, call (317) 705-4550.



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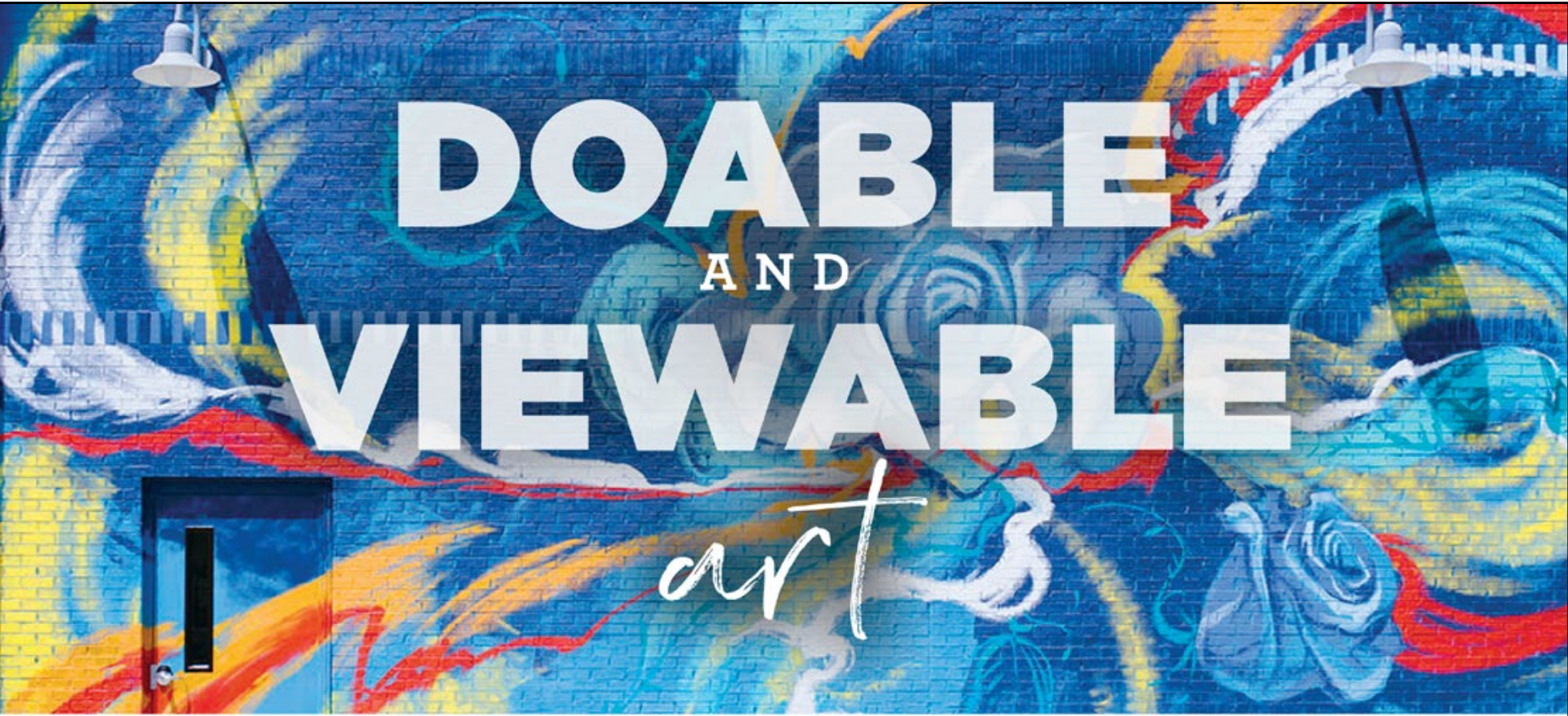
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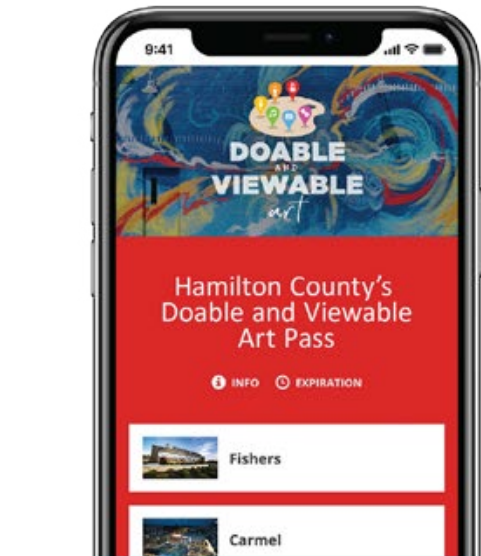
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Community News

Support veterans & first responders at MASH Ministries golf outing

MASH Ministries, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, invites you to its annual MASH Golf Outing to support local veterans and first responders.

Tee time is 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 25 at Plum Creek Golf Club, 12401 Lynnwood Blvd., Carmel. Cost is \$150 for individuals and \$600 for a foursome. Sponsorships are also available. There will be a silent auction, door prizes, and more. You may even win a new car.

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Sheridan Public Library has full September calendar

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The Sheridan Public Library, 103 W. 1st St., has all sorts of fun activities available for all ages. See the list below and visit sheridan.lib.in.us for more information. Support your local library!

Babies & Toddlers

Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26 at 11 a.m.: Baby Time (0-18 months)

Sept. 14, 21, 28 at 11 a.m.: Discovery Time (18-36 months)

Preschool

Sept. 6, 13, 20 at 11 a.m.: Mindful Movements (ages 2-6)

Sept. 8, 15, 29 at 11 a.m.: Story Time (ages 3-6)

Sept. 22 at 12 p.m.: Paw Patrol Picnic (ages 2-6). Registration required; space is limited.

Sept. 27 at 11 a.m.: Parachute Play (ages 2-6)

Grades K-5

Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26 at 4 p.m.: Hero Kids (Role-Playing)

Sept. 14 at 1 p.m.: Homeschool Meetup (Theme: Apples)



Photo provided

People of all ages are always welcome at the Sheridan Public Library.

Grades 6-12	Sept. 18 at 6 p.m.: Pinners	Reading Beanstack Challenge
Sept. 14 at 1 p.m.: Homeschool Meetup (Theme: Apples)	Sept. 20 at 5:30 p.m.: Sheridan Readers Book Club: Book – <i>Read a Banned Book</i>	All month: Library Card Sign-Up Month (Sign up for a chance to win a Prize Pack)
Sept. 14, 21, 28 at 4 p.m.: Rippers (Role-Playing)	Sept. 21 at 6 p.m.: Immunization Presentation presented by Ella Pharmacy	Sept. 13 at 6 p.m.: Wonderlab Science Family Night. Registration is required; space is limited
Adults	Sept. 26 at 1:30 a.m.: Adult Bingo	Sept. 15 at 6 p.m.: Bingo Night, Free Event
Sept. 5, 12, 19 at 1:30 p.m.: Adult Game Time	Sept. 28 from 2 to 6:20 p.m.: Community Blood Drive at SPL; Register on SPL's website or call (317) 758-5201	Sept. 18 to 22 during Library Hours: Fall Book Sale ***
Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27 at 11 a.m.: Needle Crafters		For more information on programming and services, please visit sheridan.lib.in.us .
Sept. 8 at 11 a.m.: Chair Yoga (Preview)		
Sept. 14 at 6 p.m.: Native Alternatives to Invasives Plants presented by Hamilton County Invasives Partnership		
	All Ages	
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New at Sheridan Public Library

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Here are some of the new items that can be found at the Sheridan Public Library.

Fiction

1. Bluest Eye – Toni Morrison
2. Canary Girls – Jennifer Chiaverini
3. Face in the Crown – Stephen King
4. Happiness – Danielle Steel
5. Housemaid's Secret – Freida McFadden
6. Just Another Missing Person – Gillian McAllister
7. Lion & Lamb – James Patterson
8. Out of Nowhere – Sandra Brown
9. Pineapple Street – Jenny Jackson
10. St. Ambrose School for Girls – Jessica Ward
11. Thicker Than Water – Megan Collins

Non-Fiction

1. An American Marriage – Michael Burlingame

Children's

1. Broken Crayons Still Color – Toni Collier
2. Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Boo – Wade

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3. Fox Has a Problem – Corey Tabor
4. How Dinosaur's Went Extinct – Ame Dycman
5. Llama Llama Little Lie – Anna Dewdney
6. Many Lives of Pusheen the Cat – Claire Belton
7. Mine – Candace Fleming
8. Parker's Place – Russ Willms
9. Pusheen the Cat's Guide to Everything – Claire Belton
10. Sony Says No – Caryl Hart


Inspirational Fiction

1. Alaskan Wilderness Murder – Kathleen Tailer
2. Cold Case Chase – Maggie K. Black
3. Critical Threat – Lynette Eason
4. Mother for a Month – Zoey Marie Jackson
5. Nanny Next Door – Jenna Mindel
6. Quilter's Scandalous Past – Patrice Lewis
7. Rancher's Sanctuary – Linda Goodnight
8. Scent of Truth – Valerie Hansen
9. Their Amish Secret – Patricia Johns
10. Tunnel Creek Ambush – Kerry Johnson

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1. Black Demon
2. Flash
3. Shin Ultraman

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Serve Noblesville celebrates successful program year with week of unity & community engagement

Submitted by
PATRICK PROPST
Serve Noblesville

Serve Noblesville, the leading community-driven organization committed to fostering unity and positive change, has announced the resounding success of its 2023 Program Year.

Through a series of impactful events and innovative campaigns, Serve Noblesville has once again demonstrated its dedication to bringing residents, nonprofits, businesses, and organizations together to create a stronger and more vibrant community.

One highlight of the program year was the highly anticipated Come Together Week, a week-long celebration of unity and community engagement that brought together people from all walks of life as the community was invited to host events that others could attend. From May 24 to 31, neighbors, businesses, and organizations joined hands in various activities that celebrated diversity, promoted collaboration, and spread a sense of togetherness throughout the city. The success of this event is a testament to the power of community spirit.

Hoodox, a local nonprofit that supports Indiana-based documentaries, held a watch party at the Lacy Arts Building in Noblesville showing three documentaries telling local stories. The Starbucks on Clover Road by Walmart

invited the community to come connect on their patio with various games and activities.

A stand-out event during Come Together Week was the Longest Table, an inspiring initiative in partnership with local nonprofit organizations. This event gathered 50 community members representing 12 nonprofits around a 60-foot table stretching across Seminary Park, where they shared stories, built connections, and supported one another. The Longest Table showcased the impact that collaborative efforts can have on making Noblesville an even better place to live and thrive. Serve Noblesville will grow this event, inviting the community and additional nonprofits to join in hopes of eventually setting a new Guinness World Record (currently a 2.1-mile-long table) and adding a nonprofit expo where the community can learn about the wide variety of nonprofits and how they uniquely serve the community.

The excitement continued with the inclusion of FUN Fest as part of the much-celebrated HATCH Fest, which is hosted by Nickel Plate Arts. This fusion of fun and creativity brought an energetic atmosphere to the city, engaging individuals of all ages in activities that ranged from arts



SERVE Noblesville

and crafts to live performances. FUN Fest underscored the importance of infusing food, unity, and neighbors into community-building efforts.

As a grand finale, the community came together once again for Serve Week, an annual event that epitomizes Serve Noblesville's commitment to service. During this week, volunteers dedicated their time to various service projects aimed at addressing local needs, enhancing infrastructure, and improving the quality of life for all residents. Overall, 76 projects were completed and over 730 volunteers were mobilized over four days.

Serve Noblesville has an exciting fall ahead as they plan to launch a number of new initiatives that will impact Noblesville and surrounding communities. Primarily it is excited to introduce two new membership campaigns that will further its mission of creating a stronger community fabric. Serve Neighbors welcomes families and individuals to join hands in supporting local initiatives, fostering deeper connections among neighbors.

On the business front, Serve Patrons offers an opportunity for businesses to actively participate in shaping the community's growth while gaining exposure and

recognition for their commitment to social responsibility.

"Each year, we are humbled by the incredible unity and enthusiasm displayed by the residents of Noblesville," Serve Noblesville President Michelle Schmidt said. "The success of our 2023 Program Year is a testament to the unwavering spirit of community that resides in our city. We look forward to building upon this momentum and continuing our journey towards a brighter future together."

Serve Noblesville's 2023 Program Year has indeed left an indelible mark on the city, showcasing the incredible results that can be achieved when individuals, nonprofits, businesses, and organizations work hand in hand. The organization remains steadfast in its commitment to fostering unity, promoting positive change, and creating a lasting impact on the community.

About Serve Noblesville

Serve Noblesville is an asset-based community-driven organization dedicated to fostering unity and positive change in the city of Noblesville. Through innovative programs, impactful events, and collaborative initiatives, Serve Noblesville brings together residents, nonprofits, businesses, and organizations to create a stronger and more vibrant community. For more information about how to get involved, please visit servenoblesville.com.

Health Spotlight: battling obesity in teens

By **JAY ADKINS**
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

More than 14 million children and teens in the U.S. are living with obesity. It's a chronic disease associated with a lifetime of health risks.

That's why for the first time ever, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) released groundbreaking guidelines on treating children battling obesity.

"When you are obese, people stare at you, people judge you," Harley Boaz said.

At a time when Boaz should be having the time of her life, she was at risk. At 16 years old, she weighed 285 pounds.

"I was diagnosed with hypertension," Boaz said. "I was prediabetic. I had high cholesterol."

A new study by the CDC warns that type 2 diabetes will surge 700 percent in people under the age of 20 in the next 40 years.

"About 20 percent of the pediatric population now has obesity," said Jennifer Sprague, a Pediatric endocrinologist with Washington University in St. Louis, Mo.

The AAP is hopeful that new guidelines will revolutionize the way childhood obesity is approached.

"It says we should offer all of our treatments as soon as a patient is eligible for

them," Sprague said.

Sprague says for the first time, doctors have a roadmap on how to treat these children: "It highlights that a 'watch and wait' strategy is not effective."

The AAP guidelines include evidence-based recommendations such as motivational interviewing to behavior treatments and pharmaceuticals like the newly FDA approved Wegovy – the first once-weekly weight loss injection approved for kids 12 and up.

"They can make a really huge difference in patients' lives," Sprague said.

Studies show 95 percent of teens with type 2 diabetes who had bariatric surgery no longer had it three years following surgery, and 74 percent normalized their high blood pressure.

"I think there's always hope that if you treat this disease, you're going to lessen the long-term consequences," Sprague said.

The new guidelines also urge pediatricians to consider genetics, physiology, socioeconomic factors, and the environment – stressing obesity is not just about weight, it's a complex issue that requires a comprehensive and personalized treatment plan.

Health Spotlight is presented by Community Health Network.

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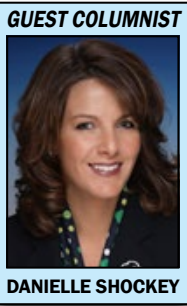
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As we grow into another exciting back-to-school season, caregivers and educators alike are looking for ways to provide our young learners with every advantage possible. We understand that today's world requires more than just academic prowess to succeed; it calls for confident, empowered individuals who are equipped with a diverse skill set and a resilient spirit.

That's why, in addition to traditional education, we're inviting school-aged girls to join Girl Scouts, where we're nurturing the dreamers, thinkers, innovators, and changemakers of tomorrow.

At Girl Scouts of Central Indiana, we are proud to provide a dynamic space where girls can try new things, have fun, see themselves through a happy, confident, and vibrant lens with a world of possibility before them.

Our mission is simple yet powerful: to build girls of



DANIELLE SHOCKEY

courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place; and Girl Scouts has been and will continue to bring this mission to life by building unique programs for girls, girls and caregivers, and girls in Girl Scout Troops to communities across Indiana.

As an organization we take immense pride in the vast, unique Girl Scout program options that we believe are profound companion experiences to what girls are learning in school. Girl Scout programs are like having hundreds of little field trips to choose from, and not only that, but girls also get to go on them with their favorite friends! The choices in Girl Scouts are nearly unlimited, from outdoor adventure, to travel and the arts, to STEM and beyond.

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to wonder, explore, imagine, dream, fall, fail, and preserve; and at Girl Scouts we believe what we offer to girls is all these things. This combined with the fact that these moments happen in a supported small group setting with an adult role model who is there to celebrate her, challenge her, and sometime just listen.

Participating in Girl Scouts isn't just about acquiring skills; it's about building a network of like-minded friends who share dreams and aspirations. Through teamwork, camaraderie, and adventure, girls forge bonds that last a lifetime. They experience firsthand the strength that comes from collaboration, a lesson that will serve them well in both their personal and professional lives.

As we navigate an ever-changing world, it's crucial to equip girls with the tools they need to thrive. Girl Scouts understands the importance of holistic development, where academic excellence combines seamlessly with self-assurance and adaptability. We believe

that by empowering girls, we are contributing to a brighter future for all.

So, as the school bells ring and the classrooms fill, let us also remember to nurture every girl's potential outside the classroom. Let us provide them with the chance to explore, to create, and to lead. Let us show them that they can do and be anything they set their minds to. Let us join hands in empowering the next generation of remarkable women.

To learn more about how Girl Scouts is shaping the leaders of tomorrow, visit GirlScoutsIndiana.org and join us in this exciting journey of growth, discovery, empowerment, adventure, and leadership.

Danielle Shockey is the chief executive officer of Girl Scouts of Central Indiana, which serves 18,000 Girls and 12,000 adults across 45 Indiana counties. A Girl Scout alum, her experience and passion for serving Indiana's youth spans a 20-year career in education prior to her now five years with Girl Scouts.

Ragweed allergy season arrives in central Indiana

By **DREW NARSUTIS**
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Central Indiana residents are bracing themselves to struggle through ragweed season as the pesky pollen-producing plant begins to bloom across the region.

With its arrival, many individuals are likely to experience the symptoms of hay fever, causing discomfort for those affected. As the ragweed pollen count rises, here's what you need to know about hay fever symptoms and how to cope with them.

Ragweed allergy season typically kicks off in late summer and extends into the fall, making this time of year particularly challenging for individuals prone to hay fever. Ragweed, a common weed found in fields, gardens, and roadsides, releases abundant pollen grains into the air, triggering allergic reactions in susceptible individuals.

Symptoms of hay fever, also known as allergic rhinitis, can vary in severity but often include sneezing, congestion, runny or itchy nose, watery eyes, and an itchy throat. These symptoms can significantly impact one's quality of life, causing fatigue, difficulty concentrating, and disrupted sleep patterns. For those with pre-existing respiratory conditions such as asthma, ragweed allergies can exacerbate their symptoms and lead to further breathing difficulties.

To manage hay fever symptoms during ragweed allergy season, experts recommend several strategies. Firstly, it is advisable to limit outdoor activities during peak pollen times, typically in the morning and early evening when pollen counts are higher. Keeping windows closed and using air conditioning can also help reduce the amount of pollen entering indoor spaces. Additionally, regularly washing clothes and bedding can minimize the presence of pollen particles.

Over-the-counter antihistamines and nasal corticosteroids are commonly used to alleviate hay fever symptoms. These medications help to reduce inflammation and block the release of histamines, which are immune system chemicals that trigger allergic responses. However, it is crucial to consult a healthcare professional before starting any new medication to ensure proper use and dosage.

For severe or persistent symptoms that do not respond to over-the-counter remedies, individuals are advised to seek medical attention. Allergists can conduct tests to identify specific allergens and develop personalized treatment plans, such as immunotherapy, to desensitize the immune system over time.

As ragweed allergy season gains momentum in central Indiana, it is essential for affected individuals to stay informed and take proactive steps to manage their hay fever symptoms. By following these precautions and seeking appropriate medical guidance, residents can make this time of year more bearable and enjoy the beauty of the changing seasons with minimal discomfort.

Jazz it up! Join Melinda DeRocker's NYC Jazz Trio Master Class & save on Feinstein's next day show

The REPORTER

Fans of Jazz and Melinda DeRocker and her Jazz Trio are being offered two incredible opportunities.

On Saturday, Sept. 16, you're invited to join Jazz It Up! Melinda DeRocker's NYC Jazz Trio Master Class. This will take place at The Cat in Carmel at 254 Veterans Way. The cost is a mere \$20. Join Melinda DeRocker and get ready to learn from an epic jazz trio straight from the heart of NYC as they take you on a musical journey.

The Trio

• **Tom Jennings, pianist** – hailed by the Boston Globe as a “highly attuned pianist,” Jennings has performed with artists from a wide array of genres.

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ous Mrs. Maisel.

• **Jeff Ciampa, contemporary jazz guitarist** – has recorded and toured with some of the most demanding practitioners, including Harry Belafonte, Jon Lucien, Dave Matthews, Mark Egan, Bill Evans, Al MacDowell, Ornette Coleman, Lew Solof, Pete Levin, Tony Levin, Lenny White, just to name a few. His fluid melodic style, steeped in the jazz tradition, continues to inspire fellow musicians and listeners worldwide.

You'll be blown away by the incredible talent of the Trio as they bring their unique style and expertise to the stage. Whether you're a jazz enthusiast or just love good music, this is an event you don't want to miss. So mark your calendars and get ready for an unforgettable afternoon of toe-tapping rhythms and soulful melodies.

Tickets are available at Eventbrite. [Click here](#) for ticket



Photo provided

information.

After joining the Master Class, you can then purchase tickets for the Sunday, Sept. 17 show featuring DeRocker and The Trio at a 25 percent discount. This 7:30 p.m. show is at Feinstein's at The Hotel Carmichael where they will perform fresh arrangements of timeless standards from The Great

American Songbook.

To get tickets for DeRocker's show at Feinstein's, [click here](#). Enter code MASTERCLASS25 to receive your discount on the Feinstein's show.

DeRocker grew up in the deep South, just 90 miles from New Orleans jazz and 200 miles

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Latest Carmel road construction updates

The REPORTER South Range Line Road

Beginning Sept. 5 and through Sept. 8, there will be lane restrictions for utility work on Range Line Road near the Indiana Design Center. The work will take place between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Flaggers will be present to assist with traffic, and temporary metal plates will be installed to cover

the utility work until it's completed.

Gray Road

Beginning on or after Sept. 3, the county will begin work on a bridge on Gray Road between 96th and 106th streets. This is expected to last for approximately 30 days and will include a full closure of Gray Road in the construction area.

Michigan Road

There will be intersec-

tion closures at 96th, 106th and 116th streets beginning Sept. 15 through Oct. 23 as INDOT performs concrete pavement restoration. These closures will take place from 9 p.m. Friday evening through 5 a.m. Monday morning.

The week prior to each closure, watch for message boards posted at Zionsville Road and Shelborne Road to alert travelers of the impending closures.

Fishers road construction updates, week of Sept. 4

The REPORTER Nickel Plate Trail

The City of Fishers has completed the Fishers portion of the Nickel Plate Trail between Hague Road and 106th Street. Coordination and planning are underway with Indianapolis for the final phase between Hague Road and the crossing of 96th Street. To learn more about the Nickel Plate Trail, view the Capital Project Dashboard [here](#).

106th Street & Hoosier Road

The intersection of 106th Street and Hoosier Road is closed for the next 60 days for the construction of a roundabout. Access into and out of Windermere subdivision will be on Geist Road via Governors Lane. Detour route can be found [here](#). For additional project information, view the Capital Project Dashboard [here](#).

106th Street trail restrictions

The multipurpose trail on 106th Street from Allisonville Road to Hague Road will be restricted with temporary closures until Sept. 7 for maintenance.

106th Street & Allisonville Road

There is a sanitary sewer project currently taking place at Metro Airport at 106th Street and Allisonville Road. There are times where lane restrictions may be in place on Allisonville Road. Please use caution in this area.

146th Street & Allisonville Road

Phase 2A traffic restrictions are currently in effect. These restrictions eliminate left turns from 146th Street onto Allisonville Road and reopen to two thru lanes on eastbound and westbound 146th Street.

Utility relocation work is ongoing. Periodic lane closures may be necessary to complete this work. Watch for flaggers and workers in and around the construction zone.

Construction crews are continuing to work on storm sewer installation and roadway grading. Crews have begun working on the widening of the westbound bridge over the White River. The contractor has installed cofferdams and delineating buoys in the White River for pier construction. Use caution if canoeing or tubing through the work zone.

For additional project information, [click here](#).

Cumberland Road

There are daily lane closures currently on Cumberland Road just south of 126th Street for sanitary and water line work. The northbound right turn lane and the southbound passing blister will be closed.

Geist Greenway

Geist Greenway is now open between Valley Crossing to 126th Street. Work will resume on the trail south of Valley Crossing Drive on or after Sept. 1 and remains closed until construction is finished. Construction continues to take place on Florida Road and between Bowline Drive and 104th Street. For general project information, please visit [playfishers.com/299/Geist-Greenway](#).

Geist Half Marathon & 5K

The Geist Half Marathon & 5K is just around the corner on Saturday, Sept. 16. Road closures and restrictions will be in effect around Geist Reservoir beginning at 4 a.m. on Sept. 16 and will continue throughout the morning. For a full list of restrictions, visit [GeistHalf.com](#). Please note that the following closures and restrictions are subject to change as we near race day. Course marshals will do their best to allow vehicles through when there is a break in the runner. However, these breaks cannot be guaranteed so we encourage you to seek an alternate route.

Resurfacing Projects

ADA ramp and curb reconstruction is currently taking place in the Parks (Harvard, Oxford and Princeton Park) as part of the 2023 Resurfacing Project. These areas will be restored with topsoil and seed. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to water the seed for the seed to germinate. Prior to road resurfacing, residents will be notified via street signage for street parking restrictions.

Road resurfacing has begun in The Parks and Bristol.

For additional project information, view the Capital Project Dashboard [here](#).

State Road 37 & 141st Street

To learn more about the State Road 37 Improvement Project and sign up to receive text updates, visit [37Thrives.com](#).

I-465 & I-69

The ramp from I-69 North to 82nd Street and the ramp from 82nd Street to I-69 North is currently closed through late 2023. For detour routes and additional project information, visit [ClearPath465.com](#).

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from Mississippi Delta blues. Her parents exposed her to Big Band music, Broadway show tunes and classical music, and in the Southern culture and church she discovered gospel, country, and bluegrass.

While her peers were tuned into the latest pop and rock bands, she was listening to Barbara Streisand, Glen Campbell, and Peter, Paul and Mary. She enjoyed Broadway musicals and going to New Orleans to hear jazz. She also began to delve into the standards genre, learning many of the songs from her mother who played piano.

Fast forward past two degrees in music – conducting and voice – and lots of church solos, DeRocker per-

formed in a national tour of *The King and I*, which led her to New York. More regional musical theatre, from Colorado to New Hampshire, followed.

Her first album, a CD of standards from the Great American Songbook, is titled *I'll Be Seeing You*, and utilizes New York-based jazz musicians. DeRocker also has a Christmas album, *Christmas Time Is Here*. Both albums are notable for unique and fresh arrangements of familiar songs.

Visit [Feinsteinshc.com](#) to learn about this and other shows. Feinstein's at Hotel Carmichael is located at 1 Carmichael Square, Carmel. Call Hotel Carmichael at (317) 688-1947.

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When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers."

Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you. The whole land of Canaan, where you now reside as a foreigner, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God."

Genesis 17:1-8 (NIV)

Marsha Mendakis

July 24, 1960 – August 21, 2023

Marsha Mendakis, 63, Fishers, passed away on Monday, August 21, 2023, at her home. She was born on July 24, 1960, to Zacharias and Efthalia Mendakis in São Paulo, Brazil.



Marsha worked in administration for IU Health Corporation. She was a member of St. George Orthodox Christian Church and Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral. Marsha enjoyed gardening, could speak five languages, and had a love for international travel.

She is survived by her daughter, Zoey-Marie Nicodemus; brother, Georges Mendakis; five nieces; and six nephews.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2023, at St. George Orthodox Christian Church, 10748 E. 116th St., Fishers, with V. Rev. Anthony G. Yazge officiating. Visitation will be from 12:30 to 1 p.m. at the church. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery in Fishers.

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Consumer alert: Digital video baby monitors pose fire risk

AG Todd Rokita alerts Hoosiers of recalled items sold in August

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is alerting Hoosiers of important consumer protection concerns for products recalled in August. This is the time to take advantage of opportunities available for those who purchased these recalled items. "Starting a family can be a joyous and scary time for parents," AG Rokita said. "You shouldn't have to worry if your new baby is safe and if the items they're using are defective or could cause you or your family harm. If you purchased one of the recalled products, stop using it immediately and pursue resolution from the manufacturer immediately."

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the following consumer products were re-

called in August:

- Philips Avent Digital Video Baby Monitors from Philips Personal Health
- Baby and Toddler Boy Basic Stretch Straight Leg Jeans from The Children's Place
- Room & Board Natural Organic Latex and Latex and Spring Crib Mattresses from Restwell Mattress
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- minal Air Conditioners/Heat Pumps (PTACs) equipped with "DigiAir" modules from Daikin Comfort Technologies
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- hicles from Polaris
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- Ubio Labs power banks from Costco

If you recently purchased a recalled product, stop using it and check its recall notice. Then follow the notice's instructions, including where to return the product, how to get the product fixed, how to dispose of the product, how to receive a refund for the product, or what steps must be taken to receive a replacement product.

To view recalls issued prior to August, visit CPSC.gov/recalls.

Sen. Young visits South Korea to bolster U.S.-Korea alliance

The REPORTER

U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.), a member of the Senate Foreign Relations and Finance committees and co-chair of the bipartisan Senate Korea Caucus, visited the Republic of Korea (ROK) this week to deepen and strengthen the U.S.-Korea alliance.

Sen. Young met with South Korea President Yoon Suk Yeol to discuss U.S.-Korea relations, strategies for countering mutual security and economic threats, and

actions the United States and the ROK can take with Japan to further the momentum of the Camp David Summit. Young also met with Trade Minister Ahn Dukgeun and other senior Korean government officials to discuss Korean investment in the United States and other shared economic interest.

In addition to these en-



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gagements with the ROK government, Sen. Young also received an update from senior leaders of United States Forces Korea, which plays a critical role in deterring aggression from North Korea and supporting security and stability in the Indo-Pacific. And the Senator held economic discussions with Korean business leaders about jobs and

investments in Indiana.

"It is critical that the U.S.-Korea alliance is both active and strong," Sen. Young said. "This productive trip reaffirmed the importance of the partnership between our nations. I will continue to work with my colleagues in Congress on ways to deepen U.S.-Korea economic and security cooperation to help preserve a stable and prosperous Indo-Pacific region."

[Click here](#) to read more about Sen. Young's trip.



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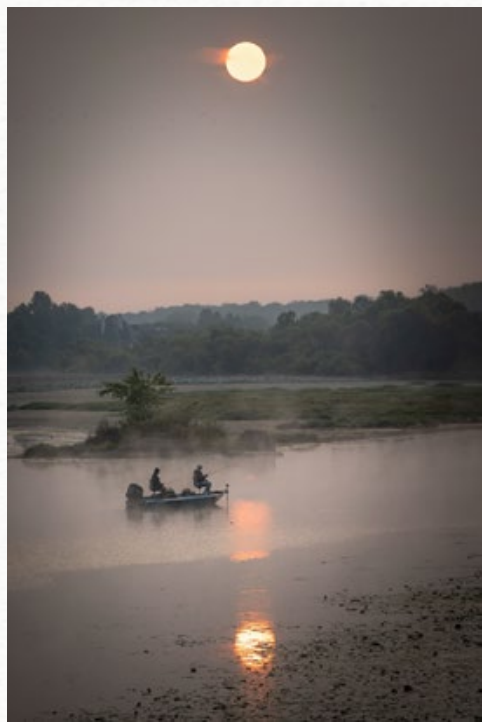


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Hamilton County High School Football, Week 3

Fishers: nothing’s gonna stop us on the road to win over Noblesville

By CRAIG ADKINS
For The Reporter

NOBLESVILLE – The Fishers Tigers set out on a mission on the short road trip to Noblesville. Both teams were looking to get to a 3-0 start on the young season and unfortunately only one could still remain undefeated.

From the opening drive on defense, there seemed to be nothing that was going to stop, or even slow down, the visiting Tigers on their way to a 48-22 romp of Noblesville.

“We knew that we had to get a quick start on them. We wanted to take control of the game early. Our offense, they were just clicking,” stated Fishers head coach Curt Funk.

After three plays, the Tigers forced Noblesville to punt. Then, Fishers made it look easy on its first drive. Ten plays and 56 yards later, quarterback Bennett Gorak plunged across the goal line for the first score and a 7-0 lead.



(Left) Fishers quarterback Bennett Gorak threw for three touchdowns during the Tigers’ 48-22 win over Noblesville on Friday. (Right) Noblesville’s Aiden Brewer caught a second-quarter touchdown pass for the Millers.

Reporter photos by Kent Graham

The next Tiger drive didn’t take much time at all. Fishers had a third down and six at the Noblesville 39 and took advantage.

Tailback Khobie Martin ran up the middle almost untouched for a 39-yard rushing TD for a 14-0 cushion.

“They executed tremendously on third down. Were we out of position? Not by much,” said Noblesville head coach Dave Sharpe.

“We told Khobie to go out there and dominate. And, he was possessed tonight and ready to go,” said Funk.

Noblesville cut the Fishers lead in half early in the second. On third and goal from the 17, Jacob Baker found Aiden Brewer for a 17-yard touchdown pass to make it 14-7. But, that would be the closest that the Millers would be all night.

The Tigers would answer midway through the second. A short field helped Fishers on its third series, starting at the Miller 49.

Martin would find his way into the end zone from 13-yards out for his second score, pushing it to 21-7.

The game started to get out of hand following Noblesville’s third punt. The Tigers executed yet another scoring drive. This time, Gorak orchestrated the Tigers down the field with his arm. The drive finished off with a 21-yard touchdown grab to Noah McPeck from Gorak for a 28-7 advantage.

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Huskies deliver dominant shutout victory over Knights

By JAMES SEAY
For The Reporter

The Hamilton Heights Huskies opened up Hoosier Conference East Division play in impressive fashion, delivering a resounding 15-0 shutout victory over the Lafayette Central Catholic Knights in a physical showdown between rivals.

The Huskies, now boasting a 3-0 record for the season, showcased their mettle on both defense and special teams to secure the win.

From the outset, the Hamilton Heights set the tone for their dominance, receiving the kickoff and immediately imposing their presence on the field. With determination, they executed a flawless drive, advancing deep into Lafayette Central Catholic territory. Though they were eventually compelled to punt, senior Teigan Scoles displayed remarkable punting, pinning the Knights inside their own five-yard line.

Reflecting on his performance, Scoles commented,



(Left) Hamilton Heights’ Jaylyn Pugh blocked two punts in the second half, part of a superb defensive effort for the Huskies in their 15-0 win over Lafayette Central Catholic on Friday. (Right) Heights quarterback Bodie Derrer dives into the end zone for a Huskies touchdown.

Photos by Bob Cross

"This is my first time punting in a varsity game," acknowledging the pressure of the moment. However, his punt in the first quarter set the stage for a crucial safety by junior Michael Cain that handed the Huskies a 2-0 lead.

In a dazzling display of agility, senior Jaylyn Pugh returned the ensuing free kick for a touchdown. Pugh modestly explained, "It happened so quick, I saw an opening, and I just took it and ended up in the end zone."

Coach Jon Kirschner lauded his special teams' exceptional performance on the night, especially acknowledging Scoles and Pugh for their game-changing contributions.

"[Scoles] was special, stepping up in the 11th hour to punt in this game as he is not our normal punter. And Jaylyn was phenomenal on special teams and defense. Our secondary was flying to the ball," Kirschner praised.

In the second quarter, the Knights attempted to stage a comeback with a lengthy march down the field. Nevertheless, the Huskies' defense stood firm, ultimately forcing a pivotal turnover on downs at their own 22-yard line. Despite their own fourth-and-1 conversion attempt falling short at the 31-yard line, the Huskies' defense continued to shine, stopping the Knights once again at the 21-yard line, preserving their 8-0 lead as they entered halftime.

The second half unfolded in a manner consistent with the first, with Scoles and Pugh continuing to make critical plays. In the third quarter, Lafayette Central Catholic received the kickoff and made significant strides toward the red zone. However, their aspirations were crushed as a field goal attempt fell short, leaving Hamilton

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“Bennett keeps improving every week. His best is yet to come. He’s just a great kid and he works hard and with that, you’re always going to see improvement. He has the characteristics that you look for in a leader,” continued Funk.

Gorak looked completely comfortable and in a zone all night, because everything was working.

“We watched a ton of film, scouted them, so we had a really good idea what was happening,” said Fishers quarterback Bennett Gorak.

“The o-line gave me all of the time in the world that I could ask for and really helped me out,” continued Gorak.

The Millers wasted very little time to get its second score. Logan Shoffner caught a screen pass from Baker and sprinted 58-yards to the end zone. After an offside penalty on Fishers, the ball was placed at the one. Gabe Bellan then dove his way over the goal line to convert the two-point conversion for a 28-15 score.

That gave Fishers too much time. They were able to march quickly down the field, grabbing a three-score lead at halftime. Tight end Joel Gates was all alone up the middle of the field for a 28-yard touchdown. That accounted for the 35-15 half-time score.

“Bennett Gorak played just beautifully tonight. The conditions were beautiful to throw and obviously they have Khobie in their back pocket. That is a great team. They play really well on defense,” Sharpe continued on Fishers.

The Tigers started to drive well again in the third, but that came to a screeching

halt. Gorak got anxious and threw to the end zone, but the ball was picked off by Gage Gulley for a touchback.

“They played really well on defense and got us out of our offense pretty quickly, because of the big lead they were able to get,” stated Sharpe.

Martin was at it again late in the third. The Miami (Ohio) commit scored for the third time on a four-yard run. The snap for the PAT was low, forcing the holder to scramble and get tackled, leaving the score 41-15.

“Teams are keying on Khobie. I would too, he’s a monster. He opens up our offense so much. It’s awesome to have him in the backfield,” continued Gorak on Martin.

“We were playing from behind by two, three, four scores the whole night. Just a bad start by us. When we get off to a bad start, we’re not a great team,” said Sharpe.

The Millers started putting together a decent drive that ended early in the fourth, but wound up turning the ball over on downs.

The game would be put completely out of reach on a Joe Syrus two-yard TD catch for a 48-15 lead.

“It’s no secret that we want to control the clock, the pace and tempo of the game,” said Sharpe.

That’s what their normal game plan is, but Fishers took them out of that from the start.

Logan Shoffner returned Tangara’s ensuing kickoff back 99-yards for a kick return touchdown and would be the final score of 48-22.

Baker was 11-for-20 for 166 yards and two TDs. The Millers were limited in their normally dominating rushing attack. Gage Gulley had 38

FISHERS 48, NOBLESVILLE 22									
Score by Quarters						Scoring			
Fishers	14	21	6	7	48	First Quarter			
Noblesville	0	15	0	7	22	F, 8:21 – Bennett Gorak			
Team Stats	FISH		NOB			2-yard run (Jonathan Tangara kick)			
First Downs	29		16			F, 3:28 – Khobie Martin			
By Rush	11		9			39-yard run (Tangara kick)			
By Pass	17		6			Second Quarter			
By Penalty	1		1			N, 11:23 – Aiden Brewer			
Rushes-Yards	37-254		33-126			18-yard reception from Jacob Baker (Jack Letourneau kick)			
Yards Passing	289		166			F, 9:46 – Martin 13-yard run (Tangara kick)			
Comp-Att-Int-TD	23-27-1-3		11-19-0-2			F, 4:12 – Noah McPeek			
Fumbles-Lost	0-0		0-0			21-yard reception from Gorak (Tangara kick)			
Penalties-Yards	7-56		6-45			N, 3:24 – Logan Shoffner			
Punts-Average	0-0.0		3-31.7			58-yard reception from Baker (Gabe Bellan run)			
						F, 1:43 – Joel Gates			
						28-yard reception from Gorak (Tangara kick)			
						Third Quarter			
						F, 2:46 – Martin 4-yard run (run failed)			
						Fourth Quarter			
						F, 6:15 – Joe Syrus			
						2-yard reception from Gorak (Tangara kick)			
						N, 6:01 – Shoffner			
						99-yard kickoff return (Letourneau kick)			

yards on six carries, Baker 11 for 29 yards and Shoffner 27 yards on eight rushes. Gabe Bellan scored a TD and ran in a two-point conversion.

Shoffner caught five passes for 91 yards and a TD, while Aiden Brewer snagged four for 66 and a touchdown.

Next week is rivalry week for both squads. The Millers (2-1, 0-1 HCC) head to Westfield (3-0, 1-0 HCC) to face the Shamrocks.

Khobie Martin led all with 17 carries and 165 yards, scoring three times. Gorak was nearly flawless in the pocket, completing 23 of his 27 passes for 289 yards and three TDs and an

interception.

Three receivers shared the totals. JonAnthony Hall could 10 passes for 98 yards. Noah McPeek reeled in five for 83 yards and Syrus had seven for 79 yards. Joel Gates grabbed one for 28 and a TD.

The Mudsock will be a battle of two unbeaten and a top 10 matchup in 6A. Hamilton Southeastern (3-0, 1-0) makes the shortest drive in the state for a road trip at Fishers (3-0, 1-0).

“It’s going to be a wild night. It’s great for our community and what we look forward to,” said Funk on the Mudsock game with HSE.

DOMINANT

Heights unscathed. After a series of exchanged three-and-outs, the Huskies once again pinned the Knights deep in their territory, courtesy of Scoles' second pinpoint punt inside the five-yard line.

As if that wasn't enough, Pugh delivered the first of his two blocked punts in the third quarter, setting the stage for senior Bodie Derrer to capitalize on the opportunity with a quarterback keeper, further extending the Huskies' lead to a 15-0 advantage.

Coach Kirschner expressed his satisfaction with how the defense and special teams operated, particularly

in light of the physicality posed by the LCC team.

"Preparation wise, we played these guys last year in a hard-fought game. We knew that we would need to beat their physicality and discipline; they are very good at what they do," Kirschner explained. Looking ahead to conference play, he added, "Now we are going into [Hoosier Conference East] division play with quality teams coming up; I expect us to keep fighting and getting better day by day."

Next up for the Hamilton Heights Huskies is a match-up on the road against the Northwestern Tigers, with kickoff scheduled for 7 p.m.

HAMILTON HEIGHTS 15, LAFAYETTE CENTRAL CATHOLIC 0										
Score by Quarters					Heights Scoring					
Heights	8	0	7	0	15	First Quarter				
Central Catholic	0	0	0	0	0	5:45 – Michael Cain safety				
Team stats	HH		LCC			5:34 - Jaylyn Pugh				
First downs	10		7			62-yard punt return (kick failed)				
By rush	5		3			Third Quarter				
By pass	5		4			0:29 – Bodie Derrer				
By penalty	0		0			2-yard run (Scoles kick)				
Rushes-Yards	42-86		21-48							
Passing Yards	106		86							
Comp-Att-Int-TD	10-20-0		15-38-0							
Fumbles-Lost	0-0		0-0							
Penalties-Yards	7-75		2-15							
Heights individual stats										
Rushing: Owen VanHaaren 25-63, Bodie Derrer 13-13, Eric Balcom 4-10.										
Passing: Bodie Derrer 10-20-0-106.										
Receiving: Tyler Champion 5-53, Keaton Weaver 1-10, Owen VanHaaren 2-10, Conor Baumann 1-13.										

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SPORTS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept. 2	
BOYS SOCCER	
Brebeuf Jesuit at Hamilton Southeastern, 11:30 a.m.	
Bishop Chatard at Guerin Catholic, 2 p.m.	
CROSS COUNTRY	
Fishers boys, Westfield at Terre Haute Savings Bank Invitational, 8:30 a.m.	
Carmel, Guerin Catholic, Westfield at Brownsburg Invitational, 9 a.m.	
Noblesville at Columbus North Classic, 9 a.m.	
FLAG FOOTBALL	
Carmel Invitational, 10 a.m.	
GIRLS SOCCER	
Paul Loggan Foundation Invitational - at North Central Sheridan vs. Heritage Christian, 9 a.m.	
Noblesville vs. Plainfield, 11 a.m.	
Bishop Chatard at Guerin Catholic, noon	
Hamilton Heights at Lawrence North, noon	
Carmel at Zionsville Invitational, 3 p.m.	
Lafayette Jefferson at Hamilton Southeastern, 5:30 p.m.	
GOLF	
Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville at Fort Wayne Carroll Invitational, 8 a.m.	
Carmel, Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville, Westfield at Lafayette Jefferson Lady Broncho Invitational, 9 a.m. at Battle Ground GC	
Fishers at Connersville Invitational, noon	
TENNIS	
Hamilton Southeastern at Fort Wayne Carroll Invitational, 9 a.m.	
Noblesville at Silver Creek Invitational, 9 a.m.	
Guerin Catholic at Roncalli, 10 a.m.	
VOLLEYBALL	
Carmel at Avon Invitational, 9 a.m.	
Fishers at Providence Tournament, 9 a.m.	
Sheridan at Clinton Prairie Invitational, 9 a.m.	
Hamilton Southeastern at Fort Wayne Carroll Invitational, 10 a.m.	
University at Anderson Prep Academy, 10 a.m.	
Guerin Catholic at Westfield, 11 a.m.	
Tuesday, Sept. 5	
BOYS SOCCER	
Sheridan at Blackford, 6 p.m.	
Lawrence North at Carmel, 7 p.m.	
Roncalli at Guerin Catholic, 7 p.m.	
Westfield at Noblesville, 7 p.m.	
Bishop Chatard at University, 7:30 p.m.	
Fishers at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.	
Hamilton Heights at West Lafayette, 7:30 p.m.	
FLAG FOOTBALL	
Hamilton Heights at Brownsburg, 6:30 p.m.	
GIRLS SOCCER	
Cardinal Ritter at University, 5 p.m.	
Carmel at Lawrence North, 7 p.m.	
GOLF	
Sheridan vs. Western Boone and Clinton Central, 4 p.m. at Cool Lake	
Hamilton Heights vs. Guerin Catholic and Mount Vernon, 4:30 p.m. at Bear Slide	
Hamilton Southeastern vs. Westfield and New Palestine, 4:30 p.m. at Prairie View	
Noblesville vs. Fishers and Zionsville, 4:30 p.m. at Harbour Trees	
University vs. Tri-West and Danville, 4:45 p.m. at Wood Wind	
TENNIS	
Frankton at Hamilton Heights, 4:30 p.m.	
Carmel at Guerin Catholic, 5 p.m.	
Hamilton Southeastern at Fishers, 5:30 p.m.	
Westfield at Noblesville, 5:30 p.m.	
VOLLEYBALL	
Faith Christian at University, 7 p.m.	
Lawrence North at Fishers, 7 p.m.	
Sheridan at Taylor, 7 p.m.	
Zionsville at Hamilton Heights, 7 p.m.	
McCutcheon at Noblesville, 7:15 p.m.	
Lebanon at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m.	
Yorktown at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.	
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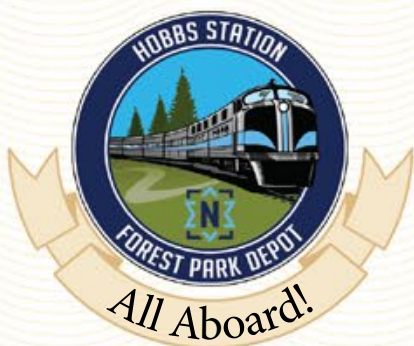
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Greyhounds get shutout victory over Detroit King

By RICHIE HALL sports@readthereporter.com

CARMEL — Carmel hosted another state championship Friday night for Week 3 of the Indiana high school football season, and the result was dramatically different.

The Greyhounds beat Detroit King 39-0 at Carmel Stadium. The Crusaders are the defending Class 6 Michigan state champions, but the Greyhounds played a great defensive game, and scored every which way possible in order to get the victory.

Case in point: Carmel's first points came from defense: Midway through the first quarter, the Greyhounds forced an errant snap, and the King quarterback dove one the ball. The result was a Carmel safety, worth two points.

"I thought that was a great first push for us and gave our guys some confidence," said 'Hounds coach John Hebert. "The great part about it is, you get the ball right back."

And Carmel did get some points out of that, as Josh Placzek nailed a 33-yard field goal shortly after the safety. As a result, the Greyhounds led 5-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Placzek stepped up again at the start of the second period, making a 41-yard field goal just 18 seconds into the quarter. Carmel's defense was holding firm, but the 'Hounds wanted a touchdown. They would get a first TD later in the period, and it was something else.

King was set to punt near the end zone, but Uchenyo Ojata blocked the kick, then picked it up and made the short run in to score. It was the first-ever touchdown for the 6-foot-4 junior defensive lineman.

"He played eight varsity snaps last year, and they were all on field goal block, because he's so long and he's got jumping ability and all of that," said Hebert. "But that's the first one that he ever blocked, and his first score ever."

"I think definitely, this is the best collective team defensive performance we've had so far," said Ojata. "We've been working really hard this past couple weeks after the loss and this was a really good way to bounce back for us."

The Greyhounds dropped their Week 2 game



Photo by Joshua Herd

Carmel's Uchenyo Ojata celebrates as he runs into the end zone after blocking a punt and recovering the ball. Ojata and the Greyhounds defense stepped up in a major way during Carmel's 39-0 win over Detroit King on Friday.

last week to Christian Brothers from St. Louis, last year's Class 6 Missouri state champions. Hebert said his team fought in the middle quarters of that game, but the talk in practice this week was about Carmel "playing a four-quarter game."

"I thought tonight we played a four-quarter game," said Hebert. "That's what we set out to do. If we're going to develop our potential, that's got to be the way we do it. I'm really proud of the way our kids did that."

The Greyhounds finished the first half with a 16-yard touchdown pass from Christian Peterson to Anthony Coellner. With that, Carmel led 22-0 at halftime.

Placzek kicked his third field goal early in the third quarter, this one from 45 yards, and the Greyhounds were up 25-0. Later in the period, Carmel made another nice touchdown drive. Alijah Alfayyad made a big run to get the Greyhounds into scoring position, and Ozzy Pollard punched the ball in from the one-yard line on fourth down.

Pollard struck again midway through the fourth quarter, taking the ball in from three yards. That got Carmel's lead to 39-0, and the remainder of the game was played with a running clock.

"He's 260 pounds," said Hebert. "He's not hitting the hole at full speed because he's so close to the line of scrimmage. But he's hard to get your arms around and stop his charge. They hit him in the backfield, but he just kept his legs going."

"It was really important to come out and compete,



Photo by Joshua Herd

Carmel's Alijah Alfayyad made big third-quarter runs to put the 'Hounds in scoring position.

CARMEL 39, DETROIT KING 0

Score by Quarters					Carmel Scoring	
Detroit King	0	0	0	0-0	First Quarter	
Carmel	5	17	10	7-39	6:28 – Safety	
Team Stats	KING		CAR		5:04 – Josh Placzek 33-yard field goal	
First Downs	6		9		Second Quarter	
By Rush	2		3		11:42 – Placzek 41-yard field goal	
By Pass	3		3		3:30 – Uchenyo Ojata 3-yard blocked punt return (Placzek kick)	
By Penalty	1		3		0:24 – Anthony Coellner 16-yard reception from Christian Peterson (Placzek kick)	
Rushes-Yards	21-11		29-89		Third Quarter	
Yards Passing	79		44		8:19 – Placzek 45-yard field goal	
Comp-Att-Int-TD	9-16-2-0		4-6-0-1		2:20 – Ozzy Pollard 1-yard run (Placzek kick)	
Fumbles-Lost	2-1		0-0		Fourth Quarter	
Penalties-Yards	7-127		3-24		6:44 – Pollard 3-yard run (Placzek kick)	
Punts-Average	3-26.3		1-39.0			
Carmel individual stats						
Rushing: Alijah Alfayyad 7-35, Collin Johnson 7-25, Norvil Tucker 9-15, Peterson 1-10, Pollard 2-4, Holden Mumau 1-3, Coellner 2-minus 3.						
Passing: Coellner 3-5-28, Peterson 1-1-16.						
Receiving: Nate Rogers 2-21, Coellner 1-16, Pollard 1-7.						

especially after last week," said Pollard. "A tough loss, but now we bounced back and we defeated a really good team."

Placzek made all three of his extra-point attempts, in addition to the field goals. Alfayyad was the leading rusher with 35 yards, while Nate Rogers

made two receptions.

Carmel's defense delivered its first shutout since Oct. 15, 2021. Eyoel Belete made a second-quarter interception, while Artemas Bryant had some key stops.

The Greyhounds are 2-1 and travel to Louisville next Friday to play Trinity Lutheran.

Golden Eagles still undefeated in win over Heritage Christian

The REPORTER

Guerin Catholic improved to 3-0 with a 31-7 win over Heritage Christian in a Friday away game.

Jack Cherry got the Golden Eagles on the board with a 24-yard touchdown reception from Ryan Zimmerman, and Peyton Butts followed that up with the

extra-point kick. Heritage responded with a long rushing touchdown, and the game was tied at 7-7 after one quarter.

But then it was all Guerin Catholic. A 15-yard touchdown throw from Zimmerman to Harrison Miller put GC on top for good, followed by Jack Lin-

den making a two-point run. Butts then made a 37-yard field goal to give the Golden Eagles an 11-point halftime lead, then a third-quarter field goal moved Guerin Catholic ahead 21-7 after three quarters.

Zimmerman threw his third touchdown pass of the game in the fourth quarter,

this one a 46-yarder to Alex Gibbs. Butts made the extra-point kick again, then finished the GC scoring with a field goal.

Stats will appear at ReadTheReporter.com.

The Golden Eagles begin Circle City Conference play next Friday at Brebeuf Jesuit.

Darlington & Southern 500 play host to first round of NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs

The 2023 NASCAR Cup Series Playoff field is set:

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 3. Denny Hamlin – 2,025 points
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 7. Christopher Bell- 2,014 points
 8. Ross Chastain – 2,011 points
 9. Brad Keselowski – 2,010 points
 10. Tyler Reddick – 2,008 points
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 12. Michael McDowell – 2,007 points
 13. Ricky Stenhouse Jr. – 2,005 points
 14. Kevin Harvick – 2,004 points
 15. Bubba Wallace – 2,000 points
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Southern 500 at Darlington Raceway.

Last year, the Southern 500 was riddled with chaos. Many of the frontrunners had trouble, including Kyle Larson who had engine trouble; Chase Elliott, who crashed entering the corner; Kevin Harvick, who had a bizarre rocker panel fire; and a dominant Kyle Busch, whose engine expired while leading the race under caution. Erik Jones weathered the storm to capture a surprising victory for Petty GMS Racing (now Legacy Motor Club).

William Byron won 2023 spring race at Darlington that featured a much-discussed late race incident between Ross Chastain and Kyle Larson. Kevin Harvick finished second, Chase Elliott finished third, followed by Bubba Wallace and Harrison Burton.

On Sunday night, look for the Toyotas to be strong. The Toyotas of JRG

and 23XI has been particularly strong on similar tracks with Martin Truex Jr. winning at Dover and New Hampshire Speedway. Denny Hamlin has a strong resume at Darlington and finished second in the 2022 Southern 500. I also expect Hendrick's car to be formidable. William Bryon and Kyle Larson will surely factor into the battle for the win and Chase Elliott has something to prove after being locked out of the playoffs this year.

My pick Sunday is Christopher Bell. He has been hot and cold throughout the year, leading for several races but has been hampered by mediocre pit stops and late race mistakes. As the playoffs begin, he will swap pit crews with Ty Gibbs, who has had the best pit crew throughout the entire season.

In my opinion, a late race caution and pit stop will be the difference in pushing Christopher Bell to the victory.

Zech Yoder is a local resident, an attorney at Adler Attorneys in Noblesville, and a lifelong race fan.

Blackhawks hunker down early & shut out Tri-Central

The REPORTER

Sheridan traveled to Tri-Central for its Hoosier Heartland Conference opener on Friday, and came home with a 28-0 victory.

The Blackhawks took care of this one early, leading 14-0 just two minutes into the game. Eli Kolb and Nolan Page both scored on short runs, with Owen Bell making both extra-point kicks.

The 14-0 margin would stay in place until the fourth quarter, when Sheridan

added two more touchdowns, both courtesy of Zach Bales. The first was a punch-in from the one-yard line, then Bales took the ball in from 10 yards a minute and a half later.

Bell made the extra-point kicks after those scores as well. Bell has been perfect this season, making all 11 extra point attempts.

The Blackhawks are 2-1 and return to Bud Wright Stadium next week to host old rival Clinton Central.

SHERIDAN 28, TRI-CENTRAL 0

Score by Quarters				Sheridan Scoring	
Sheridan	14	0	0	14	28
Tri-Central	0	0	0	0	0
Team Stats	SH	TC		First Quarter	
First Downs	10	6		11:02 – Kolb 4-yard run (Owen Bell kick)	
By Rush	10	2		10:14 – Nolan Page 7-yard run (Bell kick)	
By Pass	0	3		Fourth Quarter	
By Penalty	0	1		9:17 – Zach Bales 1-yard run (Bell kick)	
Rushes-Yards	40-168	36-69		7:43 – Bales 10-yard run (Bell kick)	
Yards Passing	9	70			
Comp-Att-Int-TD	1-7-0-0	3-14-2-0			
Fumbles-Lost	4-1	2-1			
Penalties-Yards	4-31	4-40			
Punts-Average	4-40.0	7-32.0			

Sheridan individual stats

Rushing: Kolb 11-54, Bales 11-51, Jonathan Barnes 5-26, Parker Williams 5-19, Page 5-15, Alexander 3-3.

Passing: Bales 1-7-9.

Receiving: Trent DeCraene 1-9.



Photo by Julie Brown

Hamilton Southeastern's Donovan Hamilton made two big touchdown plays for the Royals in their win over Avon Friday. Hamilton scored on a 63-yard reception in the first quarter, then turned a blocked punt into a 67-yard touchdown return seconds before halftime.

Southeastern rolls to conference win over Avon

The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern rolled to a Hoosier Crossroads Conference opening victory Friday, beating Avon 42-23 in a home game.

The Royals zoomed through the first half to take a 28-3 lead and scored two touchdowns in each of the first three quarters. Jalen Alexander rushed for a 70-yard score early in the first, then Donovan Hamilton took a 63-yard pass from Chandler Weston into the end zone with 3:52 left in the quarter.

The Orioles got on the board in the second period with a field goal, but Southeastern blitzed them for two touchdowns in the final minute before halftime. Alexander made a two-yard run to score with 56 sec-

onds left, then moments later, Hamilton collected a blocked punt and took it 67 yards to score.

"We played really well," said HSE coach Michael Kelly. "Played a really efficient game. Donovan Hamilton was kind of a freak for us."

The Royals put the game to bed with two more touchdowns in the third period. AZ Wallace punched the ball in from the one, and Callen Okerson teamed with Weston for an eight-yard pass play touchdown. Avon scored twice in the fourth quarter, but Southeastern had the game in hand by them.

"The defense played really well," said Kelly.

Alexander totaled 164 yards rushing, with Weston completing six of nine pass attempts for 121 yards. Hamilton turned his three receptions into 94 yards.

The Royals are 3-0 and travel to Fishers next Friday for the Mudsock game, a game that Kelly said is "always a big week for our kids."

"We got to make sure we have a good week, make sure we prepare the right way so we can play our best on Friday," said Kelly.



Photo by Julie Brown

Jalen Alexander scored two touchdowns and totaled 164 yards rushing.

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 42, AVON 23

Score by Quarters				Southeastern Scoring	
Avon	0	3	6	14	23
Southeastern	14	14	14	0	42
Team Stats	AVON	HSE		First Quarter	
First Downs	21	15		10:26 – Jalen Alexander 70-yard run (Hugo Belmonte kick)	
Rushes-Yards	48-209	35-212		3:52 – Donovan Hamilton 63-yard reception from Chandler Weston (Belmonte kick)	
Yards Passing	114	121		Second Quarter	
Comp-Att-Int-TD	9-21-0-2	6-9-0-2		0:56 – Alexander 2-yard run (Belmonte kick)	
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0		0:11 – Hamilton 67-yard punt return (Belmonte kick)	
Penalties-Yards	5-45	5-35		Third Quarter	
Punts-Average	6-29.8	4-43.3		5:03 – AZ Wallace 1-yard run (Belmonte kick)	

Southeastern individual stats

Rushing: Alexander 14-164, Brennan Baker 6-26, Wallace 6-20, Kian Kelly 1-8, Weston 3-6, Anthony Harris 2-2, Alex Billman 2-minus 14, team 1-0.
Passing: Weston 6-9-121.
Receiving: Hamilton 3-94, Dylan James 1-11, Liam Boyd 1-8, Okerson 1-8.

Second Quarter
0:56 – Alexander 2-yard run (Belmonte kick)
0:11 – Hamilton 67-yard punt return (Belmonte kick)
Third Quarter
5:03 – AZ Wallace 1-yard run (Belmonte kick)
1:40 – Callen Okerson 8-yard reception from Weston (Belmonte kick)

Shamrocks come back to stun Zionsville in fourth quarter

The REPORTER

Another week, another dramatic win for Westfield.

The Shamrocks opened Hoosier Crossroads Conference play Friday at Zionsville. Westfield made a big comeback from a third-quarter deficit to stun the Eagles 28-27 in a road game.

The 'Rocks got on the board right away, with Kendall Garnett scoring on a short run just 90 seconds into the game. Brody Boehm made the extra-point kick, and Westfield led 7-0 after one quarter.

Zionsville came back to lead 10-7 in the second quarter, but a long touchdown run by Garnett put the Shamrocks back in front,

and another Boehm kick gave Westfield a 14-10 lead. The Eagles scored with 1:19 left in the half, and went into the break ahead 17-14.

In the third quarter, Zionsville surged ahead to a 27-14 lead. The 'Rocks cut into that lead as Garnett scored his third touchdown of the game, and Boehm kicked the extra point, bringing Westfield within 27-21.

The Shamrocks took the lead for good at the beginning of the fourth quarter. Jackson Gilbert shook off an Eagles lineman and found Garnett in the back of the end zone for a touchdown. Boehm then kicked his fourth extra point of the game. Westfield led by one,

and held on to that lead until the final whistle.

"We got off to a good start, forced a turnover," said Shamrocks coach Jake Gilbert. "We turned the ball over three times and we got a couple takeaways from them, but should've had a couple more. We put our defense in bad spots all night, and our defense did just enough to keep us in it, force field goals and do what they had to do to give us a chance to win. Then our offense got hot in the second half, scored some touchdowns."

Stats were not available and will be posted later at ReadTheReporter.com.

Westfield is 3-0 and hosts next Friday at Noblesville.

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