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BGCN grateful for support from Duke Energy Foundation

Duke provides STEM opportunities in the great outdoors

The REPORTER

The Tom & Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville (BGCN) recently received a \$3,700 grant from the Duke Energy Foundation in support of STEM & Nature programming during Fall Break at the Club's 20-acre outdoor space – Camp Crosser.

“STEM education will prepare students for the skills needed to succeed in a multitude of careers,” said Mark LaBarr, government and community relations manager at Duke Energy. “We’re excited to provide educators and mentors some of the tools they use in doing their work.”

The support of the Duke Energy Foundation provided 50 youth campers with the opportunity to take part in STEM activities that fully immersed them into science-related topics in nature. The weeklong program, orchestrated by Nyla Nova

Because of the Duke Energy Foundation, 50 youth campers had the opportunity to take part in STEM activities that immersed them in science-related topics in nature.

STEMiversity, engaged campers in activities such as testing soil types and moisture levels, learning how to use a compass, and exploring horticulture. Recreation Director Sophie Collier said. “Throughout the

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Dropped by or dropped in

Here was my mom's view of pets. People who had unwanted pets often brought them to our area to dump. That was a foolish thing to do as our neighbor had a cage in his yard. Anyone who wanted could put a cat or dog into it. That would have been much better than dumping.

One winter Younger Sister went to the garage and found a couple of newborn pups. The mother hadn't even tried to make a nest. The rule at our house said all livestock belongs outside. Sometimes we broke the rule. This time mother and pups were moved to the basement. This arrangement suited everyone fine except Mother. She didn't think much of it after a week or two of letting Mama Dog in and out. She wanted to oust the whole family. Daddy intervened. He said they had to stay until better weather. So they did.

Sister and Brother were out doing chores. They heard little noises under the northwest corn crib and came to Mother for help. With a hoe she pulled out a small puppy. The mother had hollowed out a little nest, but it was filled with water. Puppy was cold and whining for food. An inch or two of snow covered the ground.

Little Sister was sick. A sick child was usually bedded down on the sofa bed in the living room, so that's where she was. A box was found and Little Pup was brought inside. Its box was set by the sofa. He kept Little Sister amused. Little Pup liked his nice warm box. He would not soil it. In the daytime Mother did not mind taking him outside. It was night duty she objected to. Once or twice every night Little Pup would whine and bark until he was taken out.

COLUMNIST

RAY ADLER

Ask Adler

Sheridan Youth Assistance thankful for Meijer, Duke Energy Foundation, Serve Noblesville & Temperature Service

By LISA SAMUELS
Sheridan Youth Assistance

When we mark our calendars for the first days of November and as we approach Thanksgiving, we immediately begin to think about what we have to be grateful for this year.

Sheridan Youth Assistance Program (SYAP) is no different. We have had a bountiful year in creating tutoring programs for our students, building family relationships, our mentoring program continues to excel, and we continue to gain community and business partners. We are humbled and grateful to be able to continue to offer assistance to our families in the Sheridan community because of the generosity of our constituents.

Meijer of Westfield's \$10,000 donation will go to two of SYAP's important programs.

As we think of a few of our most recent donations, we want to share some great news and provide a sincere thank you to the following business entities:

Meijer 319 of Westfield recently donated \$10,000 for two of SYAP meal programs: 1) Holiday Assistance, which is a program providing food-only gift cards at Christmas to ensure qualifying families can purchase food for a memorable holiday meal; and 2) Summer Meals, which provides food boxes throughout the summer to students transported to the Boys and Girls Club each day during break.

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Troops 303 & 3030 invite public to Veterans Day & Flag Retirement

Submitted by Jeff White

Each year Troops 303 & 3030 in Fishers host their semi-annual Flag Retirement at the Fishers American Legion Post 470. Occurring during the closest weekend to Veterans Day, they will have a combined Veterans Day and Flag Retirement ceremony at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11.

The actual ceremony will last about an hour, but the Flag Retirement will continue until all flags have been respectfully retired.

The Crossroads of America Scout Band will be present in full force playing patriotic music. They are the oldest continuously operating Scout Band in America.

The public is invited to attend the ceremony. Additionally, anyone with flags to retire can drop them off at the Fishers American Legion, 9091 E. 126th St.

Scouts of any Scouting organization are welcome to attend and help retire the flags.

The American Legion wrote the National Flag code, which Troop 303 & 3030 follow, in 1923. It is due to their connection to The American Legion, with Fishers Post #470 being their charter organization, that the Troops take honoring the flag seriously. They retire and replenish flags. Their site, troop303flags.com, is mainly used to sell American Legion sourced flags to the public so that retired flags can be replaced.

Radiance students shine at 'Itty Bitty' recital

Submitted

The students at Radiance Dance Company completed their sixth in-studio recital last Saturday in the “Itty Bitty Pretty Recital” for Fall. The students performed both tap and contemporary ballet solos and group dances and enjoyed themselves while learning valuable skills.

Radiance Dance Company students benefit from a non-competitive, encouraging, teamwork emphasis with the opportunity to become experienced in performing their dancing. There has been a marked improvement in their comfort level and confidence by the variety of in-studio recitals, original student summer productions in the Basile

These students deserve a round of applause!

Westfield Playhouse theater, and opportunities such as performing at the State Fair, the February Valentines event, and in some roles within the original Company productions.

Each student at Radiance receives two weekly classes, two free recitals in the studio each year (one per semester), free annual dance photos, free use of costumes, and a summer production. Small class sizes (limit eight) focused on proper technique, etiquette, and building both routines and friendships help the teacher to get to know each student well. A positive, encouraging, yet structured class time benefits those from aged 3 to 20.

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Photos provided by Radiance Dance Company

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SYAP

Serve Noblesville and Temperature Service, a trusted HVAC company known for its commitment to excellence, recently reached out to SYAP.

“Acknowledging the shared responsibility we have for our community, the team at Temperature Service was happy to provide a furnace and its installation to a local family in need,” Owner and President Michael White said. “It’s a simple gesture in the grand scheme of things, but it’s our way of contributing to the warmth and well-being of our neighbors. We are in this together, and it’s essential that we look out for one another.”

The recipient of this new furnace is beyond grateful



for the warmth provided in their home as winter approaches.

The Duke Energy Foundation provided a \$4,000 grant to assist and support families as students return to school in August of each year. Our Back-to-School Supplies Program supported over 200 students this past summer by providing book bags, school supplies, shoes, and sometimes a new haircut to

help them successfully begin their school year. Without this financial support, SYAP would not have been able to provide the level of assistance we believe is important for our students.

To say we are grateful for our ongoing partnerships is really an understatement. So simply stated, thank you, we appreciate you, and we are so happy to be in this together as SYAPs strives to make a difference to our

families in need.

About SYAP

Sheridan Youth Assistance serves as an early intervention advocate for youth ages 3-17 who are facing challenging life circumstances. We take a holistic approach to coordinate our community’s vast array of talents, services and resources to help youth and empower parents and caregivers. Learn more at youthassistance.org/sheridan.

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DROPPED

On one such excursion Mother discovered that Little Pup had worms. Then there was worry about Little Sister. Had she gotten them from Little Pup? Fortunately, no. The mother dog was seen a few times but we never knew why she abandoned her baby. How could she when he was so cute and so helpless!

* * *

When you’re a big yellow male collie dog you are abandoned and you just drop in. His first, middle and last names were MEAN. He roamed the area but seemed to be here or Fishers (the neigh-

bor Bud Fishers) a lot. He would go into the garage and snarl at anyone who came near.

We called the neighbor (Doc Railing). He came over with leather gloves and his hook or whatever he used to catch strays. He tried a few times with no luck and said he had never seen such a mean dog. Next call was for the sheriff. He came and Mean Dog was in the old coal shed in our backyard. Sheriff asked if he could shoot it right in the building. Of course, of course. Anything to make the neighborhood safe again for the children.

Bang once, again. Bang

again and again and again and again. Mean Dog had such a thick coat of hair, Sheriff had trouble getting him shot. Next question was in regards to burial for Mean Dog. Since he was on our property we were elected. Dad came home from school and found his work cut out for him. He did it without protest and the whole neighborhood could breathe easier once again.

* * *

When that old coal shed was built, it was connected to the rest of the house by sort of breezeway. It was a summer kitchen. By the time I first saw it, it had

degenerated into a junk room. The breezeway had doors to the East and West. Also, there was a window on each side. The floor was in said disrepair in one corner.

A chipmunk could often be seen as one stepped out the kitchen door into the breezeway. That and the old summer kitchen were his territory. That chipmunk still has descendants living near our backdoor! He must like it very much as nothing makes them move away.

You kids remember the rest of the animal stories as well (or better) than I. It’s your turn to write.

BGCN

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week, campers were super excited for STEMiversity and fascinated about how much they learned about nature all around Camp Crosser. Without a doubt, their favorite part was exploring on a nature scavenger hunt while using their new knowledge about plants and cardinal directions that had them bursting with excitement.”

To learn more about the Tom & Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville, please visit BGCN.org.

About BGCN

The Boys & Girls Club

of Noblesville provides high-quality, low-cost programs for youth members with the help of donors and sponsors. Between the Club, the Community Center, and Camp Crosser, BGCN provides opportunities for members to enjoy activities and experiences that help shape character and offer new perspectives. BGCN is dedicated to inspiring and enabling all young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens by promoting leadership, character, health, and physical development.

RADIANCE

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Radiance Dance Company is a professional contemporary ballet company committed to glorifying God through artistry. The students of Radiance come from a variety of families, schools, and churches and are very inviting to new friends.

Now through Christmas Day, there is a discounted registration fee special, and the monthly tuition remains the same affordable price since opening. Check out radiancedance.org or email radiancedanceco@gmail.com for more information.

TROOPS

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Troops 303 & 3030 now handles the flags for the City of Fishers. When the call is made for them to go to half-staff, Scouts get up very early in the morning to assure that the flags go to half-staff. In the winter they take down and store flags at certain locations where they don’t fly the flags in the winter. This honor of handling the city’s flags is an honor given only to Troops 303 & 3030.

In addition to this special combined Veterans Day and Flag Day ceremonies, Troops 303 & 3030 will have a Nelson’s Chicken sale. For those from up north, you might recognize Nelson’s Port a Pit Chicken as being quite popular.

In fact, it is one of the food options at Notre Dame Stadium during football games. Chicken can be purchased at troop303flags.com/shop/food-fundraiser/4. Money from the sale goes to help the Troops with the costs associated with Scouting.

Troop 303, the boy troop, was first chartered in August 2001. Troop 3030, the girl troop, first chartered this year. They meet at 7 p.m. every Wednesday at The American Legion at 9091 E. 126th St., Fishers.

If you have a boy or girl who is at least 11 years old or close to it and you want to check out the Troops, email their Scoutmasters at fishersbsascouts@gmail.com.



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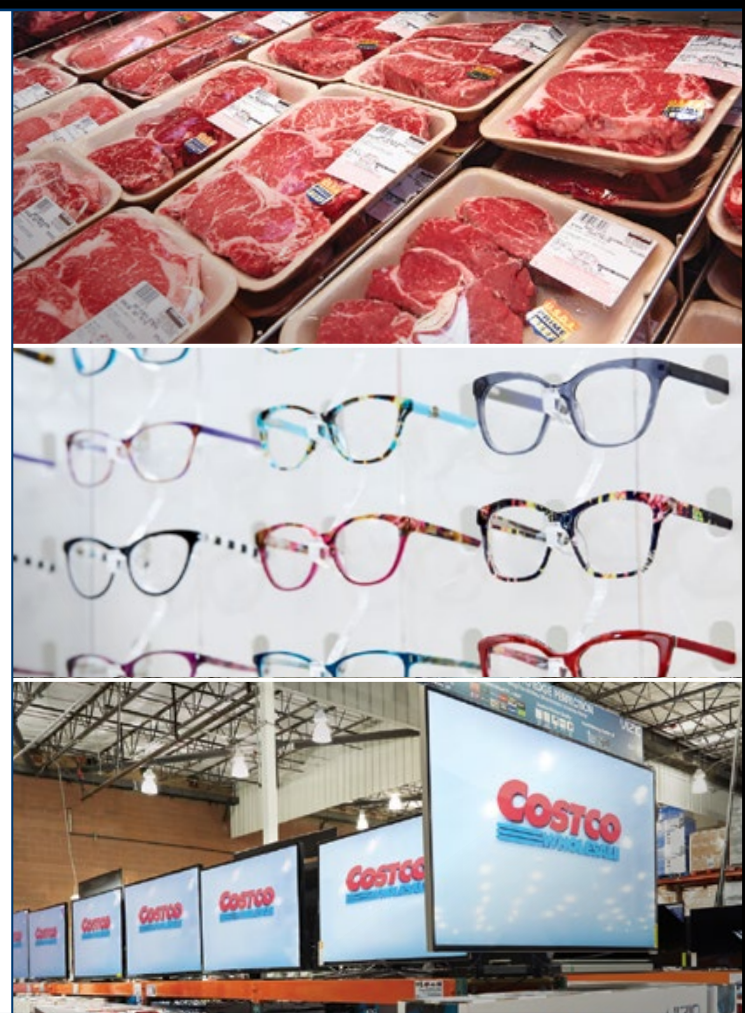
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Vietnam Veterans welcomed home & thanked for service

The REPORTER

In gratitude for their service to our country during the Vietnam War Era, 28 veterans were honored at a Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans (WHVV) open house held on Nov. 1 at the Noblesville Township Community Center.

Eighteen veterans were added to the Indiana Vietnam Registry and given the free book Time to Honor, a DVD documentary, and a Welcome Home pin by Jill Fewell of WHVV and DAR volunteers. The other veterans in attendance had received the WHVV gifts at an earlier event.

The veterans in attendance enjoyed refreshments, gratitude, and a chance to win gift cards provided by the co-host DAR Chapters: Horseshoe Prairie, Noblesville, and Jonathan Jennings, Carmel.

Don Vermillion, bagpiper, opened the ceremony playing "When the Battle's Over."

Throughout the open house David Bechtel signaled that comments and a gift raffle were to occur with a bugle call. Two of the veterans, Mr. Getts and Mr. Richard Steckley, had the distinction of being the



oldest Vietnam Veterans in attendance, both 85 years young.

Honorable guests in attendance were Hamilton County Commissioners Mark Heirbrandt and Steve Dillinger and Hamilton County Director of Administration Lee Buckingham.

About DAR

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is a women's service organization whose members can trace their lineage to an individual who contributed to securing American independence during the Revolutionary War. Today's DAR is dynamic and diverse, whose members annually provide millions of hours of volunteer service to their communities across the country and world, to promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism.

Learn more about DAR membership by visiting DAR.org or contact Shirley Hunter Smith at Shirley1776@yahoo.com.

Carmel encourages residents to recycle their campaign signs

The REPORTER

Carmel Utilities and the Carmel Street Department are partnering with the Hamilton County Household Hazardous Waste Center and Recycle Force to recycle campaign signs generated from the 2023 election seasons.

This recycling initiative prevents an abundance of yard signs going to a local landfill as they cannot be recycled in regular curbside pickup. If residents do not plan on returning their campaign signs to individual

candidates, they are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to recycle.

Now through Thursday, Nov. 30, Carmel residents are encouraged to bring their campaign signs and metal stands to the following locations, per the appropriate dates and times listed below. Please note the schedule changes due to the upcoming holiday observances.

Carmel Household Hazardous Waste Site, 901 N. Range Line Road
• Open Tuesday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Satur-

day, 9 a.m. to noon

• CLOSED Mondays
• CLOSED Saturday, Nov. 11 (in observance of Veterans Day)

• CLOSED Thursday, Nov. 23 to Saturday, Nov. 25 (Thanksgiving)

Carmel Street Department, 3400 W. 131st St.

• Open Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

• CLOSED Friday, Nov. 10 (in observance of Veterans Day)

• CLOSED Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24 (Thanksgiving)

Hamilton County Household Hazardous Waste Center, 1717 Pleasant St., Suite 200, Noblesville

• Open Tuesday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

• CLOSED Friday, Nov. 10 (In observance of Veterans Day)

• CLOSED Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24 (Thanksgiving)

Signs can be dropped off ONLY during the hours listed above. Please do not leave signs at any site during non-business hours.

Hamilton Southeastern Schools thanks community for referendum renewal

Submitted by HSE Schools

Hamilton Southeastern Schools (HSE) announced the results of its operating referendum renewal, which garnered 70.05 percent of voter approval.

By securing the continuation of this funding, at a reduced rate of \$0.1995, community members have safeguarded teacher salaries, class sizes, student safety measures, and a broad range of course offerings that contribute to the exceptional educational experiences provided by HSE.

"Once again, our community has demonstrated the commitment that it has for our schools. Thank you for supporting this referendum," Interim Superintendent Dr. Matt Kegley said. "The engagement of our community stakeholders in shaping HSE's future, the tireless efforts of dedicated volunteers in conveying the importance of the referendum and the voter approval for renewal, attests

to the strong relationship we have with the residents of Fishers and neighboring Noblesville."

HSE Schools ranks third from the bottom in terms of state funding among the 371 school systems across Indiana. The renewal of the operating referendum will maintain HSE's current funding level of an estimated \$24 million per year.

HSE School Board President Dawn Lang expressed her gratitude.

"We are grateful to the community for their support and commitment to our students, and for the passion of HSE's administration and staff," Lang said. "Community support will always be core to our district's continued success. This outcome is a testament to our com-



Kegley



Lang

munity's support of investing in education, and we pledge to continue providing the highest standards of education for our students now and into the future."

Hamilton Southeastern Schools extends its heartfelt appreciation to the Board of School Trustees, Advance HSE led by PAC chairperson Laura Smoots, Hamilton Southeastern Education Association (HSEA), Mayor Scott Fadness and the Fishers City Council, Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen, and the countless HSE staff, parents and community members who generously volunteered their time, efforts, and financial resources to this cause.

HSE will continue to share the numerous positive developments planned

for the future of the district, which serves more than 21,600 students across 22 schools.

About Hamilton Southeastern Schools

Hamilton Southeastern Schools is an A-rated school corporation by the Indiana Department of Education and the fourth largest in the state. HSE Schools serves over 21,600 students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade living in Fishers and portions of neighboring Noblesville.

HSE Schools strives to provide a safe, secure learning and working environment for all. As a forward-thinking school district, HSE Schools offers excellence in education and opportunities to ensure the success of each and every student, to become a responsible citizen and to positively influence an ever-changing world.

For more information and updates on Hamilton Southeastern Schools, please visit HSESchools.org.

Thanks for reading the Hamilton County Reporter!

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County Council approves \$260M budget for 2024

Welcome to the Timesheet. This column is a report of work done on behalf of the people of Hamilton County. It's to be informative, too – a place to learn about projects and how our county government works.



MARK HALL
The Timesheet

As your employee, it's important to me that you know what is being worked on as transparently as possible in government. You hired me as your County Councilman, and my hope is that you'll choose to be informed by regularly reading this column, getting involved, and by asking questions. Council meetings are at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the Judicial Center in downtown Noblesville. They are also available to watch online for those unable to attend in person.

Here is where my time this past month has been spent.

October quickly turned into a memory, and while it's rare for anything to move fast in government, the speed of my first year of service feels like sitting in the back seat of a two-seater Indy car roaring at 180 MPH around a certain famed neighboring oval track.

The 2024 budget public hearing was completed in October. While there is time available during council meetings for the public to comment, this public hearing is the opportunity for any taxpayer to address concerns they might have with planned 2024 budget decisions. All council meetings are advertised, and you can sign up for alerts on the Hamilton County website to receive email notifications of public meetings. The public hearing was mostly administrative and although we approve the budget, the Department of Local Government and Finance (DLGF) must bless the final product.

I am proud of the work we did. It is challenging to balance needs versus wants in dozens of departments. The final product keeps our county tax rate the same,

allows for appropriate department growth, provides for better retiree benefits at a lower cost to taxpayers, increases county employee's compensation fairly, puts savings in our rainy-day fund (something that has been missing the last few years) and reflects a reduction of over \$9 million versus the requested budget amount. Hamilton County has the second-largest county budget in the State of Indiana with 2024's budget exceeding 260 million taxpayer dollars.

Your County Council consists of seven elected officials. Four of us were elected from districts around the county and three others were elected countywide, as At-Large members. The County Council is responsible for the financial oversight of Hamilton County government. We serve alongside three Commissioners, who are responsible for the administrative and executive oversight of Hamilton County. In the 2024 election cycle, two Board of Commissioners positions and all three of the At-Large Council positions will be up for election. The new four-year term will begin in January of 2025.

This month, our in-person personnel committee meeting was canceled, replaced by a poll of the members for requests. Personnel requests are then voted on at the next regular council meeting. Many of our highway projects require council sponsorship. Project details are reviewed in advance, sponsored, and then moved to votes at a subsequent full council meeting. This process, along with statutory regulations that govern procurement, are in place to ensure value and multiple checks and balances on behalf of the taxpayers.

In addition to the County Council public meetings, October's work included attending a Board of Commissioners public meeting as well as several meetings to investigate the county's participation in the Central Regional Development Au-

thority (CIRDA). Being a member of CIRDA could allow Hamilton County to join with other central Indiana local governments in application for federal and state grant dollars on a larger scale. The month included four constituents service meetings. Usually, requests require research with a county department, securing the correct answer and then following up with the taxpayer. October's taxpayer questions, and the research required to get answers was more involved. Topics included the new County Utility District, U.S. 31 corridor growth, and TIF districts in Northern Hamilton County. I also had the pleasure of speaking with several candidates for council board appointments and meeting with our Coroner regarding his department's equipment update needs.

Of note this month was the continued review of grant opportunities for both the Hamilton County Senior Center and Prevail and working to assist Cicero with funding for local utility projects. I had the honor to represent the County at the U.S. 31 Infrastructure Project Groundbreaking Ceremony and the IFI Fall Dinner.

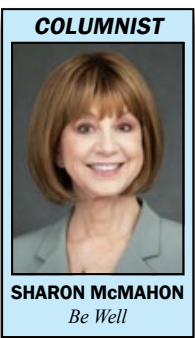
This is my timesheet. This is where my time went during month 10. There are quite a few projects in the queue for 2024 and while my job is primarily the financial oversight of the county budget it is important to understand the Board of Commissioners priorities and balance them with the stewardship of taxpayer dollars. That is the job, and I am excited to do the people's business.

As a taxpayer myself, and listening to so many of you, our employers, it's important for the taxpayers to have access to all the information you want. I work for you and although you may not choose to do a deep dive into what your County Council does, it's important that you can always do so.

Feel free to contact me at (317) 832-1104 or mark.hall@hamiltoncounty.in.gov with questions, feedback or if you would like to talk about county business.

Let's fight negativity with fresh air, good food, and more physical movement

"Physical fitness is not only one of the most important keys to a healthy body; it is the basis of dynamic and creative intellectual activity." – John F. Kennedy, 35th President



SHARON McMAHON
Be Well

We all know that this is the time of year when we start thinking ahead about those "resolutions" for the new year. I don't know about you, but I just want to see the new year ring in with less anxiety and stress for those individuals who suffer from chronic health conditions and lack of activity in their lives.

Most of us are familiar with the Scottish tune "Auld Lang Syne," but this year it is more meaningful than ever, in my opinion. The title words literally translate from the Scots language as "old long since" and reference times gone by or "old times." Where has civil discourse and manners gone? What happened to that "cup of kindness" to which the lyrics refer? Hope reigns supreme.

Beyond that, in thinking about my own physical fitness over the past year, I just don't feel like I have made many positive leaps forward. I turned 73 in March of this soon-to-be-past year, and I had some pretty ag-

gressive plans for my fitness regimen this past year. Although, thankfully, I have been healthy overall. I have not stepped up anything in that realm. The fitness classes I have taught for the past few years have certainly helped me (and others I hope!) and my incentive is to remain strong as I age. Although my usual habits are very healthy, I have found myself "nibbling" and indulging that sweet tooth more than I should. Bring on the veggies! Drag out those workout DVDs! Let's go!

Physically, I am grateful that I have a dog to walk and our weather has been somewhat cooperative for outdoor walking on most days. I plan to continue, and hope you do as well, to focus on my flexibility and movement, and hopefully in 2024 we can ramp that up even more and enjoy the benefits of regular workouts while adding some additional activity to our fitness plans.

Note: difficult to believe that it has been nearly 60 years since President Kennedy's assassination; I recall I was in Mr. Robison's seventh-grade advanced math class (why, I do not know, as my math is certainly not ad-

vanced!) when he broke the word to us that cold November day which will remain one of the great tragedies of our nation.

My quote, as I am sure you noticed, marries the physical activity with intellectual activity and I will add here some of my personal observations regarding this. The increased negativity, animosity, and cruelty that are sometimes being waged primarily via social media may be partially due to people who are not getting enough physical activity. Perhaps they are spending many hours on their computers and devices, reading disinformation and propaganda, which is rife on those platforms.

If we remove ourselves from that captivity and focus on fresh air, movement, good eating, and keeping ourselves away from the negative input we will benefit, and those who choose to interact with us will benefit as well.

I don't know, just a suggestion ...
Sharon McMahon, CNWC
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The Ice at Carter Green opens next weekend

The REPORTER
The Ice at Carter Green, sponsored by Allied Solutions, will open Saturday, Nov. 18. Purchase your tickets in advance at TheIceatCarterGreen.com/tickets to ensure your time on the ice. While a limited number of tickets are available onsite, popular days sell out.

Except for special sessions, below are the regular skating hours:

- Wednesdays and Thursdays: 4 to 9 p.m.

- Fridays and Saturdays: 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Sundays: 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Closed most Mondays and Tuesdays for private rentals.

After the Christkindlmarkt closes on Christmas Eve, skating continues into January and February, with extended holiday hours and several special events such as Festival of Ice, Carmel Winter Games and Sensory Skate Days. This year there will be a special Leap

Year Birthday celebration on Feb. 29 closing out the skating season.

Skate sessions last 90 minutes, unless noted on the skate session calendar. The cost per session on all days is \$10 for adults and youth 11 and older; \$8 for children 10 and younger. You can bring your own skates or you can rent skates for \$4 per person.

Follow The Ice at Carter Green on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for updates throughout the season.



Grand Park makes it easy to support young athletes

The REPORTER
Westfield's Grand Park Sports Campus has announced a holiday sporting goods drive, a community-driven initiative dedicated to providing essential equipment and gear to support local youth sports organizations in Hamilton County.

Grand Park Director Matt Trnian says that the effort demonstrates the positive impact the sports campus can have beyond youth sports.

"Our team is passionate about the impacts we can have on sport and the overall community," Trnian said. "We encourage visitors to Grand Park to share in our passion and help give back to those in need."

The holiday sporting

goods drive collection period began on Nov. 6 and will extend through Dec. 13. Donations of new or gently used sporting equipment are welcomed in order to benefit young athletes in Hamilton County. The following items are needed:

- Cleats
- Lacrosse gear
- Helmets
- Baseball and softball equipment
- Equipment bags
- Basketballs
- Dance attire
- Wrestling gear

Molly Wright of Westfield Youth Sports, Inc. (WYSI) expressed the organization's enthusiasm as one of the benefiting organizations.

"Westfield Youth Sports

(WYSI) is excited to participate in the Grand Park Sports Sporting Good Drive this season,” Wright said. “Many of our local youth don’t have the opportunity or equipment to participate in sports; we don’t want that to be a barrier. WYSI offers participation scholarships and gift cards for equipment if needed. Kids learn many great life lessons through sports, and we hope to help provide that for them.”

You can contribute by dropping off sports items at several designated locations. For further information or inquiries, please contact gpadmin@westfield.in.gov. You can conveniently donate directly to a Westfield Youth scholarship athlete at [this link](#).

Portrait of an audience going on a journey: they've left behind normal theater and entered the *Twilight Zone*

By DANIEL SHOCK
A Seat on the Aisle

back right in the middle of a big moment – his face did not betray any loss of concentration or any hiccup in the moment. I bring this up not to shame the audience member – we have to do what we have to do – but to praise Mr. Simmons's rock-solid commitment to his craft.

Also very well cast is Paige Elisse as Joe's stepdaughter, Abby. Ms. Elisse has to play her as a 9-year-old and later as a 24-year-old. I could not say what her real age is, but I would bet it's closer to 24 than 9. She creates an Abby that is sweet and selfish, just like any child trying to figure out the world. She never overplayed the role and made it easy to suspend our disbelief regarding her age.

Director Constance Macy and author Steve Moulds have created an eerie theatrical experience perfect for the time between Halloween and Thanksgiving. In their program notes, they both express their affinity for creepy theatrical experiences and the thoughtful horrors of the *Twilight Zone*. If you respond to those things, you will find a lot to like about this show.

This show, more than any I've seen in a while, really depends on props, set, lighting, and sound design. If any of those elements were not just right, the experience would be lesser. I am happy to say that the technical aspects of the show impressed me very much, and that Lighting Designer Michael Jackson, Set Designer

Zac Hunter, Sound Designer Mike Lamirand, Costume Designer Tony Shirk. Stage Manager Jackie Mahon, and Assistant Stage Manager Kristen Went ALL contributed to the success of this show in more obvious ways than maybe a typical show.

I enjoyed this show very much. I will say that the ending left me with questions, but that is okay – it sits with me, and I ponder what exactly happened in front of me. It may be that it's something like *The Sixth Sense* – that is not a hint; don't let that take you down the wrong rabbit hole – in that watching it a second time may be a different experience.

Please be advised that there is a content warning posted in the lobby: "This play contains potentially offensive language and sensitive themes. For these reasons, we do not recommend it for those under the age of 14."

The Body, produced by the Phoenix Theatre, is currently running at The Phoenix Theatre Cultural Centre, 705 N. Illinois St., Indianapolis. The upcoming performances are scheduled as follows: Thursdays at 7 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. The show will run through Sunday, Nov. 19.

For tickets, please call the box office at (317) 635-7529 or purchase them online at phoenixtheatre.org/buy-tickets.

Read more great play reviews from A Seat on the Aisle at asota.wordpress.com.



Art provided

See works by Michael Jack, such as "Metropolis of Steptoe," at the Stephenson House in Noblesville.

Nickel Plate Arts featuring Michael Jack at Stephenson House

The REPORTER

Nickel Plate Arts welcomes artist Michael Jack among its three artists of the month in November. Details on Jack as well as information on the November artist exhibit dates and receptions are available below.

Stephenson House Michael Jack

Michael Jack considers himself an explorer and lifelong learner. Nickel Plate Arts considers him an incredible local photographer who is full of stories to tell. His love for the Palouse region of Washington State – a location Jack described as either a bucket list destination for photographers or an unknown name and location to those unfamiliar with it – has proven to serve as the inspiration behind much of the work he has produced since retiring from his career as a Corporate Controller in 2008.

Upon retirement, Jack was able to fully shift his energy to photography; now a well-recognized landscape photographer, the elegant lines and natural light and shadows exhibited in his work can be appreciated in many galleries.

As he has continued to refine his craft, the artist has

found that upon returning to a favorite location, weather conditions change, the environment changes, and his vision changes.

"As a landscape photographer, I am inspired by the immense variety and beauty of landscapes across the U.S.," Jack said. Because of this, he is constantly working to expand his portfolio and improve his impressive photographic skill.

However, it is the unique topography, grain elevators, quaint picturesque towns, isolated farms, abandoned structures, and old farm trucks scattered across the spectacular panoramic vistas that keep Jack coming back to the Palouse. A region that has been called "America's Tuscany," the Palouse serves as the primary inspiration behind Jack's upcoming exhibit, *The View/My View*.

"In late May and through the June time periods, shades of green cover the Palouse, punctuated by the yellow flowers of canola during parts of June," Jack said. "Later in August, the Palouse is covered by golden waves



Jack

of wheat and barley. Harvest starts in mid to late August providing images of huge combines, specifically designed to cope with the rolling hills, leaving tracks through the remaining gold colored stubble."

The View/My View will be a story of the area, showcasing some of the beauty as well as some of the deterioration resulting from the consolidation of farms. In addition to the Palouse, Jack will showcase a few of his favorite images from other locations.

The full *The View/My View* exhibit can be seen in the Stephenson House Wednesday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. You can meet Jack during his free public reception from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 25 in the Stephenson House on the Nickel Plate Arts campus.

Meyer Najem Jerry Mannell

See Mannell's full exhibit, *Points of Reference*, in the Meyer Najem 2nd floor gallery, located at 11787 Lantern Road in Fishers,



Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. through Dec. 29.

Four Day Ray Shelley Feeney

Feeney's full exhibit, *Traveling Through Texture and Light*, can be seen at Four Day Ray Brewing, located at 11671 Lantern Road in Fishers, Sunday and Monday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Friday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. now through Dec. 29.

About Nickel Plate Arts

Nickel Plate Arts is an umbrella nonprofit organization that creates and coordinates arts and cultural experiences across communities in eastern Hamilton County and the surrounding areas to improve the quality of life for residents, strengthen local economies, and enrich experiences for visitors. Nickel Plate Arts is a project of Hamilton County Tourism, Inc.

DNR to stage Arbor Day poster contest for fifth grade students

The REPORTER

Indiana schools are encouraged to have their fifth-grade students participate in an Arbor Day poster contest, helping students learn more about the important role of trees in the state's urban and forest communities.

The contest, which is designed to help students discover and foster their understanding, appreciation, and stewardship of the trees around them, is sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Division of Forestry, through

its Community and Urban Forestry (CUF) and Project Learning Tree programs.

The contest theme is "Oak Trees: Superheroes of the Forest."

All Indiana schools and homeschooling families/co-ops are eligible to participate by submitting their winning poster to the statewide contest by March 1. One poster will be accepted per school. Entries must be scanned and sent to urbanforestry@dnr.IN.gov.

The student who creates the winning poster will receive a gift card, a book that will help continue their exploration of trees, and an Indiana native tree planting at their school. The winning student's teacher will receive a kit of educational materials to support their class's further engagement with Indiana trees, forests, and forestry, as well as a full scholarship to the Natural Resources Teacher Institute. Entries may also be featured on DNR social

media.

Participating teachers are encouraged to engage with the contest theme in their classrooms to help inspire their students' artwork. Teaching resources and standard alignments are provided on the contest webpage, along with full submission instructions, contest rules, and prizes at [this link](#).

Please contact CUF staff with questions at (317) 234-6741 or urbanforestry@dnr.IN.gov.

Community News

See The Rugged Brothers on Veterans Day in Noblesville

One of Noblesville's favorite local bands, The Rugged Brothers, will entertain at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11 at the Noblesville Moose Lodge, 950 Field Drive. All band members graduated from Noblesville High School and have been playing '60s and '70s tunes for decades.

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Thanks for reading!

Enjoy best of art, shopping & music this Saturday at *Meet Me on Main* in Carmel

The REPORTER

Come to the Carmel Arts & Design District from 4 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 11 for Allied Solutions’ *Meet Me on Main*. Make your way to Main Street and Range Line Road for an evening of art, shopping, music, and more.

Meet Me on Main is the City of Carmel’s monthly “Second Saturday” event to highlight local galleries, restaurants and design-related businesses in the District. Art galleries and businesses will be featuring special events to enhance the arts and design-related features of the District.

As this month’s event falls on Veterans Day, the city will recognize local Veterans. All Veterans may stop by All Things Carmel, 110 W. Main St., Suite 104, to pick up a special gift, while supplies last.

Live music

- Larry Gindhart at Indiana Artisan (22 N. Range Line Road)
- Kassey King at SubZero (111 W. Main St., Suite 130)
- Bella Pike at CCA Gallery (111 W. Main St., Suite 135)

Play Bingo for prizes

Pick up a BINGO card at the *Meet Me on Main* tent at Anthony’s Plaza and play for your chance to win a gift basket valued at \$250. See BINGO card for rules and instructions.

Special Gallery Exhibits

- [CCA Gallery](#), 111 W.



Photo provided

Main St., Suite 135. Meet artist Tish Reed.

- [Circle Contemporary Gallery](#), 30 W. Main St. Create your own Victorian silhouettes.

- [Indiana Artisan Gifts & Gallery](#), 22 N. Range Line Road. Woodworking demonstration and popcorn sampling.

- [The Children’s Art Gallery](#), 40 W. Main St. Art in the garden.

Special offers

- [Carmel Tattoo Ink](#) is offering a piercing special. Get your doubles, triples or even quadruples for \$50. This includes starter jewelry and is \$25 in savings. (21 S. Range Line Road, Suite 100)
- [Kernels Gourmet Popcorn](#) will be offering \$1 off medium bags of popcorn. (254 Veterans Way, Suite F)

- [Sub Zero Nitrogen Ice Cream & 1832 Brew Espresso Bar](#) are offering special root beer floats for \$5. (111 W. Main St., Suite 130)

- [Xchocol’Art Gourmet Chocolate](#) will feature hostess gifts for your Thanksgiving gathering. Mention this release and receive a 10 percent off your entire purchase of \$50 or more. Also, sample delicious single origin chocolate. (228 W. Main St.)

A map of the gallery locations and more information about *Meet Me on Main* activities can be found at CarmelArtsAndDesign.com.

Public parking is available in the Carmel Lions Club lot (141 E. Main St.), Sophia Square parking garage (entrance off of 1st

Ave. NW), Indiana Design Center parking garage (200 S. Range Line Road) or on-street. [Click here](#) to download the Arts & Design District parking map.

About the Carmel Arts & Design District

The Carmel Arts & Design District is the Midwest’s premier arts and design destination. Home to more than 200 businesses, including art galleries, restaurants, antique dealers, design showrooms, boutiques and creative service providers, the Carmel Arts & Design District promises to stimulate the senses. The Indiana Design Center is housed in the Carmel Arts & Design District. In addition, hundreds have taken advantage of the wide variety of housing opportunities and call the Carmel Arts & Design District home.

Sen. Braun’s bipartisan bill to streamline veterans’ access to benefits claims passes

The REPORTER

U.S. Senators Mike Braun (R-Ind.) and Alex Padilla (D-Calif.) each applauded the unanimous Senate passage of their bipartisan legislation to streamline veterans’ access to their benefit claim files.

The Wounded Warrior Access Act will require the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to establish and maintain a secure online tool or website to enable veterans or their representatives to make requests to receive their claim files electronically.

“American veterans represent the absolute best our country has to offer – and they deserve the absolute best when they return home,” Sen. Braun said. “Veterans should

not have to jump through hoops just to gain access to benefits they are entitled to, and I’m proud that this bill to streamline the benefits process has passed the Senate and is headed to the President’s desk to be



Braun

signed into law.”

Representative Pete Aguilar (D-Calif.-33) led the passage of the legislation in the House of Representatives, and the bill now heads to the President’s desk to be

signed into law.

Background

When a veteran submits a claim for benefits to the VA, a claims file (C-File) is created. C-Files contain a veteran’s service records, results of VA exams, addition-

al information submitted by the veteran, and any material the VA deems necessary to decide the claim. Currently, veterans must travel to a regional VA location or mail in a form to request a paper copy of their C-Files, slowing down the process for individuals to gain access to their information.

This legislation has been endorsed by Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Military-Veterans Advocacy, Inc., and Wounded Warrior Project.

[Click here](#) for the full text of the bill.

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Letter to the Editor

County GOP Chair thrilled with party's efforts this election

Dear Hamilton County Republicans,

Did you see the election results Tuesday night? I'm thrilled to share some fantastic news regarding our recent election results. These results showcase what you can achieve when you have an active county party, great candidates working tirelessly, and a big tent of volunteers from all factions of the Republican Party, coming together on one common goal!

First and foremost, I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Sue Finkam for her resounding victory in the Carmel Mayor's race, where she secured an impressive 14 percent win. Sue, your commitment to our community and tireless efforts have been duly rewarded, and we are all

proud to have you as the next Mayor of Carmel.

Our success doesn't stop there! I am equally proud of the rest of the Hamilton County Republican candidates and their teams, who demonstrated remarkable strength in their races, resulting in a series of significant wins.

Our team worked tirelessly to make this happen. County Party raised a record-breaking amount, over \$430,000, and the majority of those funds were allocated to crucial initiatives. We ran an aggressive absentee ballot campaign, defended our candidates against vicious negative attacks, and executed a Get Out The Vote campaign on Election Day with precision. Our candidates and their volunteers knocked on over 50,000

doors, made 200,000 calls, mailed over 500,000 mail pieces, and sent over 1,000,000 texts.

I want to express my gratitude to each and every one of you for your hard work, dedication, and unwavering support throughout this election. Our victories are a testament to your efforts, and I am honored to be part of such an amazing team.

Let's continue to work together to serve our constituents and uphold the values that make Hamilton County a great place to live.

Once again, congratulations to Sue Finkam and our entire Hamilton County Republican team for their well-deserved victories!

Mario Massillamany
Hamilton County
Republican Party Chairman

Letter to the Editor

Shaffer hopeful with Carmel's much higher voter turnout

Dear Editor:

Carmel's municipal elections Tuesday produced one result no one expected.

Yes, the Republicans kept their 8-1 city council control and re-elected a Republican mayor.

No surprises there.

But, instead of the lackluster 19.6 percent voter turnout in the primary or the 21.1 percent turnout four years ago, 31,867 voters showed up.

That's 41 percent of the 77,249 registered voters in the latest count.

Double the turnout suggest twice the interest in reversing the city's \$1.5 billion debt, unaccounted-for millions of dollars in subsidies and grants, an unelected redevelopment commission putting thousands of new apartments on the market and as general disregard for inflation, recession, rising interest rates, and the crumbling commercial real estate market.

Carmel ain't perfect but it's moving in the right direction.

Bill Shaffer
Carmel

Free admission to DNR properties for veterans & active-duty military on Nov. 11

The REPORTER

All veterans and active-duty military personnel, and everyone in their vehicle, will be admitted free to DNR state parks, reservoir properties, state forest recreation areas, and off-road state recreation areas on Veterans Day, Saturday,

Nov. 11.

This includes admission to Falls of the Ohio State Park's Interpretive Center.

"We appreciate the sacrifices and service of our veterans and active-duty military and look forward to recognizing them with a day to explore some of the best

outdoor places in our state," Indiana State Parks Director Terry Coleman said.

Veterans and military personnel should simply let the gate attendant at the property they visit know that they are either a veteran or serving and on active duty.

For general information about state parks, reservoirs, forest properties, and off-road state recreation areas, see on.IN.gov/recguide.

For information about interpretive programs at state parks and reservoirs, see interpretiveservices.IN.gov.

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ISHMAEL'S SONS

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These are the names of the sons of Ishmael, listed in the order of their birth: Nebaioth the firstborn of Ishmael, Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam, Mishma, Dumah, Massa, Hadad, Tema, Jetur, Naphish and Kedemah. These were the sons of Ishmael, and these are the names of the twelve tribal rulers according to their settlements and camps. Ishmael lived a hundred and thirty-seven years. He breathed his last and died, and he was gathered to his people. His descendants settled in the area from Havilah to Shur, near the eastern border of Egypt, as you go toward Ashur. And they lived in hostility toward all the tribes related to them.

Genesis 25:12-18 (NIV)

Emagine Noblesville offers free tickets for veterans & active duty military

The REPORTER
Emagine Theatres will recognize and honor military service members by inviting them to see a movie of their choice for free on Monday, Nov. 13. For one day only, all active military and veterans can visit the box office at Emagine Noblesville, located at 13825 Norell Road in the Hamilton Town Center, and receive a ticket for any film of their choosing.

To redeem this one-day-only offer, guests must provide either a service ID

card or discharge papers. Online and phone bookings are not accepted as guests must show proof of service at the box office to redeem their tickets. Limit one ticket per military service member. Tickets are valid for any movie, in any format, including 3D, EMX/MONSTER. Tickets must be used on Monday, Nov. 13, and are non-refundable and have no cash value.

For a full list of showtimes, go to emagine-entertainment.com.



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Get \$10 discount for Christmas Nights of Lights at State Fairgrounds

The REPORTER
One of central Indiana's most popular Christmas attractions is going the extra mile to help The Salvation Army this fall.

Christmas Nights of Lights, the annual drive-thru light and music show at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, is offering a \$10 discount to those who purchase tickets for Nov. 10 to 19 and use the online discount code SALVATIONARMY. In addition to the visitor discount, Christmas Nights of Lights will also donate \$5 to The Salvation Army each time the discount code is used.

Christmas Nights of Lights has been an Indianapolis tradition since 2019 and features over one million lights with dozens of huge displays to delight all ages. The winding, two-mile-long route marries a synchronized light show with traditional and contemporary Christmas music. A longtime supporter of The Salvation Army, Christmas Nights of Lights is once again welcoming bell ringers and the iconic Red Kettles this fall as a way for visitors to give back to their community before enjoying the light show.

This year, all Christmas Nights of Lights tickets must be purchased in advance from their ticketing website. The special discount code for The Salvation Army gives purchasers a way to support the non-profit's vital ministries in central Indiana while saving a little money on holiday fun for the whole family.

Advance tickets are on sale now and are recommended to ensure that your preferred date doesn't sell out.

How to get your discounted tickets:
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Girls Basketball



Reporter photo by Richie Hall
Hamilton Southeastern's Kennedy Holman scored 14 points for the Royals during their 65-44 win over Franklin Community on Wednesday.

Southeastern has strong start to home season with win over Franklin Community

By **RICHIE HALL**
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FISHERS – The Hamilton Southeastern girls basketball team took care of business in its home opener on Wednesday, sailing past Franklin Community 65-44.

The Royals began their season last Saturday with a 72-50 victory at Ben Davis, so the team picked up its second consecutive comfortable win. Southeastern played tremendous defense and plenty of scoring from Indiana University-bound Maya Makalusky and sensational sophomores Kennedy Holman and Kayla Stidham.

The Royals never trailed in the game, scoring the first four points off Stidham and Makalusky layins. Makalusky finished the quarter with a 3-pointer and Southeastern led 13-6.

The Grizzly Cubs are only two years removed from reaching the Class 4A state championship game, and still have a couple players from that team playing this season. Royals coach Brian Satterfield called Franklin “a very veteran team.”



Makalusky



Stidham

“I thought we were able to take them out of some of the things that they were trying to do early on,” said Satterfield. “And we did a good job of communicating, getting to the shooters because they’re very dangerous from behind the arc.” Stidham got going from outside in the second period, nailing a pair of 3s. Her second triple started a 9-0 run, which included baskets from Makalusky and Holman, then Stidham added a layin to give HSE a 25-12 lead.

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 65, FRANKLIN COMMUNITY 44				
Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Maya Makalusky	11	4-4	29	3
Kennedy Holman	7	0-1	14	3
Zoe Lawless	0	0-0	0	4
Kayla Stidham	6	0-0	15	2
Addison Van Hoesen	1	0-0	2	1
Kayla Brinley	0	1-2	1	0
Antonette Green	0	0-0	0	2
Kenley Johnson	1	0-0	2	1
Abigail Orme	0	0-0	0	0
Tommi Burton	0	0-0	0	0
Hannah Wade	1	0-0	2	0
Totals	27	5-7	65	16
Score by Quarters				
Franklin	6	9	16	13 – 44
Southeastern	13	16	25	11 – 65
Southeastern 3-pointers (6) Makalusky 3, Stidham 3.				

The Royals led 29-15 at halftime and steadily increased their lead throughout the third quarter. Makalusky took over to the tune of 13 points in that period. Southeastern kept its lead anywhere from 21 to 25 points in the fourth quarter. Makalusky finished the game with 29 points and three 3-pointers. Stidham also had three 3s on her way to 15 points, while Holman added 14 points. Stidham also had seven rebounds.

“Those of are the types of things that we’re trying to get all of our girls to do is be gelled together, but also be communicating and doing a lot of those little things, those little things that can help us as we progress throughout the season,” said Satterfield. The Royals are 2-0 and play in the Fishers-HSE Classic this weekend. Southeastern hosts Elkhart at 11:30 a.m. and Columbus East at 5:30 p.m.

Indiana Basketball Coaches Association Week 1 girls poll

Rank	School	Points	Record
1	Hamilton Southeastern (11)	382	1-0
2	Noblesville (3)	366	1-0
3	Bedford North Lawrence (4)	364	1-0
4	Fort Wayne Snider (1)	303	2-0
5	Center Grove	262	2-0
6	South Bend Washington	245	2-1
7	Lawrence Central	210	1-0
8	Brownsburg	208	2-0
9	Homestead	202	0-0
10	Lake Central	198	1-1
11	Columbia City	195	1-0
12	Fishers	173	1-1
13	Zionsville	155	1-1
14	Lawrence North	144	0-0
15	Indian Creek	142	2-0
16	Fort Wayne Northrop	135	1-0
17	Valparaiso	103	1-0
18	Twin Lakes	85	1-0
19	Norwell	58	1-0
20	Hamilton Heights	26	2-0

Other schools receiving votes, with records
Andean (0-1), Bethany Christian (1-0), Borden (1-0), **Carmel (0-1)**, Carroll (1-0), Caston (2-0), Corydon Central (0-0), Eastern Hancock (2-0), Fairfield (2-0), Fort Wayne Carroll (0-1), Franklin Community (2-0), Gibson Southern (0-0), Greensburg (1-0), Heritage Christian (0-0), Jennings County (2-1), Lanesville (2-0), Lapel (2-0), Linton-Stockton (1-0), Mishawaka Marian (0-2), North Knox (2-0), Northridge (1-0), Penn (1-0), Rensselaer Central (2-0), Silver Creek (1-0), Warren Central (1-1), Warsaw (1-1), Washington (0-1), West Lafayette (1-2), **Westfield (2-0)**.
NOTES: First-place votes are in parentheses. Records were as of Monday, Nov. 6 and may not reflect current standings.

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Girls Basketball

Tigers tear through Anderson

The REPORTER

Fishers used strong first and third quarters to run past Anderson 75-48 Tuesday at the Tiger Den.

The Tigers jumped out to a 21-7 lead after the first period. Nevaeh Dickman scored seven points for Fishers, with Joirdyn Smith and Kate Thomas each hitting a 3-pointer. The Tigers led 33-20 at halftime, then took control in the third quarter by outscoring the Indians 20-3. Allison Scheu took over the game in that period

with 11 points, including a 3. Fishers added another 22 points in the fourth.

Four Tigers players reached double figures. Scheu totaled 19 points, Dickman scored 17, Smith made three 3s on her way to 13 points and Morgan Roberts drained two triples while scoring 12.

Fishers is 2-1 and hosts two games on Saturday as part of the Fishers-HSE Classic. The Tigers play Columbus East at 11:30 a.m. and Elkhart at 5:30 p.m.

FISHERS 75, ANDERSON 48				
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Joirdyn Smith	4	2-2	13	0
Talia Harris	2	3-6	7	0
Kate Thomas	2	0-0	5	2
Nevaeh Dickman	7	3-4	17	3
Allison Scheu	7	4-4	19	2
Morgan Roberts	5	0-2	12	0
Olivia Brookshire	1	0-0	2	0
Alanna Anthony	0	0-2	0	3
Natalie Thomas	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	28	12-20	75	10
Score by Quarters				
Anderson	7	13	3	25 - 48
Fishers	21	12	20	22 - 75
Fishers 3-pointers (7) Smith 3, Roberts 2, K. Thomas, Scheu.				

Trailblazers fall in season opener at Danville

The REPORTER

The University girls opened the 2023-24 season with a 50-34 loss at Danville.

Junior Anyah Jordan-Turley led the Trailblazers with 19 points, 15 in the second half.

University held their only lead at 6-4 midway through the first quarter on a pair of baskets by sophomore Hannah Grubbs and a Jordan-Turley rebound basket. Addison Davis put Danville on top for good at 8-6 with 3:15 left in the quarter. The Warriors led 14-10 after the first period as University was hampered by seven turnovers.

Sophomore Leah Norvell pulled the Blazers within one point early in the second quarter, splashing a three pointer to cut the lead to 14-13. Danville scored the next nine points for a 23-13 lead before Jordan-Turley broke a four plus minute scoring drought with a pair of free throws. Danville led 24-15 at halftime.

Danville slowly pulled away throughout the second half, leading by as many as 19 points. Davis and Emma Ancelet led Danville with 11 points each.

Grubbs had eight points and nine rebounds for Uni-

versity.

Danville improves to 2-0 on the season. The Trailblazers are next in action Nov. 17 when they travel to Class 4A No. 7 Lawrence Central.

New look

It will be a new look for the University girls basketball team in 2023-24, both on the sideline and on the court.

Coach Justin Blanding has moved to coach the University boys and has been replaced on the sideline by Lisa Pryor. Pryor was an assistant coach on Blanding's staff in 2018 and 2019. The former Butler player has also coached at Brebeuf Jesuit and Pike. Blanding compiled a 154-40 record in nine years at the helm of the Trailblazers. University won five sectional, three regional and 4 conference championships in Blanding's tenure.

On the court, University has graduated 1,000-point scorers Payton Seay and Kelsey DuBois, along with multi-year starters Kamryn Washington and Jordan Paterson. The Trailblazers will be a young team in 2023-24.

Only two players who saw action in University's regional loss to Eastern Hancock return.

DANVILLE 50, UNIVERSITY 34				
University	FG	FT	TP	PF
Hannah Grubbs	4	0-2	8	3
Meg Rohloff	0	0-0	0	0
Keira Bright	1	0-0	2	4
Anyah Jordan-Turley	6	6-8	19	0
Mack Feeney	0	0-2	0	3
Leah Norvell	1	0-0	3	2
Charlotte Conyers	1	0-0	2	1
Totals	13	6-12	34	13
Score by Quarters				
University	10	5	9	10 - 34
Danville	14	10	13	13 - 50
University 3-pointers (2) Norvell, Jordan-Turley.				
University rebounds (30) Grubbs 9, Feeney 5, Rohloff 4, Norvell 3, Jordan-Turley 2, team 7.				

Senior Keira Bright (5-5 guard) averaged 5.6 points per game last season off the bench and hit a buzzer beating three pointer to defeat eventual Class 2A state runner-up Lapel.

5-7 junior forward Taylor Seay is the leading returning scorer and only returning starter. Seay averaged 7.6 points per game. Seay is currently sidelined with an injury.

The Trailblazers will be looking to six players moving up from last year's 14-4 junior varsity team to play key roles in this year's squad.

5-3 junior guard Anyah Jordan-Turley and sophomores Hannah Grubbs (5-9 forward), Meg Rohloff (5-2

University roster

Seniors: Keira Bright, Jiyoun Lee.

Juniors: Anyah Jordan-Turley, Taylor Seay.

Sophomores: Charlotte Conyers, Mack Feeney, Hannah Grubbs, Naaima Mahmood, Leah Norvell, Samantha Purdie, Meg Rohloff.

Freshman: Jayda Dawn.

guard), Leah Norvell (5-7 guard), Charlotte Conyers (5-3 guard) and Mack Feeney (5-10 forward) will be part of the Trailblazers rotation.

Pryor is assisted by Michele Roberson and Michael Hubble.

University will not have a junior varsity team this season, with just 12 players on the roster.



Lancaster commits to UC Berkeley

The REPORTER

Carmel resident Carter Lancaster, a student at The Bolles School, was among 17 Bolles student-athletes who were honored on Wednesday for committing to a particular college or university to continue their athletic and academic careers.

Lancaster is committing to the University of California, Berkeley men's swimming team.

The Bolles School is a co-educational college preparatory day and boarding school in Jacksonville, Fla. serving students on four campuses in grades pre-kindergarten through 12.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, Nov. 9
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Carroll at Sheridan, 6 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 10
FOOTBALL
Class 6A Regional
Hamilton Southeastern at Westfield, 7 p.m.
Class 1A Regional
North Decatur at Sheridan, 7 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Hamilton Heights at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.

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5:55 pm Elkhart vs Fishers | JV Basketball | Fishers Sports Network

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Football: Just three county teams remain in regional action

BY CRAIG ADKINS
For The Reporter

It's hard to believe that the 51st annual high school football state tournament is in the regional round and now we're down to the Elite Eight in each of the six classes.

Hamilton County is fortunate to have three of its eight teams still playing, in hopes of winning their respective regional championships. The only problem for two of them is that they face each other, as they did in 2022.

Hamilton Southeastern and Westfield meet again for a rematch of last season's regional final. The Royals shut out the Shamrocks on their home field last year.

Sheridan also has a rematch from last year's regional and would very much like to avenge that loss to North Decatur from 2022.

**Class 6A Regional 2
Hamilton Southeastern
Royals (9-2) at Westfield
Shamrocks (10-1)**

Hamilton Southeastern travels west to Hoosier Crossroads Conference foe Westfield for yet another regional championship tilt. These two are all too familiar with each other, playing in the same conference.

In their Week 5 matchup, it was a somewhat high-scoring game that went down to the wire. It was Westfield that escaped HSE with a thrilling 30-28 win. Jackson Gilbert tossed a two-yard TD pass to Kendall Gilbert as time expired to stun the Royals by two.

Two things are on each teams' mind. Westfield would love to redeem their regional shutout loss (20-



Photo provided

The Sheridan football team celebrated a second consecutive sectional title last Friday at Monroe Central. The Blackhawks are back home at Bud Wright Stadium this Friday to play North Decatur in a regional re-match from last year.

0) at Southeastern in 2022. And, fresh on HSE's minds is the walk-off loss to the 'Rocks in the regular season. Regardless, this will be one of the top matchups in the state when the No. 7 Royals visit the sixth-ranked Shamrocks.

HSE was able to outlast Fishers at home last week in the Class 6A Sectional 3 championship, 38-21. The Royals just proved to be too much offensively for the Tigers. A tight game in the first half, Southeastern had a 17-14 halftime edge. In the second half, the Royals were able to outscore the Tigers 21-7 to push away for a 38-21 victory.

Once again, it was a battle of backfields. Khobie Martin had 129 yards in his final game as a Tiger gave him 2,746 in two-plus seasons. Bennett Gorak threw for 197 yards on 8-for-11, also in his last game for Fishers. Jalen (137), Chandler Weston (120) and AZ Wallace (69) were a well-

oiled rushing attack that propelled HSE to the sectional crown.

Westfield was able to get past a feisty, gritty Noblesville team to win the Class 6A Sectional 4 title game, 24-12. The Millers led 6-3 at halftime as the two kickers traded field goals in the first two periods. A couple big special teams plays helped Westfield score twice in consecutive drives to take the lead to go up 17-6 late in the third. Early in the fourth, Noblesville cut it to 17-12. The 'Rocks drove deep into Miller territory and were forced to a field goal attempt.

A fake field goal turned into Gilbert pitching to kicker Brody Boehm for a two-yard TD run to seal the sectional crown for Westfield.

Kendall Garnett had quite the night on the ground with 141 and two scores that gives him 1,000 yards exactly. Logan Shoffner had 123 on 29 carries in his final high school game, closing

out his Miller totals as the all-time leading rusher with 4,178 yards.

**Class 1A Regional 3
North Decatur (9-3) at
Sheridan (9-3)**

For the second year in a row, the North Decatur Chargers will make the 77-mile trek from Greensburg and head northwest to Sheridan to face the Blackhawks for a shot at a semi-state berth. In 2022, the Chargers were able to grab the big road win 29-14 over the 'Hawks.

This will be the second meeting between North Decatur and Sheridan. The Blackhawks were the winners in the 1998 1A regional matchup at home, 56-20. After starting the '98 season with a two-point loss to Western Boone, Sheridan rattled off 14 wins in a row, the regional being number 12 of the streak, on their way to the 1998 1A state championship over North White, 56-33.

No. 10 Sheridan is looking to head back to the semi-

state for the first time since 2012. They would be turned away by Lafayette Central Catholic 13-3. North Decatur is looking to build on last season's tournament success and get one step further. The Chargers took out Sheridan in the regional, but would be ousted in the semi-state to eventual Class 1A state champ Indianapolis Lutheran, 28-7.

The Blackhawks have been fortunate enough to play two of its first three playoff games at home. Last week's sectional championship at Monroe Central put them to the test. Down 14-0 at halftime and the season on the line, Sheridan's offense woke up in big fashion in the second half.

The third quarter belonged to Eli Kolb. The senior running back scored two touchdowns, one midway through and then with 1:25 in the period, found the end zone again. In the fourth, Trent DeCraene recovered a Monroe Central

fumble in the end zone for a TD. Zach Bales would score the game-winner with 3:26 left in the game to put Sheridan on top for the win, 27-22. This is the Blackhawks' 21st sectional in program history.

The one-two punch of Kolb and Bales were too much for the Bears' defense to handle in the second half. For the game, Kolb (126) and Bales (117) combined for 243 yards and three TDs to help push Sheridan past Monroe Central.

No. 15 North Decatur had its toughest game of the playoffs thus far when they went on the road to defeat the Milan Indians, 31-28. In the first round of Class 1A Sectional 46, the Chargers easily routed South Decatur (41-3) and shut out Edinburg in the semifinal (63-0).

Kolb's 126 gives him 1,204 yards and 18 touchdowns on the season. The other half of the backfield punch, Bales has 695 yards and 12 TDs.

This week's Rushing Stats (min. 100 yards)

Name	School	Grade	Carries	Total Yards	Average Yards	Touchdowns
Shoffner	Noblesville	Senior	205	1484	7.2	9
Martin	Fishers	Senior	201	1379	6.9	19
Alexander, J.	Southeastern	Senior	185	1324	7.2	16
Kolb	Sheridan	Senior	163	1204	7.4	18
Rooney	Guerin Catholic	Senior	196	1021	5.2	11
Garnett	Westfield	Junior	219	1000	4.6	8
VanHaaren	Heights	Senior	202	865	4.3	9
Bales	Sheridan	Senior	123	695	5.7	12
Gulley	Noblesville	Senior	116	557	4.8	13
Wallace	Southeastern	Junior	104	595	5.7	9
Balcom	Heights	Senior	73	490	6.7	7
Linden	Guerin Catholic	Sophomore	89	483	5.4	5
Johnson	Carmel	Junior	93	424	4.6	2
Tucker	Carmel	Junior	64	405	6.3	4
Bellan	Noblesville	Senior	89	330	3.7	4
Coellner	Carmel	Sophomore	49	298	6.1	2
Thembulembu, Ry.	Fishers	Sophomore	50	283	5.7	1
Bogle	Fishers	Senior	49	258	5.3	4
Page	Sheridan	Senior	45	216	4.4	4
Baker, J.	Noblesville	Senior	41	178	4.3	2
Weston	Southeastern	Junior	53	304	5.7	4
Gilbert	Westfield	Senior	77	176	2.3	9
Derr	Heights	Senior	96	132	1.4	8
Alfayyad	Carmel	Senior	27	156	5.8	0
Gibbs	Guern Catholic	Senior	21	144	6.9	3
Baker, B.	Southeastern	Junior	31	121	3.9	1
Widget	Noblesville	Senior	13	110	8.5	0

This week's Passing Stats (min. 50 attempts)

Name	School	Grade	Completions	Attempts	Percentage	Total Yards	Touchdowns
Derr	Heights	Senior	143	228	0.670	1911	16
Gilbert	Westfield	Senior	140	217	0.645	1952	20
Gorak	Fishers	Senior	124	193	0.642	1785	15
Weston	Southeastern	Junior	93	159	0.585	1302	17
Coellner	Carmel	Sophomore	101	180	0.561	937	8
Zimmerman	Guerin Catholic	Senior	149	269	0.554	1745	17
Sturgill	Fishers	Sophomore	27	49	0.551	344	2
Bell	Sheridan	Junior	37	70	0.529	722	9
Baker, J.	Noblesville	Senior	60	125	0.480	1120	7

This week's Receiving Stats (min. 10 receptions)

Name	School	Grade	Receptions	Total Yards	Touchdowns
Hall	Fishers	Junior	69	1055	6
Hamilton	Southeastern	Senior	44	843	10
Champion	Heights	Junior	41	645	7
Aramboles, G.	Westfield	Junior	41	583	6
Rodgers	Carmel	Senior	36	272	1
Nosler	Westfield	Senior	33	562	6
McPeck	Fishers	Senior	29	316	5
Fleming	Heights	Sophomore	27	356	2
Houze	Guerin Catholic	Junior	27	349	4
Gibbs	Guerin Catholic	Senior	26	376	4
Cler	Guerin Catholic	Junior	25	357	3
DeCraene	Sheridan	Senior	22	406	6
Brewer	Noblesville	Junior	21	400	2
Pugh	Heights	Senior	21	372	2
Braun, B.	Westfield	Junior	21	328	1
Syrus	Fishers	Senior	20	324	3
Cherry	Guerin Catholic	Senior	20	200	3
Shoffner	Noblesville	Senior	17	370	2
Knott	Westfield	Junior	17	241	1
Miller	Guerin Catholic	Senior	17	142	1
Pollard	Carmel	Junior	16	137	2
Weaver	Heights	Junior	14	258	3
Baumann	Heights	Senior	14	80	1
McCartney	Fishers	Junior	13	220	2
Garnett III	Westfield	Junior	13	103	2
VanHaaren	Heights	Senior	13	65	0
Page	Sheridan	Senior	12	302	4
Bellin	Carmel	Sophomore	11	194	2
Gates	Fishers	Senior	11	139	1
Peterson	Carmel	Senior	11	111	2
Boyd	Southeastern	Junior	10	95	0

This week's Tackling Stats (min. 40 tackles)

Name	School	Grade	Solo	Ast.	Total	TFL
Keller	Guerin Catholic	Senior	83	44	127	11
Bales	Sheridan	Senior	69	54	123	8
Webster	Westfield	Junior	28	93	121	9.5
Hastings	Noblesville	Senior	47	72	119	1
Parker	Southeastern	Senior	21	77	98	7
Franco	Sheridan	Senior	47	50	97	12
Feltrinelli	Westfield	Senior	10	85	95	2.5
Osiecki	Southeastern	Senior	32	59	91	10.5
Bryant	Carmel	Senior	63	26	89	4
Lieske	Westfield	Senior	24	65	89	3
Williams	Sheridan	Senior	45	43	88	12
Vargas	Guerin Catholic	Junior	39	44	83	10
Prewitt	Fishers	Senior	57	26	83	8
Kolb	Sheridan	Senior	52	31	83	6
Imes	Fishers	Senior	69	13	82	12
Winbush	Carmel	Junior	49	33	82	4
Reed	Guerin Catholic	Senior	41	39	80	5
Marsh	Carmel	Senior	42	38	80	3
Stella	Guerin Catholic	Senior	42	35	77	8
Oladipupo	Noblesville	Junior	24	51	75	6.5
Balcom	Heights	Senior	36	38	74	4
Sailors	Carmel	Senior	49	22	71	6
Seyferth	Southeastern	Senior	19	51	70	11
Hornickel	Noblesville	Junior	25	43	68	6
Richardson, Ca.	Noblesville	Senior	33	35	68	3
Ingalls	Southeastern	Senior	19	47	66	7.5
Millsaps	Heights	Senior	32	33	65	8
Navarro	Guerin Catholic	Senior	42	23	65	7
Cravens	Sheridan	Sophomore	33	32	65	1
Flanders	Heights	Junior	23	40	63	10
Page	Sheridan	Senior	35	26	61	3
Hoog	Southeastern	Junior	14	47	61	2.5
King	Westfield	Sophomore	12	49	61	1
Owens	Noblesville	Senior	23	35	58	10
Cannon	Carmel	Junior	49	7	56	3
Carlson	Southeastern	Senior	26	29	55	4
Law	Westfield	Junior	16	37	53	1.5
Wright	Southeastern	Senior	18	34	52	0
Taylor	Guerin Catholic	Senior	32	19	51	11
Hutton	Fishers	Junior	31	20	51	7
Wilson	Noblesville	Senior	28	23	51	1
Aramboles, A.	Westfield	Sophomore	10	40	50	6
Barnes	Sheridan	Sophomore	27	23	50	5
Thembulembu, Re.	Fishers	Senior	37	12	49	2
Grayson	Carmel	Junior	31	15	46	1
Mason	Heights	Senior	29	15	44	15
Retz	Sheridan	Senior	22	18	42	0

This week's Sack Stats (min. 3 sacks)

Name	School	Grade	Total
Cain	Heights	Junior	9
Osiecki	Southeastern	Senior	8.5
Mason	Heights	Senior	7
Kolb	Sheridan	Senior	7
Wolf	Fishers	Senior	7
Imes	Fishers	Senior	6
Bola	Westfield	Senior	5.5
Vondersaar	Westfield	Senior	5
Williams	Sheridan	Senior	4
Reed	Guerin Catholic	Senior	4
Seyferth	Southeastern	Senior	3
Ingalls	Southeastern	Senior	3

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