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# Honoring our true heroes



On Friday, Hinkle Creek Elementary School and Noblesville Schools honored veterans for their sacrifices and service with special programs, patriotic music, thank you notes, poems, class discussions, art and more.

Photos provided by Noblesville Schools

She survived a suicide bomber in Fallujah. Three other female warriors didn't.

It was one of the most devastating incidents in the history of women serving in the military.

I am a stranger to war, but four brave Americans related to me and bearing my surname have served our country.



My great-great-grandfather Sgt. Christian Saalman was a Union soldier who died of scurvy and thirst at Andersonville, a Confederate prison at Camp Sumter, Ga.

My great-uncle was Maj. Otis Saalman, a POW for three years in the Philippines, where he experienced and survived the horrors of Japanese prison camps, prison ships, and the Bataan Death March.

While Otis was incarcerated, his wife, Lt. Agnes Saalman, was in the Army Nurse Corps and served on the front-line during the Battle of the Bulge. She was among those who liberated the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, where Anne Frank was among the estimated 50,000 people who perished.

And then there is my cousin Sally Saalman, a Marine who was wounded in a suicide bomb attack in Fallujah, Iraq, on June 23, 2005. Two female Marines, a female Navy Seabee and three male Marines were killed. Sally and six other women were among those flown to a burn center in Texas. In all, 11 of the 13 wounded were female.

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The attack occurred after a traitorous Iraqi interpreter provided coordinates to insurgents, who dispatched a suicide car

See Warrior . . . Page 2

# Westfield Library offering free English language classes

Volunteer instructors needed to keep up with demand

## The REPORTER

The Westfield Washington Public Library has announced the relaunch of its English Language Learners (ELL) program, an initiative aimed at helping individuals learn and improve their English language skills.

The program welcomed 68 non-native speakers this past week. "I love the diversity coming into our community. I see it in the people who visit the library," said Children's Librarian Kim Wright, a driving force behind the program's revival. "I have a heart for diversity and for the people who come here to start a new life and learn a new language."

Originally initiated in 2005, the ELL program faced temporary suspension during the

COVID pandemic. The classes cater to a wide range of language backgrounds, including residents who speak Arabic, Russian, Spanish, as well as Slavic, Asian, and Indian languages – among others.

"The classes are designed for various proficiency levels," Wright added. "Participants are given a placement test that helps identify where they need to start in the program and every 12 weeks or so they move to a more advanced class."

The 90-minute weekly classes are designed for students aged 16 years and older. They are taught at the Westfield Washington Public Library by a dozen English-speaking community volunteers.

"Our volunteers are cur-



Photo provided

Demand for the program is high. Just this past week, 68 non-native English speakers were welcomed.

rently teaching 14 classes," Wright explained. "Volunteers don't need to speak the students' language. They just need to be willing to lead a class through a series of workbooks."

The classes are free thanks to sponsorship from the Westfield Library Foundation.

"Language is not just a tool, but a gateway to a world of opportunities and connections, and we're proud to support this initiative," said Erin Downey, ex-

ecutive director of the Westfield Library Foundation.

All spots are full for the fall session, but anyone interested in participating in future sessions can inquire at the adult reference desk. More placement tests are planned for January and February, with the hopes of starting a second session in March 2024.

If residents are interested in volunteering to teach ELL classes, they can contact Kim Wright at [kwright@wwpl.lib.in.us](mailto:kwright@wwpl.lib.in.us).

# When good mascots go bad, be prepared!



On Wednesday, Hamilton Heights Schools staff had a unique experience learning self-defense. SRO Deputy Josh Ireland and Corrections Officer Rachel Baldwin, both of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, gave hands-on instruction and shared how to de-escalate or escape potentially dangerous situations.

Photos provided by Hamilton County Sheriff's Office



# HEPL Director Edra Waterman to retire Dec. 22

## The REPORTER

On Friday, Tiffanie Ditlevson, President of the Board of Trustees of the Hamilton East Public Library, announced to the public that Library Director/CEO Edra Waterman will soon retire. Ditlevson's full statement follows.

Patrons, Stakeholders, Taxpayers, On Thursday, November 9, the Library Director/Chief Executive Officer, Edra Waterman, notified the Hamilton East Public Library Board of Trustees that her last day of service to the Hamilton East Public Library will be December 22, 2023. We wish her the best in all of her future endeavors.

Edra Waterman has served as the CEO and Library Director for the last 12 years. Under her leadership, HEPL has been recognized as a leader in innovation among public libraries regionally.

The Hamilton East Board of Trustees will begin the search process for a new Chief Executive Officer immediately. During this time of change, we do not anticipate any changes or disruptions in the delivery of services to our patrons.



WARRIOR

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bomber to target a truck used by the Women’s Search Force, a 19-strong Marine unit tasked with searching female civilians at checkpoints across the city.

“He hit us right in our fuel tank,” Sally, then a 21-year-old corporal, told me. “It catapulted most of us out of the truck ... it was tumbling and throwing flames and people everywhere ... we flew about 150 or 200 yards.

“I remember my boots going up in the air and blacking out. I was like, ‘OK God, I am not ready to go yet,’ and I remember telling Him, ‘I want to be with my family and I want to finish my career in the Marine Corps.’”

A staff sergeant’s familiar voice returned Sally to consciousness: “Saalman, wake up. You’re OK. You’re alive.”

Amid the carnage, ammunition began exploding in the heat as the surviving Marines tried to pull survivors from the wreckage before it was consumed by the flames. They were shot at and returned fire as they scrambled for cover.

“It was like the movies,” Sally said. “If you ever watch a war movie, there’s an explosion, and then it’s like a numbing sound and it’s mute and then it’s all like a buzzing noise or a ringing noise in your ears and slowly fades back into place where it’s loud again.”

Cpl. Ramona Valdez, 20, and Petty Officer 1st Class Regina Clark, 43, a Navy Seabee, were dead, along with male Marines Cpl. Chad Powell, 22, and Pfc. Veashna Muy, 20.

She was able to reach another truck.

“There were bad injuries, a lot of blood, just

awful things,” she recalled. “One of my female Marines had her leg almost blown off ... They lost their lives, and they lost their minds ... PTSD is very intense the first couple of years.”

Bullets slammed into the truck as an enemy .50-caliber machine gun opened up. One round went through a gap in the armor, killing Cpl. Carlos Pineda, 21.

“I just started singing ‘America the Beautiful,’” said Sally – whose nickname was “Songbird” – describing the full-speed drive back to Camp Fal-lujah. “When I’m scared or freaked out, I just start singing. It was so silent in the back, the wind was blowing, and you could hear the gunfire in the background.”

Marine Cpl. Holly Charette, 21, died of her wounds three hours after the attack.

Sally suffered a traumatic brain injury and serious burns on her hands and lower back. She was a patient for nearly four months at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, where she endured agonizing burn treatments.

But Sally courageously signed up for three more years with the Marines and went back to Iraq in 2007. She became Sgt. Saalman before she returned to civilian life in 2008.

She subsequently married, and today she is Sally Saalman-Mosby, living with her husband, Aaron, on a peaceful, successful cattle farm in rural Perry County, Ind. In this pastoral setting, she reflected on the service of our Saalman forbears.

“Family history definitely inspired me,” she said, explaining why she enlisted. “But I could not and will not compare my



Photos provided

(Above) Sally getting photographed by a professional photographer, Lee Klafczynski, for an AARP Veteran Report article. (Below) Scott and Sally at Marcy’s Restaurant in Leopold, Ind.

experience to theirs.

“They went through a different kind of hell. I had the facilities and gear, and I was not captured. I will always relive the bad things. But thank God I never had to go through an experience like theirs.”

But she conceded that “our last names, our patriotism and how we made a historical mark” was a bond through the generations. “I am proud to call myself a Saalman,” she said.

I am proud to share the same surname as Sally, my living hero.

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# Our historic tournament run

By **CECILIA TIMME**  
*Sheridan High School Student*

*This column is brought to readers by Sheridan High School dual-credit program students and Human Services teacher Abby Williams.*

Since the beginning of July, which was the start of soccer season, we have been working toward a goal. Everyone had their own separate goals for the season, but in the end we wanted the trophy and season to keep going.

For me, after being out an entire year from my ACL surgery, everyone had their own goals for me. Everyone was telling me that I just needed to focus on getting where I feel strong and comfortable.

While I did have these goals for myself too, I had one goal that I had been thinking about for a year: beating Tipton.

Tipton had been the team that had knocked us out of sectionals and ended our season for years. After sitting out last year and having to watch my team lose 1-0 in a close game, the “what-ifs” started to go in my head, and I was ready to win. When I was rehabbing and getting ready for the season, I was thinking about the feeling of beating Tipton and holding a trophy up. Every time I would think about this, I never saw us losing – it was always us winning,

and I think this added an extra spark to me when I began training for the season.

As our season started, we had to figure out how we were going to win games: we had the skill, talent, attitudes, and everything we needed to win games. We just had to put it all together. A couple games into the season we did this and we never looked back. We pushed each other and worked hard to win, always thinking in the back of our heads about the sectional game at the end of the season.

As the season started going, we started playing really well and I was feeling back to myself on the field. The start of the season was rough for me because I was on a time limit and not where I wanted to be. Later into the season, I was where I wanted to be and was starting to think more about Tipton. I was thinking about what it would feel like to hold up a sectional trophy after it being taken year after year.

Toward the end of our season, we were feeling really good and confident. Our last game of the regular season was Tipton, and then we turned around and played them in sectionals. We wanted to win this first game as much as the sectional game. Tipton was more of a mental game for us because we knew what beating Tipton was: it was a sectional championship.

The first game was very physical and we ended up scoring toward the end of the game to win. The next week we played on Tuesday for the first round of sectionals against Taylor. The first time we played them we played on turf and won by 16, which was a new school record. The sectional game we played at home on grass, which made the game speed different. We ended up only winning 6-0, but we advanced to the next round where we played Tipton.

We were ready for this game against Tipton because we had been preparing for it from the beginning of the season and knew it meant a sectional championship. We played the late game that night and there was a large crowd. We scored within the first few minutes of the game and kept the energy the rest of the game. It was a physical game again and their crowd and players were starting to get frustrated. We kept our energy the entire game though and ended up winning 1-0. This was the best feeling for us as a team because we accomplished something we had not done before.

That Saturday we played for a sectional championship against Eastern, whom we beat the first time 4-0. Before the game we were all very excited and ready to play. We had never had this opportunity and we

were well-prepared for it. It took us a long time to score but once we did, we never looked back.

We won the first sectional in Sheridan girls’ soccer history.

There were a ton of people cheering us on and we saw everything we worked for coming together. We got to feel the feeling we had wanted to feel since July, holding the trophy up.

We were lucky enough to get to host the regional semifinals at home against Faith Christian the following Thursday. We knew how to beat them and had the confidence to. Going into every game in the postseason I never thought it was going to be our last practice; we all just knew we would be back the next day.

The beginning of the Faith game we were all nervous because we had never been where we were before in front of all of our fans. We were down 2-0 early in the second half and were able to make our way back to tie the game. The game remained tied into overtime and ended up going to penalty kicks. This is where we were able to win and move onto the regional finals. This was super exciting for us and was really big for our team.

We played the regional championship game on Saturday, and we were all nervous and excited. The team we had played had been here before and we had not;



Photo provided  
**Sadie (left) and Cecilia Timme (right) happily display their team’s sectional championship trophy.**

they had been to the state championship. This made them doubt us, not take us seriously, and they were already looking past us. We were ready though: we came out with energy and shocked them. We had the ball on their end the entire first half but just could not finish. Going into the second half we were all tied, but they ended up scoring with about 20 minutes left in the game on a corner kick. We ended up

losing by one and our season ended.

I was madder that we lost than upset because I knew we could have won. Now looking back at our season, I am so happy and proud of our year. We had a historic season for Sheridan soccer and won more games than any other team, won a conference championship, sectional championship, and made it to the regional championship.

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# Westfield FFA’s ag sales career team finishes 10<sup>th</sup> in country

## The REPORTER

More than 85,000 FFA members and supporters from across the country celebrated agricultural education and agriculture during the 96th National FFA Convention & Expo held Nov. 1 to 4 in downtown Indianapolis.

Westfield High School's FFA program sent 25 members to the convention. Ella Carlson, Aiden Cox, Ava Lee, and Ben Wiggins competed in the ag sales career development event finishing 10th in the nation. Wiggins placed seventh in the individual event.

Throughout the week, students attended general convention sessions where they were inspired by their peers and explored various career paths. In addition, attendees participated in



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(From left) Aiden Cox, Ben Wiggins, Ella Carlson, and Ava Lee make up the Agriculture Sales team in Westfield High School FFA. Wiggins also placed seventh in the individual event.

career success tours and student and teacher workshops. Those in attendance

also participated in a service event joining with FFA members from across

the country in the National Days of Service happening in local communities.



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(Left) Doug Powers (foreground) bellows as King Henry II. (Right) Jean Arnold plays Queen Eleanor.

# Get captivated by *The Lion in Winter*

By CARRIE NEAL  
*A Seat on the Aisle*

Power corrupts and constrains, but it also captivates. How else to explain our obsession with television shows such as *Succession*, *Yellowstone*, and *Game of Thrones*?

And when the battle for power between two individuals also involves a love/hate relationship which is ultimately a love story – that makes *The Lion in Winter*, as presented by Southbank Theatre Company, a compelling piece of theater.

Queen Eleanor has been imprisoned by her husband King Henry II for the past 10 years for leading an uprising against him, but she's been briefly released to spend the holidays with her family. The two monarchs share two sons, each of whom has their own argument for why they should

be the next ruler. And a king couldn't possibly be expected to live alone for 10 years, so his lady love is also in attendance for this fun family reunion.

Southbank has assembled a fine team of actors and designers for this production, and I was especially taken with Aric Harris's set design for the piece. A striking chessboard motif is present throughout the evening, with the wink-wink nudge-nudge choice to have only three pieces on the actual chessboard at the top of the show. The medieval touches in set decoration contrast nicely with the actors' modern-day costumes.

Doug Powers is a masterful Henry. He commands the stage with his blustering but breaks our hearts by Act II as he bemoans the fact that he has no loyal children. Jean Arnold flaw-

lessly embodies Eleanor with sharp wit, ever-graceful while she's plotting and pitting one child against the other. Their stage chemistry is wonderful, and it's plain to see that this isn't the first time these two have shared the stage.

Two others stood out in this well-cast production – first of all Miranda Nehrig as Alais. She makes the most of a role with ample stage time but not nearly as many lines, ever-watchful and reactive, but also inserting a venomous barb of her own whenever she gets the opportunity. Garrett Rowe as Prince John creates a peevish, immature younger brother that the audience loves to hate. He runs away with the show in both of his petulant little hands.

While wandering pathways through the woods to get to the Shelton on a pleasantly chilly fall eve-

ning, I reflected that the last time I'd been there was 25 years ago, for the Edyvean's production of *A Little Night Music*. At that time, no one yet knew that it would be the final theatrical production in this lovely space for many years. While the seating is perhaps a little the worse for wear, what a joy to see local actors treading those beautiful boards again.

Southbank Theatre Company's production of *The Lion in Winter* runs through Nov. 19 at the Shelton Auditorium on Butler's campus, Thursdays through Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. I've been told that the Ticketmaster handling fees are exorbitant and it's best to wait and buy tickets at the door. For more information, visit [SouthbankTheatre.org](http://SouthbankTheatre.org).

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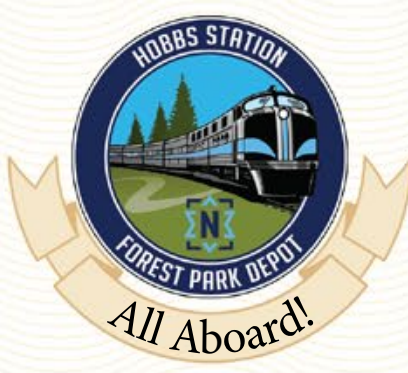
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## Community News

See *The Rugged Brothers* **TONIGHT** at the Noblesville Moose Lodge

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.

Two of the band members are Vietnam veterans and look forward to paying tribute to all veterans. The public is invited, so please plan to attend.

## New at Sheridan Public Library

**The REPORTER**

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

**Fiction**

1. 4th Wing – Rebecca Yarros
2. Betrayal – Phillip Margolin
3. Christmas Vanishing – Anne Perry
4. Covenant of Water – Abraham Verghese
5. Dirty 30 – Janet Evanovich
6. Final Word – Janet Johnson
7. Girl in the Vault – Michael Ledwidge
8. Last Exchange – Charles Martin
9. Lost and Hound – Rita Mae Brown
10. Secret – Lee Child
11. Spy Coast – Tess Gerritsen
12. What Lies in the Woods – Kate Alice Marshall

**Non-fiction**

1. Encyclopedia of Haunted Central Indiana – Nicole R. Kobrowski
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3. Fractures Intentions – Nicole R. Kobrowski
4. Paranormal Guide to Northern Indiana – Nicole R. Kobrowski
5. Woman in Me – Britney Spears

**Children’s**

1. How to Catch a Big Bad Wolf – Alice Walstead
2. Beneath Copper Falls – Colleen Coble
3. Cry in the Night – Colleen Coble
4. Haven of Swans – Colleen Coble
5. Her Secret Hope – Shelley Shepard Gray
6. Knowing You – Tracie Peterson
7. Shadow of Deceit – Susan Sleeman
8. Shadow of Night – Susan Sleeman
9. Wildflower Falls – Denise Hunter

**Young Adult**

1. Murtagh: The World of Eragon – Christopher Paolini
2. Way I Am Now – Amber Smith

## Fishers road construction updates, week of Nov. 13

**The REPORTER**

**Fall Creek & Geist Road**

During the week of Nov. 13, there will be lane restrictions from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. just east of the intersection

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## Sheriff’s Office educates on elder crime prevention



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*Make Sense of Medicare*

Many people who are having memory issues are able to remain in their homes for many years. You may have helped your loved one purchase the Medicare insurance plans that best fit her needs. Together you worked with a Medicare specialist to find a plan that covers all her medications, doctors, and fits her budget. Close the file, your job is done, right?

Unfortunately, people who live alone with memory issues like to answer their phones and talk to strangers about their Medicare needs. It’s not a problem with an easy solution. “Don’t answer a number you don’t recognize” is difficult when the calls are all spoofed to come from a local area code. I’ve had many adult children come in to get help to move their parent back into the correct plan and out of a plan they signed up for on their own.

In order to enroll into a new plan, your relative must have her Medicare card handy to provide their number and Medicare Parts A and B start dates. Perhaps the trusted adult who is helping this relative could retain this card. It’s tough. If you’ve had to deal with a person with memory care issues, you know that much of the time they can be fine and in possession of 100 percent of their mental acuity. And at other times they are very confused. It only takes one call from one persuasive telemarketer to mess up the Medicare plans you’ve help put in place.

What to watch for? Most people are searching for those on a traditional Medicare Supplement Plan F or G, which your older relative most likely has. The caller will pitch a “similar” plan for \$0 per month. What’s not to like? “I’ll save money, get the same coverage and my kids will be proud of what a savvy shopper I am.” While there are \$0 per month Medicare plans and they are not scamming, those are a very different type of coverage and are not the same as a Medicare Supplement Plan F or G.

Switching can usually only occur during the last 3 and first 3 months of the year – so you only have to coach and warn and monitor your loved one’s coverage from Oct. 1 to March 31. You can relax the six months, then get vigilant again! During the last three months of the year when the TV ads are running 24/7 with movie stars from your parent’s generation, have this discussion.

*Sylvia Gordon is co-founder of The Medicare Family, headquartered in Noblesville, where she educates thousands on Medicare and Social Security in all 50 states. You can learn more at [TheMedicareFamily.com](http://TheMedicareFamily.com).*

## Clay Terrace in Carmel to spread holiday cheer with events & activities

**The REPORTER**

Clay Terrace is ready to shine for the holiday season. With a full list of holiday activities lined up, friends and families can celebrate the season in their own unique style, whether that’s sipping cocoa on a [carriage ride](#) or meeting Santa.

Clay Terrace’s holiday festivities include:

**Santa Soiree**

Clay Terrace will hold a Santa Soiree from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2 a free event that will host a variety of fun for adults and kids alike.

Santa will arrive to mix and mingle with the crowd, plus grab a photo with some of his friends like the Grinch and some of his helpers, too. Dance and groove to live music and say cheers with a beverage from the bar while lighting the Clay Terrace Christmas Tree.

The event will also feature complimentary carriage rides, face painters, a giant snow globe, roaming performances, a photo booth and more. *There is no formal Santa Photo Program at Clay Terrace in 2023.*

**Pups & Pints, Holiday Edition presented by Scenthound**

Clay Terrace wants to make sure your furry friends get everything on their holiday lists this year, too. Pet owners are invited to mix and mingle with Santa from 5 to 7 p.m. on Dec. 4. Guests can grab a pint from the bar, mingle with pet-friendly businesses, get a free caricature artist portrait, smooch your pooch under the mistletoe and be serenaded by holiday music. At the event, Clay Terrace is hosting a donation drive for Hamilton County Humane Society. *There is no formal Santa Photo Program at Clay Terrace in 2023.*

Guests can enjoy extended shopping hours for Black Friday (8 a.m. to 10 p.m.) and Small Business Saturday (9 a.m. to 9 p.m.). The Mall will be closed on

Thanksgiving and Christmas (with exceptions, please call individual stores and restaurants before visiting).

**About Clay Terrace**

Clay Terrace is Carmel’s premier open-air shopping destination and Indiana’s first outdoor lifestyle center. The property is home to more than 70 national retailers and locally owned boutiques, as well as dining, specialty grocery, entertainment destinations and office space. A dynamic offering of reasons to visit Clay Terrace keeps guests engaged and returning often.

Clay Terrace is open seven days a week; Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday noon to 6 p.m. For more information, visit [clayterrace.com](http://clayterrace.com) and connect on Facebook [@clayterrace](#) and Instagram [@ClayTerraceMall](#).



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Sankt Martinstag is a celebration meant to remind us all to live our lives with kindness and virtue, just like the day’s namesake, Saint Martin.

# Carmel Christkindlmarkt announces special events

## The REPORTER

The Carmel Christkindlmarkt has a full season of special events lined up – including several brand new events for guests to enjoy.

New for special events this year, the Market will have Sankt Martinstag (Nov. 25), the Christkind Choral Festival (Dec. 9), and Christkindlmarkt’s Got Talent (Dec. 16).

Saint Martin is a historical and religious figure most notably remembered for giving his cloak to a person who was in need during the cold of winter. Sankt Martinstag is a traditional German celebration, and at this festival at the Carmel Christkindlmarkt, families will carry illuminated paper lanterns and sing together as Sankt Martin leads the procession on horseback around the Market in a celebration that serves as a reminder to live life with kindness and virtue.

The Christkind Choral

Festival will feature area choirs on the mainstage of the Winter Pavilion, where guests can enjoy their performances of various holiday tunes. Christkindlmarkt’s Got Talent is a cultural showcase, featuring acclaimed performers in a variety of German arts, including yodeling, singing, dancing and more.

“We are so excited to offer some new special events for our visitors this year,” Carmel Christkindlmarkt CEO Maria Murphy said. “We are always looking to expand our cultural offerings, and with these new events, we know we’re bringing even more German culture to the residents of central Indiana and beyond.”

The full schedule of special events is as follows:

- Sankt Martinstag – Nov. 25, 5 to 7 p.m.
- Studenten am Markt (Students at the Market) – Dec. 1, noon to 4 p.m.
- Glühwein Gallop –

- Dec. 2, 9 a.m.
- Sankt Nikolaustag – Dec. 2, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Christkind Choral Festival – Dec. 9, 4 to 7:30 p.m.
- Military Appreciation Day – Dec. 10, noon to 8 p.m.
- German Christmas Carol Sing-Along and Ornament Exchange – Dec. 13, 7 to 9 p.m.
- Menorah Aflame Hanukkah Service – Dec. 14, 6 to 7 p.m.
- Bier Competition – Dec. 15, 7 to 8 p.m.
- Christkindlmarkt’s Got Talent – Dec. 16, noon to 3:30 p.m.
- A Gathering of Faiths – Dec. 22, 5 to 6 p.m.

For a full list of descriptions for these events, please visit [CarmelChristkindlmarkt.com/events](https://CarmelChristkindlmarkt.com/events).

The Market opens for the season on Saturday, Nov. 18. To learn more about the Carmel Christkindlmarkt and see all the official hours, please visit [CarmelChristkindlmarkt.com](https://CarmelChristkindlmarkt.com).

# Carmel unveils official ornament with images to commemorate Mayor Jim Brainard’s 28 years in office

## Submitted by City of Carmel

The City of Carmel has unveiled the 2023 Official City Holiday Ornament, the seventh annual ornament in a series that began in 2017 with the opening of the Carmel Christkindlmarkt. Each year has featured a different theme of images, and this year the theme is the commemoration of Mayor Jim Brainard and his 28 years in office.

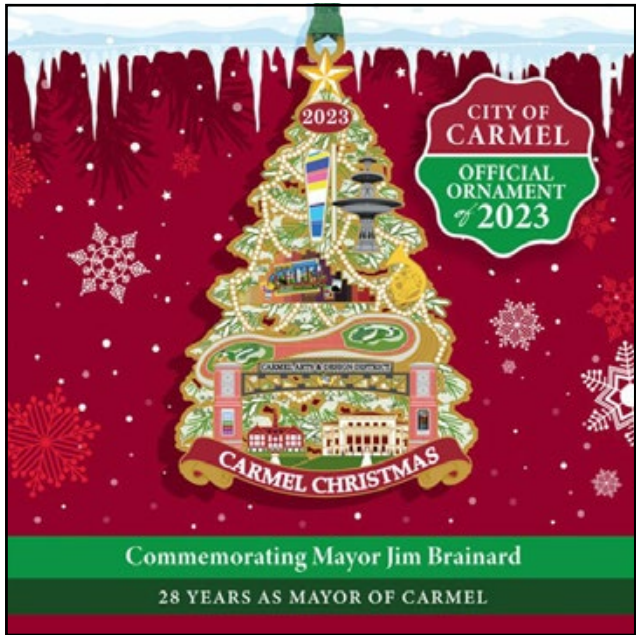
The ornaments will retail at \$20 each and will be sold at the Christkindlmarkt and at the All Things Carmel store on Main Street. They arrived in Carmel on Wednesday and are already being sold at the store, located at 110 W. Main St., Suite 104. The Christkindlmarkt opens on Saturday, Nov. 18 and continues through Christmas Eve.

Make sure you add this to your collection by purchasing the ornament early. In 2021 and 2022, the ornaments were sold out during the Market, forcing many to wait until February when more ornaments could be shipped.

This year’s ornament is in the shape of a Christmas tree to signify the many gifts the Carmel community has received over the past seven terms under Mayor Brainard. Late last year, the Mayor announced he would not run for reelection.

Images on the ornament include:

**Keystone Parkway roundabout:** a key element of the transformation of what was a dangerous and deadly four-lane state highway into a beautiful parkway with grade-separated intersections controlled by roundabouts. The design earned Carmel national recognition and inspired the subsequent transformation of U.S. 31 by the



Graphic provided by City of Carmel

State of Indiana.

**French horn:** one of the instruments Mayor Brainard played as a child (along with the piano). On opening night of the Palladium, he played the French horn once again alongside Michael Feinstein.

**City Hall:** Built in 1990, six years before he took office, the Mayor has spent the last 28 years working out of his office on the third floor while overseeing the many departments of the city.

**Monon Greenway:** Formerly an abandoned railroad bed, this five-mile trail was transformed during Mayor Brainard’s time in office. In particular, the creation of an expanded trail in Midtown and the Midtown Plaza has brought new life and business opportunities to a previously industrial area that was in decline.

**The Palladium** along with The Center for the Performing Arts, is one of the

key achievements by the Mayor. As part of Carmel’s new downtown this 1,600-seat concert hall serves as the epicenter for the arts in Carmel.

**Carmel Arts & Design District Archway:** One of four entry points into the oldest part of Carmel saw its own transformation into a vibrant Arts & Design District featuring art galleries, restaurants and mixed-use projects to accommodate residents and offices.

**Fountain at Carmel City Center:** Situated at the corner of Range Line Road and City Center Drive, this fountain marks the northeast gateway into City Center with its shops and restaurants. In addition, City Center is home to Hotel Carmichael, a luxury hotel that is part of the Autograph Collection of Marriott hotels.

You can see and purchase past ornaments by visiting [AllThingsCarmel.com](https://AllThingsCarmel.com).

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# Spotlighting art’s higher purpose

The second annual Spotlight on Art Benefiting Children was held Thursday evening at Hotel Carmichael in Carmel to support the youth of Prevail, Inc., the Tom & Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville and Children’s TherAplay Foundation, Inc. Guests supported children who face life’s challenges by shopping with local awarding-winning artists as well as artwork from local student artists. Learn more about the Spotlight on Art on [Facebook](#). (Reporter photos by Megan Poteet)



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# Sen. Young introduces bill to end legacy admissions

The REPORTER

On Tuesday, U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.) and Tim Kaine (D-Va.) introduced the Merit-Based Educational Reforms and Institutional Transparency Act (MERIT Act), legislation to end the practice of colleges and universities giving “preferential treatment” in the admissions process based on an applicant’s relationship to alumni or donors of the deciding institution.

The MERIT Act would amend the Higher Education Act to add a new standard for accreditation in order to prevent accredited colleges and universities – institutions that are recognized for main-

taining a certain level of educational quality – from giving “preferential treatment” during the admissions process.

“America is a land of opportunity, not a land of aristocracy,” Sen. Young said. “Legacy admissions restrict opportunities for many bright and talented young Americans and provide unmerited advantage to the most connected individuals in our society. Our bill will end legacy preferences in the admissions process and promote upward mobility



Young

for Americans of all backgrounds.”

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

**Background**

- Under the MERIT Act, “preferential treatment” is defined as making admissions decisions or providing benefits based on an applicant’s relationship with alumni or donors as the “determinative factor.”
- The bill clarifies that the new standard shouldn’t be construed to prevent institutions from considering an applicant’s genuine interest in the institution as part of

the admissions process.

- The bill ensures that religious institutions can make admissions decisions in line with their faith-based values, ensuring no infringement on religious freedom.
- The bill requires a comprehensive feasibility study to assess improving data collection regarding the influence of legacy and donor relationships on admissions decisions.
- Since 2015, over 100 colleges and universities have ended legacy preferences, but 787 still used the practice in 2020, [according to a report](#) from the non-profit Education Reform Now.

# Former State Representative agrees to plead guilty to federal corruption charge

The REPORTER

Sean Eberhart, 57, a former member of the Indiana House of Representatives, has agreed to plead guilty to conspiring with others to solicit and receive the promise of future, lucrative employment with a gaming company in exchange for his support of legislation beneficial to the gaming company.

The United States Attorney’s Office filed the charges along with Eberhart’s agreement to plead guilty.

According to court documents, Eberhart was the elected representative for Indiana House District 57, which included Shelby County and portions of Bartholomew and Hancock counties. Eberhart served on the House Committee on Public Policy, which had jurisdiction over matters concerning casinos and gaming in Indiana.

purchases and relocations of the casinos, the bill included provisions for Spectacle to pay a “transfer fee.”

According to the federal charges, an owner of Spectacle, identified as Individual A, offered, and Eberhart accepted, the promise of future employment at Spectacle, which included annual compensation of at least \$350,000.

In exchange, Eberhart allegedly used his position as a member of the Indiana House of Representatives to advocate and ultimately vote for passage of the bill on terms favorable to Spectacle, including to authorize the transfer and relocation of the two casinos, reducing the transfer fee from \$100 million to \$20 million, and enacting tax incentives that would benefit Spectacle. Additionally, Eberhart allegedly sent text messages regarding his efforts to secure legislation favorable to Spectacle and to “make it right for” Individual A.

The charges were announced by Zachary A. Myers, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, and Herbert J. Stapleton, Special Agent in Charge of the FBI’s Indianapolis Field Office. The FBI investigated this case.

U.S. Attorney Myers thanked Assistant United States Attorney Brad Shepard, who is prosecuting this case.

*Charges are merely allegations, and those accused are presumed innocent until they plead guilty or are proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.*

# Attorney General Todd Rokita alerts Hoosiers of recalled items sold in October

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is alerting Hoosiers of important consumer protection concerns for products recalled in October.

“Halloween may be over, but the leftover candy could be a hazard for your kids,” AG Rokita said. “You shouldn’t have to worry if a simple snack could cause harm to your child. Don’t allow a flawed product to put your family in danger. Stop using recalled items immediately and pursue resolution from the manufacturer.”

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the following con-

sumer products were recalled in October:

- Slime Licker Sour Rolling Liquid Candy from Candy Dynamics
- Cocco Candy Rolling Candy from Cocco Candy and KGR Distribution
- Thomas & Friends Wooden Railway Troublesome Truck & Crates and Thomas & Friends Wooden Railway Troublesome Truck & Paint from Fisher-Price
- YourHealthTool-kit 5-pound children’s weighted blankets from YourHealthToolkit



Rokita

- Sleepyhead Loveys and Bandana Bibs from Little Sleepies
- The FORT Children’s Play Tents from The FORT
- Rene Rofe Girl Children’s Blanket Sleepers and Hooded Robes from International Intimates
- Russound MCA-88 Multizone Controller Amplifiers from Russound
- Model Year 2023 RZR PRO XP and PRO XP 4 and Model Year 2024 RZR XP and XP 4 ROVs from Polaris
- Biometric Gun Safes from Fortress Safe
- Crystal Clear Sodium Hydroxide, 2 lb. Bags from Family Health Products
- Gevi Household Countertop Nugget Ice Makers from Far Success Trading

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 October, visit [CPSC.gov/recalls](#).



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# We’ve got two words for you: Swiftie Margarita

**The REPORTER**

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Now, whomever is behind all the clever concoctions at Bien Mexicana, 150 S. Peru St., Cicero, brings you the Swiftie Margarita, which we’d like to call the “Swiftierita,” but then we’d only have one word for you.

The adult version is pink with blue sugar on the rim and suspended in that house-made margarita mix is ... wait for it ... edible glitter! The kid-friendly “Virgin Swiftie Margarita” inverts the colors but keeps the glitter. That one features a straw for the ultimate sipping experience.

This drink is tailor-made for Swifties. As-yet-unconfirmed rumors indicate you may even get to see some



Reporter photos

Taylor Swift videos at Bien Mexicana this weekend if you stop by for a Swiftie Margarita.

*Editor’s note: In the interest of full disclosure, we do in fact know who is behind the clever concoctions mentioned*

*above, but The Reporter has chosen to protect our sources. You’d never believe us if we told you, anyway.*

# Automated charitable giving coming to Carmel

**The REPORTER**

The “Giving Machine,” the popular “vending machine” that works in reverse by giving users an opportunity to donate items to charities, is opening to the public – one in Carmel and one in Indianapolis.

Your first opportunity to see the “Giving Machines” will be at a soft opening at 11 a.m. on Black Friday, Nov. 24 at Clay Terrace in Carmel. The Grand Unwrapping on “Giving Tuesday,” Nov. 28, will take place at Newfields in Indianapolis. Giving Machines will stay open at both locations through Jan. 7, 2024.

Indianapolis is one of just 61 locations worldwide where the Light World

“Giving Machines” have been placed.

“This is a great opportunity for local and global charities to benefit in a most unique way,” Light The World Indianapolis Co-chair Paul Sinclair said. “Hoo-siers will be able to simply walk up to the machine, slide their cards and make a purchase that will benefit a local or global charity.”

The vending machines allow users to purchase and donate items such as clothing, baby supplies, medicine, even chickens and goats for people in need, here in Indiana and around the world. One hundred percent of all donations go directly to the participating charities.

Nonprofit beneficiaries selected this year include:

- **Gleaners Food Bank**
- **Boys & Girls Clubs of Indianapolis**
- **Flanner House**
- **American Red Cross**
- **Lifting Hands**
- **Mentors International**
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Photo courtesy #GivingMachineIndy

**Clay Terrance in Carmel will be the site of a “Giving Machine,” which allows donors to purchase a variety of items that will go directly to beneficiaries.**

The Giving Machines, sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, provide an instant act of kindness and service for people looking to help others. Since the Giving Machine opened seven years ago, 1.5 million people have donated \$21 million in goods and services to care for those in need – around the block or around the world. Visitors donate by purchasing

items ranging in price from \$3 to \$300. Items can also include staples such as hygiene items, meals, support services, even livestock. Yes, you can swipe your card and for \$55 you can purchase a baby goat that will be delivered to someone in need in a foreign country.

Donations can also be made at **LightTheWorld.org/give** for those not able to use the machines in person.

## TODAY’S BIBLE READING

JACOB AND ESAU

*The boys grew up, and Esau became a skillful hunter; a man of the open country, while Jacob was content to stay at home among the tents. Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob.*

*Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished. He said to Jacob, “Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I’m famished!” (That is why he was also called Edom.)*

*Jacob replied, “First sell me your birthright.” “Look, I am about to die,” Esau said. “What good is the birthright to me?”*

*But Jacob said, “Swear to me first.” So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob.*

*Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright.*

Genesis 25:27-34 (NIV)

## Richard Allen Fisher

March 31, 1939 – October 29, 2023

Richard A. Fisher, 84, Indianapolis, went to be with the Lord on October 29, 2023, after several years of worsening dementia.



Dick believed that nothing in his life could win God’s approval, and he was trusting in Jesus alone for the forgiveness of his sins and a right standing with God. He looked forward with confidence to the home that God had prepared for him in heaven.

Dick was a loving husband, father, and grandfather.

He was born on March 31, 1939, in New Castle, Ind., to Donald Fisher and Elizabeth (Stubbs) Fisher. Dick attended grade school in Spiceland and high school in New Castle. Pursuing a career in pharmacy, he attended Butler University where he met the love of his life, Miriam. They were married December 23, 1961, and were blessed with 61 years of marriage. Daughters Christy (Phil) Owen and Becky (Paul) Owen were the joy of his life. Dick involved himself in their lives as they were growing up and shared much life wisdom with them. The family has fond memories of camping trips and numerous visits to Silver Dollar City in Branson, Mo.

After 50 years filling prescriptions and managing drug stores, Dick retired in 2004. He continued his hobbies of woodworking, carving, blacksmithing, knife making, and metal engraving.

Dick built strong relationships with each of his grandchildren: Bethany (Scott) McEwan, Daniel (Keshia) Owen, Amy Owen, Jill (Matt) Davis, Seth Owen, and Michele Owen. Great-granddaughters Lacey, Kayla, and Madison brought him many smiles.

He is survived by his wife, daughters, grandchildren, great-granddaughters, sister Linda (Charles) Holland, sister-in-law Esther Mussmann, brother-in-law Kenny (Betty) Scharfe, nephews and nieces Rich (Sara) Mussmann, Linda (Andy) Nelson, Carol (Mike) Amos, David (Drusha) Mussmann, and Heather (Michael) Reeves, and many cousins who were an integral part of his life. His family and many friends remember Dick as a great storyteller with a wonderful sense of humor.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to:

- Chapelwood Baptist Church ([chapelwoodindy.org](http://chapelwoodindy.org))
- Good News Ministries ([goodnewsministries.com/donate](http://goodnewsministries.com/donate))
- Child Evangelism Fellowship ([cefccentralindiana.com](http://cefccentralindiana.com))
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**Meeting Notice**

The Hamilton Heights School Corporation Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 7 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2023. A regular board meeting will follow at 7:30 a.m. at Hamilton Heights Elementary School, 25350 State Road 19, Arcadia.



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# 2023 BICENTENNIAL NOVEMBER EVENTS

## CLAY TOWNSHIP'S SIGNATURE EVENT

### A RETROSPECTIVE OF CARMEL

November 12, 1-4 p.m.

Carmel Clay Public Library, Carmel | FREE

The Carmel Clay Historical Society and Carmel Clay Public Library invite you to enjoy a family-friendly afternoon gathering to share memories of Clay Township. A special program from 2-3 p.m. includes speakers, musicians and family activities that teach about the rich history of Clay Township and Carmel. Plus, exhibits on display will remain in the library throughout November 2023.



### VINTAGE MAPS OF CARMEL

Available through November from various locations | FREE

Pick up your free, limited-edition map representing Clay Township's farms and homesteads during the early 20th century. Developed by Clay Township representatives, the artistic rendering is filled with historical information and visuals. Visit the Events Calendar at [HamCoTurns200.com](https://HamCoTurns200.com) for information on where to get your keepsake map.

### PRESERVING HISTORY AT COXHALL GARDENS

November 4, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Coxhall Gardens, Carmel | FREE

Join Hamilton County Parks and Recreation to celebrate the historical heritage of Coxhall Gardens. Learn about the 1865 Italianate brick house that once belonged to the John Williams family and what the Hamilton County Parks Department is doing to preserve this important piece of history. Archaeologists from the University of Indianapolis will be onsite conducting public excavations of the Williams family lawn. The beautiful Coxhall Mansion will be open for tours.

## CARMEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 175TH ANNIVERSARY

November 5, 4-7 p.m.

Carmel United Methodist Church, Carmel | FREE

Join the Carmel United Methodist Church as they celebrate the 175th anniversary of the congregation. Current and past church leaders will talk about the congregation's history, and a fried chicken pitch-in dinner will begin at 5 p.m. Historic displays and tours of the church at 4:30 will be available for visitors to learn about its buildings and the people who worshiped there.

### HOME PLACE HISTORIC HOME TOUR

November 11, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Home Place, Carmel | FREE

Join the Greater Home Place Neighborhood Association for a historic home tour. Begin your tour at any one of three homes, and then receive a map and list of additional points of interest, including The Edwards "House on the Hill" (originally the Hamer-Combs House, 1201 E. 106th St.), the McShane House (10000 Westfield Blvd.) and the Setter House (part of the farm sold to create the Lexington Farms subdivision).

### 200 IN 15

Check out the Bicentennial podcast to get 200 years of Hamilton County history in just 15 minutes! Look under "Resources" tab on [HamCoTurns200.com](https://HamCoTurns200.com).



✦ Don't miss the final event of our 200th Anniversary Year! ✦

## BICENTENNIAL BASH | December 3, 1-5 p.m.

Ivy Tech Hamilton County - 300 N. 17th St., Noblesville | FREE

Family-friendly, open house event! Come and celebrate all that Hamilton County has to offer! Join us for free food, live music, a short film commemorating the Bicentennial year, free raffle associated with a canned food drive, an art show in partnership with Nickel Plate Arts that includes commissioned works from "200 Years of Change: Celebrating Hamilton County, Indiana," displays from non-profits, photo opportunities, limited-edition merchandise including the Bicentennial book, and free giveaways. Visit [HamCoTurns200.com](https://HamCoTurns200.com) to register for free.

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# Sheridan slams North Decatur to take regional championship

The REPORTER

A tremendous defensive effort gave Sheridan its first football regional championship in over a decade.

The Blackhawks hosted North Decatur at Bud Wright Stadium on Friday for the Class 1A Regional 3 championship. The Chargers won the regional title there last season, but Sheridan turned the tables this year, winning the regional championship 24-20 in a hard-fought game.

The Blackhawks scored first, with Zach Bales punching the ball in from the one-yard line late in the first quarter after a lengthy drive that took 9 minutes and 20 seconds off the clock. North Decatur scored in the second period to tie the game at 7-7, and that would be the halftime score.

Sheridan took control in the third quarter. Bales added another touchdown, this one a two-yard run, with under four minutes to go in the period. Minutes later, Chance Spencer intercepted a Chargers pass and turned it into a pick six, taking it 27 yards to score.

Blackhawks coach Bud Wright gave credit to his defense after the game.

“They won the ball game for us,” said Wright. “They were stout on defense also, but our defense stood up and stopped the run.”

Sheridan’s defense held North Decatur to 22 yards in 29 rushing attempts, and made several sacks on the Chargers quarterback, holding him to minus 37 yards on the ground.

The Blackhawks led 21-7 going into the fourth quarter. North Decatur scored midway through the period to get within 21-14. Owen Bell, who had already kicked all three extra points, added a 21-yard field goal with 1:31 left in the game.

The Chargers didn’t go away. They scored on the first play of their subsequent drive on an 80-yard touchdown pass. North Decatur then



Photos by Allison Waitt

(Left) Eli Kolb punted the ball three times for an average of 43 yards per punt. Coach Bud Wright said Kolb’s punts were a big factor in Sheridan’s win. (Top right) Nolan Page celebrates after a big Blackhawks play. (Above right) Sheridan’s defense stepped up big for the Blackhawks on Friday, helping Sheridan to win its first regional championship since 2012. Pictured are Joe Franco (24) and Parker Williams (21).

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Score by Quarters				Sheridan Scoring	
North Decatur	0	7	0	13 – 20	First Quarter
Sheridan	7	0	14	3 – 23	2:40 – Zach Bales 1-yard run (Owen Bell kick)
Team stats	ND	SHER			Third Quarter
First Downs	11	10			3:56 – Bales 2-yard run (Bell kick)
By Rush	2	6			2:20 – Chance Spencer 27-yard interception return (Bell kick)
By Pass	9	3			Fourth Quarter
By Penalty	0	1			1:31 – Bell 21-yard field goal
Rushes-Yards	29-22	40-103			
Passing Yards	268	83			
Comp-Att-Int-TD	12-21-1-2	3-4-0-0			
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1			
Penalties-Yards	3-20	1-5			
Punts-Average	4-29.5	3-43.0			
Sheridan individual stats					
Rushing: Bales 18-54, Nolan Page 8-25, Eli Kolb 10-24, Bell 4-0.					
Passing: Bell 2-3-44, Bales 1-1-39.					
Receiving: Page 2-52, Parker Williams 1-31.					

also claimed its 15th regional title in program history.

“You work to get wins,” said Wright. “It’s been a while since we’ve been there.”

The ‘Hawks are 10-3 and host Indianapolis Lutheran next Friday for the Class 1A north semi-state title.

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Nov. 11

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Columbus East at Fishers, 11:30 a.m.  
Elkhart at Hamilton Southeastern, 11:30 a.m.  
Guerin Catholic at Greenfield-Central, 1:30 p.m.  
Westfield at Lawrence Central, 1:30 p.m.  
Huntington North at Carmel, 2:30 p.m.  
Columbus East at Hamilton Southeastern, 5:30 p.m.  
Elkhart at Fishers, 5:30 p.m.  
Jay County at Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m.  
Noblesville at Lawrence North, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 14

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Sheridan at Brebeuf Jesuit, 7 p.m.  
Hamilton Heights at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m.  
Westfield at Mount Vernon, 7:30 p.m.  
Zionsville at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.

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7:30 pm Hamilton Heights vs Noblesville | Varsity | HCTV Sports

**Fri Nov 10 - IHSAA Football**  
7:00 pm Hamilton Southeastern at Westfield | Regional Championship  
[www.ihsaatv.org/?B=740868](http://www.ihsaatv.org/?B=740868) (post link in your browser)

**Sat Nov 11 - Girls Basketball**  
9:55 am Columbus East vs Fishers | JV Basketball | Fishers Sports Network  
11:30 am Columbus East vs Fishers | Varsity | Fishers Sports Network  
5:55 pm Elkhart vs Fishers | JV Basketball | Fishers Sports Network

**Sat Nov 11 - College Volleyball**  
2:00 pm HCAC Conference Semi-Final 1 | Indiana SRN Heartland Collegiate  
5:00 pm HCAC Conference Semi-Final 2 | Indiana SRN Heartland Collegiate

**Sat Nov 11 - College Football**  
1:20 pm Anderson vs Manchester University | 2023 D3 Football | Indiana SRN

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Girls Basketball



(Left) Noblesville's Ava Shoemaker scored 11 points and collected six rebounds for the Millers during their 55-38 win over Hamilton Heights Friday at The Mill. Pictured at right is Reagan Wilson, who scored 22 points. (Right) Hamilton Heights' Camryn Runner scored 26 points for the Huskies.

Top-ranked Noblesville's fast-paced offense pushes them past 3A No. 4 Hamilton Heights

By CRAIG ADKINS  
For The Reporter

**NOBLESVILLE** — Last night, Noblesville hosted Hamilton Heights for its home opener at The Mill. It was quite the crowd that greeted the 4A No. 1 Millers. They were able to rise to the occasion on their way to a 55-38 convincing win over the 3A No. 4 Huskies.

From the opening tip, Noblesville had control of the tempo at both ends of the floor.

Swarming defense and relentless offense for the Millers and Heights was on the ropes right away. Recent Iowa State commit Reagan Wilson took a pass from Meredith Tippner and knocked down a deep three from the left wing. Next possession down the floor, Tippner found sophomore C.C. Quigley for a layup, forcing the Huskies to burn a timeout just 90 seconds into the game.

"Obviously when you play Heights and they shoot the ball so well and Runner is all kinds of special, we wanted to make sure we got out and played hard on defense. I thought we did that in that first half, making them take quick threes and rebounding, so they didn't get second and third opportunities," stated Noblesville head coach Donna Buckley.

"They're the number one, number two team in the state for a reason. They're strong, athletic and physical. For us to try to replicate what we were going to see tonight is tough," said Hamilton Heights head coach Keegan Cherry of Noblesville.

Being able to rebound and play solid defensively were two complimentary factors that pushed Noblesville to victory. The Millers outrebounded the Huskies 38-15.

Wilson and Quigley each scored six in the first to double up Heights through one, 15-6.

Each offensive possession, Noblesville kept finding ways to put points on the board. The lead kept growing in the second. Tip-

pner had four, Wilson another five and Quigley five as the three paced the Millers to a 29-10 halftime lead.

"She's really good," Buckley said of Quigley. "She honestly reminds me of a young Emily Kiser. She's got similar traits to her and she's going to be all kinds of special, if she continues to figure out how good she can be," Buckley continued.

Quigley is rapidly figuring out her role. After scoring 11 and grabbing nine boards in the season and HCC opener last Saturday at Avon, C.C. seems more than ready to live up to the expectations. The 6'2 sophomore forward was able to muscle herself to 15 points and six rebounds against the Huskies.

The lead kept getting bigger in the third. Two consecutive times down the floor, Ava Shoemaker drilled three-pointers that made it 45-23. That forced Heights to call yet another timeout to stop the momentum with 2:26 in the third.

Wilson found her stroke from the outside to guide the offense, but it would be the little things that Meredith Tippner was able to do that made everything happen just as it should. She was surely a stat sheet stuffer, scoring seven, grabbing 13 rebounds, dishing out six assists and also had six steals, keeping Heights in uncomfortable situations all night.

"She almost had a quadruple-double," said Buckley of Tippner. "She was everywhere. She's that kid. She was all over this game and was phenomenal. Had huge moments, including a kick out to Reagan for three when they were kind of making a little comeback," continued Buckley on Tippner.

"She is definitely one of the best players in the state and we are really thankful that we have her on our team, for sure," said Buckley.

Noblesville had simply overwhelmed Hamilton Heights throughout the night, leading 50-28 through three. Wilson

(three) and Shoemaker (two) combined for five three-pointers made in the third quarter.

There were spots in the second half that could have been the start of a comeback, but the Millers had other things in mind.

"Our kids just love defense. I think that's one thing that makes this group so special is that our superstars want to play defense," Buckley said of her team's defensive approach. "A lot of people don't want to do both ends of the floor, but our kids want to do that." Buckley continued on the Millers' defense.

The Millers kept the Huskies at a good distance in the fourth, securing their second win in as many games, 55-38.

"I was proud that our girls fought. We were able to screen that zone a little bit," continued Cherry on his team's ability to play physically with Noblesville.

"To be honest, we're

not made to turn teams over and score. We like to dictate tempo and pace. Noblesville is probably the opposite of that," stated Cherry.

The two showed that they are ranked in their particular classes for reasons. A game like this helps Heights tremendously as it moves through.

"I thought we got better in the second half," said Cherry. "We'll get better because of this game. This is what makes you better in preparation for the tournament."

Hamilton Heights (3-1) takes its first loss of the season. They get right back at it at home tonight, hosting Jay County (1-0).

The Huskies were led by senior all-state candidate Camryn Runner, who had a game-high 26 points. The University of Evansville commit shot 6-for-11 from outside-the-arc and 8-of-16 overall.

Noblesville (2-0) will also play this evening, taking a trip to 10th-ranked

NOBLESVILLE 55, HAMILTON HEIGHTS 38				
Heights	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ella Hickok	1	0-0	3	4
Katie Brown	0	0-0	0	0
Camryn Runner	8	4-4	26	3
Kassidy Schakel	0	0-0	0	2
Hadleigh Cherry	4	0-0	9	3
Kennedy Cherry	0	0-0	0	3
Totals	13	4-4	38	15
Heights 3-pointers (8) Runner 6, Hickok, H. Cherry.				
Heights rebounds (15) H. Cherry 5, Hickok 2, Runner 2, K. Cherry 2, Brown 1, team 3.				
Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
Ava Shoemaker	4	0-0	11	1
Reagan Wilson	7	2-2	22	1
Meredith Tippner	2	3-6	7	4
Kate Rollins	0	0-0	0	3
C.C. Quigley	4	7-7	15	1
Ally Hutchinson	0	0-0	0	0
Devyn Johnson	0	0-0	0	0
Brinkley Cooper	0	0-0	0	0
Bri Gray	0	0-0	0	0
Totals	17	12-15	55	10
Noblesville 3-pointers (9) Wilson 6, Shoemaker 3.				
Noblesville rebounds (38) Tippner 13, Shoemaker 6, Quigley 6, Wilson 5, Rollins 3, Grayson 2, Hutchinson 1, team 2.				
Score by Quarters				
Hamilton Heights	6	7	15	10 - 38
Noblesville	15	14	21	5 - 55

Lawrence North (0-1). Reagan Wilson shot 6-of-10 from downtown, good for 22 points. Quigley had 15 and Ava Shoemaker 11 and six rebounds.

Good luck, Westfield varsity cheerleaders!



The Westfield High School varsity cheer team placed fifth at state. Now, they are gearing up for UCA Regionals on Nov. 19 at Hamilton Southeastern to earn a bid to UCA Nationals in Orlando in February. Good luck, Rocks!

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