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Paul Poteet

Welcome Christmas season at Carmel Christkindlmarkt

Submitted by City of Carmel

Holiday at Carter Green, sponsored by Allied Solutions, is Carmel's annual festival and holiday tree lighting ceremony on opening day of the Christkindlmarkt and The Ice at Carter Green, Saturday, Nov. 18.

Visitors to the event can enjoy jugglers, carolers, balloon artists, and face painters, and children will receive a free goodie bag filled with surprises, donated by event sponsors while supplies last. You won't want to miss Mayor Jim Brainard arriving with Santa and his reindeer to welcome everyone and conduct the countdown to the tree lighting.

The festival will take place from 3:15 to 6:30 p.m., with the tree lighting at dusk – approximately 5:30 p.m.

Guests & entertainment

- Carmel Children's Choir
- Carmel Middle School Choir
- Carmel Symphony Orchestra Brass Quintet
- Central Indiana Dance Ensemble
- Carmel City Council President Jeff Worrell
- Civic Theatre
- Voice Coach Blair Clark



Photo provided by City of Carmel

The Christmas spirit will be alive and well on Saturday at the Carmel Christkindlmarkt.

and students

- Indiana Ballet Conservatory
- Judy Fitzgerald, Actors Theatre of Indiana

Thank you to the Holiday at Carter Green sponsor, Allied Solutions and the in-kind sponsors Actors Theatre of Indiana, Brad Osborne, Carmel Arts Council, and the Carmel Mayor's Youth Council.

To add to the festive aura at Carter Green, a new Palladioscope experience has been added. The Towering Nutcracker imagery will display nightly starting at nightfall until 10 p.m. Thank you to Blockhouse Studios for creating this unique and seasonal experience. Please note that on the half-hour, the nutcracker's mouth will open and shut, causing the snow to fall away from the façade, and then it will start over again. Please enjoy this magical backdrop to the Christkindlmarkt.

No victory in drinking

My mother told me the following story. As a preacher's kid and growing up next to an obnoxious drunk, Mom had little use for alcohol and claimed never to have taken any. I did point out that she had had a tincture on occasion when the doctor prescribed a medicinal cure contained in the solution of an alcoholic solvent.

DUI

We were acquaintances. Not much more. I would've guessed him 10 years older than I. An early riser, I'd done half a day's work and was having a coffee break. He came in, sat on the next stool and leaned against the counter. The coffee was good; the conversation the usual. Too hot, too dry, too cold, too wet. Rotten politics. Whatever.

Then suddenly, "I sure get hungry for a beer." Knowing a little of his drinking habits, I asked, "Well, why don't you get one?" "Can't. Doctor says alcohol and the medicine I take don't mix. Lethal. It'd fix me, but good."

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RAY ADLER Ask Adler

Nickel Plate Arts invites you to vote for People's Choice Award in *Prized* exhibit

The REPORTER

Prized is Nickel Plate Arts' annual art competition exhibit, where the Artist of the Year winner is asked to judge each piece and award cash prizes. The exhibit showcases artists' best pieces from the preceding year.

Prized consists of both a physical exhibit and an online exhibit. The physical exhibit was held in the Judge Stone House on the Nickel Plate Arts campus Nov. 3 to 11. The online exhibit runs through Thursday, Nov. 30, and consists of a [Facebook Album](#) containing digital versions of each image in the show.

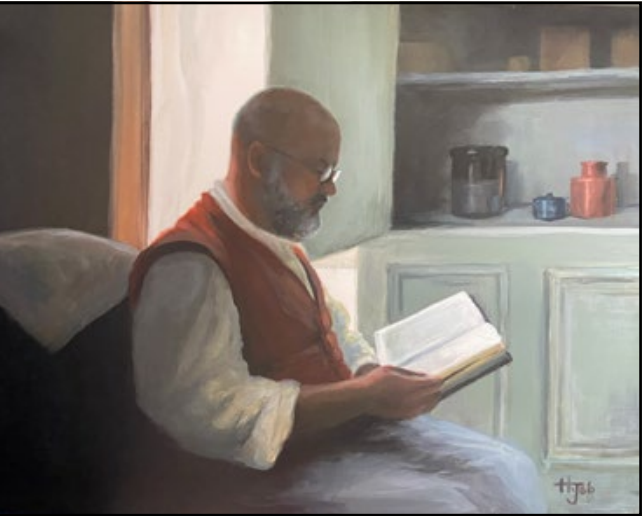
Simona Buna, the Artist of the Year award recipient, determined

the first, second, and third place winners for *Prized* on Nov. 3:

- **1st Place:** "Illuminating" by Heather Job
- **2nd Place:** "Basking in the Glow" by Lesley Haflich
- **3rd Place:** "Walking Along the Streets of New Harmony" by Jenny Spires

Honorable Mentions

- "Red Barn" by Penny Robertson
- "Sweet Peas in a Blue Vase" by Susan Street Cook
- "Sunrise in Shenandoah" by Karen Wijesekera
- "Strut" by Lisa Macha



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See Prized . . . Page 2 "Illuminating" by Heather Job won first place.

Hamilton County awards \$864K to nearly two dozen not-for-profits

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Commissioners and Councilors have awarded 23 not-for-profits with more than \$864,000 in support for 2024. These funds are in addition to contract services already provided to the county by organizations like Janus, the Humane Society for Hamilton County, and Cherish Center.

Maki

"The County is proud to be able to support many of our not-for-profit organizations," County Council member Sue Maki said. "While we could not fund all organizations or always fund to the amount requested, we do believe we used the taxpayers' money to make the greatest impact on Hamilton County residents."

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Jackson Fire's newest hire



Photo provided

Kelly Walker made history on Tuesday as the first full-time female firefighter/medic at Jackson Township Fire Department.



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A ribbon cutting and ceremonial first takeoff and landing was held Tuesday.

Indianapolis Executive Airport opens longest general aviation runway in central Indiana

The REPORTER

In collaboration with the Hamilton County Airport Authority, Hamilton County Commissioners and Council, the Indiana Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration, Indianapolis Executive Airport has announced the completion of the most significant project in the history of the airport: a runway extension from 5,500 feet to 7,001 feet.

A ribbon cutting and ceremonial first takeoff and landing was held on Tuesday. The \$15.2 million project supports the demand for aviation in the northern Indianapolis Metropolitan area, including the rapidly growing communities within Hamilton and Boone counties.

According to the FAA Traffic Flow Management System Counts, Indianapolis Executive Airport is the fourth-busiest non-towered General Aviation Airport for business traffic in the United States.

"Our customers come from a diverse group of businesses and industries that provide essential services, products and jobs through agriculture, manufacturing and logistics, technology, retail, as well as financial services and real estate just to name a few," said Sean

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DUI

“Too bad; I didn't know you were on medication.”

“Yeh, that's life. Guess I'll be old enough to retire in a few years. Wife and I have a few things planned for then. Sure hope I can have a beer by then.”

He smiled wryly. “Oh, it's not so bad. I take a sip once in a while when my boy has a drink.” His boy was younger than mine, a teenager.

That was the last time I saw him. His obit was in the paper a few days later. His boy keeps getting in the paper, too. DUI. So far he has escaped the obits. I hope my boy doesn't drink. Peer pressure being what it is these days, you never know.

If he does, he can't say, “My mom taught me.” That will be a hollow victory. No. No victory at all.

RUNWAY

White, EVP at Jet Access, the fixed base operator at Indianapolis Executive Airport. “The runway extension allows those businesses and industries a safer, more consistent, and reliable access point in the many varying weather conditions we experience here in Indiana. The expanded infrastructure will continue to make Indy

Exec Airport a vital tool in the growth and economic development of the many communities it serves.”

The runway is now the longest general aviation runway in central Indiana and will add a considerable level of safety for the more than 10,000 business flights that operate in and out of the airport on an annual basis.

PRIZED

• “Half Listening” by Roseanne Crowell

• “Jumping Fences” by Jennifer Hoard

• “Brighter Days” by Leslie Ober

• “Promenade” by Sara Blalock

Nickel Plate Arts is still accepting votes for the *Prized People's Choice Award*, which will be given to the artist who receives the most in-person votes and [likes on Facebook](#). Votes for this award will be collected through the end of November. [Click here](#) to learn more about the *Prized* exhibit.

All works from this exhibit are for sale. You can check them out [here](#).

About Nickel Plate Arts

Nickel Plate Arts (soon to be Noblesville Creates) champions the arts as an



“Basking in the Glow” by Lesley Haflich (left) won second prize and “Walking Along the Streets of New Harmony” by Jenny Spires won third.

essential element of the economic health and cultural vitality of Noblesville and central Indiana. As Noblesville's local arts agency, NPA catalyzes opportunities for the arts and local creatives of

all skill levels to thrive and lead in central Indiana. NPA is also the Region 7 Arts Partner for the Indiana Arts Commission, serving the six counties at the center of the state. NPA cultivates classes,

events, programs, and services for art-lovers and artists of all backgrounds and experience levels. Start your creative journey with NPA, and they'll help you connect and flourish.

GRANTS

The grant program is intended to furnish funding to organizations that provide services in furtherance of the county's goals and without whom the county would need to develop such programming.

The largest grant, \$180,000, was awarded to Prevail, Inc. to help provide crisis intervention and support services for survivors of crime and abuse. PrimeLife Enrichment and Shepherd's Center of Hamilton County, agencies that provide programs and services to support senior citizens, have each been awarded \$100,000. \$99,000 was awarded to Good Samaritan Network, a network of nonprofits in

Hamilton County serving the needs of at-risk and underserved Hamilton County residents.

“The County Council and County Commissioners are proud to support these community not-for-profit partners in a meaningful way,” Maki said. “We are fortunate that we have these professionally run organizations serving our citizens in need.”

Grant applications for not-for-profit funding in 2025 will be due June 3, 2024. Awards are provided based on application score and funding available. Complete information, including eligibility criteria, [can be found on the application](#).

Non-profits awarded for 2024	
Organization	Amount
Prevail	\$180,000
PrimeLife Enrichment	\$100,000
Shepherd's Center of Hamilton County	\$100,000
Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County	\$99,000
Trinity Free Clinic	\$53,230
Family Promise of Hamilton County	\$47,250
The Cooper House	\$45,000
Heart & Soul Clinic	\$36,000
Indiana Center for the Prevention of Youth Abuse & Suicide	\$30,000
Ignite Transform	\$25,000
HOPE Family Care Center	\$20,000
Teter Organic Farm	\$15,499
Meals on Wheels	\$15,000
Low Cost Spay & Neuter Clinic	\$15,000
Same As U Inc.	\$14,000
Carmel Education Foundation (Mental Health Initiative)	\$10,000
Hamilton Heights Education Foundation (Mental Health Initiative)	\$10,000
Hamilton Southeastern Education Foundation (Mental Health)	\$10,000
Noblesville Schools Education Foundation (Mental Health)	\$10,000
Sheridan Education Foundation (Mental Health Initiative)	\$10,000
Westfield Education Foundation (Mental Health Initiative)	\$10,000
Connor Prairie Museum	\$7,500
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Everwise Credit Union presented giant checks – both in size and amount – to Indiana food banks ahead of Thanksgiving, including \$10,000 to Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank.

Local credit union gives \$20K to Indiana food banks

By **HANNA MORDOH**
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

A local credit union presented giant checks – both in size and amount – to Indiana food banks ahead of Thanksgiving.

Everwise Credit Union gave \$20,000 to food banks in Hamilton and Marion counties ahead of Thanksgiving and the holiday season. Representatives from the credit union presented the \$10,000 checks to Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank in Noblesville and to Gleaner’s Food Bank on Tuesday.

“No one should go hungry, but unfortunately, food insecurity is a problem found in every community,” Everwise President and CEO Jason Osterhage said. “We want to make a positive impact in the communities where our members



Photo provided by Everwise Credit Union
Everwise Credit Union presented \$10,000 to Gleaners Food Bank.

live, and these organizations make a big difference for the individuals they serve.”

Everwise Credit Union, formerly Teachers Credit Union, says it is Indi-

ana’s largest credit union with more than \$5 billion in assets, over 50 branches throughout Indiana and southwest Michigan, and more than 300,000 mem-

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The Cat in Carmel to welcome Ashley Nicole Soprano for magical holiday performances

The REPORTER

This holiday season, you have the chance to experience the amazing vocal talent of Ashley Nicole Soprano, who will perform at The Cat, 254 Veterans Way, Carmel, for two magical shows.

Soprano is genre-fluid. Having been trained in classical music, she performs classical crossover and ranges from songs by Patsy Cline to Josh Groban to Broadway tunes.

Growing up in Fishers, Soprano moved to Charleston where she trained for three years in classical voice.

Upon returning to Indiana, she studied at Butler University and had the opportunity to perform in two operas – *Elixir of Love* and *The Barber of Seville*

with Projekt:Opera in Fishers. Since that time, she has carved her own niche that allows her to perform almost daily for a variety of audiences.

Experience the voice of Soprano on [YouTube](#). She offers a fresh unique sound. Her versatility allows her to make a song her own no matter the genre. Those at her performances have described her as ‘spellbinding’ while offering up her own sound.

During the fall, Soprano participated in the *Worldwide Classical Crossover Magazine* “Classical Crossover Star” competition, where she placed in the top six semi-finals internationally. Her music can be heard on Apple Music and Spotify where she has released her latest album *Holiday* and

debut EP *Introducing Ashley Nicole Soprano*. She also shares her music videos on YouTube.

Soprano is joined this year by singer and actor Ashton Wolf, who is a high-energy performer having played in venues across the country including the Royal Caribbean Cruise Line. As a solo artist, Wolf is one of the premiere dueling piano performers in the country.

Having known each other for years, the two have been looking to merge their talents in a special project. Wolf is typically more rock and roll, so as the two come together, the songs this year promise to be an eclectic mix of traditional, fun, and dramatic.

Expect to hear songs from Soprano and Wolf on



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their own, as well as several duets. Songs range from traditional carols such as “O Holy Night” to modern adaptations like “Mary, Did You Know?” Other songs include “The Christmas Waltz,” “Sleigh Ride,” “Baby, It’s Cold Outside,” and “I’ll Be Home for Christmas.”

Wolf will perform his version of *The Grinch* sto-

ry and song, while Soprano will sing her own arrangement of “Carol of the Bells.” The two will also perform a song written by Wolf’s songwriter sister Barbara Cullen titled “Comin’ Home.” This family-friendly and fun show even features a snowball fight.

Get your tickets now for the Nov. 30 and Dec. 1

performances. While you appreciate Soprano’s honest and down-to-earth spirit, you’ll be blown away by her rich and powerful vocals.

The performances will be at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 30 and 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1. Get your tickets online at [our.show/holidayandmore2023](#) or [thecat.biz](#).

Fishers native Brianna Scherer among those selected for Indiana Area Health Education Centers Scholars Program

The REPORTER

Eleven Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine students have been selected for the competitive Indiana Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Scholars Program, a two-year program designed to improve a health professions student’s skills and prepare them to provide care to those living in rural and medically underserved communities across Indiana.

The Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine’s Class of 2025 Indiana AHEC Scholars are:

- Chelsey Arvin, Indianapolis
- Lauren Basinski, Indianapolis
- Daniel Broerman, Richland, Ind.
- Emily Fouts, Macy, Ind.
- Usman Hamid, Lexington, Ky.
- Jessica Hewlett, Phoenix, Ariz.
- Ramanjot Hothi, Plain City, Ohio
- Cara Moore-West, Harrison, Ind.
- Sophie Rohleder, Evansville, Ind.
- **Brianna Scherer, Fishers**
- Madeline Schmiedeknecht, Indianapolis

Over the two-year program, the Marian AHEC Scholars will complete training opportunities and field experiences with a



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focus on rural and urban health care and caring for underserved populations. These experiences emphasize the integration of eight core topics.

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- Practice Transformation
- Social Determinants of Health
- Connecting Communities and Supporting Health Professionals
- Virtual Learning and Telehealth
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The Indiana AHEC Scholars program is a part of a national initiative to prepare tomorrow’s health professionals to become leaders in interprofessional, transformative practice who serve those who need it the most. The competitive program is designed specifically for individuals with a solid drive to care for those living in Indiana’s rural and medically underserved communities.

“I am very proud of our

students who have been selected as Indiana AHEC Scholars. They are joining a program that will help prepare them to become tomorrow’s health care leaders,” said Amanda Wright, DO, Dean of the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine. “This honor means our students are on a path to becoming transformational leaders providing care to those living in rural and medically underserved communities across the State of Indiana with a focus on interprofessional collaboration. It is wonderful to see our students commit themselves to the holistic approach to the care of their future patients.”

Indiana AHEC scholars also build relationships and networks with health-care professionals, explore career opportunities, and gain valuable experience working in team-based environments. Previous Indiana AHEC Scholars serve in rural and medically underserved communities throughout Indiana in positions such as physicians, physician assistants, nurses, public health practitioners, respiratory and physical therapists, and other allied health occupations.

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Report: Thanksgiving dinners a little cheaper for Hoosiers this year

By **MICHAELA SPRINGER**
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Hoosiers can expect to see lower grocery prices when preparing their Thanksgiving meals this year.

A report by the **Indiana Farm Bureau** released Wednesday shows that grocery shoppers in Indiana will spend around 10 percent less at the store than around the holiday in 2022.

According to the bureau's Thanksgiving market basket survey, the average shopper pays around \$54.64 on Thanksgiving dinner for 10 people, or roughly \$5.46 per person.

This price is based on a full shopping basket including a "16-pound turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes, rolls, peas, a vegetable tray, milk, cranberries, whipped cream, pumpkin pie ingredients, and miscellaneous baking items."

Of the dinner items mentioned, more than half are less expensive than in 2022, especially the turkey, whipped cream, and cranberries.

The report also says that some items did increase in price, with the largest hike being for pumpkin pie fill-

ing and frozen peas.

Todd Davis, chief economist with Indiana Farm Bureau, says part of the decrease is thanks to the lower cost of turkeys. A Thanksgiving turkey is approximately \$1.38 per pound, or \$22.11 for a 16-pound turkey. That is around a 21 percent decrease from 2022, the report says.

"The Midwest region had the least expensive market basket at an average price of \$58.66," Davis said. "Three out of the five top turkey-producing states are located in the Midwest, with Indiana ranking fourth. The concentration of turkey production in this region provides lower processing and marketing costs, which efficiently gets the turkey from the farm to the hands of the consumer."

The report also says that though Thanksgiving meals are cheaper, Indiana shoppers are paying around 28 percent more at the grocery store than in 2019.

"The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics states the food-at-home consumer price index from January through October 2023, a measure of price changes at the grocery store, increased 4.9 percent year-over-year. For perspec-

tive, food-at-home annual costs for 2022 increased 11.4 percent," the release says.

Where does Indiana rank in average Thanksgiving meal cost?

Another report by **MoneyGeek**, a personal finance website, ranked Indiana as the 73rd cheapest state when purchasing Thanksgiving meal items.

MoneyGeek's study looked at 116 major U.S. cities, and determined which cities had the most and least expensive total cost for the dinner. Their study included refreshments like non-alcoholic beverages, beer, and wine in their estimate, whereas the Indiana Farm Bureau study did not.

Indiana fell right in the middle at 73rd, with an average total cost for a Thanksgiving meal including refreshments around \$130.

The study ranked Seattle, Wash., as the most expensive city with a total cost of approximately \$176. Seattle was followed by Honolulu, Hawaii, whose estimate was about \$160.

The least expensive cities for Thanksgiving meals were Brownsville and Harlingen, Texas, which averaged a cost of \$121.61.

INvestABLE Indiana announces state tax credit of up to \$500 starting in 2024

The REPORTER

The Indiana State Treasurer's office announced a new tax credit worth up to \$500 beginning taxable year 2024 for contributions into INvestABLE Indiana accounts. All Indiana taxpayers who contribute to an Indiana ABLE account are eligible for the credit.

Indiana Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Authority implements the state's qualified INvestABLE Indiana plan by supporting access to ABLE accounts in the state. These accounts are 529A accounts, which allow individuals with disabilities and their caregivers to save for future expenses while not compromising access to public benefits, such as Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Medicaid.

"This new tax credit allows those individuals with disabilities and the people who care for them great-

er ability to save money and better take care of themselves," said Indiana State Treasurer Daniel Elliott, the Chairman of the INvestABLE board. "Thanks to the work of dedicated public servants like Rep. Julie Olthoff, Sen. Travis Holdman and countless others, this tax credit will help our most vulnerable Hoosiers and better ensure that they will be taken care of by those who love them."

With the addition of the tax credit, individuals with disabilities and their caregivers living in Indiana will be better prepared financially to save for current and future necessities.

The tax credit is the result of Indiana's House Bill 1303. Starting Jan. 1, 2024, taxpayers with Indiana ABLE ac-

counts will be entitled to the credit against an adjusted gross income tax that is equal to the least amount of the following options:

- 20 percent of the amount of the total contributions that are made to an account(s) that are an Indiana ABLE 529A savings plan during the taxable year, or
- \$500, or
- Amount of the taxpayer's adjusted gross income tax for the taxable year, then reduced by the sum of all the allowable credits.

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For more information on INvestABLE accounts, visit our website at IN.Save-WithABLE.com.



Elliott

Westfield's Busby Eye Care celebrates 20 years



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Busby Eye Care in Westfield celebrated its 20th anniversary on Nov. 3. Busby Eye Care has been at 16409 Southpark Drive since March 2008, and expanded its vision therapy practice, Maximeyes Vision Enhancement Center, next door in the summer of 2019. Busby currently have 18 employees, including four doctors, between the two practices. Busby specializes in vision therapy, myopia (near-sighted) management, specialty contact lenses, and infant exam, and recently received the Heart & Soul Clinic award for Partner of the Year for donating eye examinations and glasses to those in need. (Above) Kathleen Busby, O.D. Learn more at BusbyEyeCare.com.

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Doden campaign collects signatures required to make 2024 primary ballot

By **ASHLEY FOWLER**
WISH-TV | [wishstv.com](#)

The campaign of **Eric Doden**, a Republican candidate for governor of Indiana, says it has collected the signatures required for a place on the May 2024 primary ballot.

To make the primary ballot for governor in Indiana, candidates must collect 4,500 signatures from registered voters – 500 from each of the nine congressional districts – have them validated, and then submit them to the Indiana Secretary of State’s office.

Doden, a **Fort Wayne businessman and former economic advisor to then-Gov. Mike Pence**, is the first in the 2024 gubernatori-

al field to meet the signature requirement.

“I’m incredibly grateful for the hard work and commitment from our volunteers and staff who made hitting this goal possible,” **Doden said in a release.** “This campaign is strong because Hoosiers across the state share our bold vision for real plans and results that put Main Street first.”



Doden

Doden is one of at least five Republican candidates running to replace Gov. Eric Holcomb in 2024. The others include U.S. Sen Mike Braun, current Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, former Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill, and former Indiana Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers.

Let’s Groove: Earth, Wind & Fire and Chicago to perform in Noblesville in 2024

By **ASHLEY FOWLER**
WISH-TV | [wishstv.com](#)

You can groove the night away to the sweet sounds of Chicago and Earth, Wind & Fire when their co-headlining Heart & Soul tour stops in Indiana next summer.

The 30-city North American tour includes a performance at Ruoff Music Center in Noblesville on Saturday, July 20, 2024.

Fans can spend an evening singing along to classics like “Saturday in the

Park” and “Shining Star” before both bands take the stage together for an unforgettable encore.

Tickets will go on sale to the general public at 10 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 17 at [LiveNation.com](#), [Earth-WindAndFire.com](#), and [ChicagoTheBand.com](#).

The 2024 concert calendar at Ruoff Music Center is filling up quickly, with **Alanis Morissette**, **Hootie & the Blowfish**, Thirty Seconds to Mars, and Tyler Childers set to stop in Noblesville next summer.

Registration for Happy Little (Virtual) 5K opens

The **REPORTER**

Registration is open until March 1 for the return of the Happy Little (Virtual) 5K, which the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation (INRF) welcome back after last year’s Indiana debut.

Race participation is open to everyone, and registrants can complete their 5K anywhere outdoors – on foot, or by bike, skate, paddle or using a mobility device – anytime between Earth Day and Arbor Day, April 22 and 26, respectively.

For \$36 per person, each participant will receive a keepsake Happy Little T-shirt, a commemorative bib number and a Bob Ross-inspired finisher’s medal. All race proceeds will again support tree planting and other healthy-forest initiatives in

Indiana State Parks. In 2023, the virtual race raised more than \$16,000.

“This is a great way to celebrate Indiana State Parks and Indiana’s connection to Bob Ross, and get some exercise at the same time,” said Ginger Murphy, deputy director for stewardship for Indiana State Parks.”

Ross filmed his iconic television show, *The Joy of Painting*, in Muncie for more than a decade. The program was aired on public television stations around the world. The virtual event was first created by the Michigan DNR in partnership with Bob Ross, Inc. in 2020.

For more information and to sign up for the event, visit [runsignup.com/happylittletrees](#). Participants should select Indiana on the registration to support Indiana State Parks.

Holiday season kicks off next week with festive fun in Fishers

Celebrate the season with holiday events, light displays & offerings for all ages

The **REPORTER**

Next week marks the launch of the holiday season in Fishers featuring a festive lineup of events filled with holiday cheer, local traditions, and ways to give back.

From a holiday light display along the downtown portion of the Nickel Plate Trail, to the beloved tradition of Fishers Parks’ Santa’s Mailbox and the popular A Merry Prairie Holiday at Conner Prairie, there is a wide variety of Fishers holiday events and activities for residents of all ages.

The seasonal lineup includes:

Santa’s Mailbox
Nov. 24 to Dec. 15
Nickel Plate Trail
(near the 116th Street intersection at the swings) and the Ambassador House (10598 Eller Road)
Free

Drop off your letters to Santa in the special mailboxes located on the Nickel Plate Trail and Ambassador House. Include your address and you’ll receive a reply from St. Nick. Can’t drop off in person? Email Santa through Friday, Dec. 22 at [santa@fishers.in.us](#). Learn more at [playfishers.com](#).

Conner Prairie’s A Merry Prairie Holiday
Thursdays through Sundays, Nov. 24 to Dec. 17, Dec. 21 & 22
Conner Prairie (13400 Allisonville Road)
Tickets required

Experience the joy and magic of the holiday season on the prairie. Conner Prairie’s Merry Prairie Holiday presents the prairie you know and love in a whole new light. Learn more and purchase tickets at [Conner-Prairie.org](#).

Shop Fishers: Holiday Series
Nov. 25 to Dec. 31
Around Fishers
Free

Explore and discover local shops and restaurants that make our community special. Join the celebration and support the city’s small businesses this holiday season while enjoying special deals and discounts. Learn more at [ThisIsFishers.com/ShopFishers](#).

Hamilton East Public Library’s Season of Giving
Throughout December
Hamilton East Public Library (5 Municipal Drive)
Free

Give back this season with the Hamilton East Public Library with several opportunities to donate and give, including winter apparel donation drives and holiday gift-making classes. Learn more about these opportunities to celebrate the holidays through giving back at [hepl.lib.in.us](#).

December StoryWalk
Throughout December
Holland Park (1 Park Drive)
Free

Take an adventure

with your little ones in the great outdoors with a free, self-guided reading hike. Check out this month’s book, *A Thing Called Snow*, at Holland Park. Learn more at [playfishers.com/Story-walk](#).

Fishers Holiday Lights Map
Throughout December
Around Fishers
Free

Looking for the best holiday light displays around Fishers? Grab some hot cocoa and hop in the car to enjoy the festive displays from fellow residents using the digital Fishers Holiday Lights Map. Is your house decked out for the holidays? Help spread holiday cheer and show off your display by adding your house to the map. Learn more at [ThisIsFishers.com/Fishers-Lights](#).

NPT Night Lights presented by Centier Bank
Free light display open daily in December
Downtown portion of the Nickel Plate Trail (near 116th Street)
Free

Through the month of December, check out the free light display open daily at dusk along the downtown portion of the Nickel Plate Trail, presented by Centier Bank. Enjoy live music and food trucks along the trail from 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 1 to 3. Learn more at [playfishers.com/NPTNightLights](#).

Angel of Hope Candlelight Ceremony
Dec. 6, 6:15 to 7 p.m.
Heritage Park (10598 Eller Road)
Free

Fishers Parks Foundation hosts the fourth annual Angel of Hope Candlelight Ceremony to remember lost children. The Ambassador House will be open at 6:15 p.m. with a candlelight procession to the Angel of Hope Memorial Garden and the reading of names at 7 p.m. Learn more at [fishersparks.org](#).

Cookies with Characters
Dec. 16 & 17
Various times
Ambassador House
Registration required

Fishers Parks will hold a unique character experience complete with games, crafts, cookie decorating, and more. All parents and children must register to attend at [playfishers.com](#). Cost is \$15 per person for residents and \$22.50 per person for nonresidents.

Christmas Tree Recycling
Dec. 26 to Feb. 1
Brooks School Park, Cumberland Park, Holland Park
Free

Fishers offers a free Christmas Tree Recycling program, where residents can drop off bare, live trees at three park locations around the city. [Click here](#) for more information.

Come see grand opening of Carmel’s new inclusive living community North End

Submitted

Old Town Companies has announced the grand opening of North End, a pioneering multifamily development at 525 North End Drive, Carmel. The event is scheduled for 3 to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 28, with special remarks at 4 p.m.

This landmark event marks the culmination of a visionary project, setting a new standard in integrated living. North End is not just a housing complex; it’s a vibrant community that integrates a dedicated portion of apartments for residents with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (I/DD), fostering an inclusive environment.

The grand opening invites guests to experience North End firsthand through self-guided tours, a showcase of a model apartment unit, and the chance to enjoy refreshments from fellow business residents. This is a unique opportunity to



celebrate the partners who played a pivotal role in realizing this vision and hear their inspiring stories.

Located near the Carmel Arts & Design District and adjacent to the Monon trail, North End promises residents a state-of-the-art living experience with unparalleled access to community amenities. The development features 168 high-end apartments, including 40 apartments reserved for residents with I/DD, epitomizing accessible and inclusive housing opportunities in central Indiana.

North End is a testament to purposeful collaboration, brought to life by the joint efforts of Old Town Companies, the Village of

Merici, RDoor, Merchant’s Capital, the City of Carmel, and several other pivotal partners. The project stands as a model of community-centric development, integrating diverse residential options with greenspaces, a farm-to-table restaurant, and a community pool, all designed to foster community engagement and connectivity.

“We are excited to open the doors of North End and welcome the community to witness a dream turned into reality – a community that is inclusive, innovative, and integrated, setting a new benchmark in accessible living,” Old Town Companies CEO Justin Moffett said.

The grand opening is not

just a celebration of a new housing project but a milestone for the city of Carmel, reflecting its commitment to creating a diverse, inclusive, and vibrant community.

Please RSVP for the event at [this link](#). For more information about North End, please visit [LifeAt-NorthEnd.com](#).

About Old Town Companies

Old Town has established itself as a diverse real estate development company in Indiana, recognized for its collaborative approach and commitment to enhancing life quality through thoughtful design and construction practices. For more information, visit [OldTownCompanies.com](#).

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Sen. Braun’s Korean American VALOR Act signed into law

The REPORTER

The bipartisan Korean American VALOR Act introduced by Senator Mike Braun (R-Ind.) and Senator Mazie Hirono (D-Hawaii) has been signed into law. This legislation will allow the approximately 3,000 Korean American Vietnam War veterans that have since become naturalized American citizens to enroll in VA healthcare paid for by the South Korean government.

The House companion was led by Representative Mark Takano (D-Calif.-39), Ranking Member of the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs. The bill passed the House of Representatives in May. “I am pleased to announce that the bipartisan Korean American Valor Act has been signed into law,”



Braun

Sen. Braun. “The men and women who bravely fought alongside U.S. troops and have become American citizens will now have access to the care and benefits they deserve.” Korea will reimburse the U.S. for healthcare services VA furnishes to Korean American veterans. In exchange, the U.S. will

reimburse Korea for the healthcare it provides to veterans of the U.S. armed forces residing in Korea. The U.S. has established reciprocal agreements with the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and South Africa. Veterans from these nations do not need to be U.S. citizens to be eligible for care, and VA has the authority to treat veterans of any combat era. [Click here](#) to read the full text of the bill.

American Cancer Society calls on Indiana’s elected officials to “stand up to Big Tobacco”

The REPORTER

The American Cancer Society (ACS) is calling on all of Indiana’s elected officials to do more to support Hoosiers who want to quit using tobacco products. Today is ACS’s 48th annual Great American Smokeout—a day for people who use tobacco to create a plan to quit. Not only does the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) want to help people quit, but it also wants to help Indiana’s youth never start. The recent coverage around Indiana’s e-cigarette epidemic highlighted the toll e-cigarettes are having on Hoosiers. ACS CAN, for several years, has made recommendations for reducing all tobacco use, including e-cigarettes, in the state. “If lawmakers want to improve Hoosier health and reduce e-cigarette use, a significant tax increase on all tobacco products and an investment of a portion of the tax revenue into tobacco prevention and cessation programs is one of the most effective ways to do that,” said Allie Kast, government relations director for ACS CAN. “The low price of tobacco products makes it

easy for youth to start and to keep adults addicted. We can protect kids, save lives, and help our state generate revenue by increasing the cigarette tax by \$2.00 per pack with a parallel tax on all other tobacco products, including e-cigarettes.” Tobacco use is still the leading preventable cause of disease and death, and smoking is linked to at least 12 types of cancers, including lung, liver, and colorectal cancers. Each year, more than 11,000 Hoosiers die from a smoking-related disease and over 11,000 kids try cigarettes for the first time. “The Great American Smokeout is not just an opportunity for people who use tobacco to set a plan to quit,” Kast said. “It’s also a clear wake-up call for lawmakers to say it’s time for Indiana to stand up to Big Tobacco. For too long, Indiana has allowed the tobacco industry to addict people to deadly, cancer-causing products. It’s time to say, ‘enough is enough.’ Our residents deserve better.” Free resources on quitting tobacco can be found at [QuitNowIndiana.com](#) or through the American Cancer Society’s cessation program, [Empowered to Quit](#).

AG Rokita appeals Marion County court ruling in continued defense of state law & school choice

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita has filed a Motion for Stay of the trial court’s ruling and will soon file a Notice of Appeal with the Indiana Court of Appeals to challenge a Marion County court ruling that exempts Indianapolis Public Schools from a state law requiring districts to sell shuttered buildings to charter schools for \$1. Any interested purchaser from IPS should take

heed that until the appeals are exhausted and the litigation concluded, IPS will not be able, in good faith, to sell or transfer the buildings in dispute. AG Rokita hopes that the trial court grants the stay, so that it is clear to IPS that further action by it is prohibited. “The General Assembly enacted this law to help



Rokita

enable charter schools to thrive in our state,” AG Rokita said. “We will continue our fight to uphold the law not only because it is our statutory duty but also because it’s the right thing to do. Charter schools provide a multitude of positive opportunities for children and give Hoosier parents greater choice in how their kids are educated.” This year, the legislature strengthened previously existing law by passing Senate

Enrolled Act 391, which clarified aspects that critics had called ambiguous. Charter schools, though publicly funded, operate with fewer of the constraints that have sometimes hindered innovation and performance at traditional public schools. AG Rokita said IPS should be held to the letter and spirit of the state’s law. “Like every case, we take it head on and do not back down,” AG Rokita said. “We truly believe in parental rights, so we plan to file an appeal as soon as possible.”

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

ISAAC AND ABIMELEK

Then Abimelek said, "What is this you have done to us? One of the men might well have slept with your wife, and you would have brought guilt upon us."

So Abimelek gave orders to all the people: "Anyone who harms this man or his wife shall surely be put to death."

Isaac planted crops in that land and the same year reaped a hundredfold, because the Lord blessed him. The man became rich, and his wealth continued to grow until he became very wealthy. He had so many flocks and herds and servants that the Philistines envied him. So all the wells that his father's servants had dug in the time of his father Abraham, the Philistines stopped up, filling them with earth.

Then Abimelek said to Isaac, "Move away from us; you have become too powerful for us."

So Isaac moved away from there and encamped in the Valley of Gerar, where he settled. Isaac reopened the wells that had been dug in the time of his father Abraham, which the Philistines had stopped up after Abraham died, and he gave them the same names his father had given them.

Genesis 26:10-18 (NIV)

Meeting Notice

The Carmel Fire Pension Board will meet in an executive session at 9 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 20, 2023, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5) To receive information about and interview prospective employees.

An open meeting will follow at 9:15 a.m. or immediately after the executive session in Conference Room 217 at the Carmel Fire Department Administration Building, 210 Veterans Way, Carmel.

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HAMILTON COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Redevelopment Commission will meet on Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom located in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060.


R3415 11/16/23, 11/20/23

Send Meeting Notices to:

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Nancy (Mikesell) Roberts

October 10, 1948 – November 14, 2023



Nancy (Mikesell) Roberts, 75, Westfield, passed away peacefully on November 14, 2023, at Riverview Hospital after a brief illness. She was born on October 10, 1948, to Robert and Gladys (Irwin) Mikesell in Noblesville. She was a 1966 graduate of Westfield High School.

For 20 years Nancy worked for Carmel Schools in the transportation department as an aide to special needs children. She was a member of Westfield Friends Church. She loved sewing, quilting, cake decorating, cooking, and beautifying her decks and patios with flowers and herbs. Most of all, she loved being with family and spoiling her grandchildren.

Nancy is survived by her husband, Stephen R Roberts; sons, Nick Roberts (Kari) and Nathan Roberts; daughters, Erika Roberts and Brooke McHenry (Chris); grandchildren, Alexa Roberts, Ethan Roberts, Evan Roberts, Addison Roberts, Fin and Abram McHenry; sister, Malinda (Paul) Baker; brother, John Mikesell; and many loved nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents Nancy was preceded in death by her brother, David Mikesell.


Visitation will be 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, November 17 with services at 2 p.m. at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Burial will be at Summit Lawn Cemetery in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Westfield Friends Church, 324 S. Union St., Westfield, IN 46074 (westfieldfriendschurch.org); or The Nature Conservancy, Attn: Treasury, 4245 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 100, Arlington, VA 22203 (nature.org/en-us).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Mabel A. (Hopkins) Clark

March 17, 1940 – November 12, 2023



Mabel A. (Hopkins) Clark, 83, Noblesville, passed away on November 12, 2023, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on March 17, 1940, in Bartholomew County. Mabel's parents Lloyd and Lillian (Brattain) Hopkins preceded her in death.

Mabel was a graduate of Sheridan High School, Class of 1958.

She met her husband while attending high school and she knew she wanted to spend the rest of her life with him, and on October 6, 1957, in Sheridan, she married Cowan J. "Boone" Clark and they have been at each other's side for 66 years.

Mabel had a servant heart and that led her to work as a nurse's aide taking care of people.

Mabel loved sports and the life lessons that playing taught her. She continued to play softball in adult leagues for years and cherished the many friendships and memories that were made along the way.

She was very involved in her children's lives. When her kids started playing sports she jumped right in as a team mom. While her kids were playing youth sports, she was always there to cheer them on, and as her family grew, she was there to cheer her grandchildren on as well. In her early years, she was a member of the Home Ec. Club in Westfield.

Boone and Mable enjoyed camping, especially with their family. They held a permanent camping spot at Old Mill Run for 15 years. After Boone retired, the two of them would pull their camper to Gulf Shores, Ala., and stay there through winter. When spring arrived in Indiana, they would pull the camper back to Old Mill Run in Thorntown.

Family was the most important thing to her and Boone, and it was important that they raised their family on a strong foundation. She leaves behind her loving husband, Boone; and their three children, Kathy Killen, Jenny (Bill) Higginbotham, and Chris Clark. She was a loving grandmother to Brandy Hoover, Toni (Thomas) Kinney, Kyle (Angie) Killen, Jennifer Higginbotham, Erica (Brian) Cooper, Mellisa Shank, Mollie Higginbotham, Amber (Jeff) Copeland, Jacob (Kim) Clark, and Joshua (Sarah) Clark. She was a proud great-grandmother to 26 great-grandchildren. Mabel is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Preceding Mabel in death are her seven siblings.

A celebration of Mabel's life will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, November 16, 2023, at Circle of Hope Wesleyan Church, 396 Park St., Noblesville, where family and friends are invited to gather from 4 p.m. until the time of services. Pastor Rich and Carol Schneck will be officiating Mabel's service.

Everyone is invited to sign the online guestbook, leave a condolence, or share a memory at fisherfunerals.com.

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NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF PUBLIC HEARING

Board of Zoning Appeals

City of Noblesville, Indiana

This notice is to inform you of a Public Hearing that will be held by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals on the 4th day of December, 2023. This hearing, to discuss application **BZNA-0161-2023**, will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers, Noblesville City Hall at 16 South 10th Street. The application submitted by Jacob Jennings requests that approval be granted to a Variance of Development Standards application pursuant to UDO § 11.C.1.D.3 to allow a ground sign on a property with an existing building that does not meet the minimum thirty-five (35) foot setback from the adjacent right-of-way on the property located at **3200 Sheridan Road**.

Written suggestions or objections relative to the application above may be filed with the Department of Planning and Development, at or before such meeting, and will be heard by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals. Interested persons desiring to present their views, either in writing or verbally, will have an opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place.

This hearing may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Noblesville Board of Zoning Appeals. A copy of the proposal is on file in the Department of Planning and Development at 16 South 10th Street, Suite B140 and may be reviewed during regular office hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A copy of the file may also be viewed on the Department of Planning website, <http://www.cityofnoblesville.org/planning>, by clicking the Boards & Committees button, clicking the icon on the map relating to this location and selecting the application materials link.

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26 Royals make college commitments

The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern celebrated 26 outstanding athletes who officially signed to continue their careers in college last week.

The athletes pictured are as follows:

Cheerleading: Makenzie Buck, Taylor University.

Softball: Jenna Chase, Kennesaw State University; Addison Justice, University of Dayton; Alex Kiemeyer, Indiana University Indianapolis; Ava Kiemeyer, Franklin College; Lani Wyrick, Elon University.

Cross country: Maggie Powers, Loyola University.

Golf: Emily Vandall, St. Mary's of the Woods.

Lacrosse: Olivia Dean, Marian University (Ind.); Cierra Henderson, Messiah University (Penn.); Emma

Johnson, Marion University (Wis.); Jessie Lyons, Lee University (Tenn.); Delaney Soper, Walsh University (Ohio).

Soccer: Ava Bellaver, Anderson University; Ayla Conn, Northern Kentucky University; Marisa Reinhard, Taylor University; Hailey Wade, Valparaiso University.

Swimming: Audrey Crawford, Auburn University; Eloise Harrison, Calvin College (Mich.); Julia Kiley, University of Tampa.

Volleyball: Breonna Goss, Duke University; Lauren Harden, University of Florida; Macy Hinchaw, Santa Clara University; Sophie Ledbetter, Ball State University; Madison Schicker, Hanover College; Tiffany Snook, University of Memphis.



Photo courtesy Hamilton Southeastern
Twenty-six Hamilton Southeastern student-athletes signed to continue their careers in college last week.



Fri Nov 17 -

Girls Basketball

6:00 pm Brownsburg vs Noblesville | Junior Varsity | HCTV Sports

7:30 pm Brownsburg vs Noblesville | Varsity | HCTV Sports

Boys Basketball

7:30 pm Laurel Panthers vs Horizon Christian | IndianaSRN

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7:00 pm Lutheran at Sheridan | SEMI STATE

8:00 pm Westfield at Crown Point | SEMI STATE

Tues Nov 21 - Girls Basketball

6:00 pm Zionsville vs Fishers | JV Basketball | Fishers Sports Network

7:30 pm Zionsville vs Fishers | Varsity | Fishers Sports Network

Sat Nov 25 - Boys Basketball

12 pm Franklin Community vs Noblesville | JV | HCTV Sports

1:30 pm Franklin Community vs Noblesville | Varsity | HCTV Sports



Fishers edges out Noblesville at season's first wrestling meet

The REPORTER

In Hamilton County's first wrestling meet of the season, Fishers edged out Noblesville 39-33 Wednesday at the Tiger Den.

The Tigers won eight of the 14 matches, including four by fall. Seth Lamb, Will Hruskoci, Stephen Breck and Chris Quarles all won their bouts with a pin, while Chase Yant took the 120-pound match with a technical fall.

The Millers picked up five wins by pin, from Josh Kauzlick, Mason Presits, Luke Chastain, Luke Hile

and Jackson Apple.

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106: Seth Lamb (F) def. Daniel Muñoz (N) by fall

113: Will Hruskoci (F) def. Cody Prater (N) by fall

120: Chase Yant (F) def. DJ Collier (N) by technical fall

126: Josh Kauzlick (N) def. Owen Ingalls (F) by fall

132: Mason Presits (N) def. Aiden Lamb (F) by fall

138: Teyon Leonard (F) def. Evan Nicholls (N) by decision, 8-3

144: Luke Chastain (N) def. Zeke Kramer (F) by fall

150: Stephen Breck (F) def. Caleb Leeman (N) by fall

157: Aiden Kincaide (N) def. Camden Funk (F) by major decision, 15-7

165: Xavier Smith (F) def. Carter Richardson (N) by major decision, 15-2

175: Luke Hile (N) def. Diego Carabano (F) by fall

190: Chris Quarles (F) def. Brody Gump (N) by fall

215: Kyle Gunawan (F) def. Corbin Hornickel (N) by decision, 7-4

285: Jackson Apple (N) def. James Keller (F) by fall

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SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, Nov. 16

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Covenant Christian at Sheridan, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING/DIVING

Hamilton Heights at Anderson (girls only), 6 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 17

FOOTBALL

Class 6A north semi-state

Westfield at Crown Point, 7:30 p.m.

Class 1A south semi-state

Indianapolis Lutheran at Sheridan, 7 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

University at Lawrence Central, 6:30 p.m.

Brownsburg at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.

Fishers at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.

Franklin Central at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 18

BOYS AND GIRLS WRESTLING

Penn at Carmel, 1:30 p.m.

BOYS WRESTLING

Noblesville at Hamilton Heights Super 6, 9 a.m.

Sheridan at Cloverdale, 9 a.m.

Westfield at Capital City Classic, 9 a.m. at Beech Grove

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Heritage Christian at Guerin Catholic, 2:30 p.m.

Noblesville at Homestead, 6:30 p.m.

Carmel at Fort Wayne Carroll, 7:30 p.m.

Elwood at Sheridan, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS WRESTLING

Noblesville at Ben Davis Invitational, 9 a.m.

SWIMMING/DIVING

Westfield Girls Invitational, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 21

BOYS BASKETBALL

Bethesda Christian at University, 7:30 p.m.

Carmel at Zionsville, 7:30 p.m.

Fishers at Ben Davis, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Brebeuf Jesuit at University, 6 p.m.

Hamilton Southeastern at Brownsburg, 7:30 p.m.

Lapel at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m.

Noblesville at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.

Pike at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.

Western Boone at Sheridan, 7:30 p.m.

Zionsville at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING/DIVING

Tipton at Hamilton Heights, 5:30 p.m.

Noblesville at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.

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Football: Westfield and Sheridan have their eyes set on State Finals berths

By **CRAIG ADKINS**
For The Reporter

Hamilton County has two football programs that are still alive at the semi-state level and await hopefully another trip to the state finals for both Westfield and Sheridan in their respective classes.

Class 6A No. 6 Westfield will go to battle in hopes of handing Crown Point its first loss of the season. The Shamrocks have had quite the season, starting off with a five-game winning streak and now have won six straight heading into semi-state.

Class 1A No. 10 Sheridan will play on its home field for the fourth time in five playoff games at Bud Wright Stadium in its semi-state matchup against No. 1 Indianapolis Lutheran.

Class 6A North Semi-State
Westfield Shamrocks (11-1) at Crown Point Bulldogs (12-0)

Westfield road trips 130 miles and will head north on Interstate 65 to face an opponent they have never played in football. They

head to The Dog Pound against undefeated Crown Point for a shot at their sixth state finals appearance and fifth under 13th-year head coach Jake Gilbert.

The No. 6 ‘Rocks were able to find the ways and had a second half motivation to propel them to regional win over seventh-ranked Hamilton Southeastern, 24-21. Toward the end of the first half, Westfield linebacker Colton Vondersaar went down with a serious injury and would not return.

“He is a heart and soul player for us,” said Shamrocks coach Jake Gilbert after the game. “That’s a tough injury.” The coach said his season’s “probably over, but we love him and all he asked for was that we win. And we did that for him.”

Kendall Garnett highlighted the ‘Rocks on offense, running 35 times for 219 yards with three TDs and all things offensively fed off Garnett. Maximus Nosler had four catches for 35 yards, Broc Parker (three), Beau Braun (two) and Parker Knott (two) caught the other seven Gilbert passes.

Garnett now has 254 carries for 1,219 yards and 11 touchdowns to lead ‘Rocks on the ground. Quarterback Jackson Gilbert also has nine rushing scores to go along with his 2,039 yards through the air for 64.5 percent and 20 TD passes.

Maximus Nosler (597 yards) and Gabe Arambles (583) each have six touchdown catches, while Beau Braun (368), Parker Knott (254), Broc Parker (139) and Garnett (103) give Gilbert plenty of targets to throw to. Mikeah Webster has five rushing touchdowns and leads the defense with 137 tackles, 9.5 for a loss. Anthony Feltrinelli also has 104 tackles with Andrew Lieske at 99 and two fumbles recovered. The Shamrock defense has 13 interceptions, seven fumble recoveries, 19 passes deflected and three blocked punts on special teams.

No. 5 Crown Point won a hard-fought battle with perennial power No. 8 Penn on the road in the regional and came out of it with a 34-33 win over the Kingsmen. The Bulldogs

had a 20-6 lead at Freed Field on two big pass plays, holding the two-score lead early in the second. Penn tied the game 20-20 on a big momentum shift.

Running back Larry Ellison got Crown Point back on top 27-20 and extended the lead to 34-27 late on his third touchdown. The Kingsmen scored 30 seconds later on another pass play, but the extra point was blocked, leaving it at 34-33. Penn had a shot to win it with 13 seconds left, but missed the go-ahead field goal, sealing the regional victory. Ellison controlled the ground game with 155 yards and three TDs. Quarterback Noah Ehrlich threw for 238 yards and a pair of scores to guide the Bulldogs.

Class 1A South Semi-State
Indianapolis Lutheran Saints (11-0) at Sheridan Blackhawks (10-3)

Lutheran puts a 41-game winning streak on the line and makes the 42-mile trip from the southeast side of Indianapolis to Bud Wright Stadium on Friday to meet up with Sheridan for a state finals berth. The Black-

hawks and Saints have met just twice on the gridiron. Lutheran won both times at Sheridan in the 2002 sectional semifinal (55-12) and first round of the sectional in 2019 (62-14).

The No. 10 Blackhawks are in search of their 12th state finals berth in program history, but this will be the toughest matchup to date this season for Sheridan. The ‘Hawks look to dethrone the Saints, who are two-time defending state champions.

Sheridan faced yet another tough opponent at home last week for the regional title in North Decatur. The ‘Hawks got started first late in the first on a Zach Bales touchdown that capped off a drive that took 9:20 off the clock. North Decatur tied it up in the second to even the game 7-7 at halftime.

Bales added another score with four minutes left in the third. The lead grew to 21-7 for Sheridan on a Chance Spencer 27-yard interception return TD. The Chargers scored twice in the fourth, but would be held off by the Blackhawk defense,

yielding just 22 yards on 29 rushes.

Bud Wright knew that offensively they didn’t gain the yards they’re used to, but they would fight hard to get the win. The legendary Blackhawks coach has amassed a 456-209 record in 58 years at Sheridan, 457-212 in 59 years of coaching overall.

The backfield pair of Eli Kolb (1,228 yards) and Zach Bales (759) have combined for 32 rushing touchdowns. Trent DeCrane (406) and Nolan Page (354) have 10 receiving TDs between them. Bales also has 153 tackles, 13 for a loss, to lead the defense. Joe Franco (119, six sacks) and Parker Williams (105, four sacks) have joined him in double-digit stops and Kolb is just behind with 97 and 10 sacks.

The top-ranked Saints have won two consecutive Class 1A state championships, taking down Adams Central the last two state finals, 34-28 in 2021 and 30-13 in 2022. Both the 2022 (15-0) and 2021 (15-0) seasons were undefeated, and they are currently 11-0.

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
Alexander, J.	Southeastern	Senior	213	1444	6.8	17
Martin	Fishers	Senior	201	1379	6.9	19
Kolb	Sheridan	Senior	173	1228	7.1	18
Garnett	Westfield	Junior	254	1219	4.8	11
Rooney	Guerin Catholic	Senior	196	1021	5.2	11
VanHaaren	Heights	Senior	202	865	4.3	9
Bales	Sheridan	Senior	137	749	5.5	14
Wallace	Southeastern	Junior	104	595	5.7	9
Gulley	Noblesville	Senior	116	557	4.8	13
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
Weston	Southeastern	Junior	59	295	5	4
Thembulembu, Ry.	Fishers	Sophomore	50	283	5.7	1
Bogle	Fishers	Senior	49	258	5.3	4
Page	Sheridan	Senior	50	223	4.4	4
Gilbert	Westfield	Senior	78	188	2.4	9
Baker, J.	Noblesville	Senior	41	178	4.3	2
Alfayyad	Carmel	Senior	27	156	5.8	0
Gibbs	Guern Catholic	Senior	21	144	6.9	3
Derrerr	Heights	Senior	96	132	1.4	8
Baker, B.	Southeastern	Junior	31	121	3.9	1
Widget	Noblesville	Senior	13	110	8.5	0

This week’s Passing Stats (min. 100 attempts)

Name	School	Grade	Completions	Attempts	Percentage	Total Yards	Touchdowns
Derrerr	Heights	Senior	143	228	0.670	1911	16
Gilbert	Westfield	Senior	151	234	0.645	2039	20
Gorak	Fishers	Senior	124	193	0.642	1785	15
Weston	Southeastern	Junior	99	169	0.586	1415	18
Coellner	Carmel	Sophomore	101	180	0.561	937	8
Zimmerman	Guerin Catholic	Senior	149	269	0.554	1745	17
Baker, J.	Noblesville	Senior	60	125	0.480	1120	7

This week’s Receiving Stats (min. 15 receptions)

Name	School	Grade	Receptions	Total Yards	Touchdowns
Hall	Fishers	Junior	69	1055	6
Hamilton	Southeastern	Senior	47	934	11
Champion	Heights	Junior	41	645	7
Aramboles, G.	Westfield	Junior	41	583	6
Nosler	Westfield	Senior	37	597	6
Rodgers	Carmel	Senior	36	272	1
McPeek	Fishers	Senior	29	316	5
Houze	Guerin Catholic	Junior	27	349	4
Fleming	Heights	Sophomore	27	356	2
Gibbs	Guerin Catholic	Senior	26	376	4
Cler	Guerin Catholic	Junior	25	357	3
Braun, B.	Westfield	Junior	24	368	1
DeCrane	Sheridan	Senior	22	406	6
Brewer	Noblesville	Junior	21	400	2
Pugh	Heights	Senior	21	372	2
Cherry	Guerin Catholic	Senior	20	200	3
Syrus	Fishers	Senior	20	324	3
Knott	Westfield	Junior	19	254	1
Miller	Guerin Catholic	Senior	17	142	1
Shoffner	Noblesville	Senior	17	370	2
Pollard	Carmel	Junior	16	137	2
Parker	Westfield	Sophomore	16	139	2

This week’s Tackling Stats (min. 60 tackles)

Name	School	Grade	Solo	Ast.	Total	TFL
Bales	Sheridan	Senior	89	64	153	13
Webster	Westfield	Junior	34	103	137	9.5
Keller	Guerin Catholic	Senior	83	44	127	11
Hastings	Noblesville	Senior	47	72	119	1
Franco	Sheridan	Senior	58	61	119	16
Osiecki	Southeastern	Senior	34	71	105	10.5
Williams	Sheridan	Senior	52	53	105	13
Feltrinelli	Westfield	Senior	14	90	104	2.5
Parker	Southeastern	Senior	23	80	103	7
Lieske	Westfield	Senior	25	74	99	3
Kolb	Sheridan	Senior	62	35	97	6
Bryant	Carmel	Senior	63	26	89	4
Vargas	Guerin Catholic	Junior	39	44	83	10
Prewitt	Fishers	Senior	57	26	83	8
Winbush	Carmel	Junior	49	33	82	4
Imes	Fishers	Senior	69	13	82	12
Cravens	Sheridan	Sophomore	37	44	81	1
Reed	Guerin Catholic	Senior	41	39	80	5
Marsh	Carmel	Senior	42	38	80	3
Page	Sheridan	Senior	45	35	80	5
Seyferth	Southeastern	Senior	21	57	78	12
Stella	Guerin Catholic	Senior	42	35	77	8
Oladiippo	Noblesville	Junior	24	51	75	6.5
Barnes	Sheridan	Sophomore	34	41	75	5
Balcom	Heights	Senior	36	38	74	4
Ingalls	Southeastern	Senior	22	50	72	7.5
Sailors	Carmel	Senior	49	22	71	6
Spencer	Sheridan	Sophomore	33	37	70	1
Hornickel	Noblesville	Junior	25	43	68	6
Richardson, Ca.	Noblesville	Senior	33	35	68	3
Millsaps	Heights	Senior	32	33	65	8
Navarro	Guerin Catholic	Senior	42	23	65	7
Flanders	Heights	Junior	23	40	63	10
Carlson	Southeastern	Senior	29	34	63	5
King	Westfield	Sophomore	12	50	62	1
Retz	Sheridan	Senior	35	27	62	1
Hoog	Southeastern	Junior	14	47	61	2.5
Wright	Southeastern	Senior	21	40	61	0
Law	Westfield	Junior	17	43	60	1.5

This week’s Sack Stats (min. 5 sacks)

Name	School	Grade	Total
Kolb	Sheridan	Senior	10
Cain	Heights	Junior	9
Osiecki	Southeastern	Senior	8.5
Mason	Heights	Senior	7
Wolf	Fishers	Senior	7
Bola	Westfield	Senior	6.5
Imes	Fishers	Senior	6
Franco	Sheridan	Senior	6
Vondersaar	Westfield	Senior	5
Retz	Sheridan	Senior	5

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