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Teachers' rally shutting down three county school districts

By JEFF JELLISON
Reporter Publisher

Three Hamilton County School districts have announced classes will be canceled on Tuesday, Nov. 19, allowing staff to attend a rally in support of “Red for Ed” Action Day at the Indiana Statehouse.

Sheridan, Hamilton Heights and Noblesville this week have informed parents of their plans not to conduct class.

In a statement to parents, Noblesville Schools said, “Because so many of our teachers plan to use a personal day in order to attend this rally, we have made the difficult decision to cancel school on November 19th. We cannot provide quality instruction or a safe school environment with such significantly reduced staffing.”

Sheridan Community Schools stated, “It is important to understand the decision to make our presence known at the Statehouse rather than being present with our students is not an easy one. Our staff would much rather be at school teaching our students.”

The Hamilton Heights School District on Wednesday issued a statement that in part said, “To help make its voice heard, Hamilton Heights School Corporation in cooperation with the Administration and the Hamilton Heights Classroom Teachers Association, has made the difficult decision to cancel classes on Tuesday, November 19.”

Other school districts in Hamilton County have not yet canceled classes.

A spokesperson with the Carmel Clay School District said, “As of right now, yes, we will be in session.

A representative with Hamilton Southeastern Schools told the Reporter, “At this point in time we have not been given any information that we are going to close.”

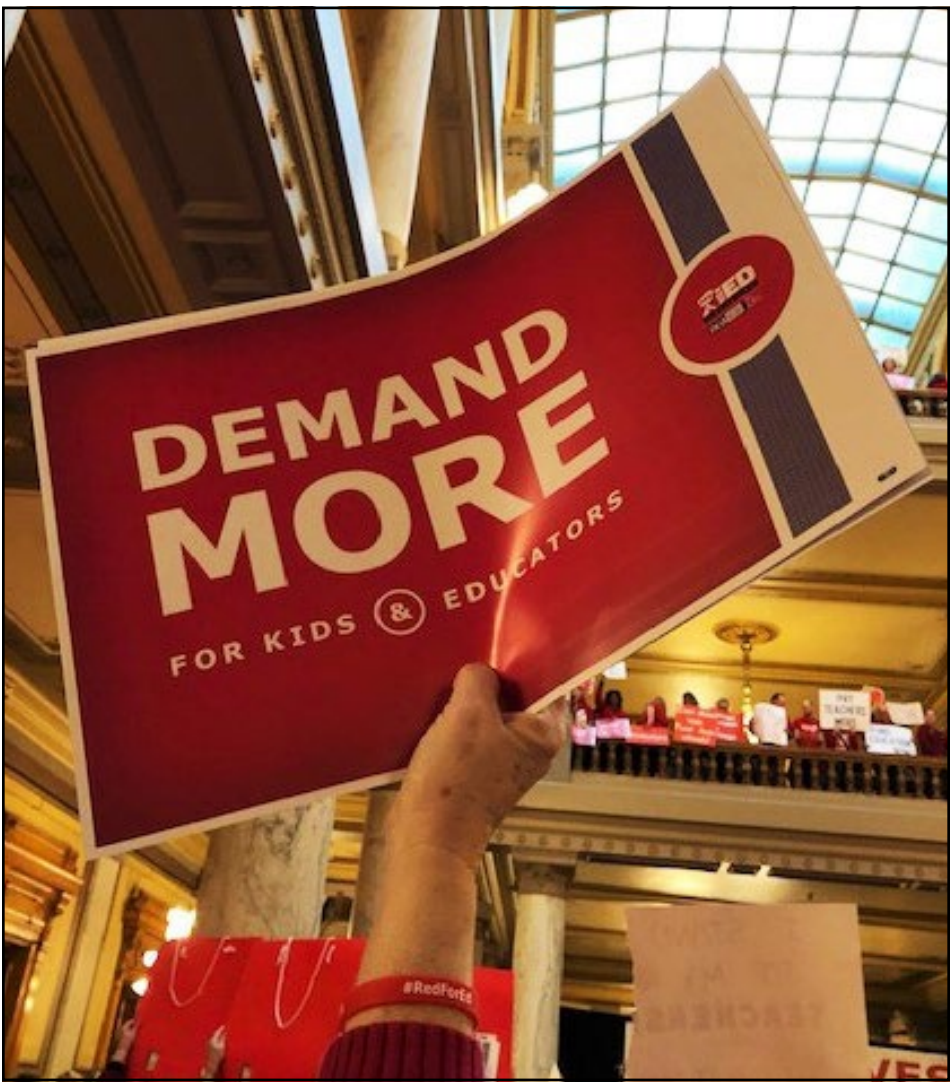


Photo provided by Hamilton Heights School Corporation

Three Hamilton County school districts have announced classes will be canceled on Tuesday, Nov. 19 due to staff attending the “Red for Ed” Action Day at the Statehouse. Noblesville Schools issued a statement that said while teachers are thankful for the salary increase they recently received, they wanted to join their colleagues and advocate for better funding.

Westfield Washington Schools said they are planning on being in session. “Red for Ed” Action Day addresses educational concerns in public education in Indiana, including public education funding and standardized testing.

Noblesville's Ice Plaza at Federal Hill Commons opens Nov. 23

The REPORTER

The City of Noblesville is excited for the return of the Federal Hill Commons Ice Plaza offering residents an outdoor recreational activity this winter. The temporary ice rink, with real ice, will open at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 23 and will close for the season on Jan. 6, 2020. Some holiday hours will apply.

“The ice skating rink has become a new holiday tradition in Downtown Noblesville,” said Noblesville Mayor John Ditslear. “Federal Hill Commons was designed to be a year-round park and hosting winter activities here and across downtown will drive even more residents to the heart of our city this holiday season.”

The 56-foot by 100-foot ice rink will be located at the Market Plaza at Federal Hill Commons. From Nov. 23 through Dec. 22, Ice Plaza hours are 5 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Starting on Dec. 23, hours will be extended to 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily for enjoyment during Noblesville Schools’ winter break. The rink will have special holiday hours on Nov. 29 (11 a.m. to 9 p.m.), and Dec. 24 and 31 (11 a.m. to 4 p.m.); and will be closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

“Instead of offering sessions, our Ice Plaza allows skaters to enjoy the ice for as long as they want. Admission is all day long, so after skating for a bit, patrons can take a break to visit any of our fantastic nearby restaurants and stores and return to skate some more without having to pay again,” Parks Director Brandon Bennett said.

All ages are welcome to participate and rental ice skates range from kid to adult sizes. Again this year, IU Health Saxony has partnered with the parks department to provide skating aids for children needing extra support while on the ice. Celtic Pretzel will be onsite during rink hours on Friday, Saturday and Sunday with popular menu items for purchase, including specialty pretzels with dipping sauces, along with hot chocolate and coffee.

Admission rates are \$12 for those ages 13 and older and \$10 for those ages 12 and younger. Guests may bring their own skates if they prefer, but skate rental is included in the admission fee. Admission rates of \$10 are available for groups of six or more and those patrons participating on themed nights.

Theme nights are scheduled to take place on two nights this year, including a Toy Drive on Dec. 6 and Miller Night sponsored by Bailey and Wood Financial Group on Dec. 20. Those bringing a toy donation or wearing their Noblesville Miller gear on the respective theme nights will receive the \$10 admission rate.

For the second year, Noblesville Schools’ Parent Teacher Organizations (PTO) will also be involved at the Ice Plaza, where \$1 per skater will be donated back to the PTO and the \$12 admission rate is discounted to \$11. PTO Nights scheduled so far include: Noblesville East Middle School (Dec. 2), White River Elementary (Dec. 3), Stony Creek Elementary (Dec. 9), Promise Road Elementary (Dec. 16), Hinkle Creek Elementary (Dec. 17), and Noble Crossing Elementary (Dec. 30).

“The schools and students had a lot of fun with it last year. It’s a win-win for both of us, as families and friends enjoy a night together at the rink while generating revenue for the PTOs,” Bennett said.

The Ice Plaza would not be possible without the support of the following businesses and organizations: First Merchants, Gaylor Electric, Indiana American Water,

Fishers K9 shot, killed during search

The REPORTER

Fishers police arrested an Indianapolis man and woman following a vehicle pursuit and manhunt.

Shortly after midnight, a Fishers police officer attempted to stop a Cadillac passenger car traveling northbound on Interstate 69 in Fishers. The driver refused to stop and exited the interstate onto Southeastern Parkway. A pursuit of the suspect vehicle terminated near the intersection of 131st Street and Olio Road. The male driver ran from the car while the female passenger was taken into custody. Officers established a perimeter and an extensive manhunt began.

During the search, a Fishers K9 Officer observed the male suspect. When the suspect refused commands to stop, K9 Harlej was deployed. Shortly after, the officer heard a gunshot and K9 Harlej went missing. After

“It is my belief he saved lives last night (Wednesday morning), we are thankful for his sacrifice.”
– Fishers Police Chief Ed Gebhart

ter several hours, the male suspect was taken into custody. The suspect was transported to an area hospital where he received medical treatment for a minor leg injury. Both suspects were transported to the Hamilton County Jail without incident.

A short time later, officers found K9 Harlej in a wooded area. During his pursuit, of the suspect, K9 Harlej was shot and succumbed to his injury.

The Indiana State Police, the Carmel Police Department, the Noblesville Police Department, the Cicero Police Department, the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office, Hamilton County Emergency Management, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms assisted in the

search and apprehension.

Donations can be made to the Fishers Police Foundation at [this link](#) or in person at the Fishers Police Department.

Richard D. Garrett, Jr., 19, Indianapolis, was charged with the following: Striking a Law Enforcement Animal, Level 6 Felony; Criminal Recklessness with a Deadly Weapon, Level 6 Felony; Resisting Law Enforcement with a Vehicle, Level 6 Felony; Theft-Receiving Stolen Property, Level 6 Felony; Residential Entry (2 counts), Level 6 Felony; Resisting Law Enforcement, “A” Misdemeanor; Possession of Marijuana, “B” Misdemeanor; Unauthorized Entry into a Vehicle, “B” Misdemeanor; Possession of



Photo provided Fishers Police K9 Harlej.

a Handgun without a License, “A” Misdemeanor.

Rashaana L. Farrow, 19, Indianapolis, was charged with the following: False Informing, “B” Misdemeanor; Wanted on Warrants (Marion County).

Credit Narcan with fewer opioid deaths

By FRED SWIFT
ReadTheReporter.com

Narcan, now available to the general public, is credited for a slight reduction this year in the number of Hamilton County deaths attributed to dangerous opioid drug overdoses.

The county coroner’s office says there have been 20 opioid-related deaths so far

in 2019 compared with 22 at approximately the same time last year.

Narcan is a medication used to quickly block the effects of opioids. It is carried by police and first responders, and is now available at pharmacies.

Overall Hamilton County deaths from drug overdoses are down from 38 last year to 26 so far this year. Heroin, meth and other drugs account for the non-opioid fatalities.

Dangerous and illegal drug use remains a serious problem locally and nationally. A majority of fatalities involve younger males, although some older men and women have been among the victims.

In another attack on the crisis, Deputy Coroner Mark Epperson says the county Drug Task Force is now doing consulting with users, trying to curb fatalities.

ICE PLAZA

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Noblesville Urgent Care, Early Learning Center. Those interested in becoming a sponsor and connecting with ice plaza visitors, may contact Kristi Spehler at (317) 776-6350 or kspehler@noblesville.in.us.

For additional information about the Federal Hill Commons Ice Plaza, visit federalthillcommons.com.

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| The Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 18, 2019, at the Cool Creek Park Nature Center, 2000-1 E. 151st St., Carmel. | TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold its monthly Personnel and Benefits Committee meeting at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2019, at the John W. Hensel Government Center, 10701 N. College Ave., Indianapolis. |

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Carmel Clay School Board OKs new admin hire

The REPORTER

The Carmel Clay School Board unanimously approved to hire Dr. Tom Oestreich as the new Assistant Superintendent of Staff and Student Services.

Dr. Oestreich will be responsible for overseeing the recruitment, retention and talent development of all CCS employees. His role will include working with benefits, compensation and the general care and support of CCS staff. In addition, he will serve the student services department which includes school safety, mental health and all areas related to supporting student needs. He will assume the role on Jan. 6, 2020.

Dr. Oestreich brings with him a wealth of experience and leadership developed from his 20 years in public education. He most recently served as Assistant Superintendent of MSD Washington Township (MSDWT), overseeing the daily operations and a variety of departments including safety and security, technology, grants and assessments, special services and student support programs. During his time at MSDWT, he also served as the Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, leading the recruitment, hiring, evaluation, benefits and service programs for over 1,600 district employees.

"We are extremely fortunate to have Dr. Oestreich join our team," said CCS Superintendent Dr. Michael Beresford. "He brings an

experienced skill set that is a great fit to meet the district's needs in supporting our staff and students. He is passionate about providing every student a high quality education and he understands the importance of finding highly motivated and talented teachers to serve our kids! He is truly a servant leader and will continue the great work that Dr. Stephanoff and his team have established here at CCS."

Dr. Oestreich earned his Bachelor of Science from Butler University in Music Education, his Masters of Education in School Administration and his Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership with a minor in Curriculum and Instruction from Indiana University.



Oestreich

He was named MSD Washington Township Administrator of the Year in 2014.

"I started my career over 20 years ago as a student teacher at Carmel High School and I am absolutely thrilled to return in this new position to serve the Carmel Clay Schools community," said Dr. Oestreich. "I look forward to meeting and working with all of the Carmel teachers, administrators, staff, parents and students. I have always been impressed with Carmel Clay Schools and cannot wait to immerse myself within the school community in order to continue providing a world class education for our students and families."

Dr. Oestreich is married to his wife, Allison, and

they have a son named Colin. He is a sports enthusiast

and enjoys a great game of golf and tennis. He also has

a love for music and enjoys traveling with his family.

Public Notice

Summary of Ordinance 39-09-19

Ordinance No. 39-09-19 proposes to amend the Noblesville parking ordinances in the following manner.

Section 70.50 of the Noblesville City Code (the "Code") will be amended to now include that for purposes of Title VII of the Code, a person who violates the traffic Code will be the driver of the vehicle at the time of the infraction. But if the driver cannot be identified at the time of the infraction, the owner of the vehicle will be liable.

Section 70.99 of the Code will be amended to clarify that violators who do not wish to pay for a fine or penalty must file an appeal within 15 days of the date of the issuance of notice of the violation.

Section 72.17 will be added to the Code and require that all motor vehicles utilizing a parking space in Noblesville parking lots or parking garages shall park by pulling head first into the spot. Parking in these spots by backing your vehicle into the spot is prohibited.

Section 72.90 of the Code will be amended to state that annual parking permits and meters on lots identified on the Downtown Parking Map (Exhibit 1 to Chapter 78) shall be: \$300 per year or \$25 per month for the Red Lot, Future Parking (to be the Levinson), and the Orange Lot; \$250 per year for the City Hall East Lot and designated spaces on Clinton Street; \$150 per year for the Purple Lot; and \$.25 per hour for all metered parking, plus surcharge for paying by credit card.

Section 72.93 of the Code will be amended to state that parking lots and garages identified in Exhibit 1 to Chapter 78 shall be enforced from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Section 72.94 of the Code will be deleted.

Schedule V of Chapter 78 of the Code will be amended to no longer prohibit parking on: N. 8th St., Logan to Conner, West side; Clinton St., two spaces east of 11th St., North side; Conner St., 8th St. to 6th St., North side; Logan St., 8th St. West to first alley, South side; Logan St., S.R. 19 to S.R. 38, both sides; and Maple Avenue, 8th to first alley East, North side. This Schedule will also be amended to now prohibit parking at Clinton St., 8th to 9th St., North side and Maple Avenue, 8th to 9th St., North side.

Schedule VII of Chapter 78 will be amended to establish Downtown Square Parking at: 8th St., Clinton St. to Maple Ave.; 9th St., Clinton St. to Maple Ave.; Logan St., White River to 10th St.; and Conner St., 6th St. to 10th St. These parking spaces will be free for motor vehicles up to two consecutive hours each calendar day (excluding Saturday, Sundays, and City holidays) during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This two consecutive hour period will be limited where signage indicates that special parking duration limitations apply. This schedule will also be amended to now only restrict parking in the same manner in the City outside of Downtown Square Parking in the following areas: N. 10th St., 100' North of Conner Street West side, 20 minutes; and Maple Ave., 9th St. 1/2 block West (South side), 2 hours.

2019 permit holders shall be reimbursed pro rata for termination of permits as determined by the City Controller.

These amendments shall be in full force and effect beginning January 1, 2020 and after its passage and publication in accordance with the law.

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The City of Tipton has successfully established a Riverfront District to promote investment in its historic downtown. Establishing the Riverfront District will help concentrate local efforts to recruit investment by leveraging the natural resources of Cicero Creek while also capitalizing on the momentum of the downtown.

"Downtown Tipton has made tremendous strides in the last eight years with regard to beautification and reinvestment," said Mayor Don Havens. "However, we are hoping to leverage this Riverfront District to take our downtown to the next level. We have been successful at beautification, facade investments, and programming in the downtown and we hope this will enable us to re-

develop key areas to make Downtown Tipton even better."

The area identified as the Tipton Riverfront District is best defined as the Downtown overlay extending south to the northern border of the Cicero Creek. This area features several commercial businesses, residential area, park area and adjacent to the Tipton Community School Corporation.

"The goal is to think big picture with this district," said Kegan Schmicker, Community Development Consultant to the City of Tipton. "While the Riverfront District will help us to attract capable and exciting restaurateurs, this will only be the first step. Successfully recruiting such eating establishments will have a positive impact on our retail establishments and aid

our efforts to attract new residents to the area. Lastly, there is a recreation component to this that could be leveraged to make the City of Tipton an entertainment destination for people to visit and call home."

The Riverfront District is a statutory program available to community be Indiana Code IC 7.1-3-20-16.1. It enables a community to issue three-way liquor licenses to approved applicants for an annual fee of \$1,000. The nuances of the licenses do vary compared to a traditional license, but should enable the City of Tipton to spur growth.

The City of Tipton will be working in the coming weeks to formalize its application process and get all required documentation published at tiptongov.com/city, so any interested party may apply.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

Judas saith unto him, not Iscariot, Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you.

John 14:22-25 (KJV)

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— Tony Etchison, 1972-2019

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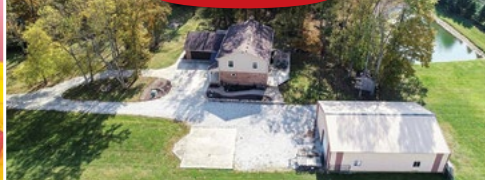
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Noblesville, Carmel, Westfield, Sheridan, Hamilton Heights, Fishers, University, Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Southeastern

Girls basketball

Tigers cruise past Anderson, are 4-0

By RICHIE HALL

FISHERS - After four games, things have been going rather well for the Fishers girls basketball team.

The Tigers have won all four of their games, including an easy Wednesday victory over Anderson, 79-49 at the Tiger Den. Fishers' early-season success hasn't gone unnoticed, as the Tigers came into the ICGSA Class 4A rankings at No. 8 this week.

Everyone has been contributing to the team, both veteran players and young ones. Of course, the seniors set the tone, and Fishers coach Lauren Votaw is pleased with how her 12th-graders are leading the way.

"I'm going to credit our seniors with doing a phenomenal job of setting the tone and setting the culture of this idea of putting the team before yourself," said Votaw. "They get so excited when their teammates succeed. We've talked a lot about that, and a lot about that being an important part of being a great team. And so hopefully that continues."

Fishers slowly worked its way to a 16-7 lead by the end of the first quarter, with senior Kaitlynn Feagan hitting a pair of 3-pointers along the way. Another bright spot was freshman Olivia Smith, who had six points. Smith and her twin sister Hailey Smith have been solid for the Tigers during their first few high-school games.

"And they work extremely hard and they're very coachable," said Votaw. "They're well-liked by their teammates. It's been a very smooth transition for them overall."

The Tigers then blasted off to a 44-24 lead by halftime. Junior Katie Burton took over in that period, scoring 15 points, including a pair of 3-pointers. Burton had one basket in each of the other three quarters, giving her a team-leading 21 points for the game.

Six different players scored in the second period, but Fishers did better in the third quarter, with seven players getting in the scorebook. Senior Tamia Perryman led the way in that period with seven



Fishers' Katie Burton (33) scored 21 points for the Tigers during their 79-49 win over Anderson Wednesday at the Tiger Den. Also pictured is Hailey Smith (30), who scored nine points.

points, on her way to 10 for the night.

"It's good," said Perryman. "We've got a lot of stuff to still work on, but right now we're good."

Perryman has committed to play at Marian University next year.

"It felt like home when I went for my visit," she said.

The Tigers led 65-34 after three quarters, and held the lead around that margin during the fourth period. The bench players got the chance to play, and they had some good minutes: Sophomore Kaiya Walker had four points, with junior Jordan Imes and sophomore Charlotte Gaffin both getting two.

"I don't know if I would say it's been a surprise, but it's been one of the top positives from the first four games of our season is the depth that we have, especially just at that guard position, that ability to bring in guards that can handle the basketball and defend is so valuable," said Votaw.

Feagan joined Perryman with 10 points, while both Hailey and Olivia Smith scored nine points each. Burton collected six rebounds, with Olivia Smith and Lydia Stullken both getting five rebounds.

Audra Emmerson had eight points for the Tigers, while Stullken and Shae Shaffer rounded out the scoring with two points each – 11 different players scored for Fishers.

Fishers will travel to Northwest Indiana on Saturday to compete in the Lake Central Classic, where the Tigers will take on the host Indians in a morning game and Valparaiso in an afternoon contest.

Reporter photo by Richie Hall

| FISHERS 79, ANDERSON 49 | | | | |
|---|-------|------|----|----|
| Fishers | FG | FT | TP | PF |
| Audra Emmerson | 3-8 | 2-2 | 8 | 1 |
| Kaitlynn Feagan | 4-8 | 0-1 | 10 | 2 |
| Tamia Perryman | 4-5 | 1-1 | 10 | 2 |
| Lydia Stullken | 1-3 | 0-2 | 2 | 3 |
| Katie Burton | 9-15 | 1-2 | 21 | 2 |
| Shae Shaffer | 1-1 | 0-0 | 2 | 0 |
| Hailey Smith | 4-7 | 1-3 | 9 | 0 |
| Olivia Smith | 2-2 | 4-6 | 9 | 0 |
| Charlotte Gaffin | 1-2 | 0-0 | 2 | 1 |
| Jordan Imes | 1-1 | 0-0 | 2 | 1 |
| Kaiya Walker | 2-2 | 0-0 | 4 | 0 |
| Totals | 32-54 | 9-17 | 79 | 12 |
| Score by Quarters | | | | |
| Anderson | 7 | 17 | 10 | 15 |
| Fishers | 16 | 28 | 21 | 14 |
| Fishers 3-point shooting (6-17) Burton 2-5, Feagan 2-3, Perryman 1-2, O. Smith 1-1, Emmerson 0-3, H. Smith 0-2, Gaffin 0-1. | | | | |
| Fishers rebounds (28) Burton 6, O. Smith 5, Stullken 5, Perryman 4, Shaffer 3, Feagan 2, H. Smith 2, Imes 1. | | | | |

Blackhawks fall to Covenant Christian

Sheridan dropped a tough home game to Covenant Christian 53-48 on Tuesday.

The Blackhawks led 13-12 after the first quarter and 27-25 at halftime. The Warriors jumped ahead 36-33 late in the third period, but Sheridan was able to take the lead back by the end of the quarter, 37-36. Covenant got back in front in the fourth period and hung on to get the win.

Allie Delph scored 10 points for the 'Hawks. Taylor Bates grabbed six rebounds, with Delph and Riley Reed both collecting five rebounds.

Sheridan is 1-3 and continues its homestand on Friday by hosting Carroll for its first Hoosier Heartland Conference



Bates

| COVENANT CHRISTIAN 53, SHERIDAN 48 | | | | |
|--|-------|-------|----|----|
| Sheridan | FG | FT | TP | PF |
| Sierra Duke | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Katy Crail | 1-5 | 0-2 | 2 | 3 |
| Allie Delph | 4-8 | 1-2 | 10 | 1 |
| Emma Went | 2-8 | 2-3 | 7 | 4 |
| Berkley Williams | 1-7 | 2-2 | 4 | 0 |
| Chaney Smith | 0-1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kaylie Kantz | 2-5 | 4-4 | 9 | 4 |
| Riley Reed | 2-4 | 0-0 | 4 | 2 |
| Lillie Dickerson | 3-6 | 0-0 | 6 | 1 |
| Taylor Bates | 1-4 | 4-4 | 6 | 3 |
| Totals | 16-49 | 13-17 | 48 | 18 |
| Score by Quarters | | | | |
| Covenant Christian | 12 | 13 | 11 | 17 |
| Sheridan | 13 | 14 | 10 | 11 |
| Sheridan 3-point shooting (3-17) Went 1-6, Delph 1-2, Kantz 1-2, Williams 0-4, Smith 0-1, Reed 0-1, Dickerson 0-1. | | | | |
| Sheridan rebounds (29) Bates 6, Delph 5, Reed 5, Dickerson 4, Went 3, Crail 2, Kantz 2, Duke 1, Williams 1. | | | | |

Football preview

Greyhounds head to Homestead for regional

By RICHIE HALL

This Friday will mark the seventh consecutive year that the Carmel football team has played for a regional championship, and the Greyhounds will do so in a familiar city.

Carmel plays at Homestead Friday for the Regional 2 title. Kickoff will be at 7:30 p.m. This will be the fifth time in the past seven years that the 'Hounds will travel to a Fort Wayne school to play for a regional championship, having been the visitors against schools like Snider, Carroll and Homestead.

The Spartans have been a recent rival for Carmel. The two teams have played each other four times, each game in the regional round. Homestead won the first encounter back in 1998 27-3, but the Greyhounds have won the others, beating the Spartans in 2006, 2015 and 2016.

Homestead will come into the game

undefeated at 11-0. The Spartans were a perfect 9-0 during the regular season, with all of those games played against Summit Conference teams – thus Homestead is a conference champion as well.

The Spartans traveled to Noblesville for the Sectional 3 semi-finals, and came from behind to win 24-21 in overtime. Homestead hosted Carroll in the championship game and won 38-14 for the program's sixth sectional title.

"To begin, Homestead is 11-0 so they have proven that they know how to win football games in a variety of ways," said Carmel coach John Hebert. The coach said that the Spartans "have a number of very talented players," and that talent is everywhere – wide receiver, tight end, quarterback, linebacker, defensive backs.

"It's obvious to me that they are a very tight group that enjoys playing together and making plays," said Hebert. "It will be will be an exciting challenge to try to limit the production and effectiveness of their great players. No one else has been able to completely do it."

Junior Luke Goode is Homestead's quarterback, and he has had a spectacular season, throwing for 2,642 yards and 26 touchdowns, while rushing for two additional scores. Senior Jake Archbold leads in receptions with 37, 12 of them touchdowns. Senior Griffin Little and junior Jared Kistler have made 35 and 30 catches respectively, including six scores each.

The Spartans' running game is solid as well. Junior Braeden Hardwick has rushed for 957 yards and 15 TDs. On defense, junior Luke Palmer has 87 tackles, 13 for a loss, with senior Camden Rogers making 72 stops, 12 for a loss.

The Greyhounds will head to Homestead with an 8-3 record. Carmel won seventh consecutive sectional title (and 31st overall, a record) by beating Hamilton Southeastern 28-14 and Westfield 35-7. This was after a 6-3 regular season that saw the 'Hounds finish in a four-way tie for Metropolitan Conference champions.

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| Wednesday scores | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Memphis 119, Charlotte 117 | Minnesota 129, San Antonio 114 |
| Orlando 112, Philadelphia 97 | L.A. Lakers 120, Golden State 94 |
| Boston 140, Washington 133 | Toronto 114, Portland 106 |
| Houston 102, L.A. Clippers 93 | |

Eastern Conference

| | W | L | PCT. | GB |
|------------------|----------|----------|-------------|-----------|
| Atlantic | | | | |
| Boston | 9 | 1 | .900 | - |
| Toronto | 8 | 3 | .727 | 1.5 |
| Philadelphia | 7 | 4 | .636 | 2.5 |
| Brooklyn | 4 | 6 | .400 | 5.0 |
| New York | 2 | 9 | .182 | 7.5 |
| Central | W | L | PCT. | GB |
| Milwaukee | 7 | 3 | .700 | - |
| Indiana | 7 | 4 | .636 | 0.5 |
| Cleveland | 4 | 6 | .400 | 3.0 |
| Chicago | 4 | 7 | .364 | 3.5 |
| Detroit | 4 | 8 | .333 | 4.0 |
| Southeast | W | L | PCT. | GB |
| Miami | 7 | 3 | .700 | - |
| Atlanta | 4 | 6 | .400 | 3.0 |
| Orlando | 4 | 7 | .364 | 3.5 |
| Charlotte | 4 | 7 | .364 | 3.5 |
| Washington | 2 | 7 | .222 | 4.5 |

Western Conference

| | W | L | PCT. | GB |
|------------------|----------|----------|-------------|-----------|
| Northwest | | | | |
| Utah | 8 | 3 | .727 | - |
| Denver | 7 | 3 | .700 | 0.5 |
| Minnesota | 7 | 4 | .636 | 1.0 |
| Portland | 4 | 7 | .364 | 4.0 |
| Oklahoma City | 4 | 8 | .333 | 4.5 |
| Pacific | W | L | PCT. | GB |
| L.A. Lakers | 9 | 2 | .818 | - |
| L.A. Clippers | 7 | 4 | .636 | 2.0 |
| Phoenix | 6 | 4 | .600 | 2.5 |
| Sacramento | 4 | 6 | .400 | 4.5 |
| Golden State | 2 | 10 | .167 | 7.5 |
| Southwest | W | L | PCT. | GB |
| Houston | 8 | 3 | .727 | - |
| Dallas | 6 | 4 | .600 | 1.5 |
| San Antonio | 5 | 6 | .455 | 3.0 |
| Memphis | 4 | 7 | .364 | 4.0 |
| New Orleans | 2 | 8 | .200 | 5.5 |

Carmel athletes sign with colleges



Photo provided

Carmel High School held a college signing ceremony for athletes in the fall signing period. The 37 Greyhounds are:
Front row: Morgan Croaning (Ohio-swimming), Taylor Conley (Kansas-swimming), Jessica Estabrook (Hope-swimming), Griffin Seaver (Purdue-swimming), Wyatt Davis (Michigan-swimming), Meredith Berglund (South Carolina-swimming).
Kneeling: Maria Zweig (Charleston-volleyball), Kiara Gill (Grace-basketball), Elizabeth Hedrick (Marian-golf), Brendan Mattingly (Coast Guard Academy-wrestling), Phoebe Bates (Indiana-cross country & track), Sarah Jarding (Washington State-swimming), Makalya Sura (Indiana State-swimming), Sarah Myung (St. Louis-swimming), Jake Mitchell (Michigan-swimming).
Seated: Emma Antoine (Wright State-soccer), Kelsie James (Valparaiso-soccer), Cassidy Eckstein (Valparaiso-soccer), Naomi Mann (Wooster-soccer), Morgan Parker (Western Michigan-soccer), Jessica Greven (Washington-St. Louis-soccer), Aiden Bradbury (Cincinnati-baseball), Codi Li (College of Charleston-baseball), Christian Williams (Michigan State-baseball), Avery Williams (Indiana-swimming).
Back: Stormy Kotzelnick (Washington-softball), Luke Prall (Purdue-golf), Clay Stirsmen (Wake Forest-golf), Nick George (Lindenwood-lacrosse), Sarah Goddard (Duke-softball), Ava Wetzel (Indianapolis-lacrosse), Gabby Smith (New Hampshire-volleyball), Anne Lesure (Akron-volleyball), Avery Thorpe (Indiana-rowing), Max Guidry (IUPUI-soccer), Presley Thieneman (Northwestern-tennis), Kelise Twyner (Queens of Charlotte-volleyball).

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“The challenge we all face is a lack of familiarity for our opponents when we get to this stage of the playoffs,” said Herbert. “Being able to win those games in the past can be partially credited to our experiences in the MIC and versus other teams in the Indianapolis area. In 2017, we were able to beat a FW Snider team that was better than us because our guys were used to playing great teams. We are again facing a great team on their home field two hours away. Our team is narrowing our focus in order to be as tough and resilient as we can. We know we will have to overcome more adversity in order

for our season to go on another week.”

Junior Christian Williams has performed solidly as Carmel’s quarterback, throwing for 824 yards and six touchdowns, and running for five TDs. Junior Colton Parker has 23 receptions, including five scores.

Senior Dylan Downing leads the Greyhounds’ rushing with 795 yards and nine touchdowns, with junior John Rogers getting six scores and junior Zach White five scores. Junior Dominic Padjen leads the defense with 102 tackles (58 solo, 44 assists), followed by senior Ty Wise with 86 (59 solo, 27 assists).

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