

Help local children through NFD's Christmas toy drive

The RPEORTER

The Noblesville Fire Department is seeking assistance from the community to ensure local families have a joyous holiday season. The fire department is currently accepting donations for its annual food and toy drive to benefit more than 100 less-fortunate families in Noblesville.

2020 marks the 43rd anniversary since the program started. The fire department has partnered with Kroger for food needs and Meijer for toys.

The fire department is accepting canned goods, non-perishable food items and new, unwrapped toys through Friday, Dec. 4. Donations may be dropped off at any of the Noblesville Fire Stations or at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St. Deliveries to the families will take place on Saturday, Dec. 12.

The fire department also is accepting monetary donations (checks are preferred – made payable to the NFD Hamilton Coun-

Toy & Food Drive Drop-off Locations

Station 1 – 135 S. 9th St. (Downtown at Ninth Street and Maple Avenue)

Station 2 – 400 S. Harbour Drive (South Harbour)

Station 3 – 2101 Greenfield Ave. (The Wellingtons)

Station 4 – 20777 Hague Road (North and East Harbour)

Station 5 – 10170 E. 191st St. (The Meadows)

Station 6 – 16800 Hazel Dell Road (Hazel Dell)

Station 7 – 15251 Olio Road (Behind Ruoff Home Mortgage Music Center)

Noblesville City Hall – 16 S. 10th St. (Downtown at 10th and Conner streets)

ty Community Foundation). Secure online donations may be made through the Central Indiana Community Foundation donor portal at [this link](#). If making an online donation, please type in “Noblesville Firefighters Fund” under the Fund Name section.

“For over four decades, the Noblesville Fire Department has had the honor of delivering food and toys on behalf of the generous citizens and businesses of Noblesville, who willingly donate to this great cause,” said Noblesville Fire Chief Matt Mitchell. “The gratitude displayed by the recipients of these gifts is impossible to describe.”

For more information, call the Noblesville Fire Department at (317) 776-6336.

Take a ‘StoryWalk’ at Fishers’ Ritchey Woods Nature Preserve

The REPORTER

The Fishers Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with Hamilton East Public Library, encourages local residents to enjoy the great outdoors any time during free, self-guided reading hikes.

Each month the parks department will feature a nature-based picture book on the trail for walkers to enjoy during a quarter-mile hike in the woods. Ritchey Woods Nature Preserve, located at 10410 Hague Road, will serve as the November location.

Books are ideal for ages 6 and under and are available all month long, rain or shine. Don’t forget to track your participation and earn reading badges on the Beanstack app.

About the StoryWalk

The StoryWalk Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, Vt., and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.



Photo provided
Ritchey Woods Nature Preserve will serve as this month’s StoryWalk tour.

Fiscal Conservatives to Westfield city officials: “Show us the money!”

By MARLA AILOR
Vice President, Fiscal Conservatives of Hamilton County

Editor’s note: The following Op-Ed column is provided to the Reporter by Marla Ailor, who serves as Vice President of the Fiscal Conservatives of Hamilton County. It this column, Ailor makes the case for why taxpayers deserve to know the full results of an audit performed by the Indiana State Board of Accounts about alleged misappropriation of funds regarding Grand Park Sports Campus. Please note that the following Op-Ed does not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Hamilton County Reporter, its publisher or its staff.



Ailor

When Councilman Troy Patton asserted a claim that certain contracts and obligations (having to do with Westfield’s Grand Park Sports Campus) weren’t being appropriately fulfilled during a July 13, 2020 City Council meeting, the administration vigorously defended their position that no impropriety had taken place. As [previously reported](#), there were a number of agreements in place between BullPen Tournaments (BPT) and the



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City of Westfield, generally speaking, which were deficient in clarity and unavailable for both Council and public consumption.

Almost every news publication serving Hamilton County wrote an article about that meeting, but it was [IBJ](#) who used the following quote: “If you believe funds are being misappropriated, I would suggest

we need to have a full-blown audit and we need to figure out what is going on,” Cook said to Patton during the meeting.” While an independent review is now underway, the Indiana State Board of Accounts beat the other auditors to the punch.

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KEY RACES
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U.S. Rep. – District 5

✓ Spartz (R)
103,534 votes

Hale (D)
82,490 votes

Tucker (L)
6,467 votes

Governor

✓ Holcomb (R)
117,723 votes

Myers (D)
58,699 votes

Rainwater (L)
17,116 votes

State Rep. – District 39

✓ Torr (R)
23,388 votes

Klein (D)
20,252 votes

HSE School Board - Delaware Twp.

✓ Donsbach (NP)
14,749 votes

Shera (NP)
14,727 votes

Bagato (NP)
12,990 votes

County Treasurer

✓ Byer (R)
115,022 votes

Madore (D)
71,640 votes

Commissioner – District 3

✓ Heirbrandt (R)
112,857 votes

Montgomery (D)
73,029 votes

STRAIGHT-PARTY BALLOTS CAST

Republican: 49,976

Democratic: 23,485

Libertarian: 89

Voter Turnout: 75.32%

You voted, now what?

Congratulations, fellow voter, you cast a ballot. Now it’s time to sit back, relax and let our newly elected, or reelected, representatives take it from here, right? Not exactly.

Actually, I have bad news. Your work is far from over. That “I Voted” sticker we saw in your Facebook selfie is nothing more than a signing bonus.

You see, this whole representative democracy thing only works if we are constantly engaged in the process. And, my, is it a process. It’s not like mixing up a few ingredients in a pan, throwing it in the oven and coming back an hour later to find a finished product. Nope.

This process is more like cooking a pot of soup on the stove. You’ve got to lift up the lid every so often to inspect what’s going on inside. Stir it up. Make sure nothing sticks to the bottom. It’s the only way to get it to taste just right.

I know candidates talk about the finish line of Election Day like the hard work is over when it’s merely the starting gate of their governing and our paying attention.

“On election nights, we remind each other that victory is not a vindication, it is an instruction, not an endorsement, but an assignment,” former Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels said in a widely-praised 2011 speech at the Conservative Political Action Conference.

Voting is the same. Casting a ballot isn’t about checking a box and waiting for the next election to come around,



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Learn how to manage stress at WOW meeting

The REPORTER

The Women of Westfield (WOW) will hold its annual gathering later this month, which will feature Family Therapist Kristen Boice. She will speak on “How to Manage Stress During Times of Chaos.”

The BE ZEN virtual gathering will take place from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Tues-

day, Nov. 17. Tickets are \$25 per person. To register, visit womenofwestfield.ticketspice.com/be-zen.

Tickets include admission to the virtual event, a WOW handmade bracelet, access to discounts and one raffle ticket. A portion of the ticket sales will go towards Care Closets at Westfield Washington Schools.

Having recently completed its 2018 audit and exit conference for the City of Westfield, the State Board of Accounts (SBOA) used three-and-a-half pages each in its reports to the Common Council, Board of Public Works, and the Redevelopment Commission to detail their findings on an “informal agreement” “to have BPT perform maintenance in lieu of paying the collections designated in

the agreement.” Collections from admissions, parking fees, and merchandise stopped at the end of 2017. As noted in the SBOA’s Audit Report, the only collections remitted in 2018, 2019 and 2020 from BPT were for electricity and indoor leasing fees.

From the **Supplemental Compliance Report** it seems the Indiana SBOA would more likely agree with Patton than the administration when they stated:

“None of the parties to the proposal have signed the proposal. There was not any discussion of this informal agreement or proposal in the minutes of the Common Council, Board of Public Works, Redevelopment Commission, or Redevelopment Commission Authority. “We find no authority for the change to the terms of these agreements without the formal approval of a legislative board with authority to contract.”

Taxpayers and Council should demand the administration (much like Cuba

Gooding Jr. did in Jerry McGuire) “Show me (us) the money!” It would be nice to know how much revenue the Grand Park Sports Campus missed out on in the years since the collections stopped, but even the SBOA couldn’t assign a number to it because:

“Documentation regarding admissions, merchandise sales, and parking revenues received by BPT was not provided, so we could not determine the dollar amount of revenues that should have been remitted to the City for 2018 through 2019.”

The report prompted Council President Joe Edwards to write in response that it was a lack of oversight that led to an “internal control deficiency.” The fact that Westfield’s Redevelopment Commission “ceded its authority” to Mayor Andy Cook and his Chief of Staff as Edwards wrote was what led the City Council and its Finance Committee to cry “foul” in the first place. **Resolution 20-131** was constructed

to give “citizen oversight” back to the common council according to Edwards. As such, all previous contracts are coming to an end this December. Requests for proposals have already been issued though there has been no word to date on estimates received.

The 2019 Audit and Corrective Actions Plan (should any be needed) are due out in December, so only time will tell if the administration comes around with an admission of any wrongdoing.

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I was born and raised right here in Noblesville. I grew up in a home without domestic violence or assault – it wasn’t something I saw, or even heard about. But when I was introduced to Prevail of Central Indiana, I was shocked by the number of individuals who are affected by domestic violence. In 2018 alone, Prevail helped more than 4,000 clients in Hamilton County. (Nearly 80 percent of clients are women and children.) Domestic violence and abuse are hard topics to discuss, so you don’t often hear about them. But at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, we’re breaking the taboo and raising awareness for Prevail, an organization that helps families in Hamilton County.

– Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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Laura Alerding goes to school



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Laura Alerding has won a spot as an At Large member of the Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees. She will join two more At Large members: Stephanie Lambert and Christi Crosser. See the full results below.

VOTED

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it's our chance to hit refresh and start all over again – if we want.

So while in Indiana we do get a year off from voting next year, we don't get a year off from being civilly engaged.

Our voices matter just as much on Election Day as they do the other 364 days of the year. It may not always feel that way, especially if you end up on the wrong side of victory. Losing an election can leave supporters feeling voiceless and alone. But you're not.

I'm reminded of a scene from *The West Wing*, the highly-regarded Aaron Sorkin-conceived drama, which ironically enough took place in Indiana. In this particular scene, characters Josh Lyman and Toby Ziegler are left behind to fend for themselves in rural Indiana after a time zone snafu causes them to miss their flight on Air Force One.

Eventually they find their way to a bar where a proud father who toured Notre Dame with his daughter earlier that day is taking a load off. The ensuing conversation inspires legislation to make tuition

paid for by hardworking Americans such as that man tax deductible.

The scene was dramatized, yet it's one I've seen more than once play out in real life.

Dan Coats, then a candidate for the U.S. Senate, would jump in the car after events and say to me, "Did you hear that story?" He would go on to relay what he heard and then he would share that same story with his audience at the next stop. And then the next stop.

Six years later, in his first run for governor, a man ran up to Eric Holcomb on the steps of the Carroll County Courthouse during the Delphi Bacon Fest to share his personal story of battling drug addiction.

"The look in his eyes will never leave me," Holcomb would regularly say on the campaign trail and after taking office. "I pledged from that day that this would be a central part of me."

The people who spoke to Coats and the man who spoke to Holcomb might never know the powerful impact their human stories had on the then-candidates. But it's an impact each of us

can have every day.

Between now and the next time we vote – in 2022! – call and write those elected to serve you. Let them know how you feel about the issues. Don't let them ever say, "No one has contacted me about that." At the same time, extend them grace if what you say is new to them. We all hear something for the first time.

And when you get frustrated that politicians only show up around election time, remind yourself that it goes both ways. Influence in politics, like becoming a halfway decent cook, comes from constant observation and knowing exactly the right moment to turn up the heat or get out of the kitchen.

Pete Seat is a former White House spokesman for President George W. Bush and campaign spokesman for former Director of National Intelligence and U.S. Senator Dan Coats. Currently he is a vice president with Bose Public Affairs Group in Indianapolis. He is also an Atlantic Council Millennium Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations Term Member and author of The War on Millennials.



GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS

Below are the **FINAL** election results for Hamilton County. They are current as of 7:17 p.m. Wednesday. Winners of contested races are highlighted in **red**. Incumbents are denoted by a * next to their names.

Voter turnout in Hamilton County stands at 75.32 percent, or a total of 195,940 of 260,130 eligible voters. Of those 195,940 voters, 53,144 voted on Election Day, 44,331 voted by paper absentee ballot, and 98,465 voted by walk-in absentee ballot. This means 72.88 percent of voters chose absentee ballots.

FEDERAL

President & Vice President

Trump / Pence (R)* 52.21% 101,563 votes
Biden / Harris (D) 45.43% 88,367 votes
Jorgensen / Cohen (L)2% 3,893 votes
Write-in 0.36% 706 votes

U.S. Representative - District 5

Victoria Spartz (R) 53.77% 103,534 votes
Christina Hale (D) 42.84% 82,490 votes
Kenneth Tucker (L) 3.36% 6,467 votes
Write-in 0.03% 49 votes

STATE

Governor & Lt. Governor

Holcomb / Crouch (R)* 60.83% 117,723 votes
Myers / Lawson (D) 30.33% 58,699 votes
Rainwater / Henry (L) 8.84% 17,116 votes

Attorney General

Todd Rokita (R) 58.61% 109,777 votes
Jonathan Weinzaepfel 41.39% 77,527 votes

State Senator - District 20

Scott Baldwin (R) 62.49% 56,621 votes
Ronald (Ronnie) Saunders III (D) 37.51% 33,394 votes

State Senator - District 30

John C. Ruckelshaus (R)* 59.72% 14,950 votes
Fady Qaddoura (D) 40.28% 10,083 votes

State Representative - District 24

Donna Schaibley (R)* 57.55% 17,842 votes
Naomi S. Bechtold (D) 42.45% 13,161 votes

State Representative - District 29

Chuck Goodrich (R)* 66% 27,617 votes
Mike Vick (D) 33% 14,225 votes

State Representative - District 32

Anthony J. (Tony) Cook (R)* 73.51% 13,663 votes
Amie Neilling (D) 26.49% 4,924 votes

State Representative - District 37

Todd Huston (R)* 56.21% 24,586 votes
Aimee Rivera Cole (D) 43.79% 19,156 votes

State Representative - District 39

Jerry Torr (R)* 53.59% 23,388 votes
Ashley Klein (D) 46.41% 20,252 votes

State Representative - District 88

Chris Jeter (R)* 62.18% 7,090 votes
Pam Dechert (D) 37.82% 4,313 votes

Ind. Supreme Court - Retain Justice Christopher Goff?

Yes 80.51% 111,560 votes
No 19.49% 27,015 votes

Ind. Court of Appeals D2 - Retain Judge Cale Bradford?

Yes 80.1% 110,073 votes
No 19.9% 27,350 votes

Ind. Court of Appeals D4 - Retain Judge Melissa May?

Yes 83.67% 114,357 votes
No 16.33% 22,325 votes

Ind. Court of Appeals D5 - Retain Judge Elaine Brown?

Yes 83.67% 114,929 votes
No 16.33% 22,423 votes

Ind. Court of Appeals D5 - Retain Judge Margret Robb?

Yes 83.72% 115,875 votes
No 16.28% 22,532 votes

COUNTY

County Auditor

Robin M. Mills (R)* 61.34% 113,751 votes
Michael Roberts (D) 38.66% 71,701 votes

County Treasurer

Susan Byer (R) 61.62% 115,022 votes
Jake Madore (D) 38.38% 71,640 votes

County Surveyor

Kenton C. Ward (R)* 59.71% 110,769 votes
Brad Beer (D) 40.29% 74,729 votes

County Commissioner - District 2

Steven C. Dillinger (R)* 100% 136,250 votes

County Commissioner - District 3

Mark Heirbrandt (R)* 60.71% 112,857 votes
Dan Montgomery (D) 39.29% 73,029 votes

County Council - At Large (Vote for 3)

Brandon (Brad) Beaver (R)* 22.78% 89,888 votes
Sue Maki (R) 26.01% 102,607 votes

County Commissioner - District 2

Steven R Nation (R) 21.44% 84,577 votes
Gardiner P. Bink III (D) 14.59% 57,581 votes

County Commissioner - District 3

Victor Schleich (D) 15.18% 59,878 votes

Judge of the 24th Circuit Court

Paul Arthur Felix (R) 100% 137,131 votes

Judge of the Superior Court No. 3

William J. Hughes (R) 100% 137,361 votes

Judge of the Superior Court No. 4

J. Richard Campbell (R) 100% 136,612 votes

Judge of the Superior Court No. 5

David K. Najjar (R) 100% 134,740 votes

**Thanks for voting
Hamilton Co.!**

SCHOOL BOARDS (Non-partisan)

Carmel Clay - At Large (Vote for 2)

Katie Browning 23.71% 18,011 votes
Susan Chamberlin-Dawes 5.83% 4,426 votes

Beth Glynn 11.18% 8,498 votes
Sam Harris 7.2% 5,467 votes

Benita T. Hutt 7.58% 5,760 votes
Louise Jackson 12.92% 9,815 votes

Paige L. Miller 10.3% 7,829 votes
Timothy Moehl 8.46% 6,424 votes

Anne H. Poindexter 12.83% 9,747 votes

Hamilton Heights - Jackson Township (Vote for 1)

Kevin J. Cavanaugh 100% 4,368 votes

Hamilton Heights - White River Township (Vote for 1)

Gretchen S. Pennington 59.54% 746 votes
David Adam Sheller 40.46% 507 votes

Hamilton Southeastern - Delaware Township (Vote for 1)

Tony Belgato 30.59% 12,990 votes
Sarah Donsbach 34.73% 14,749 votes

Amanda J. Shera 19.24% 8,394 votes
Hamilton Southeastern - Fall Creek Township (Vote for 1)

Jason Arnold 14.22% 6,205 votes
Chauna Leigh Holder 19.24% 8,394 votes

Matt Stolle 13.94% 6,082 votes
Suzanne Thomas 39.07% 17,049 votes

Clint Wilson 13.53% 5,904 votes

Hamilton Southeastern - Wayne Township (Vote for 1)

Sarah E. Parks-Reese 39.46% 16,660 votes
Tiffany Pascoe 31.68% 13,378 votes

Ron Thieme 28.86% 12,184 votes

Noblesville - At Large (Vote for 3)

Laura Alerding 13.77% 8,603 votes
Daniel J. Bill 6.79% 4,239 votes

Christi Crosser 13.54% 8,457 votes
Evan Elliott 13.45% 8,403 votes

Willie Jerome Haile 6.94% 4,335 votes
Leigh Hamer 8.3% 5,182 votes

Carl A. Johnson IV 9.37% 5,852 votes
Stephanie D. Lambert 19.02% 11,882 votes

Adrienne Rogers 8.83% 5,517 votes

Sheridan - Marion Township (Boone County) (Vote for 2)

John Hunt 100% 1,804 votes

Westfield Washington - District 1 (Vote for 1)

Jimmy Cox 50.12% 9,950 votes
Amy Pictor 49.88% 9,904 votes

Westfield Washington - District 3 (Vote for 1)

Duane E Lutz 25.3% 5,079 votes
J. Keith Owens 19.1% 3,835 votes

Carl (Mike) Steele 55.59% 11,160 votes

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Helping Ninjas working to eliminate candy wrapper waste from landfills

Submitted

Carmel based not-for profit Helping Ninjas youth are supporting efforts to reduce the waste that's heading to landfills this Halloween with Rubicon's Trick or Trash campaign.

It's the Ninjas' second year participating, and this year, despite the new perimeters of the pandemic, Helping Ninjas has organized the participation of approximately 100 Helping Ninjas youth and families to **collect and recycle candy wrappers**, and has established drop off locations/collections in 18 U.S. cities.

An estimated \$2.4 billion of candy is purchased in the U.S. each year, sending about 600 million pounds of Halloween candy and snack wrappers to landfills.

"It's important to reduce waste to landfills and to help conserve our soil and water and air," said Helping Ninjas Founder Leo Berry, 11. "Landfills can cause pollution through leachate liquid and methane gas, causing major unbalances in our ecosystems. It's crazy to think that many candy wrappers go to landfills when they can actually be reused."

Helping Ninjas is making the impossible possible in partnership Rubicon's Trick or Trash campaign by providing youth and families a means to recycle candy wrappers at no cost. Individually, candy wrappers are almost impossible to recycle because one-by-one they are too small to be made into any usable material. However, when

they are collected and processed in bulk with Trick or Trash, they become viable as recyclables. With Trick or Trash, the wrappers are collected and returned for processing to a specialist facility in a custom-designed Trick or Trash box, where they are recycled into useful items like park benches or playgrounds for schools.

"This is a huge opportunity for youth to experience first-hand recycling and to understand the importance of reducing waste and the negative consequences of landfills on our environment – and experiencing and being part of a tangible solution. Helping Ninjas are excited and grateful for the opportunity to participate," said Helping Ninjas CEO Lindsey Fella Berry.

How can people help and support?

All Hamilton County youth are invited to participate and learn about helping the planet and discover ways to celebrate and create an eco-friendly Halloween by collecting candy and snack wrappers, organizing a neighborhood cleanup or by creating art and posting it online and tagging #TrickOrTrashArt.

To learn more or join these efforts, go to **helpin-ninjas.com**, or visit Helping Ninjas on **Facebook**, **Instagram** or **Twitter**. You can also visit **TrickorTrash.com** to download the free lesson plans and other educational materials.

"Helping the next generation understand the challenges associated with waste reduction and recycling is a priority for us, and for our partners." Said Rubicon Founder and CEO Nate Morris. "Trick or Trash is our way of teaching younger people about the critical importance of recycling to the future of our planet, and we have a lot of fun while doing so."

To participate, you can drop off any empty or snack candy wrappers at any of the locations listed below.

- All Things Carmel, 110 W. Main St. #104, Carmel
- Aaron-Reuben-Nelson Mortuary, 11411 N. Michigan Road, Zionsville
- Fishers Parks and Recreation Center, 11565 Brooks School Road, Fishers
- Stoney Creek Swim Center, 15550 Stony Creek Way, Noblesville
- Participating Hamilton County schools:
 - CCS College Wood Elementary
 - CCS Mohawk Trails Elementary
 - CCS West Clay Elementary
 - Fishers Mission Christian Academy School
 - Noblesville Promise Road Elementary School



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Local youth like Saniah McCray, 7, Carmel, are working with Helping Ninjas to take part in Rubicon's Trick or Trash campaign to eliminate candy wrapper waste from landfills.



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From the desk of Heights Superintendent Arrowood

Quite a bit has transpired since last Wednesday's update. The past week's positive cases of COVID-19 among our high school students, two positive cases at the middle school, and the subsequent quarantine of over 260 of their classmates resulted in the suspension of in-person classes and extra-curricular activities and the shift to e-learning at the high school, a first since we opened in August. There are no changes to the daily in-person schedules and



activities at our middle and elementary schools. We know these steps are necessary. We also know the heart of the high school experience is the exchange of ideas and level of learning that occurs in our classrooms and on our campus every day. We are disrupting this process only in an effort to keep our Heights community safe.

In terms of students who are required to quarantine, they are identified through a thorough and detailed pro-

cess indicating a level of exposure risk by being within six feet of proximity for more than 15 minutes to an individual who tested positive for the virus (as per the Hamilton County Health Department).

In addition to being spread by individuals who are symptomatic, the virus can also be spread by those who are asymptomatic and/or feel just fine. The quarantine period for those with COVID-19 and those potentially exposed is essential to stopping the spread among our student body and throughout the community.

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Meeting Notices

The regularly-scheduled meeting of the Sheridan Public Library Board on Monday, Nov. 9, 2020, has been rescheduled to a virtual meeting to be held on Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2020. For information on attending this meeting and login information, please contact Kim Riley at kim@sheridan.lib.in.us or at (317) 758-5201.

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold its monthly Budget and Finance Committee meeting at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 6, 2020, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville.

COVID-19 cases continue to rise

The REPORTER

On Wednesday, the Indiana State Department of Health announced 3,756 new COVID-19 cases and 25 new additional deaths statewide.

Locally, Fishers continues to record the highest number of total COVID-19 cases in the county with

2,424. Carmel has recorded a total of 1,934 followed by Noblesville, 1,423; Westfield, 656; Cicero, 95; Sheridan, 100; Arcadia, 49; Atlanta 49.

The state's seven-day rate of positivity for unique individuals stands at 16.7 percent. Hamilton County stands at 11.8 percent.

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We know this highly-transmittable virus mainly spreads when an infected person coughs or sneezes and an uninfected person breathes in the virus. We know it does not sleep, it does not discriminate, and no one is immune. We know the temptation to socialize can be irresistible. We know some activities and choices outside of school created vulnerabilities and opportunities ripe for this virus and our ability to hold in-person classes.

Our ability to keep our schools open is dependent on our families and the entire community strictly adhering to the recommendations and guidelines from the Hamilton County Health Department, Indiana State Department of Health, and the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention. We know that wearing masks, combined with physical distancing where possible, avoiding large gatherings, and frequent handwashing are critical

elements to reducing the spread.

Our local health department has even launched an important public service campaign – **Show Some C.L.A.S.S.** – to help keep everyone in our county informed on what they can do to help us keep our buildings open and kids in school. Our children need to be in school. Our teachers and staff need to be safe. Knowing that our parents and community are partnering with us to reduce the risk of transmitting COVID-19 by following the mitigation strategies every day, keeping sick children home, and notifying us when they are aware their child or a family member has COVID-19 is critical to our ability to remain open.

I know that this temporary transition in our school community continues to add stress to an already difficult situation. We remain vigilant and steadfast to take steps to protect the health of our students, school personnel, and the Heights community. Thank you for doing the same.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Thou art permitted to speak for thyself. Then Paul stretched forth the hand, and answered for himself: I think myself happy, king Agrippa, because I shall answer for myself this day before thee touching all the things whereof I am accused of the Jews: Especially because I know thee to be expert in all customs and questions which are among the Jews: wherefore I beseech thee to hear me patiently. My manner of life from my youth, which was at the first among mine own nation at Jerusalem, know all the Jews; Which knew me from the beginning, if they would testify, that after the most straitest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee. And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made of God unto our fathers: Unto which promise our twelve tribes, instantly serving God day and night, hope to come. For which hope's sake, king Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews. Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead? I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth.

Acts 26:1-9 (KJV)

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At: 1143 East 181st Street
Westfield, IN 46074
Until: 2:00 PM (local time), November 12, 2020
Bid Opening: Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00 PM (local time), at 1143 East 181st Street, Westfield, IN 46074.

All work for the complete construction of the Project will be under one or more prime contracts with the Owner based on bids received and on combinations awarded. The Construction Manager will manage the construction of the Project. Construction shall be in full accordance with the Bidding Documents which are on file with the Owner and may be examined by prospective bidders at the following locations:

Office of the Construction Manager The Skillman Plan Room
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Prime and Non-Prime Contract Bidders must place an order on www.skillmanplanroom.com to be able to download documents electronically or request printed documents. There is no cost for downloading the bidding documents. Bidders desiring printed documents shall pay for the cost of printing, shipping and handling. Reprographic Services are provided by:
Eastern Engineering 9901 Allisonville Road, Fishers, IN 46038, Phone 317-598-0661.

WAGE SCALE: Wage Scale does not apply to this project.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on October 29, 2020 at 2:00 PM, local time, at Westfield High School Main Lobby, 18250 North Union Street, Westfield IN, 46074. Attendance by bidders is optional, but recommended, in order to clarify or answer questions concerning the Drawings and Project Manual for the Project.

Bid security in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

The successful Bidders will be required to furnish Performance and Payment Bonds for one hundred percent (100%) of their Contract amount prior to execution of Contracts.

Contractors submitting bids for the performance of any Work as specified in this building Project should make such Bids to **Westfield Washington Schools**. Contractors are advised that the Contract as finally entered into with any successful Bidder may be entered into with either the School Corporation or the Building Corporation or certain portions of the Contract may be entered into by both the School Corporation and the Building Corporation.

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid (or combination of Bids) and to waive any irregularities in bidding. All Bids may be held for a period not to exceed 60 days before awarding contracts.

Westfield Washington Schools

By: Joe Montalone

RL3868

10/29/20, 11/5/20

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS AND ALL OTHER PERSONS AFFECTED BY ADOPTION AND CONTENT OF RESOLUTION OF THE WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON RESOLUTION

Notice is hereby given to the Westfield Redevelopment District ("District") and all other persons affected hereby that the Westfield Redevelopment Commission ("Commission"), on October 19, 2020, adopted Resolution No. 12-2020 ("Amending Declaratory Resolution") which, among other things, amends the Declaratory Resolution and Original Plan (each as defined in the Amending Declaratory Resolution) to (i) include the construction of apartment homes consisting of approximately 214 luxury apartments on six acres, offering a mix of one, two and three bedrooms including structured parking and a clubhouse, in or physically connected to the Wheeler Landing Allocation Area (the "Allocation Area"), and (ii) update the cost estimate of certain Public Improvements (as defined in the Original Plan) (collectively, (i) and (ii), the "2020 Plan Amendments"). The Amending Declaratory Resolution, the 2020 Plan Amendments, and supporting data, including maps and plats, have been prepared and can be inspected by emailing planners@westfield.in.gov or by calling the Westfield Community Development Department at (317) 804-3170 to request a copy of such documents.

Notice is further given that the Commission on November 16, 2020, at the hour of 6:00 p.m., local time, will hold a virtual public hearing, as further explained below, to receive and hear remonstrances and objections from persons interested in or affected by the proceedings pertaining to the Amending Declaratory Resolution and the 2020 Plan Amendments and to determine the public utility and benefit of such actions. The virtual public hearing is being held pursuant to IC 36-7-14-17 and will be held by electronic means as permitted under certain executive orders of the Governor of the State of Indiana. At the time fixed for the virtual public hearing, or at any time prior thereto, any person interested in the proceedings may file a written remonstrance with the Secretary of the Commission at planners@westfield.in.gov or by delivering such comments to the Westfield Community Development Department, 2728 E 171st St. Westfield, IN 46074 until 4:00 p.m., local time, on November 16, 2020. At such public hearing, which may be adjourned from time to time, the Commission will hear all persons interested in the proceedings and all remonstrance that have been filed. The virtual public hearing will be streamed online at https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofWestfieldIN. After considering this evidence, the Commission will take final action by either confirming, modifying and confirming, or rescinding the Amending Declaratory Resolution.

Dated: November 2, 2020.

WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

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Girls basketball

'Rocks drop opener at North Central



Reporter photo by Kirk Green
Westfield's Alyssa Crockett scored 13 points for the Shamrocks during their Wednesday game at North Central.

The Westfield girls basketball team dropped its season opener on Wednesday, falling to North Central 67-37 at the Panthers' gym.

The Shamrocks stayed with North Central in the first quarter. A 3-pointer by Chesney Tebbe put Westfield ahead 11-8, before the Panthers scored four points to end the period with a 12-11 lead. Alyssa Crockett added five points for the 'Rocks in the first.

Two free throws from Jessica Castor kept Westfield within 14-13 with 7:31 left in the second quarter. But NC took over after that, scoring 11 straight points to lead 25-13. The Panthers led 30-20 at halftime, then opened the second half with a 7-0 run.

North Central led 44-23 late in the third quarter. Hailey Remaks made a basket for Westfield, then Crockett drained two free throws to cut the lead to 44-27 at the end of the period. But the Panthers went on another run, scoring 12 points to lead 56-27 early in the fourth.

Crockett scored 13 points for the 'Rocks; the 6-3 junior also had six rebounds and two blocked shots. Remarks, a 5-10 junior, added seven points.

Westfield will play its first home game of the season Saturday afternoon,

taking on Pendleton Heights.

NORTH CENTRAL 67, WESTFIELD 37

Westfield	FG	FT	TP	PF
Alyssa Crockett	4-10	4-4	13	4
Chesney Tebbe	2-6	1-1	6	0
Jessica Castor	0-3	3-6	3	3
Olivia Robey	0-1	0-0	0	4
Gigi Eldredge	1-2	1-5	3	1
Jadeyn Hammes	0-1	0-0	0	1
Madi Kerrigan	2-4	1-1	5	3
Hailey Remaks	3-3	0-0	7	1
Alli McEvoy	0-0	0-0	0	1
Emmrey Collinsworth	0-0	0-0	0	0
Kiki Loveless	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	12-30	10-17	37	18

Score by Quarters

Westfield	11	9	7	10	37
North Central	12	18	14	23	67
Westfield 3-point shooting (3-7)	Crockett 1-4,	Tebbe 1-1,	Remaks 1-1,	Robey 0-1.	
Westfield rebounds (19)	Crockett 6,	Eldredge 3,	Tebbe 2,	Castor 1,	Robey 1,
Remaks 1,	Kerrigan 1,	Collinsworth 1,	team 3.		

Westfield varsity roster

Seniors: Jessica Castor, Gigi Eldredge, Jadeyn Hammes, Alli McEvoy
Juniors: Alyssa Crockett, Madi Kerrigan, Hailey Remaks, Olivia Robey, Chesney Tebbe.
Sophomore: Emmrey Collinsworth.
Freshmen: Ellie Kelleher, Kiki Loveless.

Noblesville restricting athletic events attendance

The Noblesville High School athletic department announced on Wednesday that attendance at events will be restricted due to increases in COVID-19 cases.

Only immediate family will be able to attend events until further notice. All those who attend events will be required to wear masks at all times.

Football preview

Three county teams to play for sectional titles

Friday night will be "Sectional Championship Night" for high school football teams across the state of Indiana.

In Hamilton County, three teams are going for a sectional title. Westfield and Fishers will face off at the Shamrocks' Riverview Health Stadium for the Class 6A Sectional 4 championship. Carmel travels to Brownsburg to play for the 6A Sectional 5 title. Both games start at 7 p.m.

FISHERS-WESTFIELD

A sectional championship is, by itself, enough motivation for any team to want to play well. Both teams know that feeling, with recent sectional titles. Fishers won a sectional trophy in 2017, while Westfield won a sectional title in 2016, its first stop on the way to a state championship.

The two teams met on Oct. 9 in their regular-season game. The Shamrocks won 45-6. But the Tigers earned a big win last Friday in the Sectional 4 semi-finals, coming from behind to beat district-rival Hamilton Southeastern 34-29. Fishers made several big plays to get the victory, and had a breakout game from sophomore running back Carson Dunn, who delivered two touchdowns while rushing for 193 yards, and also caught a touchdown pass.

"Fishers was incredibly explosive ver-

sus HSE, scoring on several plays over 60 yards," said Westfield coach Jake Gilbert. "Their sophomore running back looked like he's grown up a lot since we played them. We already knew they were scary with the deep ball in the passing game, so they will be hard to defend. We'll have to keep the ball in front of us to have a chance."

Dunn has rushed for 711 yards this season, scoring five touchdowns on the ground. Senior quarterback Lucas Pre-witt has been solid, completing 153 of 248 pass attempts for 1,848 yards and 13 scores.

The Tigers were without their top two receivers, junior Jeffrey Simmons (50 catches) and senior Landon Morris (39 catches), but had others step up. Senior Silas Martin had five receptions, giving him 20 on the season, while Dunn and sophomore Luke Valerio both had three catches.

On defense, senior Seth Dunnuck leads in tackles with 71; Dunnuck caught an interception with seconds left in the fourth quarter to seal Fishers' win. Junior Curtis Kearsner has made 8.5 tackles for a loss and also has four sacks.

"The win over a good HSE football team provided our team a spark we have

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Football sectional championship pairings

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CLASS 6A

- 1: Lafayette Jeff (10-0) at Merrillville (8-1)
- 2: Chesterton (5-4) at Elkhart (8-0)
- 3: Warsaw (8-2) at Homestead (9-1)
- 4: Fishers (3-7) at Westfield (9-1)
- 5: Carmel (8-2) at Brownsburg (8-1)
- 6: Ben Davis (5-5) at Perry Meridian (1-9)
- 7: Lawrence North (7-3) at Warren Central (3-5)
- 8: Columbus East (8-2) at Center Grove (10-0)

CLASS 5A

- 9: Valparaiso (6-0) at LaPorte (4-6)
- 10: Mishawaka (6-3) at South Bend Adams (4-5)
- 11: Fort Wayne North (5-5) at Fort Wayne Dwenger (9-1)
- 13: Decatur Central (8-2) at Indianapolis Cathedral (9-1)
- 14: New Palestine (8-1) at Whiteland (8-1)
- 15: Castle (6-3) at Bloomington North (5-4)

- 16: New Albany (6-2) at Jeffersonville (4-5)

CLASS 4A

- 17: Lowell (9-1) at Hobart (8-2)
- 18: Culver Academy (5-5) at Logansport (5-6)
- 19: East Noble (8-3) at Leo (10-1)
- 20: Delta (8-2) at Marion (8-3)
- 21: Mount Vernon (Fortville) (11-0) at New Castle (5-5)
- 22: Lebanon (4-4) at Indianapolis Roncalli (9-1)
- 23: Martinsville (5-6) at Mooresville (10-1)
- 24: Evansville Central (11-0) at Evansville Memorial (8-3)

CLASS 3A

- 25: Calumet (4-1) at Hanover Central (9-2)
- 26: Mishawaka Marian (9-0) at Jimtown (7-3)
- 27: Norwell (10-1) at Fort Wayne Concordia (5-5)
- 28: Indianapolis Chatard (9-1) at Brebeuf Jesuit (5-4)
- 29: Tri-West (9-2) at Danville (8-0)
- 30: Washington (5-6) at Sullivan (8-3)

- 31: Lawrenceburg (10-1) at Franklin County (6-2)
- 32: Salem (7-2) at Southridge (11-0)

CLASS 2A

- 33: Rensselaer Central (7-4) at Andean (10-1)
- 34: Pioneer (10-1) at Bremen (9-2)
- 35: Eastside (10-1) at Fort Wayne Luers (5-6)
- 36: Lapel (9-2) at Tipton (8-2)
- 37: Western Boone (7-4) at Seeger (8-2)
- 38: Heritage Christian (7-2) at Shenandoah (8-3)
- 39: Providence (4-5) at Triton Central (9-1)
- 40: Evansville Mater Dei (7-4) at Linton-Stockton (8-3)

CLASS 1A

- 41: Winamac (6-2) at North Judson (9-2)
- 43: Madison-Grant (3-5) at South Adams (10-0)
- 44: Southwood (11-0) at Adams Central (8-2)
- 45: Parke Heritage (6-1) at South Putnam (11-0)
- 46: Covenant Christian (11-0) at Indianapolis Lutheran (9-1)
- 47: Milan (7-3) at North Decatur (9-2)
- 48: Perry Central (8-3) at West Washington (9-0)

FOOTBALL

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been looking for and a new excitement in the post season," said Tigers coach Curt Funk. "Our players have been extra focused and passionate moving forward with the sectional championship game versus Westfield. We know we have a tremendous challenge ahead of us, but our players are working hard to compete."

Westfield is 9-1 for the season, and opened sectional play by beating Noblesville 35-0 at the Millers' Beaver Materials Field. It was the fifth game in a row where the Shamrocks have scored at least 35 points.

"Westfield doesn't make mistakes and beat themselves," said Funk. "When you watch them on film, they are solid across the board in all three phases of the game. We will need to play fundamentally sound football and take care of the football on offense, play assignment football on defense, and be mistake-free on special teams."

Junior quarterback Maximus Webster has been a force for the Shamrocks this season, going 92-for-138 and totaling 1,509 yards and 19 touchdowns. Senior

Mason Piening has 39 of those catches and a majority of the touchdown receptions with 10.

Junior Micah Hauser is on top of the rushing chart with 841 yards and nine TDs. Webster has rushed for 12 touchdowns and compiled 543 yards for the season. Hauser dominates on defense with 90 tackles, while junior Popeye Williams leads the tackles for a loss category with nine. Williams also has four sacks for the year.

"We are just grateful to be in the position we are in," said Gilbert. "We practice every day with joy in our heart knowing that nothing is guaranteed. I think that attitude has truly led to great practices for our team."

CARMEL-BROWNSBURG

When Carmel kicks off against Brownsburg Friday night, it will be the first time the two teams meet on the field in decades.

The Greyhounds and the Bulldogs played each other from 1970 to 1974, but have not done so since then. Carmel held the advantage in the brief rivalry, winning

four of the five games.

This season, Brownsburg is 8-1. The Bulldogs finished tied for second in the HCC with Southeastern, and opened sectional play with a tough win over rival Avon, 34-31.

"Brownsburg is a big and physical team that has had great success running the football," said Greyhounds coach John Hebert. "Their offensive line is very good. They can also throw the ball very well to complement their running game. Defensively, we have to be gap sound, very physical, and have great pursuit to the football in order to slow them down."

Senior quarterback Ben Easters has completed 115 of 189 pass attempts for 1,689 yards and 13 touchdowns. Senior Preston Terrell has 49 of those receptions, including seven scores.

Sophomore Caleb Marcus leads the ground game with 918 yards rushing, including 13 TDs. Senior Brandon Burks is next in line with 623 yards and 10 touchdowns. On defense, senior Jalen Wilson has 68 tackles, while junior Isaiah Street has made 8.5 tackles for a loss.

Carmel is 8-2 for the season and began sectional play with a 38-22 victory over Pike. Two Greyhound players rushed for over 100 yards in the game: Junior quarterback Zach Osborne gained 142 yards and senior Zach White had 103

yards.

For the season, Osborne has been solid through the air, completing 87 of 168 passes for 1,236 yards and 15 touchdowns. Senior Colton Parker has 25 of those catches, six of them for touchdowns.

White leads the rushing with 689 yards and six TDs, followed by Osborne with 533 yards and 10 scores. On defense, senior Tamarris Springfield has 76 tackles for the season, while seniors Gavin Hale and Andrew Turvy both have 69 stops; Turvy has eight tackles for a loss. Junior Hayden Cate has five sacks.

"We aren't very big on defense but our quickness and team speed has been an advantage for us," said Hebert. "Our offense and special teams will be keys in limiting Brownsburg's offense as well. If we can control the ball when we are on offense and limit short fields for them, our defense will have a better chance to be successful."

Carmel will be going for its eighth consecutive sectional championship on Friday night.

"Our goal is always to be playing our best football by the playoffs," said Hebert. "I think it speaks to the culture our kids believe in regarding the purpose of the regular season. Everything before now has been preparation for this."



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