

**SATURDAY, Nov. 11, 2023** 

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TODAY'S WEATHER Today: Sunny to mostly sunny. Tonight: Partly cloudy.

**HIGH**: 50 **LOW**: 33



# Honoring our true heroes











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

# Westfield Library offering free English language classes

# Volunteer instructors needed to keep up with demand

The REPORTER

Public Library has announced guage backgrounds, including the relaunch of its English Lan- residents who speak Arabic,

guage Learners (ELL) program, an initiative aimed at helping individuals learn and improve their English language skills.

The program welcomed 68 non-native speakers this past week.

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

Originally initiated in 2005, by a dozen English-speaking the ELL program faced temporary suspension during the

COVID pandemic. The classes The Westfield Washington cater to a wide range of lan-

Russian, Spanish, as well as Slavic, Asian, and Indian languages - among others.

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

Wright

**Downey** 

The weekly classes are series of workbooks." designed for students older. They are taught at the Westfield Washington Public Library

community volunteers. "Our volunteers are cur-



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

the program and ev- rently teaching 14 classes," Wright explained. "Volunteers they move to a more don't need to speak the students'

aged 16 years and to sponsorship from the Westfield Library Foundation.

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

ecutive director of the Westfield

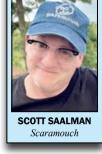
Library Foundation. All spots are full for the fall language. They just need to be session, but anyone interested in 90-minute willing to lead a class through a participating in future sessions can inquire at the adult reference The classes are free thanks desk. More placement tests are planned for January and February, with the hopes of starting a second session in March 2024.

If residents are interested in volunteering to teach ELL classes, they can contact Kim Wright at kwright@wwpl.lib.in.us.

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

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

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



COLUMNIST

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

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

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

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

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

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# HAMILTON EAST

#### **HEPL Director** Edra Waterman to retire Dec. 22

#### The REPORTER

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

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

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

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

# When good mascots go bad, be prepared!







Photos provided by Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

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

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

"He hit us right in our fuel tank," Sally, then a of us out of the truck ... it was tumbling and throwing flames and people everywhere ... we flew about 150 or 200 yards.

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

A staff sergeant's familiar voice returned Sally to consciousness: "Saalman, wake up. You're OK. You're

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

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

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

another truck.

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

Bullets slammed into the 21-year-old corporal, told truck as an enemy .50-calme. "It catapulted most iber machine gun opened up. One round went through a gap in the armor, killing Cpl. Carlos Pineda, 21.

> "I just started singing 'America the Beautiful," said Sally - whose nickname was "Songbird" describing the full-speed drive back to Camp Fallujah. "When I'm scared or freaked out, I just start singing. It was so silent in the back, the wind was blowing, and you could hear the gunfire in the background."

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

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

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

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

"Family history defisaid, explaining why she Edited by Toby Harnden.) "There were bad in- enlisted. "But I could not juries, a lot of blood, just and will not compare my man@gmail.com



Photos provided

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

experience to theirs.

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

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

I am proud to share the living hero.

(Used with permission She was able to reach nitely inspired me," she by AARP Veteran Report.

> Contact: scottsaal-







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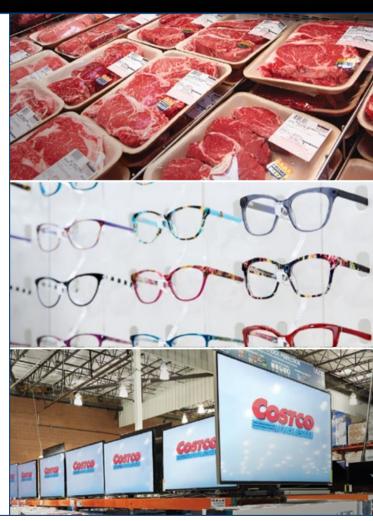
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# Our historic tournament run

By CECILIA TIMME

Sheridan High School Student

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

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

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

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

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

and I think this added an extraining for the season.

we had to figure out how we week we played on Tuesday were going to win games: we had the skill, talent, attitudes, and everything we needed to win games. We just had to put it all together. A couple games into the season we did this and we never looked back. We pushed each other and worked hard to win, always thinking in up only winning 6-0, but we the back of our heads about advanced to the next round the sectional game at the where we played Tipton. end of the season.

really well and I was feel-Later into the season, I was like to hold up a sectional trophy after it being taken year after year.

then we turned around and not done before. played them in sectionals. We wanted to win this first for a sectional championseason, I was thinking about game as much as the sec-ship against Eastern, whom the feeling of beating Tipton tional game. Tipton was we beat the first time 4-0. more of a mental game for us because we knew what all very excited and ready beating Tipton was: it was a sectional championship.

scoring toward the end of As our season started, the game to win. The next for the first round of sectionals against Taylor. The first time we played them we played on turf and won by 16, which was a new school record. The sectional game we played at home on grass, which made the game speed different. We ended

We were ready for this As the season started game against Tipton begoing, we started playing cause we had been preparing for it from the being back to myself on the ginning of the season and field. The start of the season knew it meant a sectional was rough for me because championship. We played I was on a time limit and the late game that night and not where I wanted to be. there was a large crowd. We scored within the first where I wanted to be and few minutes of the game was starting to think more and kept the energy the rest about Tipton. I was think- of the game. It was a physing about what it would feel ical game again and their crowd and players were starting to get frustrated. We kept our energy the en-Toward the end of our tire game though and ended season, we were feeling up winning 1-0. This was really good and confident. the best feeling for us as a Our last game of the regu- team because we accomlar season was Tipton, and plished something we had

> That Saturday we played Before the game we were to play. We had never had this opportunity and we

The first game was very were well-prepared for it. It tra spark to me when I began physical and we ended up took us a long time to score but once we did, we never looked back.

> We won the first sectional in Sheridan girls' soccer history.

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

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

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

championship game on Saturday, and we were all nervous and excited. The team we had played had been here before and we had not; a corner kick. We ended up

Photo provided

#### Sadie (left) and Cecilia Timme (right) happily display their team's sectional championship trophy.

they had been to the state losing by one and our seachampionship. This made them doubt us, not take us seriously, and they were al-This is where we were able ready looking past us. We were ready though: we came gional finals. This was super out with energy and shocked them. We had the ball on their end the entire first half We played the regional but just could not finish. Going into the second half we were all tied, but they ended up scoring with about 20 minutes left in the game on

son ended.

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

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

#### The REPORTER

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

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

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



Photo provided by Westfield Washington Schools

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

student and teacher work- vice event joining with Days of Service happening shops. Those in attendance FFA members from across in local communities.

career success tours and also participated in a ser- the country in the National











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Photos by Rob Slaven / IndyGhostLight.com (Left) Doug Powers (foreground) bellows as King Henry II. (Right) Jean Arnold plays Queen Eleanor.

#### Get captivated by The Lion in Winter

**By CARRIE NEAL** A Seat on the Aisle

Power corrupts and constrains, but it also captivates. How else to explain our obsession with television shows such as Suc-

cession, Yellowstone, and

Game of Thrones? And when the battle for power between two individuals also involves a love/ hate relationship which is ultimately a love story – that makes The Lion in Winter, as presented by Southbank Theatre Company, a com-

pelling piece of theater. Queen Eleanor has been imprisoned by her husband King Henry II for the past 10 years for leading an uprising against him, but she's been briefly released to spend the holidays with her family. The two monarchs share three sons, each of whom has their own argument for why they should children. Jean Arnold flaw- pleasantly chilly fall eve-

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

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

costumes. Doug Powers is a masterful Henry. He commands the stage with his blustering but breaks our hearts by Act II as he bemoans ways through the woods

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

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

petulant little hands. While wandering paththe fact that he has no loyal to get to the Shelton on a

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

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

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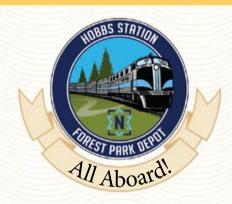
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November 11 - December 23



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December 31

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### **Community News**

See The Rugged Brothers TONIGHT at the Noblesville Moose Lodge

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

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

# New at Sheridan Public Library

#### The REPORTER

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

- **Fiction** 1. 4th Wing – Rebecca R. Kobrowski
- Yarros 2. Betrayal - Phillip ney Spears Margolin
- 3. Christmas Vanishing - Anne Perry
- 4. Covenant of Water -Abraham Verghese
- 5. Dirty 30 Janet Eva-
- 6. Final Word Janet Colleen Coble Johnson
- 7. Girl in the Vault Mi- Colleen Coble chael Ledwidge
- 8. Last Exchange Charles Martin
- 9. Lost and Hound Rita cie Peterson
- Mae Brown 10. Secret – Lee Child
- 11. Spy Coast Tess Gerritsen
- 12. What Lies in the Woods – Kate Alice Mar- Denise Hunter shall

#### **Non-fiction**

- Haunted Central Indiana Nicole R. Kobrowski
  - 2. Encyclopedia

Haunted Southern Indiana -Nicole R. Kobrowski

- 3. Fractures Intentions Nicole R. Kobrowski
- 4. Paranormal Guide to Northern Indiana – Nicole
- 5. Woman in Me Brit-

#### Children's

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

#### **Young Adult**

- 1. Murtagh: The World 1. Encyclopedia of of Eragon - Christopher
  - 2. Way I Am Now Amof ber Smith

# Sheriff's Office educates on elder crime prevention



Photo provided by Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Hamilton County Sheriff's Office cares about local Seniors. Deputy Jeff Larkin recently visited Sunrise on Old Meridian Senior Living as part of HSCO's Elder Crime Prevention Programs. He gave a presentation that included topics such as elder abuse, cybercrimes, and phone scams.

## Protecting your memory care relatives from Medicare scams

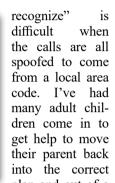
Many people who are having memory issues are able to remain in their homes for many years.

You may have helped your loved one purchase the Medicare insurance plans that best fit her needs.

Medicare specialist to find a plan that covers all her medbudget. Close the file, your job is done, right?

Unfortunately, people who live alone with memory issues like to answer their phones and talk to strangers about their Medicare needs.

It's not a problem with an easy solution. "Don't answer a number you don't sues, you know that much of type of coverage and are not



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**SYLVIA GORDON** 

plan and out of a Together you worked with a plan they signed up for on their own.

is the time they can be fine and the same as a Medicare Supwhen in possession of 100 percent of their mental acuity. And spoofed to come at other times they are very from a local area confused. It only takes one code. I've had call from one persuasive telemarketer to mess up the dren come in to Medicare plans you've help put in place.

What to watch for? Most people are searching for those on a traditional Medicare Supplement Plan F or G, which your older relative In order to enroll into most likely has. The caller ications, doctors, and fits her a new plan, your relative will pitch a "similar" plan must have her Medicare for \$0 per month. What's card handy to provide their not to like? "I'll save monnumber and Medicare Parts ey, get the same coverage A and B start dates. Per- and my kids will be proud haps the trusted adult who of what a savvy shopper is helping this relative could I am." While there are \$0 retain this card. It's tough. per month Medicare plans If you've had to deal with a and they are not scamming, person with memory care is- those are a very different

plement Plan F or G.

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

Sylvia Gordon co-founder of The Medicare Family, headquartered in Noblesville, where she educates thousands on Medicare and Social Security in all 50 states. You can learn more at TheMedicareFam-

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

#### The REPORTER Fall Creek & **Geist Road**

During the week of Nov. 13, there will be lane restrictions from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. nors Lane and Windjammer just east of the intersection Trace on Geist Road.

to allow for manhole grade adjustments. Lane restrictions will also be in place on Geist Road between Gover-

# of Fall Creek and Geist Road



# 3150 East State Rd. 32, Westfield

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

#### The REPORTER

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

meeting Santa. Clay Terrace's holiday festivities include:

**Santa Soiree** 

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

and mingle with the crowd, plus grab a photo with some of his friends like the Grinch Christmas Tree.

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

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

Clay Terrace wants to Clay Terrace will hold make sure your furry friends get everything on their holiday lists this year, too. Pet owners are invited to mix and mingle with Santa from 5 to 7 p.m. on Dec. 4. Guests Santa will arrive to mix can grab a pint from the bar, mingle with pet-friendly businesses, get a free caricature artist portrait, smooch and some of his helpers, too. your pooch under the mistle-Dance and groove to live toe and be serenaded by holimusic and say cheers with a day music. At the event, Clay beverage from the bar while Terrace is hosting a donation lighting the Clay Terrace drive for Hamilton County Humane Society. There is no formal Santa Photo Program

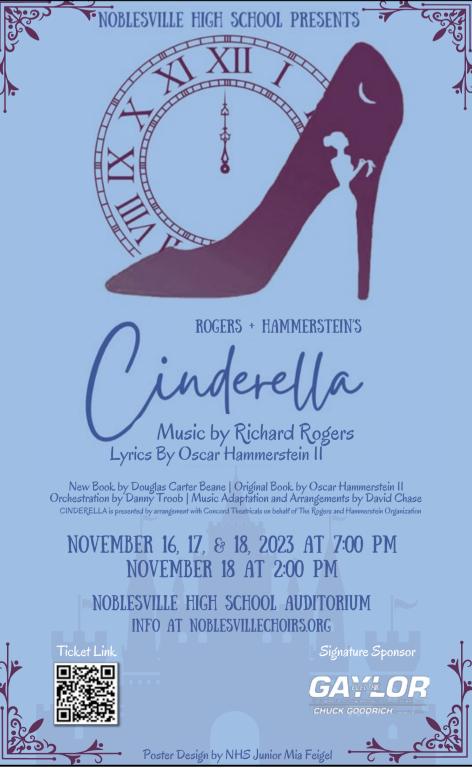
> Guests can enjoy extended shopping hours for Black Friday (8 a.m. to 10 p.m.) and Small Business Saturday (9 a.m. to 9 p.m.). The Mall will be closed on

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

About Clay Terrace

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

and returning often. Clay Terrace is open seven days a week; Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday noon to 6 p.m. For more information, visit clayterrace.com and connect on Facebook **a**clayterrace and Instagram @ClayTerraceMall.







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

# Carmel Christkindlmarkt announces special events

The REPORTER

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

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

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

The Christkind Choral

Festival will feature area Dec. 2, 9 a.m. choirs on the mainstage of the Winter Pavilion, where Dec. 2, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. guests can enjoy their performances of various hol- tival – Dec. 9, 4 to 7:30 p.m. iday tunes. Christkindlmarkt's Got Talent is a Day - Dec. 10, noon to 8 p.m. cultural showcase, featuring cluding yodeling, singing, to 9 p.m.

offer some new special to 7 p.m. events for our visitors this year," Carmel Christkindl- Dec. 15, 7 to 8 p.m. markt CEO Maria Murphy said. "We are always look- Talent - Dec. 16, noon to the cold of winter. Sankt ing to expand our cultural 3:30 p.m. offerings, and with these new events, we know we're Dec. 22, 5 to 6 p.m. bringing even more German culture to the residents of tions for these events, please central Indiana and beyond."

> The full schedule of special events is as follows:

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

- Sankt Nikolaustag -
- Christkind Choral Fes-
- Military Appreciation
- German Christmas acclaimed performers in a Carol Sing-Along and Ornavariety of German arts, in- ment Exchange - Dec. 13, 7
  - Menorah Aflame Ha-'We are so excited to nukkah Service – Dec. 14, 6
    - Bier Competition -
    - Christkindlmarkt's Got
    - A Gathering of Faiths –

For a full list of descripvisit CarmelChristkindlmarkt.com/events.

The Market opens for the season on Saturday, Nov. 18. To learn more about the • Studenten am Markt Carmel Christkindlmarkt and see all the official hours, please visit CarmelChristkindlmarkt.com.

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

Submitted by **City of Carmel** 

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

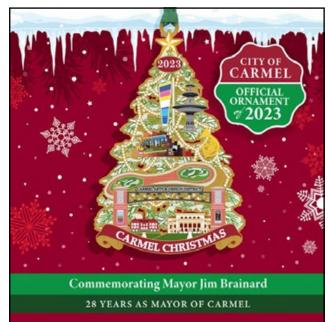
The ornaments will retail at \$20 each and will be sold at the Christkindlmarkt and at the All Things Carmel store on Main Street. They arrived in Carmel on Wednesday and are already being sold at the store, located at 110 W. Main St., Suite 104. The Christkindlmarkt opens on Saturday, Nov. 18 and continues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

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

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

Images on the ornament include:

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



Graphic provided by City of Carmel

State of Indiana.

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

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

Monon Greenway: Formerly an abandoned City Center: Situated at the railroad bed, this five-mile corner of Range Line Road trail was transformed during Mayor Brainard's time in office. In particular, the creation of an expanded trail in with its shops and restau-Midtown and the Midtown Plaza has brought new life and business opportunities to a previously industrial area that was in decline.

The Palladium along with The Center for the Per- past ornaments by visiting

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

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

Fountain at Carmel and City Center Drive, this fountain marks the northeast gateway into City Center rants. In addition, City Center is home to Hotel Carmichael, a luxury hotel that is part of the Autograph Collection of Marriott hotels.

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# Spotlighting art's higher purpose

The second annual Spotlight on Art Benefiting Children was held Thursday evening at Hotel Carmichael in Carmel to support the youth of Prevail, Inc., the Tom & Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville and Children's TherAplay Foundation, Inc. Guests supported children who face life's challenges by shopping with local awarding-winning artists as well as artwork from local student artists.

Learn more about the Spotlight on Art on Facebook. (Reporter photos by Megan Poteet)

















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# Sen. Young introduces bill to end legacy admissions

#### The REPORTER

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

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

level of educational quality - from "prefergiving ential treatment" during the admissions process.

"America a land of opportunity, not a land aristocracy,"

Sen. Young said. "Legacy admissions decisions or admissions restrict opportunities for many bright an applicant's relationship and talented young Americans and provide unmerited advantage to the most connected individuals in the new standard shouldn't end legacy preferences in tutions from considering an the admissions process and applicant's genuine interest promote upward mobility in the institution as part of Now.



Young

for Americans of all backgrounds." Click here to

read the full text of the bill. **Background** 

Under the

**MERIT** "preferential treatment" is defined as making

providing benefits based on

with alumni or donors as the "determinative factor." • The bill clarifies that our society. Our bill will be construed to prevent insti-

the admissions process.

• The bill ensures that religious institutions can make admissions decisions in line with their faith-based values, ensuring no infringement on religious freedom.

• The bill requires a comprehensive feasibility study to assess improving data collection regarding the influence of legacy and donor relationships on admissions

• Since 2015, over 100 colleges and universities have ended legacy preferences, but 787 still used the practice in 2020, according to a report from the nonprofit Education Reform

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

#### The REPORTER

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

The United States Attorney's Office filed the charges along with Eberhart's agreement to plead

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

In late 2018 and early 2019, a gaming company called Spectacle Entertainment sought to purchase the state licenses for two casinos that were located on the waterfront of Lake Michigan, and to relocate those casinos to other areas beneficial to Spectacle. Purchases and relocations of casinos in Indiana must be approved through the passage of a bill by both houses of the Indiana legislature, then signed by the Governor.

A bill to allow Spectations was introduced in the Indiana House and considered by the House Committee on Public Policy. In addition to approving the *court of law*.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### The REPORTER

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

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

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

sumer products were recalled in

October: Slime Licker Sour Rolling Liquid Candy from

Candy Dynamics Cocco Candy Rolling Candy from Cocco Candy and KGR Distribution

• Thomas & Friends Wooden Railway Troublesome Truck & Crates and Multizone Controller Am-Thomas & Friends Wooden Railway Troublesome Truck & Paint from Fish- PRO XP and PRO XP 4 er-Price

YourHealthToolkit 5-pound children's Polaris weighted blankets from YourHealthToolkit



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and Model Year 2024 RZR XP and XP 4 ROVs from

• Biometric Gun Safes from Fortress Safe

• Crystal Clear Sodium Hydroxide, 2 lb. Bags from dana Bibs from Family Health Products

> Gevi Household Countertop Nugget Ice Makers from Far Success Trading

If you recently purchased a recalled product, stop using it and check its recall notice. Then follow the notice's instructions, including where to return the product, how to get the product fixed, how to dispose of the product, how to receive a refund for the product, or what steps cle's purchases and relocamust be taken to receive a replacement product.

To view recalls issued prior to October, visit CPSC.gov/recalls.



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

#### The REPORTER

They made it to America's Best Restaurants. They brought you the original Whiskey Margarita. They brought you the Reporter Colada.

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

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

for Swifties. As-yet-unconfirmed rumors indicate you may even get to see some





This drink is tailor-made Taylor Swift videos at Bien Mexicana this weekend if est of full disclosure, we do in you stop by for a Swiftie fact know who is behind the

Editor's note: In the inter- above, but The Reporter has chosen to protect our sources. You'd never believe us if we

#### clever concoctions mentioned told you, anyway. Margarita.

#### The REPORTER

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

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

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

#### **Meeting Notice**

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

"Giving Machines" have been placed.

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

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

Nonprofit beneficiaries selected this year include:

- Gleaners Food Bank Boys & Girls Clubs of
- **Indianapolis** • Flanner House
  - American Red ( Lifting Hands



Photo courtesy #GivingMachineIndy Clay Terrance in Carmel will be the site of a "Giving Machine," which allows donors to purchase a variety of items that will go directly to beneficiaries.

sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, provide an instant act of kindness and service for people looking Yes, you can swipe your to help others. Since the card and for \$55 you can Giving Machine opened purchase a baby goat that seven years ago, 1.5 million people have donated one in need in a foreign ful sense of humor. \$21 million in goods and country. services to care for those in need – around the block made at LightTheWorld. • Mentors International or around the world. Visi- org/give for those not able to tors donate by purchasing use the machines in person.

The Giving Machines, items ranging in price from \$3 to \$300. Items can also include staples such as hygiene items, meals, support services, even livestock. will be delivered to some-

Donations can also be

#### TODAY'S BIBLE READING

JACOB AND ESAU

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

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

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

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

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

Genesis 25:27-34 (NIV)

#### Richard Allen Fisher March 31, 1939 - October 29, 2023

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

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

Dick was a loving husband, father,

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

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

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

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

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

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# **2023 BICENTENNIAL** NOVEMBER EVENTS

#### **CLAY TOWNSHIP'S SIGNATURE EVENT**

#### A RETROSPECTIVE OF CARMEL

November 12, 1-4 p.m.

Carmel Clay Public Library, Carmel | FREE



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

throughout November 2023.

#### VINTAGE MAPS OF CARMEL

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#### PRESERVING HISTORY AT COXHALL GARDENS November 4, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

#### Coxhall Gardens, Carmel | FREE

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

#### **CARMEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 175TH ANNIVERSARY**

November 5, 4-7 p.m.

Carmel United Methodist Church, Carmel | FREE

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

#### HOME PLACE HISTORIC HOME TOUR

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

Home Place, Carmel | FREE

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

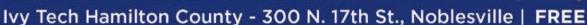
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#### - High School Football Regional Championships -

# Rocks & Royals fight hard in close game with Westfield winning regional trophy

By RICHIE HALL

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**WESTFIELD** – Early in the regular season, the Westfield football team won four straight games that were decided by a touchdown or less.

One of those games was against Hamilton Southeastern, so the regional re-match was expected to be close. And it was, with the Shamrocks edging out the Royals 24-21 to claim an exciting Class 6A Regional 2 championship Friday at Riverview Health Stadium.

How close was it? Each time a team scored, the lead changed. The back and forth continued all throughout the game, and the winning play came at the end of the third

Westfield's Kendall Garnett had already scored two touchdowns for his team. His third touchdown was the longest one of the game, and it turned out to be the game-winner with three seconds left in the third quarter.

"Kendall's tough," said Shamrocks coach Jake Gilbert. "I think he'd rather get the ball that many times, so he's happy. We've really been a little stronger throwing the ball this year. But these last few weeks our offensive line's been amazing and Kendall's really coming on."

Westfield's first points came on a 28-yard field on defense as well. Brody goal from Brody Boehm midway through the first quarter. Southeastern answered with a defensive play right at the end of the period. Jack Seyferth blocked a Shamrocks punt, then recovered the ball and ran it 25 yards to the end zone. Thus the Royals went into the second quarter leading 7-3.

The call and respond continued in the second quarter. Garnett punched the ball in from the oneyard line to put Westfield up 10-7 with 7:59 left in the period. Southeastern again came up with the big play: On the first play of HSE's subsequent drive, Chandler Weston connected with Donovan Hamilton, and the breaking this tackle and I'm senior turned the pass into a 73-yard touchdown run.

up 14-10, and they would times for 219 yards. In one maintain that lead through instance, Garnett kept mov-

halftime, which was delayed for several minutes after a serious injury to Westfield's Coleton Vondersaar.

"He is a heart and soul player for us," said Shamrocks coach Jake Gilbert. "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."

Right before the 'Rocks headed into the locker room, Westfield senior Andrew Lieske was seen firing up his teammates on the field.

"Our seniors are extraordinary leaders, tremendous culture builders and they love each other and they love Westfield football," said Gilbert.

The Shamrocks scored first in the third quarter. Garnett ran the ball in from the five-yard line, and Westfield regained the lead at 17-14 with 8:25 to go. The Shamrocks' defense then set an early tone, holding HSE to a three-and-out. Mikeah Webster, Casey Graybill and Alex Aramboles were among those making tackles.

"Our defense was extraordinary because that's a tremendous offense," said Gilbert. "They've got guys that can take it to the house every time they touch it. So I thought defensively we weren't perfect, but we were pretty darn good."

Southeastern stepped up Carlson forced and recovered a fumble, and that led to a Royals' scoring drive. Jalen Alexander gained the majority of the yards, rushing in to the end zone from the one-yard line. Hugo Belmonte made all three extra point kicks, including one after Alexander's score to put HSE up 21-17.

But Westfield had one more score. A 14-yard pass from Jackson Gilbert to Beau Braun got the 'Rocks to their own 49-yard line. That was all Garnett needed, as he ran off 51 yards into the end zone. Boehm made the extra-point kick, as he had already done on the other two touchdowns.

"Anything I see, I'm getting to that end zone and that's what I did," said Gar-That put the Royals nett. He carried the ball 35



Reporter photo by Julie Brown

(Above) Westfield's Kendall Garnett ran for 219 yards for the Shamrocks during their 24-21 regional victory over Hamilton Southeastern on Friday. Garnett scored three touchdowns, including a 51-yard TD that clinched the victory.

ing even after getting hit a couple times.

"You got to do what you got to do for these seniors out here," said Garnett, a junior. "This is their last vear, so we got to go out here and set the tone for everyone around here. We got our younger kids watching us. They look up to us and they want to see what it's like to be a Westfield football player."

Neither team scored in the fourth quarter, as both defenses played hard to the end. The Shamrocks won their third regional title in the past four seasons, and seventh in program history.

Southeastern finished its season with a 9-3 record. Alexander totaled 116 yards rushing, while Weston was

6-of-11 for 114 yards. Royals coach Michael Kelly said his senior class, which includes players like Hamilton, Alexander, Seyferth and Carlson, "had a huge growth over the last four years."

"They took a huge step in the right direction," said Kelly. "Where they were as freshman to where they were as seniors, it was a whole new team and a great group of kids that we're going to miss having."

Kelly said players like Hamilton and Styles Prescod will be hard to re-

place. "We got several kids that did so much for us that I appreciate," said Kelly.

Westfield is 11-1 and plays at Crown Point next Friday for the Class 6A north semi-state championship.





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(Left) Westfield's Mikeah Webster made several good offensive and defensive plays. (Right) Hamilton Southeastern's Jack Seyferth blocked a punt, then returned it for a touchdown in the first half.



Reporter photo by Julie Brown Southeastern quarterback Chandler Weston was 6-for-11, including a 73-

Score by Quarters Southeastern 7 Westfield 3  $14 \quad 0 - 24$ WFLD Team stats **HSE** First Downs 10 By Rush By Pass By Penalty Rushes-Yards 39-141 43-237 118 Passing Yards 87 Comp-Att-Int-TD 7-13-1-1 11-17-0-0 **Fumbles-Lost** 0-0 Penalties-Yards 3-12 5-33 4-35.5 4-33.8 Punts-Average

**WESTFIELD 24** 

Southeastern individual stats Rushing: Alexander 28-116, Hamilton 5-33, Weston 6-minus 8. Passing: Weston 6-11-114, Hamilton

Receiving: Hamilton 3-92, Liam Boyd 1-10, Kameron Anthony 1-10, Alexander 1-4, Callen Okerson 1-2.

Westfield individual stats Rushing: Garnett 35-219, Mikeah Webster 2-21, Jackson Gilbert 1-12,

Broc Parker 1-0, team 4-minus 15. Passing: Gilbert 11-17-87. Receiving: Nosler 4-35, Broc Parker 3-18, Beau Braun 2-21, Parker Knot 2-13.

#### **HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 21 Scoring First Quarter**

W, 6:49 - Brody Boehm 28-yard field goal HSE, 0:00 - Jack Seyferth 25-yard blocked punt return (Hugo Belmonte kick)

**Second Quarter** W, 7:59 - Kendall Garnett 1-yard run (Boehm kick) HSÉ, 7:43 – Donovan Hamilton 73-yard pass

from Chandler Weston

(Belmonte kick) **Third Quarter** W, 8:25 - Garnett 5-yard run (Boehm kick) HSE, 1:15 - Jalen Alexander 1-yard run (Belmonte kick)

W, 0:03 - Garnett 51-

yard run (Boehm kick)

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yard touchdown pass in the second quarter.

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# Sheridan slams North Decatur to take regional championship

#### The REPORTER

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

away. They scored on the first job done." play of their subsequent drive







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

tried an onside kick, but Sheridan recovered and kneeled the game out from there.

Wright credited Eli Kolb with punting the ball well. Kolb punted three times with an average of 43 yards per kick.

"He had some nice punts, set them back deep on the goal line," said Wright. "That was a big factor. He did a great job punting the

Bales led Sheridan's rushing with 54 yards and two touchdowns.

"We didn't get the yards we'd been getting, but it was said Wright. "Our kids just The Chargers didn't go stuck in there and got the

The Blackhawks won pass. North Decatur then onship since 2012. Sheridan while since we've been north semi-state title.

#### **SHERIDAN 24, NORTH DECATUR 20**

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Score b	y Quarter	Sheridan Scoring		
North Decatur	0 7 0	13 – 20	First Quarter	
Sheridan	7 0 14	3 – 23	2:40 – Zach Bales 1-yard	
Team stats	ND	SHER	run (Owen Bell kick)	
First Downs	11	10	Third Quarter	
By Rush	2	6	3:56 – Bales 2-yard run	
By Pass	9	3	(Bell kick)	
By Penalty	0	1	2:20 – Chance Spencer	
Rushes-Yards	29-22	40-103	27-yard interception	
Passing Yards	268	83	return (Bell kick)	
Comp-Att-Int-TD	12-21-1-2	3-4-0-0	Fourth Quarter	
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1	1:31 – Bell 21-yard field	
Penalties-Yards	3-20	1-5	goal	
Punts-Average	4-29.5	3-43.0		

Sheridan individual stats

Rushing: Bales 18-54, Nolan Page 8-25, Eli Kolb 10-24, Bell 4-0. Passing: Bell 2-3-44, Bales 1-1-39. Receiving: Page 2-52, Parker Williams 1-31.

also claimed its 15th region-there."

al title in program history.

The 'Hawks are 10-3 and "You work to get wins," host Indianapolis Lutheran on an 80-yard touchdown their first regional champi- said Wright. "It's been a next Friday for the Class 1A

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, Nov. 11 **GIRLS BASKETBALL**

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

#### Tuesday, Nov. 14 GIRLS BASKETBALL

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

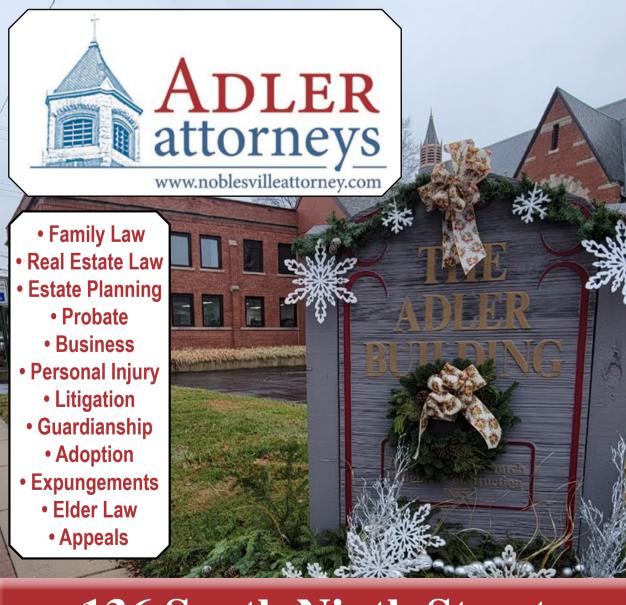
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(Left) Noblesville's Ava Shoemaker scored 11 points and collected six rebounds for the Millers during their 55-38 win over Hamilton Heights Friday at The Mill. Pictured at right is Reagan Wilson, who scored 22 points. (Right) Hamilton Heights' Camryn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

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

By CRAIG ADKINS

For The Reporter

#### **NOBLESVILLE**

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

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

Swarming defense and relentless offense for the Millers and Heights was on the ropes right away. Recent Iowa State commit Reagan Wilson took a pass from Meredith Tippner and knocked down a deep three from the left wing. Next a timeout just 90 seconds into the game.

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

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

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

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

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

other five and Quigley five (two) combined for five and score. We like to dictate as the three paced the Mill- three-pointers made in the ers to a 29-10 halftime lead.

"She's really good," Buckley said of Quigley. She's got similar traits to her and she's going to be continues to figure out how good she can be," Buckley continued.

Quigley is rapidly figuring out her role. After scoring 11 and grabbing nine of people don't want to do boards in the season and HCC opener last Saturday at Avon, C.C. seems more than ready to live up to the expectations. The 6'2 sophomore forward was able to Huskies at a good distance muscle herself to 15 points and six rebounds against second win in as many the Huskies.

The lead kept getting possession down the floor, bigger in the third. Two girls fought. We were able University of Evansville Tippner found sophomore consecutive times down to screen that zone a little commit shot 6-for-11 from C.C. Quigley for a layup, the floor, Ava Shoemaker bit," continued Cherry on outside-the-arc and 8-of-16 forcing the Huskies to burn drilled three-pointers that his team's ability to play overall. made it 45-23. That forced physically Heights to call yet another ville. timeout to stop the momentum with 2:26 in the third.

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

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

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

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

There were spots in the second half that could have "She honestly reminds me been the start of a comeof a young Emily Kiser. back, but the Millers had other things in mind.

"Our kids just love deall kinds of special, if she fense. I think that's one thing that makes this group so special is that our superstars want to play defense," Buckley said of her team's defensive approach. "A lot both ends of the floor, but our kids want to do that." Buckley continued on the Millers' defense.

> The Millers kept the in the fourth, securing their games, 55-38.

> "I was proud that our

pner had four, Wilson an- (three) and Shoemaker not made to turn teams over tempo and pace. Noblesville is probably the opposite of that," stated Cherry.

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

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

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

The Huskies were led by senior all-state candidate Camryn Runner, who had a game-high 26 points. The

also play this evening, tak-"To be honest, we're ing a trip to 10th-ranked 6-of-10 from downtown, 11 and six rebounds.

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

Noblesville (2-0) will Lawrence North (0-1).

**Hamilton Heights** 

Noblesville

Reagan Wilson shot had 15 and Ava Shoemaker

good for 22 points. Quigley

10 - 38

5 - 55

### Good luck, Westfield varsity cheerleaders!



Photo provided by Westfield Washington Schools

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

