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Lapel's Riggs displays talents in all-star match



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YOUR WEEKEND

As you're enjoying those Thanksgiving leftovers, don't forget that Small Business Saturday in Madison County is happening, with several local retailers offering sales and other incentives to get you started on your holiday shopping in earnest. It'll be a soggy weekend as well, with only a brief respite from rain chances on Saturday, with highs in the mid-40s throughout.

Here are some other opportunities for fun to consider:



NIGHT OF LIGHTS! AT MOUNDS STATE PARK

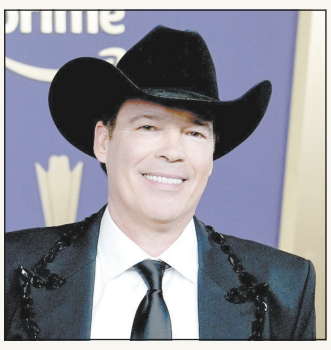
Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday through Dec. 27, The Friends of Mounds State Park will host its sixth annual drive-through light display event in the campgrounds.

Admission is $10 per vehicle. All proceeds will benefit Mounds State Park.

FISHERS TREE LIGHTING SET FOR AMPHITHEATER

On Friday, Night Lights will be held at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater. The holiday kickoff celebration runs from 5 to 7 p.m. with the City of Fishers Tree Lighting at 6:30 p.m.

There is no charge. There will be live music, photo opportunities, food trucks, live ice carving and reindeer.



A CLAY WALKER FAMILY CHRISTMAS

Let the nostalgia of a classic country Christmas wash over you as multi-platinum country icon Clay Walker takes the stage for an evening of holiday classics and heartfelt storytelling.

The show takes place at the Gas City Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are available at the center's box office.

SONS OF AMERICAN LEGION'S TURKEY SHOOT

Each Saturday at noon, the Sons of the American Legion hold a turkey shoot at the Chesterfield American Legion Post 408, 5100 Mounds Road, Chesterfield.

The event is open to the public.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Pep rally highlights Bulldogs' busy week

ANDY KNIGHT
THE HERALD BULLETIN

LAPEL — Before gathering Thursday with their families for Thanksgiving, the Lapel football team spent some time with their extended Bulldog family.

Hundreds of residents, friends and supporters filled the bleachers in the Lapel High School gymnasium Wednesday night for a boisterous 45-minute pep session.

They were there to express their gratitude to the team for the memorable and historic ride to the Class 2A state championship game at 11 a.m. Friday at Lucas Oil Stadium.

"It's been the most packed week of our lives. It's been insane," said Jack Miller, a senior running back and linebacker.

Miller and his teammates had two full practices Wednesday, including a walk-through on the turf at Lucas Oil Stadium. He said stepping onto the Colts' home field was special for everyone on the roster.

Class 2A state championship game

What: Lapel Bulldogs (13-1) vs. South Putnam Eagles (14-0)

When: Friday, Nov. 27, 11 a.m.

Where: Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis

Tickets: $20 plus fees. All tickets will be digital only.

Watch online: ihsaatv.org ($20 per game or $25 for all games)

"Going to Lucas Oil and getting to be there with everybody, it's something we've worked for for four years," he said. "It's been awesome."

Lapel, ranked No. 8 in the state in Class 2A, is seen by many as an underdog against its opponent, top-ranked, unbeaten and defending state champion South Putnam. But

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Andy Knight | The Herald Bulletin

Lapel senior James Hollingsworth gives high-fives to young Bulldogs fans as he's introduced at a community pep rally Wednesday to celebrate the football team's appearance in Friday's Class 2A state championship game.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING

GIVING BACK

Anderson tradition continues to provide meals



Ken de la Bastide | The Herald Bulletin

Adrianna Young, a student at Highland Middle School, volunteered for a second year during the annual Thanksgiving Day meal at Anderson Zion Baptist Church.

KEN DE LA BASTIDE
THE HERALD BULLETIN

ANDERSON — Volunteers of all ages gathered at the Anderson Zion Baptist Church Thursday to provide Thanksgiving Day meals to hundreds of local residents.

Preparations started last week for the 43rd annual James Warner Thanksgiving Day Dinner in Anderson.

The annual dinner was founded in 1982 by the Rev. J.T. Menifee in conjunction with a WHBU radio show, "Gospel Highlight Hour." Except for a one-year hiatus in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it's been an annual event since.

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Warner said his family members will continue the tradition of providing a meal on Thanksgiving.

"There are a lot of volunteers," he said of the effort.

An estimated 1,500 meals were to be provided at the church and delivered to residents in Anderson by members of the Anderson Police Department.

Sebastian White, 11, was volunteering for the first time with family members.

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Empty Stocking Fund

'Tis season for giving to help local families

THE HERALD BULLETIN

ANDERSON — The Salvation Army and readers of The Herald Bulletin are working together again this holiday season to capture the spirit of Christmas for the benefit of local families in need.

The newspaper's Empty Stocking Fund helps the Salvation Army provide food and other necessities to families at the holidays and year-round.

DONATE: Find an Empty Stocking Fund clip-out donation form inside.
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Last year, for the second consecutive year, a donation from Bill and Gloria Gaither clinched the $25,000 campaign goal. Thanks in part to the Gaithers' generous gift of $5,745, the final campaign total was $27,125, the highest figure since 2022.

This year's goal is to reach $25,000 again.

Salvation Army Maj. Mike Wolfe estimates that 900 local families and 1,700 children will benefit from this year's campaign. The Salvation Army provides clothing, food and toys.

"With the recent floods, we are expecting an increase in need this Christmas," Wolfe explained. "We are seeing many families impacted by inflation, gas and food insecurity. There is a great need in Madison County."

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Today: Rain and snow, becoming all rain after 2 p.m., then gradually ending. West northwest wind 10 to 13 mph.

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