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(From left) The cast of *Hedda Gabler* includes Steven Marsh (Judge Brack), Alex Dantin (George Tesman), Julie Wallyn (Aunt Julia), Rachel Kelso (Thea Elvsted), Brandi Davis (Hedda Tesman), Ben Jones (Eilert Lovborg) and Wendy Brown (Berta).

# Westfield Playhouse staging, livestreaming classic play

*Get out of the house or stay home to enjoy live community theater*

By **STU CLAMPITT**  
[ReadTheReporter.com](http://ReadTheReporter.com)

Director Adam Davis is living the dream. Starting Thursday, Main Street Productions (MSP) is staging *Hedda Gabler* at the new Playhouse, 220 N. Union St., Westfield, and Davis is at the helm, right where he has always wanted to be.

"I've wanted to put this show on stage for 15 years since I read it my freshman year in college," Davis told The Reporter. "I had not done a lot of drama in high school or even through college, but there was something about this script that just stuck with me from the moment I read it. There is so much nuance in it."

*Hedda Gabler* is set in 1890 and it is really about a woman who is forced to live in this man's world and wants to take matters into her own hands. How is she going to

**Get Your Tickets**

**When:** In-person Sept. 24-26 and Oct. 1-3 at 7:30 p.m.; In-person Sept. 17 and Oct. 4 at 2:30 p.m.; Online Sept. 27 at 2:30 p.m. and Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m.

**Where:** The new Westfield Playhouse, 220 N. Union St., Westfield, or the computer of your choice

**In-person Cost:** \$17 for adults 18 and older, \$15 for seniors 62 and older, \$15 for students with ID, and free for active military personnel and veterans with ID

**Livestream Cost:** By donation, with a suggested minimum donation of \$10, though you can make a larger, tax-deductible donation to Main Street Productions, a 501(c)(3) non-profit. Donations must be received no later than one hour before performance start time to receive the link. The live stream is LIVE, so you will need to be in front of your computer at showtime to watch. Sept. 27 at 2:30 p.m. or Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m. The show will be broadcast over YouTube.

**Where to buy:** Go to [westfieldplayhouse.org/showtickets](http://westfieldplayhouse.org/showtickets) or call (317) 402-3341 for tickets. Although you can buy your tickets at the doors, since this is such a popular production it is recommended you at least call for reservations.

**Safety Guidelines:** In order to keep all patrons safe, MSP has a COVID-19 policy that includes only seating 25 percent capacity, mask requirements, taking your temperature upon entering the theater and other measure details online at [westfieldplayhouse.org/showtickets](http://westfieldplayhouse.org/showtickets).

do that? How can she turn the tables in her favor? What tools does she have available to her as a woman in 1890 in Norway?

The play was written by Henrik Ibsen, who Davis says is considered the father of modern drama.

"What Shakespeare is to classical theater, Ibsen is to the modern stage with the way he writes characters and the way he just doesn't just tell a story – he puts people on

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# News in brief from around the county

By **FRED SWIFT**  
[ReadTheReporter.com](http://ReadTheReporter.com)

During the forest fires in the West, a Noblesville native has been on the front lines. Tom McCullough, son of Tim McCullough and Carol Karst-Wasson, is a resident of Washington State and became involved in the fire fight earlier this summer, according to his mother. She is now a resident of Angola, Ind.

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The Hamilton County Recorder's Office is offering a new service to protect property owners from fraud and property theft. The free service alerts owners if a fraudulent document has been filed involving their property. Owners may sign up for the service by going online to Doxpop Property Watch. Questions about the service may be directed to the Recorder at (317) 776-9717.

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In the next few months, a new pedestrian bridge will be built across White River essentially connecting Conner Prairie with River Road Park. The bridge location will be approximately on a line of 126th Street



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**Given the current state of the COVID-19 pandemic, Hamilton County's Real Property Tax sale set for Oct. 1 will be conducted electronically instead of in-person as with previous sales. Concerns about physically distancing were a large factor in the decision. [Click here](#) for more information.**

extended. Clay Township officials are financing the bridge in cooperation with the Hamilton County Parks Department.

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The annual sale of tax delinquent property will be held Oct. 1, and for the first

time it will be held online as a safety precaution. Properties on which real estate taxes have gone unpaid, will be sold to the highest bidder at the 11 a.m. auction sale. To participate or observe the sale, Google Real Property Tax Sale.

# Carmel paying tribute to city's first roundabout

**The REPORTER**

The City of Carmel will pay tribute to its historic first roundabout – located at the intersection of Main Street and River Road – during this week's celebration of National Roundabout Week. The roundabout, which opened 23 years ago on the city's eastside, will be getting new signage to be unveiled on Wednesday that will honor it as the first of Carmel's 134 roundabouts (as of today), which is more than any city in America.

Each year, the Federal Highway Administration celebrates National Roundabouts Week during the third week in September. Carmel has been a leader in the construction of roundabouts and the promotion and education of their safety benefits to cities across the nation.

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# Heartland Film 'hybrid' festival coming to Conner Prairie

*Event will showcase 23 feature premieres, 76 films at both drive-in, virtual screenings*

**The REPORTER**

Heartland Film has announced the lineup of the 76 independent feature films – nine World Premieres and 14 U.S. Premieres – included in the 29th Heartland International Film Festival (HIFF29) running via hybrid model of drive-in and virtual, Oct. 8-18.

The 11-day festival is offering drive-in screenings every night (29 drive-in screenings total) through partnerships with Tibbs Drive-In Theatre, 480 S. Tibbs Ave., Indianapolis, and Conner Prairie's new pop-up drive-in experience, 13400 Allisonville Road, Fishers. HIFF29 is among the first

festivals to offer hybrid events films, featuring both drive-in and virtual titles for centerpiece and closing night.

This year's theme is "The Full Spectrum of Film" to celebrate the diverse genres, stories and perspectives showcased in the festival.

"The 29th Heartland International Film Festival is packed with films that are incredibly relevant to the conversations our society has every day," said Heartland Film President Craig Prater. "We have films that take you inside a Wuhan hospital during the COVID-19 lockdown (76 Days), that dig into the emotional landscape of Black

males (BLACK BOYS), capture the struggle of children dealing with the deportation of their family (The Great Mother), and even invite you to join a haunted Zoom call (HOST)."

HIFF29 may not be offering any traditional theater screenings, but you can still expect a fun festival atmosphere with unique Drive-Thru Red-Carpet photo opportunity at Tibbs Drive-In Theatre, special events such as Opening and Closing Night events, live virtual Q&A with filmmakers, virtual awards presentation giving away

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# Great interest in election despite less electioneering

By FRED SWIFT  
[ReadTheReporter.com](http://ReadTheReporter.com)

There may not be much electioneering this year, but there is plenty of interest in the election if one can use the number of absentee voting applications as an indication. County Clerk Kathy Williams said Friday at least 28,000 residents have requested absentee ballots for the Nov. 3 presidential election. That's by far a record.

Very few candidate appearances or rallies have been set so far due to continuing health concerns. Republicans are continuing their monthly breakfast series and the Clay Township GOP will hold an outdoor chili supper

Oct. 29, but Democrats are planning no such gatherings.

The county Republican Party has begun newspaper advertising which says GOP officeholders' leadership has gotten the county listed by national publications as "among the best places to live in America."

A walk-in campaign office is planned in Carmel, and GOP chairwoman Laura Campbell says volunteers are walking the neighborhoods on Saturdays until election distributing campaign material.

Democrats have 60,000 "door hangers" ready to disburse before election, according to chairman Joe Weingarten. Quietly, some

Democratic candidates are known to have approached prominent Republicans seeking crossover support. But, in a couple of reported cases those approached have declined.

Democratic candidate for county treasurer Jake Madore, perhaps sensing a possible vulnerable spot in the GOP ticket, has invited former Treasurer Kim Good to work for him if elected. Good lost to Susan Byer in a heated GOP primary contest.

Overall, Democrats see the upcoming election as their big chance to score in the historically Republican county. Republicans say they are just as determined to maintain their majority position.

## ROUNABOUT

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"It is important that we take time each year to celebrate our increasingly safer streets and intersections by paying tribute to roundabouts, which reduce severe crashes by about 80 percent compared to traditional two-way stop-controlled intersections," Mayor Jim Brainard said. "We also hope to use this week to educate our residents and visitors on how to navigate roundabouts and stay safe while driving or while crossing them as a pedestrian."

This year's events will be downsized in order to keep crowd sizes down and make it possible to follow CDC guidelines on physical distancing due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to the federal government, there are more than 4,000 roundabouts in the U.S. today. In just a few short weeks, Carmel will add two more to the list (116th Street at Guilford Road and 116th Street at College Avenue) and plans have been announced to begin construction on three more roundabouts along 111th Street near the Monon Community Center.

The Federal Highway Administration, the Transportation Research Board and the Insurance Institute of Highway Safety encourage transportation agencies to consider roundabouts during new construction and reconstruction projects, as well as for existing intersections that have been identified as needing safety or operational improvements. Roundabouts are an effective safety countermeasure. [Click here](#) to check out the FHWA website.

Meanwhile, make sure you follow the City of Carmel [Facebook page](#) for daily activities beginning Monday.

Monday, Sept. 21 –



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The focus of this year's celebration of roundabouts in Carmel will be the city's first roundabout constructed 23 years ago at Main Street and River Road.

Visit Midtown Plaza for special video presentations and trivia questions on the big screen throughout the day. While you're there, shop for roundabout shirts and other fun stuff from the All Things Carmel booth, which will be set up from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, Sept. 22** – Visit Midtown Plaza for special video presentations and trivia questions on the big screen throughout the day. You can also shop for roundabout shirts and other fun stuff from the All Things Carmel booth, which will return and be set up from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Sept. 23** – The City will pay tribute to the first roundabout built in Carmel by unveiling a special new sign. Homeowners from the surrounding neighborhood at Main Street and River Road will be invited to join in a small gathering near the clubhouse located just northwest of the roundabout. The event will begin at 6 p.m. and will be streamed live on the city's [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) pages.

**Thursday, Sept. 24** – Bike, walk or run to the roundabout nearest you and

take a selfie on the path/sidewalk with the art in the background. Share your photos on social media and tag #NationalRoundaboutsWeek for your chance to win a gift card to a local business in Carmel. Download the Bike Carmel app on [Google Play](#) or [Apple Store](#) to find the best route to one of the following roundabouts nearest you:

- East: 116th and Hazel Dell
- South: 96th and Westfield
- Midtown: Pennsylvania and Old Meridian
- West: Jackson Circle in the Village of West Clay

**Friday, Sept. 25** – Show your Roundabout Pride by wearing your roundabout shirt to school, work or during your virtual meetings on this special end of the week celebration. Snap a photo and share on social media with #NationalRoundaboutsWeek for your chance to win a gift card to a local Carmel business.

**All week long** – Follow the City of Carmel on social media for roundabout trivia and your chance to win special gifts and prizes local Carmel business. Don't forget to use #NationalRoundaboutsWeek when posting and sharing.



### Ongoing work along 116th Street in Carmel

Construction on two intersections in Carmel from traffic signals to roundabouts continues at 116th Street and College Avenue and a 116th Street and Guilford Road. Phase 3 of construction along 116th Street will begin on or after Monday, Sept. 21. At this time, all traffic will be rerouted to the north half of the intersections at Guilford Road and College Avenue.

This Phase is expected to last approximately 35 days. No left-hand turns will be possible during this phase of work.

For the latest updates, follow the [City of Carmel](#) and [Carmel Link 2.0](#) on Facebook.

## HEDDA GABLER

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stage and give you a glimpse of their lives in a way that is different from a lot of other writers," Davis said.

According to Davis, Ibsen has challenged actors to not just go on stage and play your part, but to come up there and be somebody else and show what their life was like.

"This play in particular is complicated for that very reason," Davis told The Reporter. "Every line can be read 30 different ways and you'd get 30 different shows based on how you do that. That is what drew me to it in the first place."

According to Davis, this was an interesting show to cast and he is exceptionally pleased with

the talent he has assembled for this production.

"Because of everything else going on in the world we chose not to do traditional auditions," Davis said. "We did an online submission and that gave me the freedom to go out and talk to people and recruit people who might be interested in being in something of this magnitude. We have seven very talented actors who will be able to bring this show to life. I feel very fortunate to be able to work with them in this regard. Each one of them is perfectly suited to their roles and the amount of talent we have in this room at any one time – they all bring each other up."

Hedda Gabler will stage four days each weekend, Thursday through Sunday, for two weeks only. Thursday, Friday and Saturday will be evening performances at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday shows will be matinees at 2:30 p.m.

Like many other theaters, Westfield Playhouse is choosing a livestream option for patrons unable or unwilling to attend an in-person event. MSP is limiting seating to 25 percent capacity each night and is strictly observing all local, state and national public safety guidelines. You can read the details of MSP's COVID-19 policy online at [westfieldplayhouse.org](http://westfieldplayhouse.org) under the "Buy Tickets" link.

## Main Street Productions, Inc. Presents

# Hedda Gabler

By  
**Henrik Ibsen**

Directed  
by  
**Adam Davis**

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# Major interchange project coming to northern Hamilton County

The REPORTER

Major changes are in the works for the intersection of U.S. 31 and 236th Street a few miles east of Sheridan. The interchange project is planned to become grade-separated in order to allow nonstop traffic flow in all directions on each road. INDOT, which is responsible for the project, will build what it calls a tight diamond configuration. The new interchange will bear resemblance to those along U.S. 31 and Keystone Parkway in Carmel. More details about the project, including projected costs, start and finish dates, residential and commercial impacts, wetland and floodplain impacts along with a highly-detailed map can be found at [this link](#).



Rendering provided by INDOT

# Fishers road construction updates

The REPORTER

**State Road 37 & 126th Street**  
126th Street east of SR 37 is currently closed and is anticipated to reopen in November. During this time, cross access will be restricted, with only right in and right out. Northbound SR 37 traffic will not have access to 126th Street and will shift to the southbound lanes. Two lanes will remain in each direction. Local access to businesses will remain open. Detour route markers and advance warning signs will be in place prior to the closure. View the detour map [here](#).  
**State Road 37 & 146th Street**  
All left-turn lanes are currently restricted on SR 37 and on 146th Street with traffic moving to the interior lanes. Thru traffic and right turns on SR 37 and 146th Street will remain open during this phase. Drivers are encouraged to seek alternate routes for all left-turn access. View an alternate route map [here](#). This phase is anticipated to be completed by the end of November.  
Please drive with caution through these areas. To learn more about the State Road 37 Improvement Project and sign up to receive text updates, visit [37Thrives.com](#).  
**126th Street & Ford Drive / Nickel Plate Trail Crossing**  
Phase 2 construction of the 126th Street and Ford Drive roundabout is underway and is anticipated to

reopen in October. During this phase, 126th Street will be closed east of Ford Drive to Kirkpatrick Way. Residents and businesses on Ford/Windsor Drive will be accessible from Lantern Road. Lockhart Cadillac will be accessible from southbound SR 37 only. View the detour map [here](#). Check out the [project fact sheet](#) to learn more.  
**96th Street**  
96th Street east of the Sargent Road roundabout to Cumberland Road is currently closed and is anticipated to reopen in early November. During this time, the bridge over Mud Creek will be replaced with a widened structure and additional travel lanes will be added. Check out the [project fact sheet](#) to learn more and view the detour map [here](#).  
Beginning on Monday, Sept. 21, the westbound lanes on 96th Street will be closed at Lantern Road through the intersection of Kincaid Drive/Village Way and is anticipated to reopen by Friday, Sept. 25. Southbound Kincaid Drive will also be closed, and the northbound Village Way left turn will be restricted. The official detour route will direct drivers to use Lantern Road to Roberts Drive to North by Northeast Blvd. Eastbound lanes on 96th Street will remain open during this time but will be reduced to one lane. Check out the [project fact sheet](#) to learn more and view the detour map [here](#).  
**Allisonville Road**  
Beginning on Monday,

Sept. 21 through Friday, Oct. 2, one lane in each direction on Allisonville Road south of 106th Street will be closed between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for median work in front of Fire Station No. 93.  
**Frances Street**  
Frances Street between Meadows Drive and Lantern Road is currently closed and is anticipated to reopen in September.  
**Moore Street**  
Moore Street between 116th Street and South Street is currently closed and is anticipated to reopen in September.  
**Burberry**  
The road resurfacing project has started with ADA ramp reconstruction and is anticipated to be completed by the end of October.  
**Paving Projects**  
The Department of Public Works paving schedule is as follows:  
• Monday, Sept. 21 and Tuesday, Sept. 22 – Paving will be completed on various segments of East 96th Street from Olio Road to the city limits. There will be lane restrictions in place on 96th Street both days. On Tuesday, Sept. 22 there will be a short northbound closure on Georgia Road from 96th Street to Stable Stone Terrace (Belmont Place) while work is taking place at the 96th Street/Georgia Road intersection.  
• Wednesday, Sept. 23 through Friday, Sept. 25 – Paving will be completed on 104th Street from Olio Road to just west of Timberstone Drive. There will

be lane restrictions in place on 104th Street and southbound Olio Road left turn lanes. [Click here](#) to view a map.  
• Monday, Sept. 28 and Tuesday, Sept. 29 – Paving will be completed on Roberts Drive from Lantern Road to Kincaid Drive.  
**Neighborhood Parking Update**  
The City of Fishers' objective is to create a safe and inviting community by improving infrastructure, reducing congestion, increase mobility options, and manage parking in the city, which is experiencing constant growth. The City is committed to providing accessible and adequate parking options for all residents, guests and visitors, and the goal is to educate the community about parking regulations to reduce the chances of violations. Find info about neighborhood parking ordinances and how to file a complaint [here](#).  
**Flashing Yellow Arrow Traffic Signals**  
Several traffic signals throughout Fishers have recently been upgraded to include flashing yellow arrows. This is a measure put in place to allow for improved traffic flow. A yellow flashing arrow means that you may proceed with the turn only after you have yielded the right of way to pedestrians and oncoming traffic. If you are facing a steady yellow light or arrow, your right of way is ending. Find info [here](#) regarding flashing yellow arrow traffic signals.

# Community News

## Atlanta Rummage Sale

The Town of Atlanta will have a town-wide Rummage Sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 26.

## Letter to the Editor

# Noblesville reader proud to support Stephanie Lambert for school board

Dear Editor,  
I am writing in support of Noblesville School Board candidate Stephanie Lambert. I have known Stephanie Lambert for 10 years, and during that time, I have had the pleasure of working with her in several capacities. Our children attended Noble Crossing Elementary together where we both served as volunteers and Stephanie served as PTO Treasurer for two years. We have also attended Northview Church where our families have participated in Life Group together. In addition, Stephanie and I worked together after the Noblesville West Middle School shooting to improve school safety and security for the students in Noblesville. Stephanie spent time at the Indiana Statehouse working with legislators to help improve mental health resources in Indiana schools. She also collaborated with school administrators and various stakeholders in the community for safer schools. Stephanie is thoughtful in her approach to solving problems and is able to ask the hard questions. She is practical, level-headed, caring and hardworking. Stephanie has been devoted to the youth in our community as a frequent volunteer. She volunteers as a Hamilton County CASA and with Youth Assistance Program. She is also a building substitute for Noblesville Schools. Stephanie is not afraid to roll up her sleeves and help our children and our community when needed. Stephanie would be a valuable asset to the Noblesville School Board, and I encourage you to vote for her on Nov. 3.  
**Lindsay Resmer**  
Noblesville

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# School Board Candidates

**There are 14 board seats at stake this year in the six Hamilton County school districts. Winners in the non-partisan elections on Nov. 3 will take office on Jan. 1, 2021. Filing ended at noon on Friday, Aug. 21.**

<b>Carmel Clay Schools</b> <u>At large (2 seats)</u> Katie Browning Susan Chamberlin-Dawes Beth Glynn Sam Harris Benita T. Hutt Louise Jackson Paige L. Miller Timothy Moehl Anne H. Poindexter	<b>Noblesville Schools</b> <u>At large (3 seats)</u> Laura L. Alerding Daniel J. Bill Christi Crosser Evan Elliott Willie Jerome Haile Leigh Hamer Carl A. Johnson IV Stephanie D. Lambert Adrienne Rogers
<b>Hamilton Heights</b> <u>Jackson Twp. (1 seat)</u> Kevin J. Cavanaugh <u>White River Twp. (1 seat)</u> Gretchen Pennington David Adam Sheller	<b>Sheridan Community Schools</b> <u>Marion Twp., Boone Co. (1 seat)</u> John Hunt
<b>Hamilton Southeastern</b> <u>Fall Creek Twp. (1 seat)</u> Jason Arnold Chauna Leigh Holder Matt Stolle Suzanne Thomas Clint Wilson <u>Delaware Twp. (1 seat)</u> Tony Bagato Sarah Donsbach Amanda J. Shera <u>Wayne Twp. (1 seat)</u> Sarah E. Parks-Reese Tiffany Pascoe Ron Thieme	<b>Westfield Washington Schools</b> <u>District 1 (1 seat)</u> Jimmy Cox Amy Pictor <u>District 3 (1 seat)</u> Duane E. Lutz J. Keith Owens Carl (Mike) Steele



# Gov. Holcomb, INDOT announce next call for Community Crossings matching grants

The REPORTER

Indiana Governor Eric J. Holcomb and INDOT Commissioner Joe McGuinness on Wednesday announced the next call for projects in the Community Crossings grant program will open Friday, Sept. 25. Community Crossings is part of Gov. Holcomb's Next Level Roads program, a 20-year, fully funded plan to enhance Indiana's highways and local roads by awarding communities grants for shovel-ready local road construction projects. "Supporting local communities by investing in transportation infrastructure is vital as we get Indiana back on track in the face of COVID-19," Holcomb said. "I'm pleased that we're advancing the Community Crossings program at this time to partner with cities, towns and counties to deliver on needed projects and provide a boost to local job creators."

Projects that are eligible for funding through Community Crossings include road resurfacing, bridge rehabilitation, road reconstruction, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance in connection with road projects. Material costs for chip sealing and crack filling operations are also eligible for funds. Projects submitted to the Indiana Department of Transportation for funding will be evaluated based on need, traffic volume, local support, the impact on connectivity and mobility within the community, and regional economic significance. This call for projects, originally slated for July, was postponed to this fall due to revenue uncertainty resulting from the COVID-19 public health emergency. The call will make approximately \$68 million in state matching funds available for local projects. This funding amount combines existing

revenue available in the state's local road and bridge matching grant fund and anticipated revenues during the first three months of the state's 2021 fiscal year. Following this rescheduled call for projects, the state plans to hold the next call in January 2021. "As the Governor has emphasized throughout the COVID-19 fight, we're all in this together and that includes the state and local communities partnering to get things done," McGuinness said. "Moving forward with this call for projects ensures that local officials can keep their commitments to improving roads and bridges in every corner of Indiana." Community Crossings is open to all local government units in the Indiana. • Cities and towns with a population of fewer than 10,000 will receive funds using a 75/25 match. • Cities and towns with

10,000 will receive funds using a 50/50 match. • Counties with a population of fewer than 50,000 will receive funds using a 75/25 match. • Counties with a population of greater than 50,000 will receive funds using a 50/50 match. Over the last four years, the state has awarded more than \$730 million in matching funds to support local road and bridge projects around Indiana. Long-term funding for Community Crossings is part of House Enrolled Act 1002, passed by the legislature and signed into law by Gov. Holcomb in April 2017. All application materials must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 23. Communities receiving funding for projects will be notified by INDOT later this fall. For more information on Community Crossings, visit [in.gov/indot/community-crossings](http://in.gov/indot/community-crossings).

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# Wildlife in Need animals remain missing, Timothy Stark still at large

## The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill announced Friday that approximately 161 animals have been removed from the Wildlife in Need (WIN) premises in Charlestown, Ind., over the past six days – but that many animals previously seen on the premises remain missing.

Officials from the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) have spent the past week at WIN overseeing the removal of animals by the Indianapolis Zoological Society, the court-appointed receiver of the animals. A Marion Superior Court judge in August approved the state's removal of WIN's animals, with the exception of lions, tigers, and lion-tiger hybrids. Those animals were set to be removed Friday as a result of a ruling in a federal lawsuit.

The state asked a judge to find Timothy Stark, the director of WIN, in contempt of court following the discovery that approximately \$165,000 worth of animals were missing from WIN. Those animals included six spider monkeys; two toucans; one pied crow; one African grey parrot; two macaws; one caracal; one ocelot; three fishing cats; two cougars; two Asian small-clawed otters; one prehensile porcupine; and two African crested porcupines.

About \$50,000 worth of those missing animals, including a sloth, Debrazza monkeys, and booted macaques, were later found in a closed box truck located on a neighbor's property outside of the WIN premises, lacking food, water, light and ventilation. The rest of the animals remain missing.

"Timothy Stark's attempts to interrupt and impede the court-ordered removal of animals from Wildlife in Need are dis-

## AG Curtis Hill: Warrant for alleged animal abuser Timothy Stark's arrest was no surprise

### The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill says he believes alleged animal abuser Timothy Stark, director of Wildlife in Need (WIN), got the result he wanted Wednesday afternoon when a judge found him in contempt of court. A warrant has now been issued for Stark's arrest.

"Tim Stark has sought to hamper the wheels of justice at every step of the way," Hill said. "The court has shown extraordinary tolerance of his antics, but today it wisely decided that enough was enough in terms of Stark's continuous attempts to thwart the judicial process."

Hill and his staff **have been working this month** with Indianapolis Zoo officials and law enforcement to ensure that more than 150 animals are removed from WIN's Southern Indiana properties. On Sept. 10, the Marion Superior

Court appointed the Indianapolis Zoological Society as receiver of the animals and tasked the organization with placing the animals pending a final ruling in the case.

On Monday, Hill filed an emergency motion asking a court to issue a judgment against Stark for allegedly removing and/or concealing animals from authorities. The court gave Stark until 4 p.m. Tuesday to tell authorities the location of all missing animals. Stark did not comply.

"Stark is the party who has had access and custody of the missing animals at times during which they have gone missing," **the court observed in its Wednesday order.**

WIN's directors have claimed over the years to rescue and rehabilitate



Hill

wildlife before returning animals to their native habitats. In reality, Hill said, the non-profit organization has a history of allegations of animal abuse, including failure to provide basic necessities to animals and forcing them to live in deplorable conditions. Many of WIN's animals have been exotic species native to other countries.

Further, contrary to its stated purpose as a non-profit corporation, WIN allegedly has misapplied assets purportedly collected for animal care by allowing Stark to misapply WIN's money and assets for his personal uses.

**Hill sued WIN in February** over Stark's misrepresentations of WIN's activities. That lawsuit remains pending.

saying in a video on Facebook that his followers should "go in there and tear the f-----g place up" and throw rocks at those participating in the removal.

Stark's obstructive actions prompted a judge to find Stark in contempt of court on Wednesday. A warrant for Stark was issued later that day, and it remained active as of Friday morning. A witness told the OAG they saw Stark in a truck around 11:15 a.m. Wednesday, driving north on Indiana Highway 160 near Charlestown and at a high rate of speed.

"We certainly hope the proper authorities locate Timothy Stark soon so that we can quickly determine the fate of the missing animals. In the meantime, we will continue our diligent efforts to hold him accountable for his business improprieties," Hill said.

# Bipartisan group of Senators introduce Animal Cruelty Enforcement Act

## The REPORTER

U.S. Senators Mike Braun (R-Ind.) and Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.) have introduced the bipartisan Animal Cruelty Enforcement Act to ensure that the federal government has a dedicated office for the enforcement of animal cruelty statutes.

Braun and Whitehouse are joined on this bipartisan bill by original co-sponsors Sen. John Kennedy (R-La.), Sen. Martha McSally (R-Ariz.), and Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.).

The Animal Cruelty Enforcement Act:

1. Creates by statute a dedicated Animal Cruelty Crimes Division at the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) to aid in the investigation, enforcement and subsequent prosecution of felony animal cruelty crimes; and

2. Requires DOJ to report annually on the progress made enforcing animal cruelty statutes.

The bill is companion legislation to H.R. 8052, introduced by Representatives Neguse (D-Colo.-02), Gaetz (R-Fla.-01), Cohen (D-Tenn.-09), and Carter (R-Ga.-01).

"America has recently taken big steps to crack down on animal cruelty with new laws to protect animals from torture and abuse, but we need further action to ensure these laws are being enforced across the country and track our progress in eradicating animal cruelty," Braun said. "The Animal Cruelty Enforcement Act would create a dedicated Animal Cruelty Crimes Section at the Department of Justice to help bring those who abuse animals to justice and includes reporting measures to track our progress."

"I'm pleased to join my colleague Senator Braun to introduce this legislation to protect animal welfare," Whitehouse said. "We need to make sure laws related to serious negligence and cruelty toward animals are clear and enforceable, and that the Department of Justice has the dedicated resources it needs to prosecute them."

"People who abuse innocent animals often turn their violence on innocent people," Kennedy said. "The Animal Cruelty Enforcement Act would help better prevent and prosecute animal cruelty, and

I'm proud to partner with Senator Braun and my colleagues to keep our communities safe from sick people who target helpless creatures."

"There is no place for animal cruelty in this country," McSally said. "Our bill will help stamp out animal abuse by creating a dedicated Animal Cruelty Crimes Division at the Justice Department. The division will focus on the investigation and prosecution of federal animal cruelty crimes, and be responsible for reporting their progress annually to Congress."

"I'm proud to have led recent federal efforts outlawing the barbaric torture of animals, but our fight is not yet over," Blumenthal said. "We must swiftly enact the Animal Cruelty Enforcement Act to put those laws into effect, hold animal abusers accountable, and track our country's progress in eliminating this heinous crime. I look forward to working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to get this done and to put a stop to animal cruelty once and for all."

## Background

Within the last two years, several prominent animal welfare statutes signed into law have vastly expanded the breadth and depth of the animal cruelty laws on the federal books. The Preventing Animal Cruelty and Torture Act, the Parity in Animal Cruelty Enforcement Act, and the Pet and Women Safety Act have added significant new laws to the federal code. These laws were passed with significant bipartisan support for the purposes of addressing animal cruelty issues head-on, recognizing the increasingly large body of research that closely links violence against animals with violence against humans.

To ensure that these laws are adequately enforced across the country, the federal government must have dedicated staff to ensure adequate enforcement across the board. Over the past several years, DOJ has taken steps to invest significant amounts of attorney time into reviewing reports of animal cruelty and investigating cases. However, given the significant influx of laws on the books, it is important that a dedicated section be established.



Braun



Stark

graceful," Hill said. "We will continue our efforts to find these missing animals and place them with a more caring organization than that which previously possessed them."

With the exception of the lions, tigers, and lion-tiger hybrids, all animals located on WIN's Charlestown property were successfully removed and placed with appropriate facilities. Some of the animals were in poor health but are now recovering.

WIN has claimed over the years to rescue and rehabilitate wildlife before returning animals to their native habitats. In reality, Hill said, WIN has purchased animals and subjected them to a life of suffering.

Stark, according to court

documents, has a history of hoarding animals in deplorable living conditions, abusing and neglecting animals, trafficking animals, hiding animals from government authorities and attempting to move WIN animals out of state. The state's allegations include horrifying details related to Stark's methods of "euthanasia" and his abuse of animals in his care.

Hill took legal action against WIN in February, after a months-long investigation into the nonprofit. Hill alleged that for years, Stark has embezzled WIN assets for his own purposes. The lawsuit seeks the return of those embezzled assets and WIN's dissolution.

Stark has made multiple attempts to obstruct the OAG's investigation, Hill said. Stark has also called on his social media followers to obstruct authorities' efforts to remove animals,

# Celebrate National Public Lands Day

## The REPORTER

National Public Lands Day is Saturday, Sept. 26, and during that weekend Hoosiers can celebrate by supporting their favorite DNR property by doing volunteer work or simply visiting.

National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest single-day volunteer effort involving public lands. State park properties will have programs for visitors to volunteer as individuals or as part of many events across Indiana, but they can

also choose to visit and just enjoy their favorite areas.

Outdoor enthusiasts can also combine visiting and volunteering by grabbing a bucket and taking on the **5-gallon challenge**.

Sept. 26 is also National Hunting and Fishing Day, an opportunity to celebrate the role of hunting, recreational shooting, trapping, and fishing in conservation. In addition to participating in volunteer activities, sportsmen and sportswomen can take along someone new as they enjoy the last

Free Fishing Day of the year ([dnr.IN.gov/fishfree](http://dnr.IN.gov/fishfree)) or share their passion with youth by participating in Youth Deer Season ([wildlife.IN.gov/9323.htm](http://wildlife.IN.gov/9323.htm)).

On Sunday, Sept. 27, Indiana State Parks, Indiana State Forests, and State Recreation Areas will offer free admission where entrance fees are normally charged.

The entire weekend serves as a reminder that public lands are places for outdoor recreation, conservation, and making

memories with families and friends. Events include hikes, pioneer activities, crafts, Learn to Fish events ([on.IN.gov/learn2fish](http://on.IN.gov/learn2fish)), and live bird shows.

For a complete list of programs, see [calendar.dnr.IN.gov](http://calendar.dnr.IN.gov). Information about how to be a DNR volunteer can be found at [on.IN.gov/dnrvolunteer](http://on.IN.gov/dnrvolunteer).

For more information on National Public Lands Day, see [PublicLandsDay.org](http://PublicLandsDay.org).

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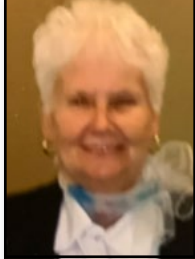
## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

*And when they heard it, they glorified the Lord, and said unto him, Thou seest, brother; how many thousands of Jews there are which believe; and they are all zealous of the law: And they are informed of thee, that thou teachest all the Jews which are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise their children, neither to walk after the customs. What is it therefore? the multitude must needs come together: for they will hear that thou art come.*  
Acts 21:13-19 (KJV)

### Betty Irene Ward

April 24, 1936 – September 16, 2020

Betty Irene Ward, 84, Cicero, passed away peacefully at her home on September 16, 2020.



She was born on April 24, 1936 to William Elmer and Elsie Lee (Duganich) Snead. She was raised in Cicero and graduated in 1954 from Jackson Central High School.

She had been a homemaker and bookkeeper for an excavating company during most of her adult life. Reading and studying the Bible was foremost in her priorities.

She had taught children at Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and church camps. She had attended various churches, but lastly, she attended Omega Christian Church.

Betty was an avid fan of the Indianapolis Colts and Butler Bulldogs Basketball. And it was said that you did not get in front of the television when those teams were playing. She also loved shopping for and making various crafts. She often used those skills in her church activities. Betty was very patriotic and would display flags and other red, white and blue items. She loved to travel and even joined a travel club. She had traveled to most states and other countries, and being a friendly, outgoing person, she made friends in many places.

Surviving her is a son, Gary Joe Ward, Cicero; a daughter, Tammy Lou Farley, Arcadia; grandsons, John and Andy Farley; and a sister, Susan Crawl, Fairmont.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Terri Sue Ward; and brothers, Elmer and Jack Snead.

Graveside rites will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, September 24, 2020, at Carey Cemetery north of Noblesville with Pastor Neal Brown officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Omega Christian Church, 12763 E. 281st St., Arcadia, IN 46030; or Fairbanks Hospital, 8102 Clearvista Pkwy., Indianapolis, IN 46256.

Arrangements are entrusted to Hartley Funeral Homes Cicero Chapel where you may send condolences at [hartleyfuneralhomes.com](http://hartleyfuneralhomes.com).

# When did "I Love Lucy" air its final episode?

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**1853** – The first boat to travel the entire length of the Wabash and Erie Canal reached Evansville. The canal, under construction for over 20 years, connected the Great Lakes with the Ohio River. At 459 miles, it was the longest canal ever built in the United States. In most places, the waterway was 30 to 40 feet wide and 6 feet deep. Alongside was a tow path for mules pulling the canal boats.

**1902** – President Theodore Roosevelt arrived in Indianapolis, after visiting Logansport, Tipton, Kokomo and Noblesville. In the capital city, he spoke at Tomlinson Hall and the Columbia Club. From there, he was taken to St. Vincent Hospital where doctors performed surgery on a leg wound he had received a few days earlier in a carriage accident. The President canceled the rest of his tour and returned to the White House later that night.

**1925** – The Broadcast Listeners' Association in Indianapolis held an exposition at Cadle Tabernacle in the city. Radio was the marvel of the age, and the group advertised a "million dollar display" of the latest sets available. Special events in-



cluded addresses by Indiana Governor Ed Jackson and Indianapolis Mayor Lew Shank. Music on the program included Bill Watson and his musical saw, Whistler J. L. Hall, and the Carmel Symphony Orchestra. The program was broadcast live on station WFBM.

**1929** – A large crowd was present at the Indiana Statehouse for the unveiling of a plaque honoring Frances Willard, educator, suffragist and leader in the Women's Christian Temperance Union. Participants included Indiana Governor Harry G. Leslie, Ella Alexander Boole, president of the National Women's Christian Temperance Union, and Lorado Taft, the artist who designed the tablet. A fleet of airplanes showered roses on the building as 5,000 children paraded into the Statehouse rotunda to place flowers at the base of the plaque.

**1961** – The final episode

of "I Love Lucy" was broadcast on CBS Television. One of the principal writers on the show was Madelyn Pugh. Born in Indianapolis, she graduated from Shortridge High School and the Indiana University School of Journalism. She and her long-time writing partner,

Bob Carroll, Jr., created scripts for hundreds of radio and television programs.

**1982** – 14-year-old Joshua Bell played a violin solo with the prestigious Philadelphia Orchestra. After he finished Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 3, the audience burst into sustained applause. Bell, at the time a sophomore at North Bloomington High School, began playing the violin at age 4 and made his debut as a soloist at age 7. He has gone on to perform with virtually every major orchestra and today is one of the most celebrated violinists in the world.

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## Girls golf sectional at Pebble Brook

# 'Hounds win, 'Rocks and UHS advance

By RICHIE HALL

**WESTFIELD** - The Carmel and Westfield girls golf teams had a new host and new site for the girls golf sectional, but both teams continued to have the same success.

The Greyhounds triumphed at Saturday's sectional, now presented by Guerin Catholic and taking place at Pebble Brook Golf Club in Westfield. Carmel scored the program's 12th sectional championship and its first since 2018. The Shamrocks finished a strong second.

Both teams advance to next week's Roncalli regional at Smock Golf Club in Indianapolis, along with third-place University. The Trailblazers made history with their performance, becoming the first golf team from that school to qualify for the regional.

The 'Hounds won with a team score of 294 and had all five of their golfers shoot 78 or better.

"We've been preparing for it all season and to see it in action was great," said Carmel coach Kelly Kluesner. "They stayed positive, stayed true to their game and just played the course."

Leading the way was freshman Michaela Headlee, who carded a one-under par 69.

"It was fun," said Headlee. "I wasn't really nervous. I was more excited."

Headlee made three birdies in her round.

"My putting was saving me and I was hitting a lot of greens," said Headlee.

"She's definitely used to tournament golf and had a great mind for it," said Kluesner. "She's steady and waits for those birdies to come, capitalizes when she can. She's awesome to watch."

Senior Katie Kuc tied for second individually with a 73. Kuc had a strong finish, making birdies in two of her last three holes. Ava Hedrick tied for fifth by scoring 74; that included a 33 on the back nine. Hedrick had three birdies, including her last two holes.

"Katie and Ava both started out a little slow on their first few holes," said Kluesner. "They didn't give up. They knew that they had lots of pars and birdies out there and they both finished really strong."

Sydney Longstreth and Claire Swathwood both had 78s, with Longstreth making two birdies.

The Shamrocks totaled 304 for their round. Samantha Brown was part of the second-place tie with her score of 73, including three birdies. Sophie McGinnis tied for fifth by shooting a 74, that included two birdies.

"I think we shot a good score," said Westfield coach Trevor Neu. "Obviously,



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

**The Carmel girls golf team won the Guerin Catholic sectional championship Saturday at Pebble Brook Golf Course in Westfield. The Greyhounds carded a team score of 294 and qualified for next Saturday's Roncalli regional at Smock Golf Course in Indianapolis. Carmel's Michaela Headlee was the meet medalist with a 69.**

survive and advance. But we played well out there. Some mental hurdles that we got over and met pretty well. We put together some good scores and had a good day."

Allie Hildebrand made one birdie on her way to a 78, while Brette Hanavan carded a 79, draining two birdies. Allie McKeown had two birdies.

University's team score was 347, easily the best 18-hole mark for the Trailblazers in school history. Becky Williams, a state qualifier two years ago, led University with a 76, including two birdies. Kelsey DuBois, who made it to the regional with Williams last year, had one birdie on her way to an 82.

"This group has been a really close-knit group of teammates for a couple years now, and we have a four-year senior in Molly (Bickle) who's graduating

this year," said 'Blazers coach Taylor Newell. "Being able to finally get over the hump with this group because they've been working so hard towards it is really awesome."

The host, Guerin Catholic, finished fourth with a 354, but did advance a player on to the regional. Christina Pfefferkorn, a state qualifier the previous year, was part of the second-place tie with a 73. Pfefferkorn made two birdies in her round.

"I think today was okay," said Pfefferkorn. "Some shots I left out there, but it was okay."

Team scores: Carmel 294, Westfield 304, University 347, Guerin Catholic 354, Brebeuf Jesuit 368, Speedway 396, Covenant Christian 413, Cardinal Ritter 417, Ben Davis 451, Pike

inc.

Medalist: Michaela Headlee (Carmel) 34-35=69.

Other Carmel scores: Katie Kuc 39-34=73, Ava Hedrick 41-33=74, Sydney Longstreth 41-37=78, Claire Swathwood 39-39=78.

Westfield scores: Samantha Brown 36-37=73, Sophie McGinnis 38-36=74, Allie Hildebrand 39-39=78, Brette Hanavan 42-37=79, Allie McKeown 40-45=85.

University scores: Becky Williams 36-40=76, Kelsey DuBois 42-40=82, Abby Bladen 50-40=90, Vivian Suh 52-47=99, Molly Bickle 59-49=108.

Guerin Catholic scores: Christina Pfefferkorn 36-37=73, Audrey Kunc 46-44=90, Jenny Zerla 48-46=94, Isabella Pinon 52-45=97, Mia Thompson 49-48=97.

## Cross country

# Greyhounds sweep at FlashRock meet

The annual Riverview Health Flashrock cross country meet took place Saturday at Northview Church in Carmel, and the Greyhounds scored a sweep of the team championships.

In the girls race, Carmel scored 57 points, comfortably ahead of Hamilton Southeastern's 76 points. The top two schools were far ahead of the others, as Zionsville was third with 171 points.

The highest-placing county runner

was Hamilton Heights' Maria Mitchell. The Huskies senior finished third in a time of 17:50.53, making her one of four girls to run under 18 minutes. Royals senior Halle Hill also broke the 18 mark, taking fourth in 17:52.20.

Jasmine Klopstad led the Greyhounds with a fifth-place finish, and Carmel had four other runners finish in the top 20, which allowed it to clinch the team title. Guerin Catholic's Bridget Gallagher fin-

ished in 10th to lead her team.

Noblesville placed fourth as a team with 174 points; Summer Rempe was the highest-placing Millers runner by taking 18th. Westfield scored 216 points to finish sixth, with Sophie Porter placing 38th. Fishers finished with 309 points, Vera Schafer took 25th.

In the boys race, Carmel won the team trophy with 58 points, holding off runner-up Noblesville, which scored 67

points. The Greyhounds were led by Kole Mathison, the individual race winner in a time of 15:16.45. Charles Schuman placed eighth; Carmel had four of the top 12 finishers. Travis Hickner led the Millers by finishing third individually.

Hamilton Southeastern was a strong third, scoring 74 points. The Royals had the most runners in the top 10 with three: Bennett Dubois placed sixth, Nolan Sat-

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terfield finished seventh and Will Marquardt placed ninth.

Westfield placed sixth as a team, scoring 159 points. Kai Connor finished in fifth place.

Guerin Catholic scored 195 team points; Thomas King led the Golden Eagles by placing 19th. Fishers scored 333 points and was led by Josh Brown, who took 60th.

## VARSITY GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP

Team scores: Carmel 57, Hamilton Southeastern 76, Zionsville 171, Noblesville 174, Franklin Community 193, Westfield 216, Center Grove 226, North Central 268, Batesville 284, Park Tudor 288, Cathedral 292, Avon 295, Fishers 309, Delta 310, Guerin Catholic 324, Norwell 338, Brebeuf Jesuit 342, Roncalli 505. Race winner: Nicki Southerland (Delta) 17:35.04.

Carmel runners: 5. Jasmine Klopsstad 18:05.12, 13. Alivia Romaniuk 18:42.57, 15. Cara Naas 18:51.38, 16. Brooklyn Edwards 18:57.03, 17. Jamie Klavon 19:00.49, 34. Roni Ledzema 19:37.48, 70. Emersyn Weaver 20:28.36, 77. Chloe Del Carlo 20:34.88, 78. Marianne Cadio 20:35.00, 96. Evie Taller 20:50.46. Southeastern runners: 4. Halle Hill 17:52.20, 14. Maggie Powers 18:50.56, 19. Allie Latta 19:03.00, 22. Destiney Rose 19:19.34, 26. Katherine Kesler 19:21.52, 27. Grace Newton 19:21.98, 62. Lilly Patrick 20:17.33, 64. Jacqueline Hurlock 20:21.17, 94. Brooke Ratliff 20:47.73, 118. Julianne McLean 21:26.27.

Noblesville runners: 18. Summer Rempe 19:01.23, 21. Nadia Perez 19:15.52, 36. Kennedy Applegate 19:38.51, 50. Paige Hazelrigg 19:58.28, 59. Bella Sharples-Gordon 20:15.45, 81. Sophie Stahl 20:38.42, 87. Mya McGavic 20:42.21, 90. Chloe Click 20:45.13, 92. Brooke Lahee 20:46.33, 121. Abby Line 21:27.69. Westfield runners: 38. Sophie Porter 19:39.23, 43. Sophia Brown 19:48.29, 46. Margaret Barnett 19:54.68, 48. Julia Clark 19:58.02, 51. Sarah Coates 20:05.62, 54. Ashley Baldwin 20:06.49, 65. Julia Gabennesch 20:22.87, 68. Sydney Klinglesmith 20:26.98, 85. Mary Kate Sloan 20:41.03, 109. Bea Perez 21:11.70. Fishers runners: 25. Vera Schafer 19:21.15, 53. Brynn Urban 20:06.48, 67. Mia Yates 20:26.35, 89. Carolyn Szilagyi 20:43.58, 102. Kaitlyn Moriarty 20:53.12, 122. Erica Combs 21:28.60, 125. Megan Mybeck 21:30.89, 146. Libby Hayes 22:21.10, 148. Anna Mossing 22:22.15, 151. Brooke Butts 22:34.13.

Guerin Catholic runners: 10. Brid-



Reporter photos by Kent Graham

**Hamilton Heights' Maria Mitchell (right) finished third and was the highest-placing runner from Hamilton County in the girls varsity race at the Riverview Health Flashrock cross country meet, which took place Saturday at Northview Church in Carmel. At left is Hamilton Southeastern's Halle Hill, who placed fourth. Both runners finished in under 18 minutes.**

get Gallagher 18:37.42, 74. Raegan Bohrink 20:31.99, 79. Joelle Klavon 20:35.04, 95. Sophia Woods 20:49.97, 100. Allison Wozniak 20:51.56, 105. Rosie Barrett 21:06.19, 107. Macy Lips 21:07.13, 129. Katherine Constantino 21:35.81, 130. Madison Scheidler 21:35.89, 144. Kyndall Osborne 22:18.28. Hamilton Heights runner: 3. Maria Mitchell 17:50.53.

## VARSITY BOYS CHAMPIONSHIP

Team scores: Carmel 58, Noblesville 67, Hamilton Southeastern 74, Brebeuf Jesuit 87, Center Grove 115, Westfield 159, North Central 177, Guerin Catholic 195, Batesville 293, Zionsville 308, Pendleton Heights 332, Fishers 333, Lebanon 366, Franklin Community 392. Race winner: Kole Mathison (Carmel) 15:16.45.

Other Carmel runners: 8. Charles Schuman 15:43.80, 11. Jacob Fisher 15:50.08, 12. Charles Leedke 15:52.44, 27. Nathan Seketa 16:16.92, 28. Bingham Hudson 16:18.12, 31. Hudson Alden 16:21.96, 40. Kevin Sweeney Jr. 16:35.68, 46. William Anderson 16:41.05, 65. Quavon Hooks 17:00.11. Noblesville runners: 3. Travis Hickner 15:22.96, 13. Asher Propst

15:54.78, 14. Andrew Anderson 15:58.79, 16. Cole Kimmel 16:03.45, 22. Joel Mumaw 16:16.04, 33. Caden Click 16:28.12, 49. Evan Campbell 16:43.05, 50. Billy Gregory 16:44.72, 68. Luke Shinneman 17:04.69.

Southeastern runners: 6. Bennett Dubois 15:41.22, 7. Nolan Satterfield 15:43.07, 9. Will Marquardt 15:46.45, 17. Connor Sarkovics 16:04.32, 36. Garrett Hicks 16:32.43, 69. William Tuckis 17:06.16, 74. Ian Ross 17:09.60, 95. Cade Ogan 17:43.29, 104. Nolan Pham 17:53.21, 109. Adam Warski 18:00.40.

Westfield runners: 5. Kai Connor 15:39.28, 32. Jacob Beene 16:25.57, 42. Josh Springborn 16:38.38, 43. Tyler Smith 16:39.12, 44. Emerson Bostic 16:39.58, 45. Kyler Koning 16:40.00, 55. Josh Barnett 16:49.91, 57. Aidan Wright 16:51.47, 62. Robby Bogdajewicz 16:57.80, 75. Max Woehler 17:10.33.

Guerin Catholic runners: 19. Thomas King 16:11.37, 25. Dominic Stein 16:16.69, 37. Gavin Morrow 16:32.93, 51. Ethan Hines 16:45.93, 82. Evan McNeany 17:23.08, 89. Christian Geary 17:36.64, 93. Ben Grissom 17:41.14, 106. Johnny King 17:56.76. Fishers runners: 60. Josh Brown 16:54.28, 79. Peyton Hage-

dorn 17:21.23, 80. Albert Schafer 17:21.30, 81. Cooper Kane 17:21.96, 87. Matthew Roach 17:32.45, 92. Nathan Jordt 17:41.08, 96. Grant Belush 17:43.95, 112. Logan Arive 18:12.24, 117. Mitchell Giesting 18:17.40, 122. Tiernan Bass 18:28.04.

Hamilton Heights and Sheridan competed in the Tipton Invitational on Saturday.

The Huskies girls won the meet, scoring 25 points. Five Heights runners placed in the top 10, led by Teegan Madara in second and Mary Ella Bichey in third. Morgan Guthrie finished fifth, Madison Dotlich placed sixth and Ella Ewing was ninth.

In the boys meet, the Huskies finished second while the Blackhawks placed eighth. Clayton Forrer led Heights by placing 10th, while Luke Poprik finished 18th for Sheridan.

## GIRLS RACE

Team scores: Hamilton Heights 25, Frankton 49, Madison-Grant 79, Lapel 85.

Race winner: Caitlin Cole (Frankton) 21:51.6.

Hamilton Heights runners: 2. Teegan Madara 22:14.2, 3. Mary Ella Bichey 22:21.3, 5. Morgan Guthrie 22:48.2, 6. Madison Dotlich 22:52.2, 9. Ella Ewing 23:39.1, 11. Allyson Dinwiddie 23:49.7, 133. Julia Springman 23:56.9, 18. Ahli Buzan 24:21.2, 27. Marissa Kennedy 27:11.4, 29. Chloe Flanders 27:33.4, 30. Isis Dillman 27:33.4.

## BOYS RACE

Team scores: Frankton 38, Hamilton Heights 84, Lewis Cass 99, Tipton 100, Elwood 101, Madison-Grant 132, Lapel 145, Sheridan 175.

Race winner: Hunter Smith (Frankton) 17:07.8.

Heights runners: 10. Clayton Forrer 18:33.4, 14. Landon Hurley 19:04.4, 16. Preston Miller 19:12.7, 19. Nathan Cox 19:26.7, 25. Drew Monnin 19:47.6, 30. Landon Day 19:59.5, 32. Steven Case 20:14.2, 35. Caleb Hurley 20:21.6, 41. Jack Monnin 21:09.9, 44. Kaleb Jacobs 21:35.9, 54. Chazz Hitt 22:38.3, 65. JT Bailey 27:05.6, 66. Landon Poland 27:32.4.

Sheridan runners: 18. Luke Poprik 19:24.6, 31. Axel Aleman 20:06.4, 38. Austin Woodhouse 20:55.3, 46. Angel Cuautle 22:06.0, 63. Zach Poprik 24:54.6.



**Hamilton Southeastern's Nolan Satterfield (230), Bennett Dubois (224) and Will Marquardt (226) all finished in the top 10 for the Royals in the boys varsity race. At far right is Noblesville's Will Anderson (372).**

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The Carmel boys tennis team earned a historic sweep at the Metropolitan Conference meet, which took place Saturday at Ben Davis.

The Greyhounds won all five flights at the championship, scoring a perfect 60 points. No. 1 singles Broc Fletcher survived a three-set match in the first round, winning 6-3, 1-6, 10-8, then won his semi-final and final round matches in straight sets.

At No. 2 singles, Eli Mercer won the final 6-2, 6-1 after not dropping a game in his first two matches. No. 3 singles Jack Jentz also didn't drop a game on his way to the final, which he won 6-1, 6-0.

In doubles, the No. 1 team of Jones McNamar and Srisanth Malpeddi won the first round and the final 6-0, 6-0, with a 6-0, 6-1 semi-final victory in between. The No. 2 team of Corbin King and Ethan Eckhart got out of the first round with a 6-4, 7-5 victory, then won the semi-finals 6-0, 6-0 and cruised to victory in the final 6-1, 6-3.

Fishers hosted the Hoosier Crossroads Conference tournament on Saturday.

Zionsville won the close meet by scoring 35 points, while the host Tigers were second with 33 points and Hamilton Southeastern placed third with 32 points. Other scores were Brownsburg 30, Westfield 18, Avon 17, Noblesville 15 and Franklin Central 5.

Fishers claimed victory in No. 2 doubles, with Logan Kay and Drew Barker triumphing in that division. The team was also named to the All-Conference team after the meet. Andrew Leonard and Nate Simlins placed third at No. 1 doubles and also received All-Conference honors.

The Royals won two flights, the only team to do so. Andrew Orme took the No.



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3 singles championship, while Andrew Spurrison and Paul Schneider won at No. 1 doubles. All three players were named All-Conference.

Westfield's Quentin Markle finished third at No. 1 singles and was named to the All-Conference team. Noblesville had two players place fifth: Noah Bushong at No. 1 singles and Michael Kurkover at No. 2 singles.

Soccer

Noblesville girls stay unbeaten in HCC



Noblesville's Noah Bushong placed fifth at No. 1 singles.

The Noblesville girls soccer team cruised to a Hoosier Crossroads Conference victory at Brownsburg on Saturday, winning 6-0.

The Class 3A No. 1 Millers led the 3A No. 20 Bulldogs 4-0 at halftime. Ava Bramblett scored the first Noblesville goal in the fifth minute, then Isabella Griffey got the second goal, with Jenna Chatterton providing the assist.

Chatterton scored the Millers' third goal, then Bramblett scored again to get Noblesville ahead 4-0. In the second half, Meskerem James put in the fifth goal, with Elana Chatterton making the assist. Tori Goodwin scored on a free kick with three minutes left; it was her first-ever varsity goal.

The win moves the Millers to 5-0 in conference play and 7-0 overall. Noblesville plays at Carmel on Monday.

The Fishers girls team, ranked No. 12 in 3A, beat Westfield 3-0 Saturday in an HCC game.

The Tigers are 2-1-1 in the conference and 4-2-1 overall, and will play another conference game Wednesday at Avon. The Shamrocks are 2-2 in the HCC and

4-3-1 overall, and plays at Pendleton Heights on Monday.

The Hamilton Southeastern boys, ranked No. 2 in 3A, played to a 1-1 tie with Cathedral on Saturday.

The Royals scored their goal in the first half; Harsahil Gandham found the back of the net, with Yusuf Awad making the assist. The Irish scored their goal in the second half.

Southeastern is 9-0-2 and plays at Zionsville on Tuesday.

The Carmel boys team, ranked No. 6 in 3A, beat Homestead 2-0 in a Friday night game.

Medard Mikobi and Gui Basso each scored one goal, with Ayinde Williams and Jackson Carl both making one assist. Henry Giesel recorded the shutout.

"Our team shape defensively allowed us to transition into our attack quickly," said Greyhounds coach Shane Schmidt. "I thought we moved the ball very well in the second half."

Carmel is 9-1-1 and plays at Pike on Tuesday.



Fishers' Lauren Foster (left) makes a move for the ball with Westfield's Madison Niehaus on the defense during the Tigers-Shamrocks girls soccer game Saturday. Fishers won 3-0.

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East	W	L	PCT.	GB
x-Tampa Bay	35	18	.660	-
N.Y. Yankees	31	21	.596	3.5
Toronto	26	26	.500	8.5
Baltimore	22	31	.415	13.0
Boston	19	34	.358	16.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
x-Chi. White Sox	34	18	.654	-
x-Minnesota	32	22	.593	3.0
Cleveland	28	24	.538	6.0
Detroit	22	29	.431	11.5
Kansas City	21	31	.404	13.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
x-Oakland	33	19	.635	-
Houston	26	26	.500	7.0
Seattle	23	29	.442	10.0
L.A. Angels	23	30	.434	10.5
Texas	18	34	.346	15.0

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National League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Atlanta	30	22	.577	-
Miami	27	24	.529	2.5
Philadelphia	27	25	.519	3.0
N.Y. Mets	24	28	.462	6.0
Washington	19	31	.380	10.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chi. Cubs	31	21	.596	-
St. Louis	25	24	.510	4.5
Cincinnati	26	27	.491	5.5
Milwaukee	25	26	.490	5.5
Pittsburgh	15	37	.288	16.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
x-L.A. Dodgers	38	15	.717	-
San Diego	33	20	.623	5.0
San Francisco	25	26	.490	12.0
Colorado	22	29	.431	15.0
Arizona	20	33	.377	18.0

# Noblesville teen with rare spinal injury has goal to walk again, play lacrosse

By DEMIE JOHNSON  
WISH-TV

A Noblesville High School lacrosse player is training to get back in the game after suffering a rare spinal injury.

Doctors told 17-year-old Griffin Smith he would likely be in a wheelchair for the rest of his life.

“I just thought I had back pains, and so I went and sat down and my back started aching and getting worse, and the pain traveled through my whole body but as soon as my back really started hurting. I was like, yeah, this isn’t right,” said Smith.

After four days in a hospital bed with few answers, doctors eventually told Smith they believe he suffered a spinal stroke, but the cause still remains a mystery.

“Some doctors say it’s this and some doctors say it’s that, but it’s one of those things that’s one in a million and you never really know the main cause,” said Smith.

He’s now been in a wheelchair for two months, but he’s not letting himself get

too comfortable. Smith is already able to walk with crutches, something doctors didn’t think would be possible.

“I just kind of shook my head like you’re not right because I knew I would work hard enough to be able to not be in a wheelchair because that’s not what any 17-year-old wants to do.”

The high school junior now has a goal to be back on the field by his senior season.

Long-time family friend Steve Whitehead is the reason Smith began playing lacrosse and because of how quickly he picked up the sport, Whitehead knows he will get there again.

“It’s one of those things where I’d be lying in the back of my head if there weren’t times I thought he would be in a wheelchair the rest of his life, but every time I see him I think, eh, I think I’m wrong about that,” said Whitehead.

Since Smith’s injury, Whitehead has helped set up several fundraisers in his honor. The next one is a golf outing on Oct. 15 at the Pebble Brook Golf Course in Noblesville.



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After a spinal injury left Noblesville High School student Griffin Dunn paralyzed, the 17-year-old is training to get back on to the lacrosse field by his senior season (left). A family friend is organizing several fundraisers in his honor (above).

# Tigers volleyball gets hard-fought sweep

The Fishers volleyball team got a hard-fought sweep of Zionsville Saturday in a home Hoosier Crossroads Conference match.

The Tigers won 25-22, 25-22, 26-24. Jada Allen had an outstanding offensive game, leading Fishers with 20 kills. She also made five digs and had one block.

Mikayla Christiansen put down 10 kills and made four blocks. Camryn Haworth dished out 41 assists to lead in that category, and also had 16 digs, nine kills, two blocks and one ace. Emily Waldrop collected 13 digs to go with eight kills and one ace.

Ava Vickers hit five kills with a hitting percentage of 0.625, and also made three blocks. Grace Dunnuck added four kills and four blocks, and Samantha Purdue led the digs with 19 and also handed out three assists.

“The team was incredibly composed today,” said Tigers coach Steven Peek. “We were down at least five points in each of the first two sets, and the girls didn’t let it get to them. They just focused on playing great volleyball. Communication was at an all-time high in today’s match, and those relationships helped us find our way.

“We were more in control of the third set, but Zionsville doesn’t give up, and they came back to tie it at 24. But we finished the match with two blocks, which is very fitting for us. Blocking is part of who we are.”

The victory was the first one in the HCC for Fishers, which is now 1-1 in the conference. The Tigers are 12-4 overall and plays at Pendleton Heights on Monday.

Noblesville dropped two four-set matches at The Mill on Saturday.

The Millers fell to Cathedral 13-25, 25-14, 25-18, 25-14 in a morning match, then lost to Greenfield-Central 14-25, 25-16, 25-10, 25-14 in the afternoon.

Noblesville is 5-7 for the season and plays at Carmel on Wednesday.



Reporter photo by Kirk Green

Fishers' Olivia Lux (3) makes a bump during the Tigers' volleyball match with Zionsville Saturday at the Tiger Den. Fishers beat the Eagles in a three-set sweep. Pictured at left is Samantha Purdue.