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### TODAY'S WEATHER



Today: Mostly to partly sunny.  
Tonight: Partly cloudy.

HIGH: 80 LOW: 60



## Solid learning experience for Heights kids in concrete rodeo

### The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights High School parking lot was the site of the Indiana Ready Mix Concrete Association's (IRMCA) 12th annual Mixer Truck Rodeo. Drivers from around the state participated to earn the coveted title of being the best in the state and representing Indiana at the nation competition.

IMI's Ted Oelschlager, Fort Wayne, took the top spot and will compete among the best from around the country at the national mixer driver championship this weekend, Oct. 1-3 in Kissimmee, Fla.

There were several other fun events that took place before and during this event designed to connect the concrete industry to the next generation of workforce. Heights' own Eric Fisher, Project Lead the Way – CEA Master Teacher, took advantage

of this by creating several competitive events for high school students enrolled in the Construction Trades Education program to participate including the VR Truck Simulation, Concrete Shoot, written exam about concrete and a poster contest advertising the fundamentals of concrete mix for students in kindergarten through sixth grade.

In the student competition, first through third place finalists included Jade Zachary, Colton Camp, and David Eads. The top three Poster Contest Winners were Drew Monnin, Cole Cavanaugh, and Ryen Crabtree/De Juan King. This specialty event gave students the opportunity to learn more about the skills involved in this industry followed up by a close-up view to watch some of Indiana's finest concrete professionals in action.



As part of the IRMCA Event, students participated in several competitive events and earned a few bragging rights. (From left) Chris Mise, David Eads, Jade Zachary, and Arcy Smith readied themselves for the inhouse competition prior to the IRMCA 12th annual Mixer Truck Rodeo held at Hamilton Heights.

Photo provided

## We're gonna be okay

I've shared our recent "empty nester" status with all of you, which is a common point in life when you're in the sandwich generation. I have to admit, I was nervous thinking about both of our boys being out of the house this fall attending college. Would I be one of those mothers who felt lost and alone?

And, would my husband John and I be okay? I know we have a strong marriage. Not a perfect one by any means, but a good one. I can honestly say John is my best friend and vice versa.

Our main focus for the past 21 years has been our sons, Jonathon and Jacob. Pretty natural. And whenever we're on dates or just hanging out together, John and I usually discuss them more than anyone. Also normal.

But now the boys – who are really young men, but I will probably always call them my "boys" – are on the path to adulthood. Sure, we're the ones mostly paying the bills (they do contribute to some things thanks to summer and part-time jobs.) But

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COLUMNIST

AMY SHANKLAND

Sandwiched

## George explains his resignation from Fishers City Council

### The REPORTER

*Editor's note: Fishers City Council member David George released the following statement to the Reporter regarding his resignation.*

I am announcing my resignation from the Fishers City Council. This is due to an increased workload with my day job and an increased number of hours needed for constituent services for the residents in my district.

I have been contemplating this decision for most of this year, but waited until now so that as a member of the finance committee I could assist with the 2022 budget.

I have served on first the Town, now City Council for 19 years. Over those years, I am proud that we have worked to take the community from a AA to a AAA bond rating. I also worked extensively on the Nickel Plate amphitheater and our road network. The amphitheater now provides

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George

## Former Sheriff to seek spot on council

### The REPORTER

Former Hamilton County Sheriff Mark Bowen has indicated his intentions to fill a vacant Fishers City Council seat held by David George.

Bowen, now a Captain with the Sheriff's Department, is assigned to oversee security at the Hamilton County Judicial Center and Historic Court-house.

Bowen said he feels he is a qualified candidate for the job.

"I've been a resident of Fishers for 30 years and during that time I have worked as a public servant," Bowen said. "Fishers is a special community

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Bowen

## Ackerman, Macky named 'High Flyers' for getting homebound vaccinated



Photo provided

Melissa Ackerman, an environmental health specialist at the Hamilton County Health Department, and James Macky, the Division Chief of Emergency Medical Services at the Noblesville Fire Department, were recently honored with the Indiana Immunization Coalition's High Flyer Award. The pair has been instrumental in coordinating efforts to vaccinate the county's homebound population. (Above, from left) County Commissioner Mark Heibrandt, Ackerman, Macky, Health Department Administrator Jason LeMaster, and County Commissioner Christine Altman.

## Still time to get tickets for Sheridan YAP fundraiser

### The REPORTER

The Sheridan Youth Assistance Program's (SYAP) annual Denim and Lace Fundraiser is just three weeks away from their registration deadline.

The fundraiser is set for Saturday, Oct. 30 at the Palomino, 481 S. County Road 1200 East, Zionsville.

**Register today** to attend with your family, friends, or co-workers. You will have a great evening learning more about what SYAP has been doing over the past year and how your generous contribu-

tions and partnerships are impacting the lives of Sheridan youth and their families.

Cocktails will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7. The committee has put together some great silent auction items, a vacation trip and a discovery flight with Lift Academy for raffle prizes.

The evening will include music from Coopermoon Entertainment. Bring your dancing shoes so you can show your line dancing talents.

All proceeds from this event go to SYAP. This is a local program supporting at-

risk youth and their families in Sheridan by coordinating prevention services such as tutoring, mentoring, mental health counseling, pro-social activities, food and clothing assistance, and other resources to keep youth and their families moving forward. Help the next generation thrive by supporting the SYAP at this important fundraising event.

Register today at [youthassistance.org/sheridan-news](http://youthassistance.org/sheridan-news), or send checks to SYAP, 24185 Hinesley Road, Sheridan, IN 46069.

Table sponsorships are



also available. [Click here](#) to access a downloadable form with more information.

- Denim Sponsorship \$600 – includes eight guests and recognition

- Lace Sponsorship \$50 – individual

What should you wear? Denim and lace of course!

## National, local speakers to address growing health threat to youth

### The REPORTER

On Tuesday, Oct. 5, a number of concerned medical professionals and community members will gather to present the facts related to the flavor enhancement techniques vaping product manufacturers are using to entice youth to purchase their products.

During the community conversation, *What's all the Buzz About?*, panelists, including Dorian Fuhrman, co-founder of Parents Against

Vaping e-cigarettes (PAVe), a national grassroots education and advocacy organization, will discuss the growing dangers associated with flavored tobacco products specifically targeting youth and how best to end the sale of such products.

Other panelists will include Jim Ginder, health ed-



Ginder

ucator for the Hamilton County Health Department, Aruna Manisekaran, health educator for the Fishers Health Department, Amy Weber, R.N. St. Vincent Health, and a local parent and youth advocates. Angela Brauer, news anchor and investigative reporter, will serve as the conversations' moderator.

The public is invited to attend the free program which will take place 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 5 at the Delaware Township Community Center, 9094 E. 131st St., Fishers. The public may also attend virtually by registering on [Eventbrite](https://Eventbrite).

For additional program details, visit [breatheeasy-hamiltoncounty.com](http://breatheeasy-hamiltoncounty.com), call (317) 340-6679 or check out Breathe Easy Hamilton County on [Facebook](https://Facebook).

## Go Purple with Prevail!



October has been designated as Domestic Violence Prevention Month every year by Congress since 1989. Domestic violence often happens behind closed doors and it is not seen as something that makes good conversation. From Prevail's perspective, the more we talk about it, the safer it is for survivors to come forward and ask for help; while creating a community that makes perpetration unacceptable. If you talk about domestic violence openly with your friends and family, you will hear from the people in your circle who have experienced it and you will be in a position to refer them to the help they need. Going Purple is one way to start the conversation. **#GoPurplePrevail**



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at age 19 and 20, Jonathon and Jacob don’t need us as much anymore.

The first week of “empty nester” life was the worst, especially since both boys were gone and John was out of town helping his father. Although I like peace and quiet, the house was TOO quiet. I tried to stay busy, but there were moments when I felt sad and definitely lost.

Once John returned, however, we found out that we had plenty to talk about, and the topics didn’t necessarily relate to the boys.

GEORGE

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Now we often talk about our parents, whom I lovingly refer to as our 85 and 89-year-old “children!”

We had a fun, animated conversation a couple of weeks ago on a Tuesday evening that actually didn’t involve any children whatsoever. We had to eat an early dinner so John could go off to a sales appointment that night.

As I replayed the talk later, I smiled and texted him saying “I really enjoyed our conversation today!” John replied, “We’ve never had a problem finding stuff to talk about.” So true.

When I think about the past 21 years, I remember how John and I always worked to find time to nurture our marriage. We were lucky to have Couples Night Out through our church, where we could go out on dates two nights a month. This was in exchange for watching kiddos one night every three months – quite a good deal!

Even if our date nights were just enjoying a movie together after tucking the boys into bed, we prioritized spending time together as often as possible. It looks like our efforts have paid off!

If you and your spouse/significant other are approaching the empty nester stage, I would encourage you to do all you can to reconnect with one another BEFORE your children leave home. It’ll be worth it when they finally leave the nest!

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BOWEN

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a place to gather for concerts, the Farmers Market or just meeting one another.

My background is in civil engineering, so I also focused on our road networks and repaving. We have worked to increase our repaving budget from \$500,000 annually years ago to our current \$4-5 million dollars annually. As our neighborhoods age, repaving projects keep them looking new.

Last, I wanted to thank the professionalism of all City staff particularly the police, fire and public works who are now nationally accredited. Thank you.

### FOLLOW THE REPORTER ON FACEBOOK!

## Hello, Hamilton County



Ready for some Disco Beethoven Poteet? Click to play video

## PREVAIL

Advocating for Victims of Crime and Abuse  
[prevailinc.org](http://prevailinc.org)

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

– Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

**To help Hamilton County families affected by domestic violence and sexual abuse, you can donate the following items:**

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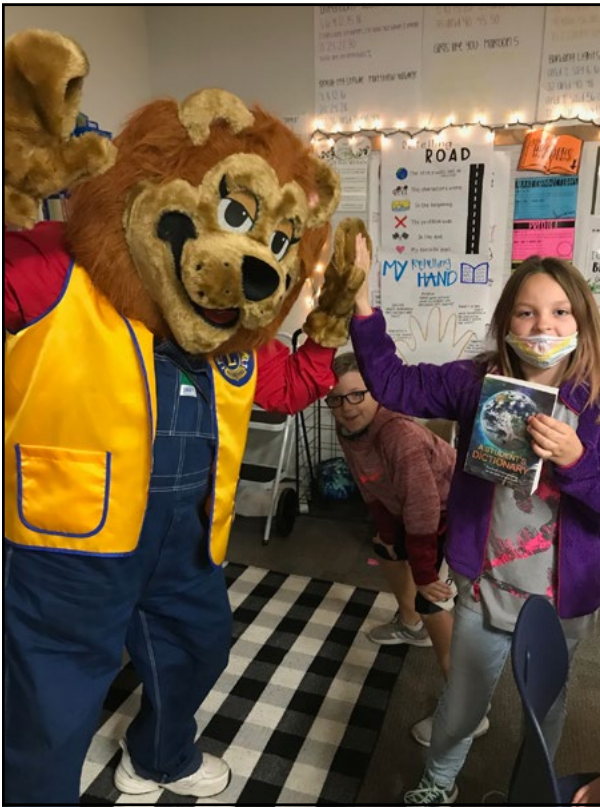
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TEST DRIVE TODAY



# Noblesville Lions distribute dictionaries to Hazel Dell Elem. third & fourth graders



On Monday, the Noblesville Lions Club distributed dictionaries to third and fourth graders at Hazel Dell Elementary. This project was started over a decade ago by Lion Clayton Fleming to support reading skills. These dictionaries contain more than the normal dictionary, and the kids find them full of historical information. Lion Fleming has recently passed away, and the Lions Club continues to carry on his legacy. (Left) Stanley the Lion (Steve Craig), Lilah Capelle, and Amos Melton. (Right) Lions working this project included Steve Morgan, Bob Minton, Ron Williamson, Dale Unger, and Steve Craig.

## From the desk of Heights Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood

Update #69 from Dr. Derek Arrowood, Superintendent, Hamilton Heights School Corporation.

Saturday is National Custodial Workers Recognition Day. I would like to give a shout out of appreciation to our facilities/custodial team who help keep our schools clean, well-maintained, and are ever present making sure our staff and students have a safe space to teach, learn and grow. They often go above and beyond in their service inside and outside our buildings. These employees, who arrive early and often stay late, are among our unsung heroes in public education. When you see any of our outstanding facilities/custodial crew, please give them a huge THANK YOU! They have earned it! #CustodialWorkersRecognitionDay

- Rob Breeding, Supervisor
- Steve Cunningham
- Taylor Cunningham
- Jason Dobbins
- Ike Gibbons
- Sam Haymaker
- Erin Hileman
- Trystan Hileman
- Courtney Jeffries
- Bruce Kaiser
- Jim Lybarger
- Tami Lynch
- Keri Reddick
- Tammy Rednour
- Mike Rodriguez
- James Runchell
- Ashley Thompson
- Ron Walker
- Autumn Whitson
- Mike Wilham
- Daniel Zell

Speaking of our team, we remain grateful that Heights continues to attract new talent and is a destination of choice for individuals looking to start or continue their career. This year we are pleased to introduce our newest educators and counselors:

### HHES

- Lisa Comer, Title I
- Sarah Julian, 2nd grade
- Alissa Stohler, EC Special Ed

### HHMS

- Erin Allen, Science
- Sabrina Duncan, Guidance
- Jennifer Froman, English/Language Arts
- Connor James, Business
- Austin Nicole, Math
- Gwen Perkins, Science

### HHHS

- Brad Batman, Science
- Rebecca Johnson, Guidance



DR. DEREK ARROWOOD  
Heights Superintendent

- Kelley McCraig, Math
  - Kelly Monnin, Business
- In addition, we would like to give a warm welcome to the new team members below:

### HHES

- Jody Boyd, Instructional Asst.
- Chelsea Hunter, Instructional Asst.
- Jo Dee McClish, Instructional Asst.

- Maryn Morris, Secretary
- Melissa Turner, Instructional Asst.
- Natalie Watson, Instructional Asst.
- Autumn Whitson, Facilities Crew

### LHLC

- Abby Hardacre, Before & After Care
- Collette Heath, Preschool Asst.
- Gracie Jones, Preschool Asst.
- Megan Kinney, Preschool Teacher

### HHMS

- Julie Deering, Instructional Asst.
- Charlotte Jackson, Cafeteria
- Christian Jarrett, Instructional Asst.
- Courtney Jeffries, Facilities Crew
- Kristi Moe, Secretary
- Carrie Rader, Instructional Asst.
- Katherine Roark, Instructional Asst.
- Tammy Roberts, Cafeteria
- Sophia Wright, Instructional Asst.

### HHHS

- Deborah Gunn, Cafeteria
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- Cassia Rhea-Allee, Instructional Asst.
- Caty Wiegman, Instructional Asst.

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- Sally Lewis, Bus Aide

Each one brings with them special gifts and talents that contribute to our overall mission of having "...a positive, lifelong impact on all students that empowers them to become the best version of themselves." Thank you for choosing to start or continue your career at Hamilton Heights.

On a side note, Heights has employment opportunities available that may be of interest to those whose skills and qualifications fit the position, especially substitute teachers and bus drivers. No previous college courses are required to be a substitute teacher. [Click here](#) to learn more about

joining our team today.

Our latest **HHSC Monthly Update, Volume #71**, has been posted. This edition will make you a little smarter about HHSC enrollment, introduce you to an

Eagle Scout, an award-winning team and award-winning teacher. To stay up to date on the latest happenings at Heights go to our [website](#) or our [Facebook page](#). #WeAreHuskies

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# Enjoy start of fall at historic Potter’s Bridge in Noblesville



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This Saturday, Oct. 2 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., area residents are invited to enjoy a special autumn day at Potter’s Bridge Park during the 21st annual Potter’s Bridge Fall Festival. Listen to live music, visit the more than 70 arts, crafts, and food booths, or simply take in the natural beauty of Noblesville’s most scenic park on the White River Greenway Trail. Potter’s Bridge Park is located at 19401 N. Allisonville Road, Noblesville. There is no cost to attend the event.

# Close encounters of a different kind

We Are Not Alone. That was the tagline for “Close Encounters of the Third Kind” (CE3K), which premiered almost 44 Novembers ago.



The movie trailer on TV included a scene involving tense air traffic controllers in Indianapolis conversing with pilots about a near-miss with an unidentified aircraft. That the movie was set in my home state excited me, made it more personal. The movie’s topic was right up my alley too: UFOs, my latest adolescent obsession.

Before CE3K, I was obsessed with sharks, thanks to “Jaws.” I reported countless shark fin sightings in the Ohio River in Tell City, Ind. My parents refused to alert the police about freshwater sharks. Two years after that, Steven Spielberg again worked his movie magic on me, this time inspiring me to stare skeptically at the stars. I reported countless UFO sightings to my parents, again to deaf ears. I was 13.

I anxiously anticipated the arrival of CE3K to The Swiss Theater in Tell City. In those days, it took a while for new movies to reach our little river town. To aid me in the wait, my parents gifted to me a \$1.95 copy of the Steven Spielberg-penned paperback novelization for Christmas. The cover, like the movie poster, showed a brilliant, mysterious, blue-edged glow on the horizon, a dark, desolate, white-lined highway running toward it, stars hovering. I refused to read the book before seeing the movie, but I cherished it just the same, keeping it by my bed pillow. I stared at that book cover a lot, wondering about the source of that mysterious light at the highway’s end. When dad backed down our driveway to make the mid-

night shift at the aluminum plant across the river, headlight beams filled my bedroom with an eerie, twin glow, sending me deep beneath the covers before fully realizing the light show was not due to an alien invasion but to a pickup’s headlights.

CE3K finally arrived in Tell City just before the great blizzard of 1978. I went alone. My buddies really weren’t into UFOs like me, though there were a couple of guys from my class there that night on what was likely their first official dates, sitting by girls in a double-date situation a few rows ahead.

I was there for a UFO experience. They were there to experience a close encounter of a different kind, a fresh phenomenon that boys and girls my age were starting to succumb to, pulled toward one another in that eternal gravitational pull of hormones.

CE3K’s title was based on the three classifications of UFO encounters: Sighting; Evidence; Contact. As the movie explained: Close Encounter of the First Kind – Sighting of a UFO. Close Encounter of the Second Kind – Physical Evidence. Close Encounter of the Third Kind – Contact.

As much as I tried to focus on the movie screen that night, I stared more at the silhouettes of my classmates’ heads, studying how they tilted closer to each other as the movie progressed, seeing two male arms rising in the air and then reaching around the girls’ shoulders, then each couple’s heads eventually touching.

The three classifications of UFO encounters apparently applied to relationships: Sighting (initial attraction at

## U.S. House passes law to reduce disparity in cocaine sentencing

### The REPORTER

The U.S. House on Tuesday passed the EQUAL Act, a bill that reduces the sentencing disparity between crack and powder cocaine from 18:1 to 1:1, co-sponsored by Congresswoman Spartz.

“Today, we fixed a disparity in sentencing which led to the disproportionate incarceration of lower-income individuals for longer terms,” Rep. Spartz said. “Equality of justice and rights is the corner-

stone of our Constitutional Republic, and I am proud to co-sponsor this bill as a member of the Judiciary Committee.”

### Background

For more than three decades, Federal law codified a sentencing disparity between two forms of the same drug – crack and powder cocaine. The Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986, authored by then-Senator Joe Biden, created a 100:1 disparity in the quantity

of cocaine necessary to trigger certain mandatory minimums, meaning that distribution of 5 grams of crack cocaine was punished the same as 500 grams of powder cocaine. This disparity was eventually lowered to 18:1 under the Fair Sentencing Act of 2010 and made retroactive by the First Step Act signed into law by Pres-



Spartz

ident Trump in 2018. Decades of research show that this sentencing disparity has done nothing to reduce recidivism, improve public safety, or reduce drug use. The EQUAL Act will end the Federal sentencing distinction between powder and crack cocaine as well as provide retroactive implementation for those individuals already sentenced. Those who were previously convicted under the existing disparity will not be automatically released or have their sentence reduced; however, they will have the right to request a sentence reduction from a Federal judge that must be analyzed under factors already specified by Federal law.

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# Noblesville firefighters save cat from burning home



Photo provided by Noblesville Fire Department

Just after 3 p.m. on Monday, the Noblesville Fire Department (NFD) responded to a residence fire at 12401 Cricket Song Lane. Crews were met with high winds and heavy fire conditions coming from the residence, as well as smoke coming from the neighboring home. Firefighters were able to coordinate an aggressive interior search with multiple attack lines on the exterior to quickly bring the fire under control. One cat was found and rescued during the search of the home. The homeowners were able to evacuate and were uninjured. Hamilton County Communications dispatched NFD after a citizen driving by saw smoke coming from the home. The cause and origin of the fire are still under investigation. NFD was assisted by the Noblesville Police Department and the Wayne Township Volunteer Fire Department. NFD reminds residents to check their smoke alarm batteries.

## CLOSE

school); Evidence (a date); Contact (arms around shoulders, heads touching).

“Have you recently had a close encounter with something very unusual?” the main character, Roy Neary, is asked by the Frenchman, Claude Lacombe, during the interrogation scene near Devil’s Tower. I imagined the boys in front responding to Lacombe in unison, “Yes. Just now.”

The wonderment I felt watching my classmates likely equaled the wonderment of the little boy, Barry, when he opened the front door of his house and faced that alien orange glow on the other side, an invitation for him to step forward and encounter a strange, new world.

CE3K was mostly lost on me that night. All I real-

ly remembered was how the little boy was abducted, how he was whisked away solo into uncharted territory, a Hoosier boy lost in space, forever changed. Ironically, my obsession with UFOs ended during CE3K. Something seemingly even more heavenly started weighing on my mind: girls.

Sitting by myself at The Swiss watching CE3K – well trying to, more so watching those arms make first contact with shoulders, those heads touching – marked my first memory of personal loneliness, a terribleness that would dog me for much of my life.

Flash-forward: September 2017. I read how, in celebration of its 40th anniversary, CE3K was being rereleased in theaters for an

eye-blink run. Suddenly, a nostalgic jolt of excitement returned. My out-of-this-world, Fishers girlfriend Brynne sat beside me at a cinema in Noblesville. We became lost in the movie, contented knowing each would be there for the other when the end credits rolled. At some point our heads tilted and touched – and we stayed that way.

In 2019, thanks to an initial, long-distance courtship thru eHarmony, Brynne and I were married (last month, I relocated from Jasper, Ind., to Fishers).

Now, 44 years since the movie’s release, I’m happy to still report that CE3K’s tagline continues to resonate: *We Are Not Alone.*

Scott Saalman, who recently moved to Fishers from

Jasper, Ind., has been writing columns (humor, for the most part) for many years. He served as a feature writer for several Indiana papers way back, including the *Daily Press and Times-Herald* in Newport News, Va. You can email Scott at [scottsmaalman@gmail.com](mailto:scottsmaalman@gmail.com).

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## Letter to the Editor

Reader asks you to tell Congress to remember farm conservation in climate change bill

Dear Editor:  
Congress is debating legislation to address climate change and infrastructure and Indiana's Congressional delegation needs to ensure the legislation includes agricultural soil health.

By adopting climate-friendly farming practices like no-till, cover crops, and smarter livestock grazing, Indiana farmers can help turn the tide on climate change but also decrease flooding and erosion, improve water quality, and protect our fish and wildlife. This is a win all the way around.

Congress is considering an investment of \$28 billion in farm and ranch conservation. That is a small portion of the climate and infrastructure package, but it would be a critically important investment in farm conservation.

Investments in climate-friendly farm practices store carbon in the soil rebuilding healthy soils, help and reduce expensive for fuel, fertilizers, and pesticides.

As Congress debates climate change and infrastructure legislation, it cannot afford to leave farm conservation behind. Please tell Congress what you think.

Jim Sweeney  
Schererville

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## Arcadia

Public Meeting of the Hamilton Heights School Corporation  
October 6, 2021  
7:30 a.m.  
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*Galatians 2:1-5 (NIV)*

### Meeting Notices

The Sheridan Community Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session from 5 to 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 4, 2021, in the Conference Room at Sheridan High School, 24185 Hinesley Road, Sheridan, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2) For discussion of strategy with respect to any of the following: A. Collective bargaining; and IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5) To receive information about prospective employees.

A work session will follow from 5:30 to 6:25 p.m. in the Library/Media Center at the high school. Afterwards, a tentative agreement hearing will take place at 6:25 p.m.

Then, a regular board meeting will occur at 6:30 p.m. in the Library/Media Center at the high school.

The Carmel Clay Board of School Trustees will meet virtually in a special session at 6 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 4, 2021. The meetings will be available for the public to view on the Carmel Clay Schools' YouTube Channel at [youtube.com/CarmelClay-SchoolsCCS](https://www.youtube.com/CarmelClay-SchoolsCCS).

The Atlanta Town Council will hold a Special Meeting to review and discuss water/sewer ordinances at 9 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 4, 2021, at Atlanta Town Hall, 105 E. Main St., Atlanta.

The Jackson Township Advisory Board will hold a regular public meeting to discuss general township business at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2021, at the Trustee's Office, 506 W. Main St., Arcadia.

The Noblesville Redevelopment Authority will meet at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 14, 2021, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Westfield City Council will hold a Finance Committee meeting at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 5 in the assembly room at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn St., Westfield.

The Carmel Clay Board of School Trustees will meet virtually in a special session at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2021. The meetings will be available for the public to view on the Carmel Clay Schools' YouTube Channel at [youtube.com/CarmelClay-SchoolsCCS](https://www.youtube.com/CarmelClay-SchoolsCCS).

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**Marlene Darcel Carr-Baxter**  
May 16, 1958 – September 28, 2021

Marlene Darcel Carr-Baxter, 63, Westfield, passed away peacefully in her home Tuesday, September 28, 2021. She was born May 16, 1958 in Noblesville, to Nelson Carr and Louetta (Teets) Carr.

After meeting at a church function, and following a short courtship, Marlene and Charles Baxter were married October 3, 2009. Marlene loved her family and grandchildren with her whole heart. Her greatest joy was seeing and spending time with all of her babies.

In addition to her parents, Marlene was preceded in death by her brother and nephew.

Survivors include her husband, Charles Baxter; daughters, Mamie (Scott) Cable and Amanda Fugate; seven grandchildren, Taylor (Zak) Trowbridge, Hannah (Joe) Harper, Cassie Cable, Chandler Johnson, Ryleigh Cable, Evan Johnson, and Payton Cable; two great-grandchildren, Ivy Harper and Bennett Trowbridge; stepfather, Philip Cole; sisters, Pam (Andy) Newman and Barb Bracken; several nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly.

Family and friends will gather at 3 p.m. on Friday, October 8, 2021 at Trinity Baptist Church, 1415 E. 191st St., Westfield, where the Funeral Service will begin at 5 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 5635 W. 96th St., Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46278. Envelopes will be available at the service.

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## Get back on track with your breast cancer screenings

We find ourselves at the first of October – the start of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Every two minutes, one case of breast cancer is diagnosed in the United States. And in 2021, more than 281,000 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in women, and more than 2,600 cases in men in the United States.

No one wants to be a statistic. Fortunately, there are things that women, and men, can begin doing today, to be preventative against breast cancer.

In the wake of COVID-19, a seemingly never-ending pandemic, many women have moved away from their routine screenings and mammograms. Without the benefit of early detection and preventative strategies, we may see an increase in diagnosis. When found early, breast cancer may still be small and has a smaller chance of spreading. Regular screenings are the most reliable way to be preventative.

Please use October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, as a time to get back on track and get your regular check-ups scheduled.

In addition to placing a priority on self-care,

check on your loved ones, too. Remind them to schedule their regular doctor appointments and get screened. If you find a friend or family member has been diagnosed

with breast cancer, offer help with driving to doctor appointments, making healthy meals, or just listen. Checking in and asking how you can be there for your loved one can be emotionally impactful and supportive.

Lastly, rally behind bringing awareness, research, and education to breast cancer. This month, the Susan G. Komen Foundation will host the MORE THAN PINK Walk. It's a day where we can put aside everything else in our lives and share our stories, our laughter, and our hopes – all while raising money that saves lives while we celebrate survivors, those living with breast cancer, and honor loved ones lost.

To register and learn more about the MORE THAN PINK Walk on Oct. 16 at Celebration Plaza at White River State Park, visit [komencentralindiana.org](https://www.komencentralindiana.org).

Jennifer Milewski serves as the State Executive Director for Indiana & Kentucky for the Susan G. Komen breast cancer organization.

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## Boys tennis sectionals

# Greyhounds, Royals defend titles

The Carmel and Hamilton Southeastern boys tennis teams successfully defended their sectional championships on Thursday.

Over at the Todd Witsken Tennis Center, the No. 1-ranked and five-time defending state champion Greyhounds beat No. 19 Guerin Catholic to claim its 12th consecutive sectional title. It's also the 35th overall championship in the Carmel program's history.

The Greyhounds currently lead the final-round match 4-0. The No. 1 singles match between Carmel's Broc Fletcher and Guerin Catholic's Max Fuller was suspended in the third set due to darkness. Fletcher leads 2-6, 6-1, 5-3, with the current game at deuce. The match will resume at 5:15 p.m. today at Carmel.

All of the other matches were decided in straight sets. The Greyhounds advance to the Kokomo regional, where they will play the winner of the Logansport sectional in Tuesday's semi-finals. Logansport plays Twin Lakes at 4:45 p.m. to determine that sectional's winner.

**CARMEL 4, GUERIN CATHOLIC 0**  
**No. 1 singles:** Broc Fletcher (C) leads Max Fuller (GC) 2-6, 6-1, 5-3 (to be completed)  
**No. 2 singles:** Eli Mercer def. Jason Kolb 6-0, 6-0  
**No. 3 singles:** Rocky Li def. John Tiplick 6-1, 6-0  
**No. 1 doubles:** Srisanth Malpeddi and Jack Jentz def. Ty Harrington and Zach Thieme 6-1, 6-2  
**No. 2 doubles:** Adrien Qi and Braedon McIntyre def. Alejandro Torres and Sean Loub 6-1, 6-2

Over at Fishers, No. 3-ranked Hamilton Southeastern beat No. 30 Noblesville 4-1 to win its third consecutive sectional title.

The Royals got victories at Nos. 2 and 3 singles and swept both doubles matches, thus clinching Southeastern's 12th sectional championship in program history.



The Hamilton Southeastern boys tennis team won its third consecutive sectional title Thursday at the Fishers tennis courts. The No. 3-ranked Royals beat No. 30 Noblesville 4-1 in the championship.

"I thought we played well," said HSE coach Kirk Webber. "Noblesville's a good team. As a coach, you're always afraid you're going to have a letdown after a match like yesterday, but our guys did a nice job coming out here."

Webber said a key to the win was good starts in each of the match wins, with all of them quickly taking the first set. The coach said his team "took care of business, stayed focused and played well."

The Millers' win came at No. 1 singles, with Noah Bushong winning 6-1,

6-3. The victory qualifies Bushong for the individual tournament for the second consecutive year. Bushong will play the individual sectional at North Central next week.

Southeastern will also head to North Central on Tuesday for the team regional. The Royals will take on the host and No. 5-ranked Panthers in the semi-finals, which begin at 4:30 p.m. North Central won its sectional Thursday by beating Bishop Chatard.



N. Bushong

## HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 4, NOBLESVILLE 1

**No. 1 singles:** Noah Bushong (N) def. Rohan Golla (HSE) 6-3, 6-1  
**No. 2 singles:** Paul Schneider (HSE) def. Michael Krukov (N) 6-1, 6-0  
**No. 3 singles:** Abhi Chaddha (HSE) def. Ethan Feliciano (N) 6-1, 6-0  
**No. 1 doubles:** Aiden De Witt and Andrew Spurrison (HSE) def. Rory Bushong and Sean Vitales (N) 6-2, 6-0  
**No. 2 doubles:** Nolan Houseman and Davila Rodrigo (HSE) def. Caden David and Camden David (N) 6-1, 6-0

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 5:30 | Volleyball | Junior Varsity | Hamilton Southeastern vs Noblesville | HCTV  
 6:30 | Volleyball | Varsity | Hamilton Southeastern vs Noblesville | HCTV Sports  
 6:50 | Volleyball | Covenant Christian vs Traders Pt | Indiana SRN  
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**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2021**  
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## Soccer NHS boys win HCC finale

The Noblesville boys soccer team finished its regular and Hoosier Crossroads Conference seasons Thursday with a 7-0 win over Brownsburg.

Palmer Ault scored the Class 3A No. 2 Millers' first two goals; the first was assisted by Jake Johns, the second one by Kyle Goad. Spencer Holland put in Noblesville's third goal, then Andy Stansfield got the fourth goal. Ault scored right before halftime to give the Millers a 5-0 lead.

Jordan Hinds added the sixth goal, with Spencer Holland making the assist. Holland then scored during the game's final minute.

Noblesville finished HCC play with a 6-0-1 record, tying it with Fishers for the conference championship. The Millers are 14-1-1 overall and host Pendleton Heights Wednesday in the Sectional 8

semi-finals.

Guerin Catholic's girls team, ranked No. 13 in 3A, cruised to a 4-0 victory over Lafayette Central Catholic Thursday in the Golden Eagles' Senior Day match.

Guerin scored all four of its goals in the second half. Mia Gatz got the first goal, off a center by Alyssa Ferry. Katie Koger then took over, putting in the next three GC goals. Emersen Jennings assisted the game's last goal.

The Golden Eagles finished the regular season 9-2-4 and plays host Carmel Wednesday in the Sectional 10 semi-finals.

Westfield's boys team cruised past Kokomo 6-0 on Thursday.

Jacob Shurman scored two goals for the 3A No. 16 Shamrocks, with Aiden Yonkus and Everitt Fife each adding one goal. Conor Scanlon had two assists, while Henry Yoder made four saves.

Westfield finished the regular season 10-4-2 and hosts Zionsville Monday in the first round of Sectional 10.

University's boys team beat Tri-West 2-1 on Thursday.

The 1A No. 3 Trailblazers finished the regular season 12-2-2 and play host Park Tudor in the Sectional 40 semi-finals.

Sheridan's girls team fell to Tri-Central 3-2 Thursday in the Hoosier Heartland Conference championship game.

The Blackhawks scored the first goal of the game when Cecilia Timme put in a pass from Emily Weddington. The Trojans then scored twice, taking a 2-1 half-time lead. Tri-Central scored early in the second half and held the lead from there. Isabel Nunez got Sheridan's second goal with seven minutes left in the game.

Hailey Godbey had eight saves.

The 'Hawks finished the regular season 7-6 and plays host Tipton Tuesday in the Sectional 37 semi-finals.

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z-Tampa Bay	98	61	.616	-	y-Atlanta	86	72	.544	-
N.Y. Yankees	91	68	.572	7.0	Philadelphia	81	78	.509	5.5
Boston	89	70	.560	9.0	N.Y. Mets	76	83	.478	10.5
Toronto	88	71	.553	10.0	Miami	65	94	.409	21.5
Baltimore	52	107	.327	46.0	Washington	65	94	.409	21.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB	Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
y-Chi. White Sox	91	68	.572	-	y-Milwaukee	95	64	.597	-
Cleveland	78	81	.491	13.0	w-St. Louis	89	70	.560	6.0
Detroit	76	83	.478	15.0	Cincinnati	82	77	.516	13.0
Kansas City	73	86	.459	18.0	Chi. Cubs	69	90	.434	26.0
Minnesota	71	88	.447	20.0	Pittsburgh	59	100	.371	36.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB	West	W	L	PCT.	GB
y-Houston	93	66	.585	-	x-San Francisco	105	54	.660	-
Seattle	89	70	.560	4.0	x-L.A. Dodgers	103	56	.648	2.0
Oakland	85	74	.535	8.0	San Diego	78	81	.491	27.0
L.A. Angels	75	84	.472	18.0	Colorado	73	85	.462	31.5
Texas	59	100	.371	34.0	Arizona	50	109	.314	55.0
w - Clinched wild card					y - Clinched division				
x - Clinched playoff spot					z - Clinched best record in league				

Thursday's games		
St. Louis 4, Milwaukee 3		N.Y. Mets 12, Miami 3
Texas 7, L.A. Angels 6		Atlanta 5, Philadelphia 3
Chicago Cubs 9, Pittsburgh 0		Detroit 10, Minnesota 7
Baltimore 6, Boston 2		Cleveland 6, Kansas City 1
N.Y. Yankees 6, Toronto 2		San Francisco 5, Arizona 4
Houston 3, Tampa Bay 2		L.A. Dodgers 8, San Diego 3

## Carmel volleyball sweeps Bishop Chatard

The Carmel volleyball team swept Bishop Chatard 25-8, 25-12, 25-12 Thursday in its Senior Night match.

Macarty McQueen had a dominant game with 18 kills, and also had two blocks and one ace. Ella Brooks put down five kills, followed by Caroline Yuska with four and Miraya Moore with three.

Brooks also had nine digs and two aces, while Yuska had four digs, two blocks and one ace. Moore made two blocks. Ella

Bostic dished out 29 assists, along with seven digs, three aces and one block.

The Greyhounds are 19-5 and play Tuesday at McCutcheon.

Hamilton Southeastern won an all-county and Hoosier Crossroads Conference match with Noblesville Thursday, 25-13, 25-15, 25-23.

The Royals remain perfect in the HCC at 5-0 and are 19-2 overall. Southeast-

ern plays Saturday at Center Grove. The Millers are 1-4 in the conference and 13-9 overall, and play at the North vs. South Showdown on Saturday.

Westfield dropped a five-set HCC match to Avon Thursday, 16-25, 19-25, 28-26, 25-17, 15-4.

University fell to Lebanon Thursday, 25-6, 25-19, 25-21.

The Trailblazers are 2-16 and host Danville on Tuesday.



Reporter photo by Kent Graham  
Hamilton Southeastern's Emily Weber prepares a set for the Royals during their Thursday win at Noblesville.



Reporter photo by Kirk Green  
Carmel volleyball coach Kristine Deem talks with her team after the Greyhounds beat Bishop Chatard on Thursday.



Reporter photo by Kent Graham  
Noblesville's Aubrey Stichter makes a hit for the Millers.

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