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Two Westfield Scouts bring a buttery bulletin to Mayor Cook



Reporter photos by Nik Roberts

Not to sound too corny, but Hoosier Scouts from Crossroads of America Council are pretty awesome. Popping up everywhere are community supporters purchasing popcorn from local Scouts, hungry to earn their own way through the BSA program. Locally, two Westfield Scouts named Trent and Scott were invited to sell as much Trail's End popcorn as they could to Mayor Andy Cook on Wednesday, which kicked off their annual fundraising efforts. Each year, Scouts sell Trail's End popcorn to raise money that will help fund their Scouting trips and necessary equipment. For 2022, Hoosier Scouts are expected to sell \$3.1 million worth of popcorn, generating \$2 million for central Indiana Scouting. You can buy popcorn from Scouts at storefronts and in your neighborhood right now!

Magical ‘Wizard Express’ train ride coming to Nickel Plate Express

The REPORTER

All aboard for a magical ride aboard the Nickel Plate Express (NPX) for the Wizard Express. Join your favorite wizards for this enchanting 90-minute ride offered the first two weekends of October.

Climb aboard for a magical journey into the wizarding world. Brush up on local wizarding news, learn some new spells and enjoy treats such as a butter beverage. All excursions board at platform 8 ¾ in Forest Park.

Wizard riders will have the opportunity to interact with their favorite wizard character, try their luck with Bertie Botts Beans or indulge in a locally made chocolate frog.

Tickets for the Wizard Express start at \$33 per person. The Wizard Express will run Oct. 1, 2, 8 and 9. All rides will depart from Hobbs Station at Forest Park Depot.

For information about the variety of NPX excursions – from the Wizard Express to special dining experiences and holiday-themed rides in 2022 – visit nickelplateexpress.com.

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Noblesville Parks Department are going all out to ensure your experience at Forest Park is the best it can be. Through its fun, exciting and educational rail excursions, Nickel Plate Express is pleased to be a partner in creating that exciting experience.

About the Nickel Plate Express

Nickel Plate Express is a program of the Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad, a charitable nonprofit that operates the historic Arcadia Depot and offers entertainment and educational excursions on historic train equipment out of Forest Park in Noblesville. The 12.5 miles of Nickel Plate track is owned by the Hoosier Heritage Port Authority and runs from Noblesville through Cicero and Arcadia to Atlanta in northern Hamilton County.

Finding my birth father

As my adoption and reunion story continues, I've changed some names, places, and dates.

I had successfully found my birth mother. I updated my husband John on all that I had discovered.

"Wow!" He exclaimed. "What about your birth father? Any luck there?"

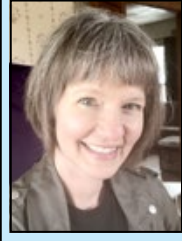
"I haven't tried yet." I replied. Although my search was going well, it was beginning to make me feel tired. I am a highly sensitive person, and sometimes even wonderful experiences in life can wear me out. It had been such an exciting day! But curiosity made me press on a little more.

I entered the name Jack Richer, Indianapolis, and sat back to see what would pop up. No one came up that fit the non-identifying information I had. I tried the same name and linked it with Notre Dame and also found zero results. My mind and body were exhausted, and I decided to call it a day.

Despite my exhaustion, it was hard to fall asleep that night. I thought about Linda and her family and wondered what was the right thing to do in order to contact her. I wanted to do it properly and I didn't want to cause any harm. I finally drifted off feeling grateful and amazed about all my discoveries.

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COLUMNIST



AMY SHANKLAND
Perfectly Imperfect

Mortgage deductions are going away, but it's not all bad news

Submitted by Hamilton County Auditor's Office

If you are unaware, the Auditor's Office maintains property tax deductions, transfers, GIS mapping, and much more. Taxpayers visit our office daily to file their property tax deductions.

One of the most filed deductions is the Mortgage Deduction. Reducing the taxable value of the home by \$3,000, this deduction is for Indiana residents who maintain a mortgage on their home.

On March 21, 2022, Governor Eric J. Holcomb signed into law House Enrolled Act 1260-2022 (HEA 1260). Section 12 of HEA 1260 repeals the mortgage deduction in its entirety, effective Jan. 1, 2023. This means that beginning Jan. 1, 2023, individuals will no longer be able to apply for this property tax deduction, and county auditors will no longer apply the mortgage deduction to property tax bills beginning with the 2023 pay 2024 cycle.

County Auditor Robin M. Mills wants you to know it's not all bad news.

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Mills

Tonight: Harley-Davidson of Indianapolis to hold 'Appetite for Construction' fall fashion show in Fishers

Enjoy food, music, in-store promotions & raffles at monthly Bike Night

The REPORTER

Get ready to construct your winter wardrobe with Harley-Davidson of Indianapolis. Cruise into HDofIndy's Fishers location tonight, Friday, Sept. 16, during Bike Night and enjoy food, fashion and entertainment.

Starting at 6 p.m., riders are invited to enjoy live music, drinks, and food from Union Jack Food Truck. At 7 p.m., models will show off Harley's winter gear designed to keep you toasty warm on cold-weather rides. Round out the evening with exclusive in-store promos and raffles.

"While the traditional riding season is coming to a close, we're determined to ride as long as we can, and Harley's winter collection helps us do just that," said David Dellen, co-owner of Harley-Davidson Indianapolis. "We're really looking forward



to hosting the community for an evening of fun and camaraderie."

For more information and event updates, visit Facebook.com/hdofindy or follow along on [Instagram](https://Instagram.com/hdofindy).

About Harley-Davidson of Indianapolis

Since 1978, Harley-Davidson of Indianapolis has been the premier authorized dealer of both new and pre-owned bikes serving the Indianapolis Metropolitan area. Family owned and operated since its founding, HD of Indy boasts the largest selection of MotorClothes in the state, plus a service department with over 100 years combined service. The dedicated staff at HD of Indy strive to give each individual an unrivaled experience, while offering a family environment for all who walk through their doors. Learn more at hdofindy.com.

Get connected with local leaders at Rotary Club of Carmel forum

The REPORTER

The Rotary Club of Carmel will hold its second Leadership Connection forum on Friday, Oct. 7 and Friday, Oct. 21. Leadership Connection is a combined effort of the Rotary Club of Carmel, Hamilton County Leadership Academy, iTeam (Think Tank), Carmel Firefighters, Carmel Clay Schools, and Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation.

This year's event invites more than double the number of high school seniors than the initial 2021 event from several areas, including Carmel High School, Pro/Act Indy, Christel House Watanabe Manual High School, and the Carmel Mayor's Student Advisory Council.

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FINDING

I typically like to sleep in when I can on the weekends, but I couldn't that Saturday morning. I was back on the computer before 8 a.m. This time I typed in Jack Richer, Notre Dame, and the year I believe he had graduated.

A PDF file of the Notre Dame Alumnus publication popped up featuring an article titled "The Class of '##: It Didn't Come Easy." I clicked on it and saw what appeared to be a copy (of a copy) of the publication.

The pictures were grainy, but I could still read the words.

My heart started thumping after I scrolled through the publication and saw a John Richter featured. This could not have been a coincidence. Had the State of Indiana gotten my birth father's name wrong? I had noticed that Ohio had misspelled the street where my birth mother had lived in Cleveland after I had done a search for it. Maybe this was another error. Perhaps

accuracy hadn't been a huge priority back in the early 70s at various departments of health!

I gazed in wonder at a grainy black and white photo of a smiling young man with thick dark hair and a beard. He was sitting with his knees bent in the grass on a sunny day. Was I looking at my birth father? I read the article.

It talked about an affable young man with an ever-present grin, blue eyes, and thick, dark brown hair. This was the exact physical description I had obtained from the St. Joseph County probate court. The article described Jack as an easy-going, unpretentious guy who served as a resident assistant in one of the dorms.

It said he was a lifelong Hoosier from Indianapolis and that he was one of eight children in a German Catholic family. Jack had also spoken lovingly about his elderly mother. Elderly? And he was one of *eight* kids?

My mind swirled thinking about all of the potential aunts and uncles I had, because I knew at this exact moment, I had found my birth father.

Hello, Hamilton County!



Fonzie Poteet IS The Leader Of The Pack!

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Thanks for reading!

Noblesville Lions Club approached to help with state-level repair project



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions

On Wednesday evening, the Noblesville Lions welcomed Scott Smith, MD25 Council Chairman, to speak to the club about asking for help in updating the entrance to the Indiana Lions Foundation Office in Indianapolis. The club voted to investigate the costs and decide at a later meeting. Most likely, the club will help with the cost of repairs. (Above) Lions Club Vice President Walt Sheid presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Smith.




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

- Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville

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Carmel PorchFest & Late Night on Main return to Arts & Design District this weekend

The REPORTER

Carmel PorchFest and Late Night on Main return to the Carmel Arts & Design District this weekend for a jam-packed, live-music experience that is free and open to the public. Streets will be closed for both events and there will be plenty of food and drink for purchase.

The weekend kicks off Friday night with Late Night on Main featuring three bands playing on a stage across Main Street from 7:30 p.m. to midnight. On Sunday, PorchFest will take over several city

blocks north of Main Street from noon to 6 p.m. and feature 54 bands playing for six hours on 18 porches spread across the neighborhoods.

To assist the city in producing this beloved event, several local companies have come forward to sponsor Carmel PorchFest. Sponsors to note include:

- All Things Carmel
- Eyes on Main
- Lauth
- Midwest GeoSciences Group
- Ray Capital Management

- Pure Development
- KBSO Consulting
- Kirsh & Kirsh Adoptions
- Old Town Design Group

Late Night on Main kicks off on Friday at 7:30 p.m. with the School of Rock Band playing from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The Brothers Footman perform at 9 p.m., with LFTK going on from 10:45 p.m. to midnight. Vendors open at 7 p.m. and guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. Carmel PorchFest will feature 54 musical acts per-

forming live on 18 beautiful neighborhood porches on the streets just north of Main Street and east of the Monon Greenway in the Arts & Design District. The musicians represent a wide variety of musical genres including rock, pop, jazz, blues and country. Each act will perform a 45-minute set.

Two new musical acts to check out include:

- Tay Bronson & The Tackle Box – This country band hails from Indianapolis and just released an album, *Drinks and Memories*, on Aug. 21.

• The Indigos – The Indigos is an Indi groove rock band from Muncie. With an ensemble of eight members, including keyboard, multiple vocalists and a full horn section.

Attendees can bring lawn chairs to sit in front of chosen porches and/or travel from porch to porch to experience the event. Local streets will be closed to traffic starting at 8 a.m. on Sunday.

Food and beverage

vendors on-site include Wick's Pies, Market District, Lou Malnati's Pizzeria and Tropical Sno Cone. Adult beverage vendors for those 21 and over include Bier Brewery, Peace Water Winery and Sugar Creek Winery. Additional beverage option vendors include Anna & Asa's Lemonade stand and Java House.

For more information, please visit carmelporchfest.org or [Facebook.com/carmelporchfest](https://www.facebook.com/carmelporchfest).

PROPERTY TAXES

"Yes, the General Assembly has repealed the mortgage deduction; however, has added \$3,000 to the homestead deduction, effective for assessment dates after Dec. 31, 2022."

What this means for our taxpayers is that the homestead deduction amount for 2023 Pay 2024 will be the lesser of:

1. Sixty percent of the assessed value of the real property, mobile home not assessed as real property, or manufactured home not assessed as real property; or
2. \$48,000

If a person or married couple timely files an application for the homestead and meets eligibility requirements, the legislature added \$3,000 to the amount. Now instead of \$45,000 for a homestead deduction, owners will receive \$48,000. Taxpayers will see this change in their January 2023 assessments payable in 2024. The supplemental homestead deduction remains the same in Ind. Code 6-1.1-12-37.5.

Outlined below are the various deductions offered, along with their qualifications. Certain deductions can be filed via our website, and all deductions can be filed in person at the Historic Courthouse. There is no cost to file a deduction, it only

takes about five to 10 minutes, and no appointment is necessary. All applicable deductions must be filed by Dec. 31 to take effect on the following year's tax bill.

• The Standard Homestead Deduction is essentially a three-prong test: 1) you must be an Indiana resident; 2) you must have ownership in the home; and 3) you must occupy the home as your principal place of residence. When filing, you will need the last five digits of your Social Security number and driver's license number. If you are married, you will need the same information for your spouse, regardless of how the home is titled. Individuals and married couples are limited to one standard homestead deduction.

• The Disabled Veteran Deduction offers veterans with a 10 percent or greater disability an additional deduction. When filing, please bring a copy of your DD214 and either your Award Letter (a.k.a. summary of benefits) or Certificate of Eligibility.

• The Blind or Disabled Deduction requires proof of disability or blindness at the time of filing. Acceptable forms of proof are the Social Security disability award letter or a letter from your doctor's office outlining the

disability. Additionally, your annual income may not exceed \$17,000.

• The Over Age 65 Deduction is available to taxpayers over the age of 65. However, the assessed value of your home may not exceed \$240,000 and your annual household adjusted gross income must not exceed \$30,000 for a single applicant, or \$40,000 for a married couple. All deeded owners must reside on the property and maintain a standard homestead deduction. Proof of income is required at the time of filing.

• The Over Age 65 Circuit Breaker Credit is an additional benefit for taxpayers over the age of 65. You must be over the age of 65, be an Indiana resident with a standard homestead on file, and the assessed value of the home may not exceed \$200,000. Your annual household adjusted gross income must not exceed \$30,000 for a single applicant, or \$40,000 for a married couple. Proof of income is required at the time of filing.

- Geothermal Deduc-

tion: Thinking about going green? If you are, be sure to contact us regarding any geothermal unit(s) or solar/wind power devices you are considering. The geothermal deduction is for a very specific heating and cooling unit. When filing for this deduction you will want to bring the make, model, and serial number(s) of all working unit(s).

Please visit the [Hamilton County Facebook page](#) where we maintain informative articles. Our county website, hamiltoncounty.in.gov, hosts a vast amount of revealing information. To file online, choose 'Important Information,' then under 'Apply For' select 'Property Tax Deductions and Credits.' To file your property tax deductions online, select the desired deduction.

We are located in the Historic Courthouse in downtown Noblesville, in the southwest corner of the first floor. We are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding government holidays. You may reach us via phone at (317) 770-4412.

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CARMEL ROTARY

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Keynote speakers include Bart Peterson, President and Chief Executive Officer of Christel House International, and Dr. Stacy Atkinson, Chancellor of Ivy Tech Community College, Hamilton County. Peterson is a former two-time Mayor of Indianapolis, and Atkinson is a former Marine jet technician and a veteran of both Operation Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. Their remarks will underscore the event's theme, "Inspire Today, Impact Tomorrow."

Leadership Connection has a faculty that provides tremendous speakers and authentic role models designed to inspire attendees to develop a path in professional and civic leadership.

Other notable participants include Carolene Mays, Founder of Black Leadership + Legacies, Inc., and Creator and Host of Community Link on WISH-TV; Dennis Bland,

President of Center for Leadership Development; Zack Darring, Pastor and Entrepreneur; Amber Finley, Associate General Counsel at Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County; Louise Jackson, Carmel Clay School Board member and Salesforce Employee Success Program Delivery Manager; Dr. Shannon McCullough, Assistant Dean of Admissions and Student Affairs and Adjunct Instructor at the Herron School of Art + Design at IUPUI; Blake Nathan, Founder and CEO of EducateMe Foundation; Juan Paz, Senior Tax Executive for Simon Property Group; Shayna Sangster, Director of Marketing for the Indiana Fever; Derrin Slack, Founder and CEO of Pro/Act Indy; and Danny Portee, CEO of Professional Management Enterprises, Inc.

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From the desk of
Heights Superintendent
Dr. Derek Arrowood

Update No. 91
Homecoming Week is among my favorite weeks of the year. The spirit days, athletic games, pep rally, homecoming parade, football game, and dance bring our Huskies together in the kind of energy, enthusiasm, and pride that can be seen and felt in every way throughout the campus. It represents one of the most fun weeks of the entire year for many of our students and staff.

In addition to all the homecoming activities, the induction of the Class of 2022 to the Hamilton Heights Athletic Hall of Fame – the third under the direction of Mitch Street, HHHS Hall of Fame Committee Chairman and Dean of Students – is set for noon on Saturday, Sept. 17 in the high school gymnasium. This year’s honorees include Roger Bryan (’60), Brittney (Curfman) Hensley (’01), Chad Sherer (’08), Jessica (Carr) Kuramata (’11), and the Hamilton Heights 2012-13 Girls Basketball State Runner-Up Team. There are limited tickets available, so it may not be too late to attend. Email Mitch Street at mstreet@hhschuskies.org.

The annual Hamilton Heights Alumni Association All Schools Reunion Open House follows from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday at the Student Activity Center, 420 W. North St., Arcadia. The weeklong festivities culminate with A Night Under the Stars dance for high school students at the high school media center on Saturday night from 8 to 11 p.m. Tickets to the high school dance can be purchased online [here](#). Tickets are \$15 online or \$20 at the door.

Speaking of spirit, check out the back-to-school spe-



DR. DEREK ARROWOOD
Heights Superintendent

cial from the Husky Fan Shop featuring new items including a Kinley tee shirt where \$1 from each sale will go to ICAN – the training facility for dogs like Kinley. Order by Sept. 24 and receive a 10 percent discount on Husky Gear with code [BTS10 here](#).

I want to give a shout out to Doug Ozolins, school board member for Hamilton Heights School Corporation, who has been **appointed to the Legislative Committee of the Indiana School Boards Association** (ISBA). Doug, who has represented White River Township since 2015 and is among the longest serving members of the ISBA Legislative Committee, will help play an invaluable role in helping to direct the development of the Association’s advocacy agenda for 2023. Thank you for representing Hamilton Heights well at the local and state level!

The Huskies will play host to the Western Panthers on Friday for Homecoming 2022. Kick-off is 7 p.m. Halftime festivities include honoring Hamilton Heights football, coaches, cheerleaders, and alumni from the classes of 1973, 1983, 1993, 2003, and 2013, and Homecoming Coronation. We hope you can join us for the Homecoming parade on Friday beginning at 4 p.m. This year’s parade route can be found [here](#).

As a reminder, Friday is an early dismissal day for all students (HHES 2:15 p.m., HHMS 2:25 p.m., and HHHS 2:30 p.m.).

Follow our [Facebook](#) page and subscribe to our [YouTube](#) channel for the most up-to-date information on the Hamilton Heights Huskies. Go Huskies!
#WeAreHuskies

Welcome, Judge Gookins



Photos provided by Lisa Everling
Local attorney – and now Judge – Stephenie Gookins received her robes during a ceremony held Thursday at the Historic Courthouse. As [previously reported](#) in the pages of this newspaper, Gookins was appointed by Governor Eric Holcomb to Superior Court 7 to replace retired Judge Gail Bardach. Welcome to the bench, Your Honor.

Fishers Band Boosters host
Christmas in October
Craft Fair



October 8, 2022 9am-3pm
Fishers High School, 13000 Promise Road

A portion of proceeds supports the band department and their student opportunities like 2023 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade participation!

Are you ready for the
Judgment Day?



Time is running out. Life is coming to an end. That much is certain. What is not certain is when. So, the pressing question is will I be ready? Jesus and Jesus alone can save (John 14:6) and prepare you for that day.

Linda Smith was riding home from a date. Bill and Dame McKenzie were on their way to a relative’s funeral. Jim Lee was going to see his son and grandkids. What do all of these have in common? They all died unexpectedly. Will your name be added to this list?

Are you ready for the day of your death and judgment? Do you really want to take that risk? Death is too certain and hell is too real to take the chance.

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Fishers-based OfficeWorks CEO leads way for Hispanic business leaders in Indy

Submitted

OfficeWorks CEO and Chairman Tom O'Neil is a trailblazer for Hispanic businesses in the Indianapolis area.

O'Neil helped spearhead the Hispanic Business Council, assisted in the development of a Scholarship Fund that has given out millions of dollars for Hispanic children, co-founded the first-ever Indianapolis Latino Expo, and was on the founding board of non-profit La Plaza, which works to strengthen the local Hispanic community.

His work has transformed the Hispanic business community through important initiatives that continue to grow and shape the region.

How it started

Mr. O'Neil is the son of a Mexican naval officer father and an Irish mother. He was born in Chicago in 1947, where he grew up for the first 18 years of his life.

By 1965, O'Neil attended DePauw University, where he is a proud graduate. He later attended IU Kelly School of Business before graduating with a Master's in Business Administration (MBA) in 1971.

After his education, O'Neil spent time traveling to Mexico by himself to vis-

it with his family. He says this was an eye-opening experience for him.

Following his travels after graduate school, he started his professional career at Xerox, based in Indianapolis.



O'Neil

"I didn't know this at the time, but I was establishing a base by solving problems in the workplace through technology at Xerox," he said.

O'Neil continued his work with Xerox for 11 more years. By 1982, he left Xerox to work with F.C. Tucker Commercial Real Estate.

O'Neil was later approached by a former colleague from Xerox who had gone to work for Herman Miller. His former colleague asked if he would consider becoming the new Herman Miller dealer in Indianapolis.

By 1984, OfficeWorks was born.

The Beginning

The first few years of OfficeWorks' existence were full of growth, but according to O'Neil, they were also rocky. The newly founded company had a lot of learning to do.

However, he says his support system kept him strong through the dark days – he looked up to his stepfather and uncle.

"They both epitomized

having a great attitude," he said. "They were both extremely grateful and gracious to other people, good communicators, and had very positive attitudes."

By the late 1990s, O'Neil says he started getting involved in the community. In 1997, Charlie Garcia, a construction professional and prominent member of the local Hispanic community, approached O'Neil about becoming involved with the Indianapolis Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

The emerging Hispanic business community had prompted the creation of the Hispanic Chamber as far back as 1981. According to O'Neil, those early meetings only included about six to eight people, with no executive director at the time. This was motivating for O'Neil, and he was ready to pioneer major initiatives to support Hispanic culture in the region, eventually becoming President of the Hispanic Chamber.

By 2000, the president of the Indy Chamber, Roland Dorson, formed what he called the "diversity council." This included the Presidents of the Black Chamber, Hispanic Chamber, and Asian-American Alliance.

"He asked us all to meet with him, and it was a great experience," O'Neil said. "We became very good friends and realized that we



Photo provided

(From left) Tom O'Neil, former Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, and Alfonso Vidal attend the Indiana Latino Expo in 2014.

all had the same challenges and issues to help our specific communities. The council lasted a couple of years.

By 2001, the Indy Chamber asked the Hispanic Chamber to take the relationship to the next level by doing cross promotions of events and opportunities. This in turn led to an offer in 2005 by the Indy Chamber to all of the Minority chambers to become a Council within the Indy Chamber framework. The Hispanic Chamber accepted the offer, and O'Neil became a founding member of the Hispanic Business Council.

The Scholarship Fund

O'Neil's work has also helped shape the lives of hundreds of Hispanic stu-

dents in the Indianapolis area. He sat on the advisory board that created the Mexican Scholarship Fund, which annually gives college scholarships upwards of \$200,000 to deserving Hispanic students in the community. The fund was conceived by the original Mexican Consul in Indianapolis, Sergio Aguilera, and to date, has given out over \$1.8 million in awards.

As founder of OfficeWorks, O'Neil says it was always his goal to give back to the community.

"As I became more involved in the community, I started to realize that it was important not to focus solely on our business – because a healthy, thriving community was actually good for all business," he said. "I also got involved with both the Indy Chamber and Indiana State Chamber, St. Vincent Foundation, and the DePauw Alumni Board, among other organizations."

But the work did not stop there for O'Neil.

"We started to ask what we can do to help with the businesses that were struggling," he said. "One of the key programs of the Hispanic Business Council was a mentor protégé program, which was designed to help grow and create a sustainable path for Hispanic businesses."

The program entailed taking Hispanic owned businesses and partnering them with existing members of the Indy Chamber.

Camacho Janitorial Supply was paired with Garcia Construction, which helped the company secure its first major contract with the Indy Airport Authority. The Morales Group, a staffing and logistics firm, was partnered with FedEx, which assisted in the development of the company. Another example is the Hispanic newspaper *La Voz de Indiana* – who was paired with the *Indianapolis Business Journal*.

O'Neil says the mentor program worked extremely well, and there are many more success stories out there.

By January of 2008, O'Neil and the HBC was part of a bigger project – a study, partnering with the Indy Chamber, and IUPUI on the economic impacts

and needs of Hispanic businesses in the area.

"What we learned from the economic study was that these businesses needed recognition; and awareness of local customs, and the marketplace needed to understand they exist," O'Neil said. "They also needed access to capital and technical assistance. It really made people more aware of the growing and emerging Hispanic business community."

O'Neil's work founding La Plaza

La Plaza Inc. was founded as a result of combining three small Hispanic non-profits – a social services agency, an educational focused agency, and a cultural focused agency. O'Neil was on the task force and founding Board that brought these organizations together to create a larger entity known as La Plaza.

In 2011, O'Neil was a founding member of the Indiana Latino Expo, an event designed to help Latino families achieve their highest potential.

"We wanted to duplicate what Black Expo had done, and I would readily say we wanted it to be as successful as Black Expo," he said.

The first expo was held in 2012, and the event continues today.

"These organizations have set the foundation for the Hispanic community in our region," he said.

The Future

Tom's son, Scott O'Neil, is involved in OfficeWorks as well. He will follow in his father's footsteps by serving on the Hispanic Business Council.

"I'm proud of my father's involvement over the past several decades in the community, and I've learned a lot by watching him," Scott O'Neil said. "I'm very excited and humbled to serve the Hispanic community now and for years down the road."

About OfficeWorks

OfficeWorks is an office furniture company, and a Certified MillerKnoll Dealer. Their clients are in the business, healthcare, government and education markets. OfficeWorks headquarters is in Fishers. Learn more at officeworks.net.

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Employment Opportunity

The Town of Sheridan, Indiana is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Street Superintendent.

This position is a department head level position comprised of several upper-level management and leadership duties. Candidates should have knowledge, skill, and experience in leading, planning, controlling, and managing operations of municipal streets and public works.

The full job description is available at www.sheridan.org

The Town of Sheridan offers benefits of health, vision, and dental insurances along with pension and deferred compensation retirement programs.

The salary range for this position is \$56,000 to \$58,000.

Interested applicants can submit a cover letter and resume to Todd Burtron at tburtron@taftlaw.com or via United State Postal Service to

Town of Sheridan, 506 South Main Street, Sheridan, Indiana 46069

Attn: Street Department job posting.

Please submit resumes no later than close of business on Friday, September 23, 2022.

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September 17th

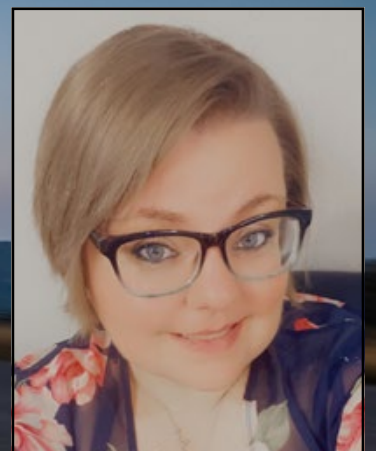
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Party with a purpose, help pack the pantries on Oct. 1 at Federal Hill Commons

Please make plans to join lots of your neighbors at the third annual **FeedingTeam.org** Music Festival, Food and Fundraiser from 3 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 1 at Federal Hill Commons in Noblesville.

The proceeds from the event go to support Hamilton County and central Indiana outdoor no-questions-asked food pantries. This year's event features three popular local bands, Mike and the Boys, Fast Cadillac, and The Tyler Robling Band. Come enjoy a wide variety of food trucks, a beer and wine garden, a kids bounce house, a silent auction loaded with items (some of the most unique experiences we've ever auctioned), a photo booth, merchandise, and sponsor tents – all to help feed our hungry neighbors.

The price of admission is items for the pantries. Volunteers will be ready to take your donations.

If you can't stay, please drop off some canned goods. If you want to be a part of the silent auction, please email charity.rosandich@feedingteam.org to get registered to bid. Remember,



MARK HALL
The Feeding Team Feature

you do not have to be present this year to bid and win auction items.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture reports that the average daily calorie intake in the United States is 3,600 calories. They go on to say that this average intake is much more than what is needed by the average person. Neighbors in need exist on less, usually much less, and often half of the daily recommended calorie intake. With limited exceptions, our experience is that hungry neighbors are grateful for any meals provided to them through the pantries.

To measure the amount of food provided by Feeding Team, we track meals placed in pantries using FDA servings. A large can of Beef Stew, for example, could feed four neighbors and a pack of Ramen one neighbor. Through the efforts of donors and volunteers, an average pantry will supply hundreds of items to neighbors monthly. Most items are one or two servings.

We are proud to be able to serve neighbors and sad that the need to do so continues to grow.

FeedingTeam.org
Facts
49 pantries
8,500 meals in July 2022
Over 30 volunteer families

With over 27,000 food-challenged neighbors in Hamilton County, **FeedingTeam.org** is a registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that provides outdoor 24/7/365 no-questions-asked free food pantries throughout the county.

The pantries exist to meet the food insecurity needs of gap families, neighbors who may not qualify for public assistance and could use a few meals before payday. The pantries serve as many food-challenged neighbors as possible, and our hearts are with those who, like my family, could not always make ends meet.

Thank you for embracing the pantries. We love serving with so many neighbors across Hamilton County. In future columns, we will share more stories about how your generosity served neighbors in times of need. The face of hunger in Hamilton County is not what you may think.

In practical terms, this straightforward way to help neighbors is having real impact on lives, families, and our communities.

Thank you. A few meals can change the course of a person's life. A can of green beans means so much more when you have nothing to feed your kids.

Would you like to get involved? Volunteer opportunities are available. We are evaluating new pantry locations. If you think you have a potential location, please contact us.

Mark and Lisa Hall are the Founders of Feeding Team. They may be reached at lisa@feedingteam.org and mark@feedingteam.org or by calling (317) 832-1104.

Rummage Sale

Noblesville Elks #576 will be holding a rummage sale for charity that is open to the public.

We will have household items, tools, kitchen items and more.

Saturday Sept. 10
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Saturday Sept. 17
9 a.m.- 1 p.m.



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This is the first year for Race to Remember. We will celebrate both survivors and victims of Alzheimer's disease and their families. Bring your photos for display to celebrate their lives.

All donations are fully tax-deductible and go to support the Cure Alzheimer's Fund. Cure Alzheimer's Fund is a non-profit dedicated to funding research with the highest probability of preventing, slowing, or reversing Alzheimer's disease.

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'Whale of a Sale' children's consignment event underway this weekend at Grand Park

By **AMICIA RAMSEY**
WISH-TV | wishv.com

The largest children's consignment event in central Indiana is back. The fall 2022 **"Whale of a Sale"** began Thursday and runs through Sunday at Grand Park in Westfield.

Attendees will be able to shop for over 100,000 items. The consignment sale is a one-stop shop for clothing, toys, strollers, bikes, furni-

ture, handbags, and so much more.

Event organizers say visitors can still get tickets for the rest of the weekend.

Sandi Ginn, the "Whale of a Sale" sales director, told News 8 that the consignment event offers "quality products from new to slightly used for a fraction of the price."

Ginn says families can find good deals and stretch their dollars while supporting local vendors. The av-

erage consignor earns \$500, according to Ginn.

Looking for a steal? Friday is generally known to have the best selection of items available; by Sunday, the prices are cut in half.

Payment is credit card only – no cash or checks. Visitors are asked to bring their own large bag or wagon to carry items. Large IKEA shopping bags will be available for \$5 each while supplies last.

Admission:
bring non-perishable
food items for the
pantries



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Budget hearings highlight county’s financial planning

The September County Council meeting is always scheduled immediately following two days of budget hearings at the county. It makes for a very long start to your work week. Unlike agendas in the past, we had several actionable activities which inevitably means a lot of things to go over.

Due to the amount of information and in an effort to reduce the length of these columns, the Reporter and I have agreed to publish a general article covering the meeting and if the content is there, provide a second article later that may discuss in more detail a contentious issue or one that needs more explanation.

This month revolved around budget hearings which set the budget for 2023. Those hearings went well with some minor changes that helped them run more efficiently. Like every family, business, and organization, the county is feeling the impact of inflation. We had some major additions associated with the new court that we were statutorily required to build and staff, and we needed to fund some existing positions that were no longer being paid through grants dollars. With new budget instructions, we moved maintenance and obsolescence strategies inside the different budgets for each department which saw a rise in the budget but will ultimately result in less additional appropriations throughout the year as these items need to be planned for. As part of this, we also uncovered more than \$7 million in deferred maintenance

needs which we were able to find a creative way to fund.

Ultimately, the county can maintain existing levels of service, fund projects in the pipeline, accommodate the deferred maintenance and adjust salaries to account for the impact of inflation on our staff without impacting our tax rate. In general, everyone was very happy with the outcome, and it is all because of our good financial management throughout the years which allow us to work through downturns without huge impacts like other communities.

As stated previously, we had a lengthy agenda following the budget hearings. The first item was a public hearing on the General Obligation Bonds, Series 2022, which is a consolidation of several projects at and around the existing Hamilton County fairgrounds. Two of the projects impact relocations of existing departments, Household Hazardous Waste and Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District. The remainder of the identified projects include improvements to separate buildings and infrastructure at the existing fairgrounds. As this was the first public hearing, there was no action to take on the bonds.

Part of the discussion included un-tabling two items from the previous month that were related to the fairgrounds work. These two items sparked a debate regarding the funding of design and construction for the fairgrounds. As you may remember

from last month, this was a source of contention as the Council mapped out a plan to build all of Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the fairgrounds masterplan so long as it was moved. This was presented to the Commissioners and the leadership at the fairgrounds but was ultimately turned down in support of improving the existing site, which the Council through this bond will support up to \$15 million in total. This leaves about a \$40 million funding gap for Phase 1 and Phase 2. As the bond has a reimbursement clause, these two items can be reimbursed. The Purdue Extension leadership stated that it was their responsibility to fill the void in funding and design work will be done to support only Phase 1 and the work associated.

The next item was an interlocal agreement with Westfield. These are the best way to manage an agreement on project responsibilities with other jurisdictions. They help protect all parties and establish financial and management responsibilities. This one specifically was regarding Bridge No. 59 that currently consists of two metal culverts at the Anna Kendal Regulated Drain. Small structures like this are the county’s responsibility to support financially. The road improvement (widening inclusive of future sidewalks) falls within the responsibility of Westfield. Immediately following we adopted a “Debt Management” policy. This was not a change from any existing policy but merely documented the policy by putting it on paper. I include these two items together because it is good financial planning, strong financial position and a myriad of other manage-

ment techniques that help us maintain a AAA bond rating.

We had several additional appropriations that impacted 144 amendments – job description and pay revisions. Payroll is one of the largest expenses of the county, just like any business, so we approach these changes very carefully. Most of these changes were job descriptions, duties or maybe adding some additional pay to incentivize people to apply for the open positions. We have dozens of unfilled jobs at the county and inflation is wreaking havoc on our ability to compete in a tight job market. With all the difficulty in not filling these positions, I will begin working with staff in trying to identify opportunities to take advantage of automation. There are definitely some opportunities.

As with every meeting, you can watch recordings or live stream meetings from our [YouTube channel](#).

If items mentioned above are of interest, please reach out to me or any member of the County Council. As always, I am thankful that the Hamilton County Reporter for publishing my Council updates and a special thanks to you, the readers, and residents of Hamilton County, for reading it and being engaged in the discussion. Our county is better because of you all. I welcome your questions at ken.alexander@hamilton-county.in.gov.

Ken Alexander is serving in his first term on the Hamilton County Council, representing District 4, which includes Adams and Washington townships, and part of Clay Township. He currently serves as the Vice President of the County Council.

Together, we all can invest in Noblesville

When I took office in January of 2020, our team promised big plans to move our city forward while protecting and enhancing our downtown core. Because we are such a desirable place to live, Noblesville is growing at a rapid pace, which creates infrastructure and public services challenges that must be addressed.

In my previous roles, I had the privilege of traveling all over the Hoosier state. I observed how cities and towns were either growing and proactively meeting the needs associated with growth or becoming stagnant and complacent. It was clear to me which locations had invested in themselves. They had solid infrastructure plans designed to address current and future community needs, forward-thinking public safety professionals, and art and recreation features that gave life to their downtown core and personality to their public spaces. There were trails connecting residents from one side of the city to another.

These enhancements are no longer viewed as a perk of a community, but instead have come to be an expectation by its residents. People expect access to a high-quality trail network and other public amenities. Public art makes a community come alive and drives tourism. Modern infrastructure keeps travelers safe and helps get families where they need to go.

Although 2020 did not go as anyone had planned, our administration took a calculated risk and bet on Noblesville. We continued our plans of strategic development, and we moved the Reimagine Pleasant Street, and several other infrastructure projects, forward. Throughout this process, we focused on balancing our efforts to address growth challenges against available resources and the impact on local residents and businesses. As we move out of those uncertain times, I am proud that we invested in our community and demonstrated just how resilient Noblesville is.

Plans for expanding Pleasant Street have been talked about before I was born, and the first official study for east-west mobility in our city began in 1987. These studies continued for years and were passed along from one administration to the next. I refuse to pass this project along to the next administration. Since the first studies were completed in the '80s, our city's population has increased five-fold.

I knew that this administration, in good conscience, could not ignore the need for east to west connectivity. This has been compounded by our rapid population growth, which is projected to continue to grow significantly in the next few decades. Furthermore, I was insistent that we study any and all alternatives for the current route.

In the end, state and federal agencies confirmed our

current route as the best alternative providing the most traffic relief while also balancing environmental, economic, and personal impacts.

More than 100 resident, business and public meetings were held by our administration alone. One of our main goals was limiting the impact on existing homes and businesses. With such a large road project going through an established part of our town, some impact was unavoidable. Once the route was approved and finalized, we were in regular communication with the affected owners to explain the timeline and how we would perform the property acquisition, utility relocation, drainage, and construction work in a way that accommodated their preferences while adhering to legal requirements and keeping the project on track.

The Reimagine Pleasant Street Project has been researched, studied, and evaluated for decades. This project is not easy; we knew that from the beginning. At times it has been emotional, for businesses, residents, and for me and my team. We know just how important and needed this new east-to-west connection will be.

Aside from the traffic improvements, the Pleasant Street project will also complete a key trail network connection in our city, linking the Riverwalk Trail, Midland Trace Trail, and Nickel Plate Trail. This network will enhance pedestrian and bicycle connectivity through the heart of our downtown and link directly to many neighborhoods.

On Tuesday of this week, our Board of Works received six bids for Phase One of the Pleasant Street Project. Two of these bids were below the projected cost of what our engineers estimated for Phase One of the project, which is extremely rare in this current construction market. To have all bids come within 5 percent of the estimated cost of a project shows that we have a solid set of plans, and the project development has been executed well.

One study estimates that this project it will generate a total economic impact of \$1.6 billion, support over 7,000 new jobs, and generate nearly \$185 million in local, state, and federal tax revenue. This economic value will benefit all our residents and keep our community vibrant for decades to come while preserving our uniqueness and authenticity.

To learn more about the Reimagine Pleasant Street project, including how the route was selected, public involvement, funding, and preferred route studies, visit ReimaginePleasantSt.com.

I look forward to continuing to engage with the community on this important project as we invest in Noblesville's future.

Chris Jensen, a Republican, serves as the Mayor of Noblesville.



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Carmel on Canvas Plein Air event begins today

The REPORTER

Watch art created before your very eyes at the annual Carmel on Canvas Plein Air event – an open-air painting exhibition and competition on the sidewalks throughout the Carmel Arts & Design District, Midtown, Carmel City Center, the City Hall Japanese Gardens and new this year, Carmel’s Central Park with its 161 acres of green space.

More than three dozen artists from around the country will be at the event, which is free to spectators, and runs Friday, Sept. 16 to Sunday, Sept. 18.

“Carmel on Canvas is a great way to bring many artists from across the Midwest to create works of art using Carmel’s Arts & Design District as their inspiration,” Mayor Jim Brainard said. “One of my favorite aspects of this event is that the artists interact with the public who are able to see the works of art created. Our desire is to grow this event to be the best plein air paint out in the country.”

Artists ranging from professionals to amateurs, including both teen and children’s divisions, will be painting at a variety of locations for the plein air event all day Friday and Saturday. Artists can register for the Plein Air Paint Out at the Indiana Design Center (200 S. Range Line Road) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday. The public is invited to come and watch the painters set up their easels and paint their chosen subjects. The artists’ works will be for sale, so you could negotiate a price before the paint has even dried.

A quick paint event will take place for registered artists on Saturday at the Carmel Farmers Market (2 Carter Green) where winning paintings will be determined by a community vote by market visitors. The winning artists will take home a \$300 first place prize, a \$200 second place award and a \$100 third place spot, as well as the \$50 child merit award.

Also on Saturday, children can paint at the Kids Zones from noon to 3 p.m., with two locations in the Arts & Design District, including Magdalena Gallery

of Art (27 E. Main St.) and The Carmel Arts Council Children’s Art Gallery (40 W. Main St.).

The plein air artworks created on Friday and Saturday will be judged by artist and art teacher Steve Puttrich of Chicago, who has been making and teaching art for more than 35 years and currently teaches at Chicago’s Palette and Chisel Academy of Fine Art at the Morton Arboretum and Chicago Botanic Garden.

The Plein Air Reception and public viewing takes place at 5 p.m. on Saturday where the paintings will be available for viewing and for sale before the judging at 6 p.m. Artist awards include a \$3,000 grand prize, \$2,000 for second place, \$1,500 for third and \$1,000 for fourth. Award winners will be announced on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. at the judging tent at the Indiana Design Center (200 S. Range Line Road).

Sunday’s art fair will feature works created by Carmel on Canvas artists from noon to 4 p.m. It will be set up along Artists’ Lane, which is nestled within the popular Carmel PorchFest event at 2nd Street NW between 1st Avenue NW and 2nd Avenue NW.

Carmel on Canvas artists also have the opportunity to compete for Purchase Awards by painting the sponsoring establishment and winning the listed monetary prize. Those winners will also be chosen on Saturday night.

Thank you to the following Carmel Arts & Design District businesses for offering Purchase Awards:

- Bazbeaux Pizza
- Bub’s Burgers & Ice Cream
- divvy
- Hotel Carmichael
- Indiana Design Center
- Java House
- Monterey Coastal Cuisine
- Woody’s Library Restaurant

Public parking is available in the Carmel Lions Club lot (141 E. Main St.), Sophia Square parking garage (entrance off 1st Avenue NW), Indiana Design Center parking garage (200 S. Range Line Road) or available on-street public parking. [Click here](#) to download the Arts & Design District parking map.



Photo provided by City of Carmel



Save The Date Sept. 16, 2022

Inside the Bottle
6-9 pm at LUME
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Meeting Notices

The Carmel Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022, in the Council Chambers at Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.

The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2022, in the Board Room at the Noblesville Schools Educational Services Center, 18025 River Road, Noblesville.

The Westfield Washington Township Advisory Plan Commission has updated its schedule of upcoming meetings. The commission meets on the first Monday of the month at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn St., and on the third Monday of the month at the City Services Center, 2728 E. 171st St.

Note: An asterisk (*) indicates the meeting is scheduled for a different than normal day due to a conflict.

First Meeting	Second Meeting
-----	Sept. 19
Oct. 3	Oct. 17
*Nov. 9	Nov. 21
Dec. 5	Dec. 19
No meeting	*Jan. 17, 2023

The Clay Township Board will meet to discuss the proposed 2023 budget at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2022, at the John W. Hensel Government Center, 10701 N. College Ave., Carmel.

The Westfield Redevelopment Commission will meet at 5 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 19, 2022, in the Assembly Room at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn St., Westfield.

The Westfield Washington Township Plat Committee has updated its schedule of upcoming meetings. The committee meets on the second Monday of the month and on the fourth Monday of the month at the City Services Center, 2728 E. 171st St.

Note: An asterisk (*) indicates the meeting is scheduled for a different than normal day due to a conflict.

First Meeting	Second Meeting
Oct. 10	Oct. 24
Nov. 14	Nov. 28
Dec. 12	*Dec. 27
Jan. 9, 2023	Jan. 23, 2023

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— ARCADIA —

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Thieneman Construction, Inc., a General Contractor and Equal Employment Opportunity Employer is seeking certified MBE/WBE/VBE/DBE Subcontractors and Suppliers to bid the **Stormwater and Wastewater Improvements Project, located in Arcadia, Indiana**. The bids for this project will be due by: **October 3, 2022 @ 5:00pm**. Interested and Certified MBE/WBE/VBE/DBE Subcontractors and Suppliers should contact our estimating department via phone 317-867-3462, ext 602 or email your bid to: estimating@t-c-i.net Please include any bid certifications you have. Plans and Specifications are available to be viewed and download at no cost by sending a request to: estimating@t-c-i.net, also at the offices of Thieneman Construction, Inc., 17219 Foundation Parkway, Westfield, IN 46074.

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9/16/22, 9/19/22

Notice

The Arcadia Town Council will meet in an Executive Session on September 19, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. located at the Arcadia Town Hall 208 W. Main Street Arcadia, IN 46030 to discuss IC5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(B) initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing. As used in this clause, "litigation" includes any judicial action or administrative law proceeding under federal or state law.

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Sheryl Clifford at hamcogopwomen@gmail.com

IU Kokomo graduates 12 Hamiton Co. students

The REPORTER

A total of 12 students from Hamilton County earned their degrees from Indiana University Kokomo in August 2022. Graduates are listed by hometown. Those earning degrees include:

- Carmel**
 - Brian Jeffrey Loop, Bachelor of General Studies
 - Monique Laura Mabona Kanoha Wessi, Bachelor of Science in Nursing
 - Claudia H. Shelbourn, Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Cicero**
 - Haley Teresa Freeland, Bachelor of Science in Communication
- Fishers**
 - Linda Chang, Bachelor

- of Science in Business
 - Maly Virginia Webster, Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Noblesville**
 - Jessica McHugh, Master of Arts in Mental Health Counseling
 - Jean Panissara Redfern, Bachelor of Science in Informatics
 - Lilian Marie Welch, Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Westfield**
 - Parker Jude Kalis, Bachelor of Science in Business
 - Sky Alison Kolan, Master of Public Management
 - Brittney Rae Morton, Bachelor of Science in Business

Deadline extended for New Works applications

Three proposals will receive support for June 2023 premiere performances

The REPORTER

Indiana-based artists and organizations are invited to submit proposals for New Works, an annual commission program now in its second year at the Center for the Performing Arts. Three winning proposals will receive \$2,500 each in funding, along with rehearsal time and technical support, to premiere their works onstage during a special public event at the Center's Palladium concert hall on June 10, 2023.

New Works is an initiative by the Center for the Performing Arts to promote and sustain local artists and arts communities in an inclusive way by supporting the creation of new works across all performing arts disciplines, including but not limited to music, theater and dance. The core theme of the proposed works must align with one or more of the Center's organizational Core Values: Integrity, Excellence, Innovation, Collaboration and Inclusion. Artists of color, indigenous artists, artists in the LGBTQ+ community, artists with disabilities, and women artists are strongly



Photo provided
A Place in Time featuring Kenyettá Dance Company was one of the winning proposals in the 2021-22 inaugural round of New Works commissions at the Center for the Performing Arts.

encouraged to apply. There is no application fee. **The application deadline has been extended to Sept. 23.** Awards will be announced in January 2023. Further details and application instructions are available at TheCenterPresents.org/NewWorks. Questions can be emailed to NewWorks@TheCenterPresents.org. In its inaugural 2021-2022 season, New Works supported the development of three performance works:

Fly High, a music and choreography piece by Monika Herzig and Zackary Herzig with Peter Kienle; *A Place in Time*, a contemporary ballet piece by Nicholas A. Owens and Lalah Ayan Hazelwood with Kenyettá Dance Company; and *Wom-*

en's Work, a short play by Callie Burk-Hartz and Alicia LaMagdeleine with Betty Rage Productions. Video of the performances, which premiered June 4 at the Center's Tarkington theater, is viewable on the Center's [YouTube channel](#).

Special judge declines to block Indiana's abortion law, for now

By **BRADY GIBSON**
WISH-TV | wistv.com

Judge Kelsey Hanlon on Thursday **rejected a request** by the American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana to block the enforcement of Indiana's new near-total ban on abortions. Judge Hanlon denied a

request for a temporary restraining order that would have kept the law, which went into effect at midnight, from taking effect. A hearing on a **preliminary injunction that would also prevent enforcement** remains scheduled for Monday in Monroe County.

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Letter to the Editor

Indiana Democrats issue statement on Day 1 of new abortion restrictions

Editor's note: The Indiana Democratic Party on Thursday issued the following statement from Vice Chair Myla Eldridge.

Dear Editor:

My heart breaks because today in Indiana, it is now against the law for Hoosiers to have a safe and legal abortion, and it's without a doubt Senate Enrolled Act 1 will endanger women and little girls' lives across the state.

This mandate is the worst form of government overreach, and generations of women for the first time will be forced to make dangerous decisions many of us thought we left in history books. Underprivileged women – especially Black and Brown Hoosiers in urban communities – will see their futures dashed or their lives be put in danger because an unchecked supermajority in the Indiana General Assembly backed a small minority over Hoosiers who wanted the state to maintain its existing laws.

The summer's special session made this grim reality painfully obvious: the Indiana Republican Party cares more about being the first state to ban abortions in special session than actually tend to the kitchen-table issues voters actually care about most. This very reason is why Indiana has an **F-rated quality of life** for families, a **D- rating for its workforce**, the **most polluted waterways** in the nation, and a **C- rated education system**.

Indiana's government is failing Hoosiers because the Republican politicians in charge care more about their election-year extremist agenda than actually creating a better future for our families.

There's an opportunity for Hoosiers to immediately hold Governor Eric Holcomb and Indiana Republicans accountable, and it's by their votes on Nov. 8. Hoosiers can reject the GOP's extremism by voting for Democrats who will put Indiana's future – not some political agenda – first.

A vote for a Democratic candidate is a vote to repeal the ban on abortion. A vote for a Democratic candidate is a vote to protect women and girls. A vote for a Democratic candidate is a vote to protect the future of half of the people who call this state home.

There are 54 days left before Election Day, and Democrats urge Hoosiers to make their plan to vote. Stopping the Indiana GOP's grip on the state doesn't happen overnight, but voters can send a clear message to them on Nov. 8.

Myla Eldridge
Vice Chair of the Indiana Democratic Party

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.

1 Peter 3:1-4 (NIV)

Ashley Marie Mallery

June 2, 1983 – September 9, 2022

Ashley Marie Mallery, 39, Noblesville, passed away on Friday, September 9, 2022. She was born on June 2, 1983, in Noblesville.



Ashley liked being outdoors helping her dad in the garden. She loved sunflowers. Ashley also enjoyed music & art and doing intricate coloring.

She is survived by her father, Curt Mallery; brother, Toby Mallery; aunt and uncles, Valerie (Mike) Stevens, Cynthia (Butch) Lockhart, Jeanette Winkler, Steve Winkler, and David Winkler; and several cousins.

Ashley was preceded in death by her mother, Teresa (Winkler) Celerek.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to noon, with services at noon, on Monday, September 19, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery in Fishers.

Memorial contributions may be made to Prevail, Inc., Attn: Donations, 1100 S. 9th St., Suite 100, Noblesville, IN 46060 (prevailinc.com).

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Gary L. Brazee

November 1, 1947 – September 9, 2022

Gary L. Brazee, 74, passed away on Friday, September 9, 2022. He was born on November 1, 1947, to Ford and Norma (Tarrant) Brazee in Jackson, Mich.

He was an Army veteran and Purple Heart recipient, having served in Vietnam.

For most of his career, Gary worked for Shell Oil. He spent his final working years at Jet Star as Dispatch Manager. He retired at 63 and thoroughly enjoyed this phase of life. When asked how he was doing, he would usually reply, "I'm great, dude. Every day is Saturday."

Gary was a dog lover and could often be seen walking his Labradoodle Archie through the neighborhood. Gary was happiest when enjoying good food and drink with family and friends. He was fiercely protective and supportive of those he loved. Whether cheering on his grandkids at various sports and school activities or enjoying wings with the guys on Wednesdays, Gary was always up for a good time. He is fondly remembered for using his favorite expression, "cool beans."

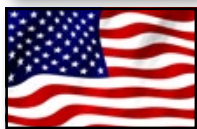
Gary is preceded in death by his parents, Ford and Norma (Tarrant) Brazee; sister, Bea Sharp; and beloved dog, Jack.

Gary is survived by his wife, Mary Katherine Brazee; daughters, Stacey (Cort) Carper, Tina (Doug) Rodgers, Tracie (Rob) Gruntler, Tami (Chad) Cuskaden; son, James Brazee; brother, James Brazee; grandchildren, Alex Rodgers, Taylor Rodgers, Sydney Gruntler, Stuart Gruntler, Max Carper, Meredith Rodgers, Emerson Carper, Ava Cuskaden and William Cuskaden; and nieces and nephews.

The family is respecting Gary's wish to not have a funeral. A private celebration of life is being held in his honor.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at tinyurl.com/GaryBrazeeMemorial.

The family would like to thank everyone at the Roudebush VA Hospital who was involved with Gary's care.



Keith Andrew Gercke

August 20, 1963 – September 13, 2022

Keith Andrew Gercke, 59, Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born on August 20, 1963, in Port Clinton, Ohio.

Keith was a graduate of Edison High in Milan, Ohio, and Toledo University. He was an electrical engineer for First DataBank for many years. Keith enjoyed traveling, scuba diving, bicycling, weightlifting, and photography. He had a guitar collection and loved sports cars.

He is survived by his beloved life partner, Carolyn Lloyd; mother, Donna J. Gercke; sisters, Marcia Weldon and Gail Gercke; nephews and nieces, Kyle Weldon, Caitlin Weldon, Curtis Weldon, Stephani (Stephan) Jahn, Chrystle Babcock, and Cortney Babcock; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Herman G. Gercke. Services will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 24, 2022, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to the time of the service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, P.O. Box 414238, Boston, MA 02241-4238 (themmr.org).

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Your Friday Night Football Preview

Westfield taking on unbeaten Royals tonight

By **RICHIE HALL**
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This week marks the midpoint of the Indiana high school football season, and it also means the Homecoming part of the schedule is in full swing.

Westfield is hosting Hamilton Southeastern tonight for its Homecoming game, with the kickoff at 7 p.m. It should be a good game regardless of the circumstance, as the Class 6A No. 4 Royals are unbeaten at 4-0 and the 6A No. 8 Shamrocks are 3-1. Both teams are 2-0 in Hoosier Crossroads Conference play, which makes it important in terms of getting an early advantage in the league.

Westfield coach Jake Gilbert was watching a middle school football game Thursday evening at Riverview Health Stadium, where his ‘Rocks will play tonight. The team participated in Homecoming festivities on Thursday, and a fun time was had by all.

But Gilbert wants his team focused on the contest itself once the football is kicked off – “we got to make it about the game,” he said.

“Homecoming’s great,” said Gilbert. “There’s the dance, there’s the parade, there’s the lunch, there’s a pep rally. All that stuff’s fun. But the most important thing is the football game. All these people that come back, they come back to watch the football game. That’s our job. So, all of those other things are fun, and I’m glad we have them. I’m very grateful for all the school and community spirit. However, our job is to come out here and play our best and win the football game.”

Westfield will host a Royals team that is coming off an emotional win itself. Southeastern beat Fishers 28-27 in overtime last Friday to claim the Mudsock trophy. With the victory, the Royals are 4-0 for the second consecutive year. Southeastern already has wins over Lawrence Central 12-7, North Central 45-14 and Avon 48-13.

HSE coach Michael Kelly said his team has been “preparing much like we have all year.” Kelly said his team is “focused on getting better every day in practice,” and they are being challenged to not look ahead.

Royals senior quarterback Ty Bradle is 53-of-93 through the air, with 581 yards and eight touchdowns. Junior Donovan Hamilton has 20 of those catches, including four touchdowns, while senior Clayton Wilke has 15 receptions and one score.

Junior Jalen Alexander is on top of the rushing list with 313 yards and two TDs. Senior Griffen Haas leads the defense with 31 tackles.

“I think they have a tremendous defense,” said Gilbert. “They return most of those kids. They’re extremely fundamentally sound. I think they’re fast. I think they run to the ball very well, adapt sound, they just don’t give you very much. I think they have one of the better defenses we’re going to see the entire season, for sure.”

Westfield had a close win last Friday, beating Noblesville 34-33. The Shamrocks are on a three-game win streak; after dropping its opener to New Palestine 42-28, Westfield has defeated Lawrence Central 42-27 and Zionsville 23-16 as well.

Southeastern coach Michael Kelly started his discussion about Westfield by say-



Kent Graham/File photo

Fishers’ Khobie Martin is the Tigers’ rushing leader after four games this season. Fishers plays No. 1-ranked Brownsburg tonight.

ing the team is “extremely well-coached. They do a tremendous job at the basics of the game.” Kelly said that the Shamrocks are “outstanding” at blocking, tackling and execution.

Westfield quarterback, senior Cole Ballard, has completed 37 of 54 pass attempts for 522 yards and five touchdowns. Kelly said Ballard “is dynamic with the football in his hands.”

“He has a great group of skill players around him that are dangerous and challenging to tackle,” said Kelly.

Sophomore Gabe Arambales has 11 catches, including two for touchdowns. Another sophomore, Kendall Garnett, leads the rushing with 208 yards and two TDs, while Ballard has rushed for 205 yards and five scores.

Senior Tyler Dikos leads the defense with 38 tackles, followed by junior Andrew Lieske with 31 tackles.

“Defensively they are sound and tackle really well,” said Kelly. “They mix up fronts and coverages really well which makes it challenging to replicate.”

FISHERS-BROWNSBURG

Fishers returns to its home field tonight to take on undefeated Brownsburg, the No. 1-ranked team in Class 6A. Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

The Bulldogs beat two tough programs to start their season, getting past Ben Davis 21-16 and Cathedral 42-35. Since then, Brownsburg has rolled through its first two HCC games, beating Franklin Central 42-7 and Avon 60-21.

The 6A No. 9 Tigers are 3-1, coming off the overtime loss to Hamilton Southeastern in last week’s Mudsock game. Senior quar-

terback Lucas Minns is 26-of-47 passing, totaling 428 yards and three touchdowns. Senior Aidan Zimmer leads the receptions with nine, followed by junior Joe Syrus with eight; both have one touchdown catch.

Junior Khobie Martin has rushed for 452 yards and five scores. Junior Ryan Cox is on top of the defense with 27 tackles, followed by senior Grady Stanley with 25 stops.

HAMILTON HEIGHTS-WESTERN

Hamilton Heights is back home on its new turf field tonight, hosting Western in a Hoosier Conference East Division game that starts at 7 p.m.

The Panthers are 1-3, and open division play with this contest. Western lost its first three games to a tough slate of teams: Tri-West 20-14, Western Boone 44-24 and West Lafayette 47-18. The Panthers picked up their first victory last Friday over Benton Central 49-12.

The Huskies are 3-1, and won their division opener last week over Northwestern 55-20. Junior quarterback Bodie Derrer is 45-of-68 through the air with 769 yards and 10 touchdowns. Sophomore Tyler Champion has 17 of those catches and six scores.

Junior Owen Vanhaaren leads the rushing with 171 yards and a touchdown, while Derrer and Trey Ehman both have scored twice. On defense, junior Eric Balcom has 32 tackles and senior Vincent Harley has 31 stops.

CARMEL-LAWRENCE NORTH

Carmel travels to Lawrence North tonight for a 7 p.m. game at the Wildcats’ field.

Lawrence North is 2-2 for the season. The Wildcats opened with a 32-25 win over Avon, then dropped games wo Whiteland

24-13 and Lawrence Central 21-3 before rebounding to beat North Central 44-6.

The 6A No. 6 Greyhounds are also 2-2, taking care of Pike 34-14 last Friday. Senior quarterback Jack Kazmierczak is having a great run so far, passing at a 52-of-77 rate for 794 yards and eight touchdowns. Senior Reece Bellin has 25 catches for 457 yards six scores.

Senior Nick Beidl has run for 158 yards and a touchdown. On defense, senior Will Heldt leads the tackles with 42, followed by 38 stops for senior Mason Bardwell and 35 for junior Hunter Snow.

GUERIN CATHOLIC-RONCALLI

Guerin Catholic travels to Roncalli tonight for a 7 p.m. game as the 3A No. 5 Golden Eagles continue Circle City Conference play.

The 4A No. 2 Royals are undefeated at 4-0 this season, starting with a 46-7 victory at Southport. Since then, Roncalli has defeated Franklin Central 17-0, Bishop Chatard 17-14 and Columbus North 38-17.

Guerin Catholic is 3-1, dropping its first game of the season last week to Brebeuf Jesuit 28-7 in a conference game. Junior Ryan Zimmerman has been solid at the quarterback position, throwing at a 68-of-103 clip for 1,035 yards and nine touchdowns. Senior Will Fremion has 25 catches, including five TDs, and junior Jack Cherry has made 20 receptions.

Senior Justin Zdobyhlak leads the rushing with 286 yards and four touchdowns. Another senior, Anthony Ferrucci, is tops on defense with 46 tackles, while Gavin Stella has 38 stops.

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Soccer



(Above) Westfield's Sam Degnan directs his teammates during the game. (Right) Carmel's Connor Dora scored a goal for the Greyhounds during their 3-0 win at Westfield on Thursday.

Reporter photos by Kirk Green

'Hounds sail past 'Rocks in all-county match

The REPORTER

An all-county boys soccer game went Carmel's way on Thursday.

The Class 3A No. 2 Greyhounds traveled to 3A No. 15 Westfield, and came home with a 3-0 victory. Carmel scored two goals in the first half, with Connor Dora and Will Latham both finding the back of the net.

Josiah Shepson scored for the Greyhounds in the second half. Carmel is 7-2-3

for the season, having won seven of its last eight games.

"Tonight I told the boys I was super proud of them," said 'Hounds coach Shane Schmidt. "I thought that tonight was probably the first time that we put a solid performance together for all 80 minutes. We put good bits and pieces of games and then we had some breakdowns, but I thought tonight was the first time all season

long that we've actually put together 80 minutes of solid soccer."

"Shane's got a great squad," said Shamrocks coach Kevin Scanlon. "They jumped on us. We tried to answer and we just couldn't get the ball in the back of the net."

Carmel is 7-2-3 and hosts Homestead tonight. Westfield is 3-4-3 and hosts Brownsburg on Tuesday.

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Hamilton Southeastern also won an all-county and Hoosier Crossroads Conference game on Thursday, beating Noblesville 2-1.

The 3A No. 6 Royals led 1-0 at halftime; James Wells scored the goal in the 37th minute off a cross by Oscar Tittle. The 3A No. 5 Millers tied the game when Sam Divis scored with 20 minutes left in the second half. Gavin Vogelgesang made the assist. But South-

eastern got the lead back for good when Davis Brown followed a Tittle shot and put it in.

The Royals are 4-1-1 in the conference and 9-1-3 overall, and plays Tuesday at Zionsville. Noblesville is 2-2-1 in HCC play and 6-2-2 overall, and plays Saturday at 3A No. 8 Castle.

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University's boys cruised to a 7-0 win over Liberty Christian on Satur-

day.

Chris Millen scored four goals for the 1A No. 3 Trailblazers, with Jake Malinzak, Constantine Stefanidis and Liam Commons each getting one goal.

With the victory, University qualified for this weekend's Pioneer Academic Athletic Conference championship game. The 'Blazers will host 1A No. 1 Park Tudor at 10 a.m. Saturday for the PAAC title.

FOOTBALL PREVIEW—

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NOBLESVILLE-ZIONSVILLE

Noblesville travels to Zionsville tonight for a 7 p.m. HCC game.

The Eagles will enter this contest with a 3-1 record. Zionsville opened with wins over Pike 31-24 and Lebanon 42-6, losing their only game to Westfield 23-16. The Eagles beat Franklin Central 14-7 last Friday.

The Millers are 2-2. Noblesville has been solid in its rushing game, with three juniors leading the way: Logan Shoffner has 611 yards and four touchdowns, Gage Gulley totals 360 yards and five touchdowns, while Blake Widget has gained 287 yards and scored five TDs.

Freshman quarterback Landon Hughes has thrown for 148 yards and three touchdowns; sophomore Aiden Brewer has all three of those touchdown receptions. Junior Austin Hastings leads the defense with 46 tackles.

SHERIDAN-CLINTON PRAIRIE

Sheridan travels to Clinton Prairie for an im-

portant Hoosier Heartland Conference game. Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

The Gophers are unbeaten at 4-0 so far. Prairie easily won its first two games, over Wes-Del 46-6 and Frankfort 54-30, the latter contest a case of a 1A team beating a 4A team. After that, the Gophers entered conference play and have been unchallenged, taking care of Clinton Central 34-0 and Tri-Central 54-28.

The Blackhawks are 3-1, having easily won their last three games, all of them against conference opponents. Sheridan leads the HHC standings at 3-0, with Carroll, Prairie and Eastern right behind at 2-0.

Senior Peyton Cross is on top of the rushing list with 493 yards, followed by junior Zach Bales with 387 yards. Both have scored six touchdowns. Sophomore Caleb Alexander has thrown for 178 yards and two touchdowns. Junior Trent Decraene is the leading receiver with six catches. On defense, senior Jacob Jones has 43 tackles, followed by Bales with 40 stops and Cross with 36.



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Volleyball — Carmel, Noblesville, Sheridan each sweep their opponents

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The Carmel volleyball team swept Warren Central on Thursday, 25-16, 25-4, 25-10.

Emily Waddell led the Greyhounds' offense with eight kills. Lauren Evans and Avery Carroll both put down four kills, while Claire Trenshaw had three. Carroll served four aces, followed by Carly Christy with three, Lauren Evans, Peyton Ulrey and Amanda Ailes with two each, and Trenshaw with one.

Ailes handed out 12 assists. Trenshaw made three blocks, with Waddell getting two blocks.

Carmel is 13-7 and hosts North Central on Tuesday.

Noblesville swept Zionsville in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference match on Thursday, 25-21, 25-20, 26-24.

The Millers are 2-2 in the conference and 15-3 overall, and play at Carmel on Wednesday.

Sheridan swept Delphi in a Thursday Hoosier Heartland Conference match, 27-25, 25-19, 25-23.

The Blackhawks improved to 2-4 in the HHC and 4-14 overall. Sheridan hosts Indiana School for the Deaf on Tuesday.



Photo by Dwight Casler
Sheridan's Senne IJzer spikes the ball during the Blackhawks' win over Delphi on Thursday. IJzer leads the team with 149 kills this season.



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MLB standings

Thursday's games				N.Y. Mets 7, Pittsburgh 1			
Chicago White Sox	8	Cleveland	2	Minnesota	3	Kansas City	2
Tampa Bay	11	Toronto	0	Cincinnati	3	St. Louis	2
Miami	5	Philadelphia	3	Arizona	4	San Diego	0
Houston	5	Oakland	2				

American League					National League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB	East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Yankees	87	56	0.608	-	N.Y. Mets	90	55	0.621	-
Toronto	81	63	0.563	6.5	Atlanta	88	55	0.615	1.0
Tampa Bay	80	63	0.559	7.0	Philadelphia	80	63	0.559	9.0
Baltimore	75	67	0.528	11.5	Miami	59	85	0.410	30.5
Boston	69	74	0.483	18.0	Washington	49	94	0.343	40.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB	Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	76	66	0.535	-	St. Louis	84	60	0.583	-
Chicago White Sox	74	70	0.514	3.0	Milwaukee	76	67	0.531	7.5
Minnesota	72	70	0.507	4.0	Chicago Cubs	61	82	0.427	22.5
Kansas City	57	87	0.396	20.0	Cincinnati	57	86	0.399	26.5
Detroit	54	89	0.378	22.5	Pittsburgh	55	89	0.382	29.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB	West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	94	50	0.653	-	Y-L.A. Dodgers	98	44	0.690	-
Seattle	80	62	0.563	13.0	San Diego	78	66	0.542	21.0
Texas	62	81	0.434	31.5	San Francisco	69	74	0.483	29.5
L.A. Angels	61	82	0.427	32.5	Arizona	68	75	0.476	30.5
Oakland	52	92	0.361	42.0	Colorado	62	81	0.434	36.5
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