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The Senior Citizens Organization, Inc. (SCOI), 18336 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, was given a check for \$20,000 on Wednesday from the Noblesville Community Foundation. Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen presented the check to SCOI President Jim Gorby. When asked about the fox logo on SCOI T-shirts, Gorby told The Reporter it's because his organization has all the foxy ladies. So The Reporter gathered the whole group for this photo!

Wise sayings Nos. 1 to 50

Dad always had a lot of sayings that were shorthand lessons that quickly explained what to do. I added some that other family members use.

- Not everything works but everything works out.
- Hoot owls don't raise canaries.
- I-Will is more important than IQ.
- You need to get a bird cage before you get a bird.
- Sick, lame and lazy, crippled, blind and crazy.
- Get up, get up, get up. Here it is Monday, almost Tuesday, Wednesday right around the corner, the week is half shot and we haven't got anything done. Get up. Let's go.
- Your failure to plan is not my emergency.
- I can't help stupid.
- Half of what I tell you is wrong. I just don't know which half.
- Wish in one hand and **** in the other and see which fills up first.

COLUMNIST



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Rep. Schaibley presents Sagamore award to Carmel doctor for helping first responders

The REPORTER

State Rep. Donna Schaibley (R-Carmel) on Tuesday presented a Sagamore of the Wabash award to Dr. Steven Moffatt, a Carmel resident and chief scientific officer at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital, for going above and beyond to help Hoosier first responders.

Schaibley said Moffatt is a national leader and advocate for clinical programs focused on the medical and physical well-being of public safety professionals. Moffatt helped develop and implement programs to improve the health and safety of the Carmel Fire Department, Indianapolis Fire Department, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department and Indiana State Police.

"Dr. Moffatt is dedicated to helping our incredible first responders, and his expertise continues to have a tremendous impact across our community, state and the country," Schaibley said. "Our public safety officers are invaluable, and his work and research is helping detect heart disease and early-stage cancers so they can get the help they need more quickly."

Moffatt founded Public Safety Medical, acquired by Ascension St. Vincent in 2015, to provide specialized medical, fitness and psychological evaluations to first responders. The practice currently provides screenings and care to firefighters, police officers and other first responders in more than 300 agencies across the state and the nation. Moffatt also founded the National Institute for Public Safety Health in 2015, which researches and helps develop best practices for public safety agencies.

Dating back to the 1940s, the Sagamore of the Wabash award was created by former Gov. Ralph Gates. It is the highest honor the governor can bestow and is presented to distinguished




Photo provided

State Rep. Donna Schaibley (R-Carmel) (right) presents Dr. Steven Moffatt (left) a Sagamore of the Wabash award on Tuesday at Carmel City Hall. Moffatt is a nationally recognized leader for promoting the medical and physical well-being of public safety professionals.

Hoosiers who have made significant contributions to the state of Indiana.

State Rep. Donna Schaibley (R-Carmel) represents House District 24, which includes portions of Boone and Hamilton counties.

Sheridan High School recognized for college & career readiness

Submitted

Sheridan High School (SHS) has been recognized with a College Success Award from GreatSchools.org.

Other Hamilton County high schools recognized include Carmel, Hamilton Southeastern, Fishers, Westfield, and Noblesville. They are among just 81 high schools in Indiana to receive this honor, which is based on factors including graduation rate, college enrollment rate, and students not needing remediation in college.

SHS Principal Rick Davis said that his school continues to make sure students are college and career ready when they graduate. He credited participation in the Rural Early College Network (REC�) and the Advanced Placement Teacher Incentive Program (AP TIP) for accelerating the growth. In addition, Davis commented that students being

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Davis



EMERGING ARTIST OF THE YEAR | Ciri Hunter ARTIST OF THE YEAR | Shaun's Lacey ARTS CHAMPION OF THE YEAR | Cheryl Bowlin ARTS PATRON OF THE YEAR | Mandy of Noblesville CULTURAL VENTURE OF THE YEAR | Kelly McVey

Photos courtesy Stewart Imagery LLC

Nickel Plate Arts awarded these five individuals at the 10th Anniversary Diamond Gala held last week.

Nickel Plate Arts raises record funds at gala

200 community members come together to shatter \$50,000 goal

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Nickel Plate Arts is grateful to all community members who helped celebrate the nonprofit's 10th Anniversary Diamond Gala last week. Around 200 people attended the gala, which is the primary fundraiser of the year for Nickel Plate Arts.

The organization's goal was to raise \$50,000; this year, the gala brought in \$45,000 in cash and another \$21,000 in in-kind donations, with a record gross income of \$66,000.

Leading donors from the evening included Bespoke Initiative, Smith's Jewelers, and Spencer Farm Winery.

"The community really showed up in a big way, and we are thankful to all of our partners that were so involved and contributed to making our 10th Anniversary Gala a success," said Nickel Plate Arts Director Ailithir McGill. "This was truly a fitting way to celebrate 10 years of this incredible organization. We are already looking forward to the next decade."

The money raised will assist in the creation of art studio spaces in downtown Noblesville's historic Lacy Building. More information on that development will be released in the future.

Winners were also announced as part of the awards ceremony, which recognized some of the most inspirational artists and art advocates among central Indiana's thriving arts scene.

WINNERS

Emerging Artist of the Year: Ciri Hunter

The Emerging Artist of the Year Award recognizes artists who are just starting out on their creative path. This award recognizes those who have shown outstanding dedication to developing their artistic career, while also seeking ways to make their communities stronger in that process. Emerging Artists are the


Westfield Middle School club will celebrate smoke-free & vape-free students

The REPORTER

Megan Collins is leveling up at Westfield Middle School (WMS) to engage and protect youth.

Wellness students at WMS were introduced to the negative health consequences of smoking and vaping during her spring curriculum. Collins set up her classroom with various stations for students to see up close what happens when you choose to smoke or vape. Students even got hands-on experience with pig lungs, simulating what happens to lungs exposed to tobacco.

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Collins





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SAYINGS

11. We've got to get serious around here.
12. Don't throw anybody any further away than behind the kitchen stove.
13. People make it awful hard on themselves.
14. Have fun, be good, watch for traffic, see ya, love ya, bye.
15. We may not make any money on this one but we shouldn't lose any.
16. Get on the train or off the tracks.
17. You got to get the right people on the bus, the wrong people off the bus and the people on the bus in the right seats.
18. You'll work for me or you'll work for somebody else.
19. Why are there so many more horses' asses than there are horses?
20. Don't do a hurry up slop job.
21. There ought to be something around here somewhere.
22. If that runt would have lived it would have been your pig.
23. You can fall in love with a puppy dog (so make sure who you court).
24. The meeting is only the place where the vote is taken on that which is already been decided.
25. I took him to marry, I didn't take him to raise.
26. Pigs get fed, hogs get slaughtered.
27. We only eat what we kill.
28. That guy talks just a little bit longer than I'm willing to listen.
29. The girl didn't have enough clothes on to wad out a shotgun.
30. That's slicker than cat fuzz.
31. Just treat it like water off a duck.
32. If you're right don't ever give in; but make sure you're right first.
33. I don't ever want you to start a fight, but I don't

- ever want you to walk away from one.
34. We can do it easy or we can do it hard. I prefer to do it easy, but I'm prepared to do it hard.
35. That's more information than I needed.
36. Look around, find something that needs doing and get it done. Don't make me babysit you.
37. If you make a mess, clean it up.
38. He's an idiot, but he's our idiot.
39. Sounds like a personal problem.
40. Can you read, write and speak English?
41. Dad will only eat two kinds of pie, hot and cold.
42. You don't have to have a lot of money but you do have to be clean.
43. People that think they know it all are really irritating to those of us that really do.
44. If Mama ain't happy, ain't nobody happy.
45. My wife lets met do exactly what I want to do and every morning she tells me what it is I'm going to want to do.
46. I handle all the big problems in the marriage; intergalactic travel, the meaning of time, the purpose of life: my wife handles the little problems like the house, the kids, the money.
47. She can be spontaneous any time she has a week's notice.
48. Our ship's about to come in and it'll all be pure gravy then.
49. You're not tired, it's all in your mind.
50. You did that accidentally on purpose.

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SHERIDAN



Photos courtesy Mary Roberson, Sheridan Community Schools
Sheridan High School Principal Rick Davis credits the teachers for the school's increasing academic successes.

involved in many different activities and athletics also helps prepare them for the rigors and challenges of college as the involvement helps build commitment, teamwork, and leadership. Davis voiced pride in the way SHS has been able to add to its academic programs as a small school and credited the teachers for making it all work. "Their dedication, knowledge, efforts, abilities, and genuine concern for our students in the process of teaching and learning is invaluable," Davis said. "They recognize the needs and address them." Now in its fifth year, the College Success Award recognizes and celebrates public high schools that excel in ensuring students prepare



for college, enroll in college, and succeed once they get there. In 2022, 1,742 schools in 25 states earned College Success Awards. "Being recognized with a College Success Award is a tribute to the outstanding effort and accomplishment of our students, families, and staff," Davis said. "This honor is a direct reflection of everything they do on a daily basis. It is confirmation of a job well done and a challenge to keep moving forward toward even better things."

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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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The Noblesville Meijer Store Team and the Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank Team have partnered for over 10 years.

'Simply Give' to help ease food insecurity

Meijer & Hamilton County Harvest work together to serve

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Now through Oct. 1, all you need to do is 'Simply Give' in order to support Hamilton County Harvest (HCH) Food Pantry.

When you donate \$10 at the checkout counter at the Noblesville Meijer store, located at 17000 Mercantile Blvd., your donations are used to purchase food both at the store and also through Meijer corporate. A typical purchase of around \$2,000 is made once every two



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weeks or so, and volunteers unpack, sort, and prepare the food for pantries and meal programs. The food is distributed to food pantries and meal programs who give to families and friends in need.

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es over 40 percent of its food needs year-round.

You can also donate directed to HCH online at hchfoodbank.org/online-giving. Your donations will be used by HCH on Double Match Day when purchasing food.

DIAMOND

foundation of our creative future, and they deserve both our recognition and our support as they venture out into the professional world.

Mr. Hunter has an unmistakable style that elevates the mundane into fine art with eye-catching, high-key colors. He retired from one career, only to launch himself headlong into a new career as a professional artist and has made a big splash in shows and events throughout the central Indiana region. He is a model of creative entrepreneurship for his former students and fellow artists alike.

Arts Champion of the Year: Cheryl Bowlin

The Arts Champion of the Year Award honors individuals who have fought hard to bring the arts into their work and their daily lives, ensuring that everyone has access to the arts, regardless of background, income, or ability.

Bowlin is described as "selfless in her approach, genuinely providing the environment, tools, supplies, and process for the artist to create their unique vision." She is that rare person who can come alongside a student and provide a safe learning environment, while allowing the person to expand their artistic skills. Her creative and solution-foc-

used process creates a fun learning environment that allows for the love of art and creation to spread. She has worked for more than three decades to support artists with disabilities and, although she has announced her retirement this year, we know that her impact will live on in this community for decades to come.

Cultural Venture of the Year: Kelly McVey

The Cultural Venture of the Year Award recognizes community members who have been leading local arts and culture events or projects to greatness.

McVey is someone who has transformed a personal dream into a reality that has delighted and inspired thousands. Her tireless, patient work has beautified our downtown and created a new, world-class event that has drawn well over 10,000 people to Noblesville in its first two years.

Artist of the Year: Shaunt'e Lewis

This year's Artist of the Year has proven to be a powerhouse in nearly every aspect of the creative business world. Her art is iconic, visionary, and highly sought after. Lewis has garnered attention for everything from murals to tennis shoes and even forged ahead into the world of NFTs. She's also

been a great mentor to young or emerging artists, leading this year's On Ramp cohort for the Indiana Arts Commission, among other projects.

Arts Patron of the Year: Moonshot of Noblesville

This year's Arts Patron of the Year is a company that has cornered the market on serving its community. They have developed lines of business in direct response to feedback they've received from customers, neighbors and visitors, and they have been navigating all of the business challenges the last few years have thrown at them with agility and grace. They have also been important supporters of arts and culture, providing in-kind donations, volunteers for events, and financial contributions to help groups like Noblesville Main Street bring really cool ideas to life.

About Nickel Plate Arts

Nickel Plate Arts is an umbrella nonprofit organization that creates and coordinates arts and cultural experiences across communities in eastern Hamilton County and the surrounding areas to improve the quality of life for residents, strengthen local economies and enrich experiences for visitors. Nickel Plate Arts is a project of Hamilton County Tourism, Inc.

CLUB

The segment sparked such a positive response from her students that she decided to start a club to further nurture her students' interests. The club's first meeting is Friday, Sept. 30 and is open to all WMS seventh and eighth graders.

Collins says she has a passion for teaching health at the middle-school level. On any given day her students can be found out of their seats involved hands-on learning.

Collins' students says they remember her lessons long after the bell rings.

"I enjoyed the unit! What sticks with me is the impact that smoking can have on a person," said current eighth grader Katey Rosandich. "I remember the visual of seeing a healthy pig lung versus a diseased pig lung."

The club will be a hearty mix of fun and learning and will prepare the students for the high school VOICE Club, which does activities all across the county and visits the Indiana Statehouse to meet with policy makers.

"Reaching kids in middle school and giving them the knowledge they need

before they are exposed to vaping is such an asset for these kids," said Erica Strahm, who runs VOICE for Hamilton County. "Megan Collins has done that so well at WMS and we are excited to see her take that to the next level with the VOICE Club."

When Collins is not in the classroom, she loves motivating the eighth-grade girls on the basketball as their head coach and is looking forward to being on the sidelines once again. Collins is a Ball State graduate and lives in Fishers with her family.

About VOICE

VOICE is Indiana's statewide youth empowerment brand and program, whose initiative is to engage, educate, and empower teens to promote and celebrate tobacco-free lifestyles. With a mission to engage, educate, empower young people as leaders and advocates in their communities through sustained youth-adult partnerships, positive youth development and public health advocacy training. VOICE Indiana has funded 24 counties and two Statewide

Chapters (Indiana Black Expo & Indiana Latino Institute) and is represented by over 429 Core Team Leaders and Action Squad Members across the state.

About Breathe Easy Hamilton County

As an alliance working with local organizations and individuals within the Hamilton County commu-

nity, Breathe Easy promotes tobacco-free living in order to reduce mortality and morbidity rates. The organization is working to ensure that all workers in the county are protected from secondhand smoke exposure. Breathe Easy believes everyone deserves the right to breathe smoke-free air at work and in public places.

About Good Samaritan Network

Breathe Easy Hamilton County is locally sponsored as a fiscal agent by Good Samaritan Network (GSN) of Hamilton County, which acts as the Lead Agency. GSN is the umbrella organization that coordinates and develops various opportunities for consistent pro-

gramming and services in Hamilton County for those underserved or at-risk. The connection and collaboration with GSN empowers network participants with a reliable means of reference checking, decision-making opportunities, and reduces duplication of services in serving the Hamilton County community.

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Noblesville Mayor Jensen delivers third ‘State of the City’ address

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Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen delivered his annual “State of the City” address to a sold-out crowd at the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce luncheon Wednesday afternoon at Embassy Suites’ Conference Center.

After being introduced by Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch, Jensen focused on his administration’s priorities surrounding infrastructure, downtown investment and preservation, public health and safety and economic development. Key highlights of his speech include:

- Noblesville has reached \$1 billion in private committed capital investment in the city since the start of 2020.
- Innovation Mile is a master-planned business district along the 141st Street corridor from Olivo Road to Prairie Baptist Road. Innovation Mile will include over 200 acres of high-end, campus-like commercial space where companies can collaborate with other like-minded businesses to catapult Noblesville’s economy into the future.
- “We realize that advanced technology companies are looking to relocate here – companies that focus on growth and creativity. We want to make sure we are fostering that innovative spirit,” said Jensen. “The vision for the district is to become a work, play, engage and learn community designed to drive growth from commercial, flex, office, and light industrial uses within the city’s targeted industries.”
- During his speech, Jensen highlighted the first two companies who have made decisions to invest within Innovation Mile – Innovation One, LLC and Indiana Joint Replacement Institute. Innovation One, a medical-tech group comprised of Certus Medical and Radiological Care Services, recently announced plans to build their new headquarters in Noblesville’s Innovation Mile to expand its operations in the Midwest. Innovation One will build 90,000



Reporter photos

(From left) Noblesville School Board President Dr. Joe Forgey, Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen, County Clerk Kathy Williams, Noblesville Schools Superintendent Dr. Dan Hile, former County Sheriff Mark Bowen, and Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt.

square feet of new medical equipment manufacturing and flex space with a total capital investment of \$12.6 million.

Jensen announced Wednesday that Indiana Joint Replacement Institute will construct an approximately 35,000 square-foot ambulatory surgery center and medical office building dedicated to hip and knee joint replacements. The facility will be two-story and include four operating rooms with the ability to expand if needed, 16 pre/post-operative bays, X-ray, physical therapy, and 20 to 24 exam rooms. In addition, the building will have dedicated research and education space to continue the ongoing research Dr. Meneghini and his team have conducted for the past 15 years. This medical complex within Noblesville will be the epicenter of the Indiana Joint Replacement Institute within the State of Indiana and across the nation.

- Hyde Park is a 274-acre master plan development to encourage investment and foster economic development within walking and biking distance of Hamilton Town Center. The project includes neighborhoods from JC Hart, Edward Rose, Birkla and Empire, along with new greenspace and trail connectivity.

“This project provides an infusion of residential options near Exit 210 and sev-

eral Noblesville attractions,” Jensen said. “The plan also increases the real estate assessed value from \$527,000 to an estimated \$142 million once completed.”

- Jensen also spoke about two redevelopment projects aimed at enhancing key gateways into the city. RiverWest is a \$118 million mixed-use development at the northwest corner of 146th Street and River Road. The project includes 102 townhome units, 28,800 square feet of commercial/retail space, 312 market rate apartment units, and 132 age-restricted market rate apartment units.

On the western side of Noblesville, Midland Pointe is a 34-acre mixed-use development at the southeast corner of State Road 32 and Hazel Dell Parkway. Midland Pointe will catalyze development along two major roadways, brings immediate density and energy, connecting the Midland Trace Trail to an eclectic mix of commercial, residential and green space.

- SMC continues to make investments in automation technology to increase production. Plans are underway to add roughly \$2 million in equipment over the next two years, adding 34 new jobs by 2025, ultimately adding 60 new positions by 2030.
- Bier Brewery will build its third and largest lo-

cation, a 6,000 square-foot taproom, at 1618 S. 10th St. Located on four acres of property, the new family-friendly establishment will serve ‘BIER,’ wine, cider, cold brew coffee, wine slushies and food.

Jensen also discussed the city’s infrastructure and future road improvements – most notably the beginning of the Pleasant Street corridor improvement from State Road 37 to Hague Road in partnership with Hamilton County. Beaty Construction was awarded Phase I of the project, which will rebuild and expand Pleasant Street from River Road to 10th Street. Jensen said utility relocation and construction of the bridge over the White River will begin this fall and road construction will start in the spring. Phase I will be open to traffic by the end of 2024.

“The expansion of Pleasant Street is my No. 1 infrastructure priority,” Jensen said. “We will break ground on the \$125 million investment by the end of the year,” he said.

Noblesville recently opened two improvements on the east side of the city: widening Olivo Road from 141st Street to 146th Street, adding a new roundabout at 146th Street and Olivo Road, and a new roundabout at 156th Street and Boden Road.

Jensen highlighted the

partnership with INDOT to construct the State Road 32/38 roundabout that will enhance access to River-view Hospital and east-west traffic flow and safety. The southern portion of the roundabout has been completed, and work on the northern portion is expected to be substantially complete in less than two months. Construction of the roundabout with SR 32 and River Road will occur in 2023.

Other highlights of Jensen’s State of the City speech include:

- Since joining the Noblesville Police Department in late February, Therapy K9 Luna has been deployed 109 times for numerous different incidents. As a result of Luna’s impact within the Noblesville community, several other police agencies from Indiana and other states are actively seeking out police therapy dogs. The Noblesville Fire Department also is getting a therapy K9, Carbon, to assist the department and NobleACT calls.
- NobleAct – Since its inception, NobleACT has served more than 600 individual community members as well as local groups and organizations. NobleACT’s mission and impact are being noted from other local agencies as well as nationwide and Noblesville has fielded numerous calls to provide guidance for similar based programs.
- A partnership between

the City of Noblesville, Noblesville Schools and local community-based sports programs was announced this year with the Noblesville Youth Sports Alliance. The alliance will determine priority areas of focus including development of a “one-stop shop” website that provides overall information about youth sports offerings in Noblesville and registration links for all member organizations.

- Nexus – Cityscape Residential is nearing completion of its redevelopment of the former Marsh Supermarket site along River Road. The project includes 287 residential units, 36,000 square feet of commercial space, coworking areas, saltwater pool, a pet spa, outdoor spaces and downtown connectivity with trail access.

• Bridge of Flowers – The enhancement of the pedestrian overlook area of the Logan Street Bridge, in partnership with the Gordon family and Hamilton County, includes permanent plants, seasonal flowers and shaded seating structures.

• East Bank – This \$47.9 million project will replace the Hamilton County Employee Parking Lot and will revitalize underutilized space along the White River and enhance the vibrancy of the river and the Riverwalk Trail. JC Hart and Republic Development are building 219 residential units with 5,000 square feet of retail space.



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‘The Pride of Westfield’ headed to Louisville for regional competition



Photos provided by Westfield Washington Schools

The Pride of Westfield was awarded third place in Open Class A at the Avon Invitational marching band competition this past weekend. When competing amongst recent World and Open Class state and nationally ranked bands, this is a huge accomplishment. This weekend, The Pride is headed to Louisville, Ky., for their first appearance at a Bands of America Regional Championship. Good luck!

Work to begin on Pleasant Street bridge in two months

Work should begin in about two months on the long-awaited Pleasant Street bridge over the White River. The new span is the vital link in the new Pleasant Street east-west corridor in Noblesville.



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new bridge costing \$15.5 million. Hamilton County will pay for the bridge over the White River as its portion of the joint county-city project, Noblesville will pay for the roadway and trail.

Beatty Construction Company won the bid to build Phase I of the three-phased project. Phase I totals \$38.5 million, with the

The county is responsible for all major bridges and has the money with its Major Bridge Fund, according to highway director Brad

Davis. County commissioners gave their approval in a meeting Monday.

Noblesville City Engineer Alison Krupski said work should begin in about two months, and by the end of November 2024 traffic will be able to use the new bridge.

In other action, commissioners were told another bridge project will be ready for a January 2023 bid letting. The Bell Ford Bridge is a very different type of project in that it involves

re-assembling of a historic covered bridge.

The 143-year-old wooden structure originally spanned White River in Jackson County. It was taken apart, brought to Hamilton County, and will be reconstructed over Fall Creek just west of Florida Road as part of a park department trail for pedestrians and bikers.

Commissioners also gave approval for clearing several houses previously purchased by the county

at the intersection of 146th Street and Allisonville Road. The removal of the structures will allow for construction of a major intersection improvement set to start next year, according to commissioners.

The new interchange will allow 146th Street traffic to pass over Allisonville with a roundabout beneath for access to each roadway. The cost of the improvements will depend on bids to be received in the next few months. Clearing of

the needed right-of-way will be underway this fall and winter.

Finally, commissioners Monday received bids for creating two new magistrate courts at the county judicial center. They will be built where the county computer department (ISS) is now located. The ISS will be moved to the basement.

Bids were referred to Building and Grounds Director Steve Wood for review and recommendation at an October meeting.



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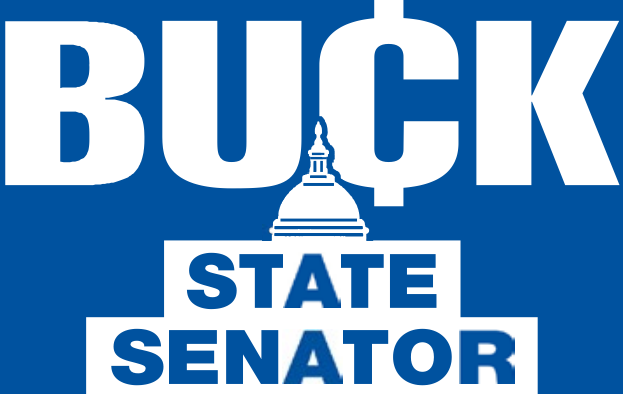
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Oktoberfest returns to Carmel City Center with Indy Polkamotion

The REPORTER

Celebrate the arrival of autumn from 6 to 10 p.m. this Friday, Sept. 30 as the City of Carmel and Carmel City Center present Oktoberfest.

Enjoy the dance-worthy polka tunes of Indy Polkamotion and bring your appetite to partake in delicious German-themed dishes from local restaurants and plenty of adult beverage choices.

This annual celebration of German culture is free and open to all ages. Indy Polkamotion plays a variety of music and will perform on the upper plaza of Carmel City Center beginning at 7 p.m., along Veteran's Way.

Participating restaurants and retailers include:

- 317 Charcuterie
- Carmel City Center
- Carmel Christkindl-market
- Endeavor Boutique



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Dance to the tunes of Indy Polkamotion on Friday at Carmel City Center.

- Forever Gallery
 - Hotel Carmichael
 - Imperial Spa
 - Incycle
 - Le Peep
 - Manel  Cafe
 - Matt the Miller's/Tucci's
 - ScoreBox21
 - The Cake Bake Shop
- Carmel City Center is located at the southwest corner of City Center Drive and Range Line Road. The event will take place on the Plaza level along Veterans Way and Hanover Court. Parking is available along the street and in the Veterans Way Garage.

Crew Carwash commits to fundraising event for future YMCA in Westfield

The REPORTER

Crew Carwash, an Indiana-based family business, is partnering with YMCA of Greater Indianapolis to raise funds for the future Ascension St. Vincent YMCA in Westfield.

For the month of October, patrons at the Crew Carwash located on State Road 32 in Westfield are asked to consider an onsite donation to the Y. One hundred percent of the collected proceeds will go directly to the fundraising campaign to build the new Y Center.

"Thank you to the entire Crew Carwash team for their support in helping us bring our Y to Westfield," West-

field YMCA Campaign Chair Mitch Frazier said. "We are honored to work with such an incredible Indiana-based family business that shares the Y's commitment to well-being and our community."

Special appearances will be made at the SR 32 Crew Carwash in Westfield on the dates and times below by the following list of local personalities:

- Saturday, Oct. 1, 10 a.m. to noon: Scott Willis,



Willis



Kaiser



Clifford



Rush

Westfield City Council member and mayoral candidate

- Friday, Oct. 7, 3 to 5 p.m.: Westfield Washington Schools Superintendent Dr. Paul Kaiser
- Saturday, Oct. 22, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Hamilton County Sheriff's Deputy Bill Clifford
- Wednesday, Oct. 26, 4

to 6 p.m.: Westfield Police Chief Joel Rush

Those interested in contributing to the project should call Shannon Russell at (317) 713-8546.

For up-to-date information about the event, including changes due to weather, please visit crewcawash.com/westfield-ymca.

Community News

Curious about the Quaker faith?

If you've ever been curious about Quakers, you are wholeheartedly invited to take part in a time of looking back and looking forward at 10:30 a.m. this coming Sunday, Oct. 2 at Noblesville Friends Church, 1055 E. Division St.

Come hear ideas that are important to Friends – such as peace, compassion, respect, simplicity, and integrity – and explore how the Quaker faith plays a role in all Friends do. Come find out why Quakers believe there is "that of God in everyone" and why they try to "walk cheerfully over the world" as witnesses to and friends of the Light of Christ.

Don't miss Cicero Public Safety Day

Come meet the Cicero Fire and Police departments personnel from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8 at the Cicero Fire Department, 1359 Stringtown Pike, Cicero.

Activities will include Touch a Truck, the Smoke House Experience, a fire station tour, the spray house, car seat information, and a look at a 1952 Studebaker.

Salesforce co-CEO will support employees worried about abortion access

WISH-TV | wishtv.com

One of central Indiana's largest and most influential employers says it will relocate employees who are worried about abortion access.

Salesforce employs more than 2,300 people in Indianapolis.

The tech company's leaders said in May they would relocate employees if they were worried about access to abortion.

On Friday, the chairman and a co-chief executive

officer of Salesforce, Marc Benioff, told CNN the company is debating pulling resources from states that don't support equality and dignity, and that his role is to back his employees.

"We are dealing with a whole series of crazy presidents, crazy governors and crazy mayors all over the world in every country, every city and every state," Benioff said. "The No. 1 thing I can do is let my employees know I'm here for them."

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Update: one hurt in crash near Sheridan involving Frankton-Lapel school bus, pickup hauling trash cans

By GREGG MONTGOMERY
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

The driver of a pickup pulling a trailer loaded with trash bins was flown to an Indianapolis hospital after colliding with a school bus on Tuesday morning, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office says.

The Ford F-350 truck's driver, who was not identified in a news release from the sheriff's office, was taken to Ascension St. Vincent Hospital Indianapolis with injuries to his legs.

The school bus driver, who also was not identified, was taken to Riverview Hospital in Noblesville for a blood draw, which was consensual. No one else was aboard the bus.



The crash was reported shortly before 9:50 a.m. Tuesday at the intersection of State Road 38 and Horton Road. That's about three miles southeast of the town of Sheridan.

The F-350 pickup, which

was hauling Republic Waste Services bins on a trailer, was going west on SR 38 and ran into the Frankton-Lapel Community Schools school bus waiting to turn left and go south on Horton Road, investigators believe.

Help Family Promise meet \$60K fundraising goal at Topgolf tourney

Submitted

Family Promise of Hamilton County (FPOHC) will soon hold its fourth annual Topgolf Tournament Fund-raiser to benefit families in Hamilton County experiencing housing insecurity and/or homelessness. The event is scheduled for 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 30.

"We are excited to hold this event for the fourth year in a row and we invite everyone to come and join in the fun!" FPOHC Executive Director Nancy Ramsey said. "The money raised will help us continue to deliver programming and provide shelter to families who are struggling with rising housing costs and the number of evictions. Our goal is to

raise \$60,000 this year."

There are still opportunities for organizations and individuals to be a sponsor of the Topgolf tournament. Sponsorships range from \$150 to the Title Sponsorship at \$10,000.

Additional information, including sign-up and sponsorship information, can be found at familypromisehamiltoncountyin.org/events.

Family Promise of Hamilton County's mission is to empower families in making their transition from housing insecurity to sustainable independence by providing shelter, housing, eviction prevention, and stability services through a community-based response. Because every child deserves a home.

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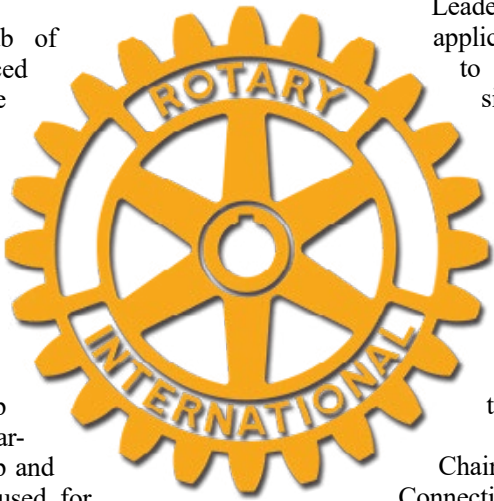


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Rotary Club of Carmel announces Leadership Connection scholarships

The REPORTER
The Rotary Club of Carmel has announced the creation of the Leadership Connection scholarships which will be awarded to five attendees of Leadership Connection taking place on Friday, Oct. 7 and 21.
The Leadership Connection scholarships include a laptop and \$1,000 that can be used for tuition at a college, university, community college, or trade school.

Selection of the five scholarship recipients will be made by a review committee at Professional Management Enterprises, a nationally recognized staffing company based in Indianapolis led by Danny Portee. Scholarships will be awarded with equal emphasis on merit and need. Application deadline for the scholarships is March 15, 2023. Scholarship recipients will be honored at a Rotary luncheon in the spring of 2023.
The Rotary Club of Carmel, via funds generated from Leadership Connection, will also offer scholarships to five 2023 attendees of Leadership Connection.



Leadership Connection applicants will be asked to show why they desire to continue their education; to state the school or trade school where they have been accepted; and to provide a brief description of what a \$1,000 scholarship and laptop would mean to them.

Dr. Rick Markoff, Chairman of Leadership Connection, gave special thanks to both Mr. Portee and Thaddeus Rex, Founder and CEO of iTeam, a local think tank, for making the Leadership Connection scholarships possible.


“This program will play a major role in enhancing Leadership Connection by enabling business, community, and non-profit executives to have an impact on the next generation of leaders within our community and region,” Dr. Markoff said.
Students attending Leadership Connection come from both Carmel and Indianapolis and are in their senior years. They represent Christel House Watanabe Manual High School, Pro/Act Indy, Elevate Indianapolis, Carmel High School, and the Carmel Mayor’s Student Advisory Council.

Thanks for reading

Letter to the Editor Fishers reader has questions about HEPL board appointment

Dear Editor:
I am writing as a concerned resident of Hamilton County.
I’m concerned because I have a lot of questions about why the Hamilton County Council would backdoor an appointment to the Hamilton East Public Library Board at [their meeting on Sept. 7](#).
• Why was the appointment not on the agenda prior to the meeting making it impossible for members of the community to make public comment or weigh in on potential applicants? Isn’t that against the meeting rules?
• Why was the list of applicants not sent to the members of the council until the day of the meeting?
• Why was there no discussion about any of the applicants or their qualifications before a member of the council nominated an applicant?
• Why was there no discussion around the nominated applicant’s qualifications before the vote? (The only discussion was that the nominated applicant had shown interest in the past.)
I sent these questions to every member of the Hamilton County Council on Sept. 14 and have only received a response from one member, Sue Maki. She abstained from the vote “because she thought that the process did not give adequate time for consideration of the individuals who applied for the position.”
It appears that at least one member of the council agrees that there wasn’t proper consideration of all applicants. She also acknowledged that voting on an appointment that was not on the published agenda may need to be addressed. In her response she says, “the Council as a body will collectively address the shortcomings of the process we experienced at the September 7th meeting.”
The entire process lacked transparency and leads me to conclude that the all-GOP council knew who they wanted all along and their reason for appointing Micah Beckwith had nothing to do with him being qualified and everything to do with the Indiana GOP’s political agenda.
He is a local pastor who is very outspoken about his religious ideology and his support of groups like Moms for Liberty who attack public education, educators and want to ban books. That’s not someone I want on my library board, and I know I’m not alone.
I’m sure some will say that this is “politics as usual” and the council can appoint whoever they want. Maybe that’s true, but I don’t want to be represented by people who use their position to fight culture wars and ban books, either on the country council or in the Indiana legislature.
Lisa Fero
Fishers

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The REPORTER
Scott Bradlee's
Postmodern Jukebox:
Life in the Past Lane
Thursday, Oct. 13
at 7:30 p.m.
The Palladium

The musical collective known for putting “pop music in a time machine” returns with a new show featuring modern hits performed in the classic styles of bygone eras. Founded in 2011 by arranger-pianist Scott Bradlee, Postmodern Jukebox has grown from a viral phenomenon into a worldwide juggernaut over the past decade, with a current tally of over 5.6 million YouTube subscribers. As always, the touring production features an ensemble of multitalented singers and musicians who bring Bradlee’s generation-spanning arrangements to life night after night.

[Click here](#) for tickets.

My Name is NOT Mom
Friday, Oct. 14 at 8 p.m.
The Palladium

My Name is NOT Mom is a hilarious journey through motherhood with internet sensations Tiffany Jenkins, Meredith Masony and Dena Blizzard. After helping millions of fans get through the pandemic, this comic trio share their take on mothering through the sleepless nights of the toddler years, middle school craziness and trying not to physically attack a high schooler. This special live event features stand-up, stories and videos from their online community and audience interaction to create an up close and personal experience that’s funnier than a pap smear.

Contains adult language.

[Click here](#) for tickets.

Johnny Mathis: The Voice of Romance Tour
Saturday, Oct. 15 at 8 p.m.
The Palladium

Celebrating his 66th year as a recording artist, legendary singer Johnny Mathis is still “The Voice of Ro-



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Legendary singer Johnny Mathis will grace the Palladium with his artistic mastery on Oct. 15.

mance” and one of the most enduring vocalists in music history. He has performed songs in an incredible variety of styles and categories – from music composed for stage and film to jazz standards, contemporary pop hits and holiday music – including enormous hits like “Chances Are,” “It’s Not for Me to Say” and “Misty.” His honors have included five Grammy nominations as well as the Lifetime Achievement Award and three songs in the Grammy Hall of Fame.

[Click here](#) for tickets.

The Queen's Cartoonists
Sunday, Oct. 16 at 5 p.m.
The Palladium

The Queen’s Cartoonists play music from classic cartoons and contemporary animation, with performances synchronized to video projections of the films to create a concert of classical music and jazz that connects with audiences of all ages. Since its inception in 2015, the sextet has gone from playing in the New York subway system to selling out the Blue Note Jazz Club and opening for the New York Philharmonic. Expect the unexpected from repertoire that includes the Golden Age of animation, cult cartoon classics, modern video pieces, comedy and elements of a musical circus.

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Are HSE students prepared for life after high school?

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education is responsible for developing goals that “provide every Hoosier student the opportunity to obtain a quality degree or credential.”

Indiana’s Big Goal is “for 60 percent of working age Hoosiers to have a quality degree or credential by 2025.”

In order to see if Indiana is meeting this goal, the Commission for Higher Education maintains statistics on “post secondary education outcomes.” You can research this data at in.gov/chc/college-readiness-reports.

This data is very valuable due to the fact that it has been recorded starting with the high school graduating class, or cohort, of 2008. So, there is a history of data to search for trends. Also, you can easily navigate and view the scorecards for individual school districts in order to see how your particular school district is performing. You can view the Hamilton Southeastern Schools College Readiness Scorecard for 2022 (the orange box at right).

In an online school board candidate forum, Julie Chambers, a candidate running for re-election, made the following comments:

“Overall, I believe HSE does an excellent job of preparing our students for life after high school ...



KELLIE KELLY

Just under 75% of our students enrolled in a four-year college or university, and 95.8% of those students did NOT need remediation courses and 62.3% completed 4 years of public college on time.”

Let’s look at the statistics from the Commission of Higher Education to fact check this data.

First, let’s discuss the 95.8 percent of students not needing remediation. The Commission of Higher Education looks at three benchmarks to determine early college success: the percentage of students not needing remediation, the percentage of students completing all coursework attempted, and the percentage of students persisting to the second year. They combine these three benchmarks to determine an early college success score. HSE’s early college success score is only 59.3 percent. A table showing early college success scores for neighboring school districts is helpful for comparison to determine if HSE is doing well with this metric. See the table at top right.

It is inaccurate for Ms. Chambers to cite only one part of a three-part benchmark in order to make an argument that HSE schools are doing an excellent job. Looking at all three components of the early college success benchmark paints a different picture. Only

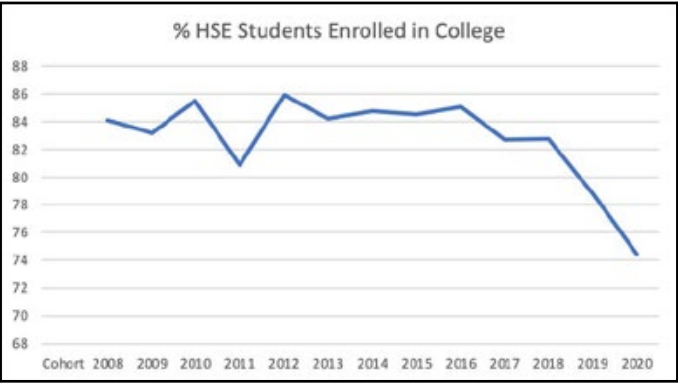
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Julie Chambers

Overall, I believe HSE does an excellent job of preparing our students for life after high school. We offer a number of hands-on training opportunities, including trade programs, internships, and experiential learning. Just under 75% of our students enrolled in a four-year college or university, and 95.8% of those students did NOT need remediation courses and 62.3% completed 4 years of public college on time (just behind Carmel with 63.2%).



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choosing data to support your argument while ignoring other data is called cherry-picking. Cherry-picking data leads to incorrect analysis and poor decision-making.

Next, let’s look at the percentage of students enrolled in college. Ms. Chambers is correct that just under 75 percent, or 74.4 percent to be exact, of HSE students from the 2020 graduating class are enrolled in college. However, without relating that number to other school district percentages or with other graduating class percentages, there is no way to determine if that is a good or bad statistic.

Let’s look at the historical data for Hamilton Southeastern Schools. A line graph (see above) for the percentages of HSE students enrolled in college from the graduating classes of 2008 to 2020 shows a rapid decline. HSE’s greatest percentage of students enrolled in college was 85.9 percent with the graduating class of 2012; 74.4 percent is NOT a percentage which should encourage parents to believe that HSE Schools under the current School Board and Administration are doing a good job to prepare students for life after high school. This is just one more declin-

2022 College Readiness Scorecard Data	
School Corporation	% students met early college success benchmarks
Hamilton Southeastern	59.3%
Carmel Clay	66.1%
Brownsburg	55.9%
West Lafayette CSC	72.1%
Heritage Christian	65.0%
Zionsville	71.9%

2022 COLLEGE READINESS SCORECARD

Hamilton Southeastern Schools

First-year college results for students who graduated from high school during the previous academic year 2020 :

74.4%

of students enrolled in college

2020 Cohort

59.3%

of students enrolled in public college and met all early college success benchmarks (outlined below)

2020 Cohort

95.8%

of students did not need remediation

2020 Cohort

63.5%

of students completed all coursework attempted

2020 Cohort

85.5%

of students persisted to the second year

2020 Cohort

9.9%

of students enrolled in a two-year public college completed on time

2019 Cohort

62.3%

of students enrolled in a four-year public college completed on time

2017 Cohort

ing statistic along with declining standardized test scores, declining math scores, declining IREAD-3 scores for two of our elementary schools, and now declining percentages of students enrolled in college. We need new school

board members to refocus our schools on academics, not activism. Vote for candidates who want to put academic excellence back in our schools. With your help we can turn things around in order to see these graphs go up, not down.

U.S. Senate passes Young’s bill to incentivize more efficient airport construction

The REPORTER

The U.S. Senate on Tuesday night unanimously passed the Expedited Delivery of Airport Infrastructure Act, bipartisan legislation

introduced by U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.), Kyrsten Sinema (D-Ariz.), and Ted Cruz (R-Texas) to incentivize more efficient completion of airport con-

struction projects – saving taxpayer dollars and ensuring the safe and swift completion of economy boosting infrastructure projects. The legislation previously

passed the House and now heads to the President’s desk to be signed into law.

The Federal Aviation Administration’s Airport Improvement Program

(AIP) provides funding to help strengthen our nation’s aviation infrastructure, but current law does not allow airports to use AIP funds to incentivize early completion of projects. This bill would expand the eligible uses of AIP funds to help expedite certain federally financed airport development projects.

“I am pleased the Senate has passed this bipartisan bill that will help Indiana’s airports continue to make important infrastructure investments,” Sen. Young said. “Our state is the Crossroads of America, and Hoosier airports are frequently working to improve their infrastructure and aviation safety with projects on their taxiways and runways. The bill will help Indiana’s air-



Young

ports complete those critical aviation infrastructure projects in the most efficient way possible.”

AIP provides grants to public agencies and other entities for the planning, development, and execution of infrastructure projects at public-use airports, such as runways and taxiways. The Expedited Delivery of Airport Infrastructure Act would allow airports to use up to \$1 million of AIP funding to incentivize the early completion of projects.

The [House bill](#), sponsored by Representatives Sam Graves (R-Mo.) and Garrett Graves (R-La.), passed on June 15, 2021. Senators Young, Sinema, and Cruz introduced the [Senate companion bill](#).

Hamilton Southeastern Education Association presents

HSE School Board Candidate Town Hall

Tuesday, October 4th 7:00pm Huston Theater @ Launch Fishers

Candidates will introduce themselves and respond to live questions from the audience, stakeholders, and community members

The offering of this event does not indicate an endorsement for any candidate. All candidates who filed for election by the deadline were extended an invitation to attend and participate in the event. This event is sponsored and facilitated by the Hamilton Southeastern Education Association. This event is NOT sponsored by Hamilton Southeastern Schools.

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U.S. Army Field Band tickets available Friday

Concert Band & Soldiers' Chorus offer free concert Nov. 10 at the Palladium

The REPORTER

The U.S. Army Field Band is returning Nov. 10 to the Palladium at the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel for a free concert celebrating heroes who have served our nation.

The 7:30 p.m. performance, titled Heroes, will be a celebration of people who have gone above and beyond for their communities, a musical journey sharing "stories of strength, determination, and courage through the generations of those that answered our nation's call."

Free tickets will be available starting at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 30, by phone at (317) 843-3800 or in person at the Palladium's Fifth Third Bank Box Office, 1 Carter Green, Carmel. Due to anticipated high demand, tickets are limited to four per household and are not

available online.

The U.S. Army Field Band is acclaimed as one of the most versatile and inspiring musical organizations in the world. Known as "The Musical Ambassadors of the Army," the members are selected by highly competitive audition and represent some of the nation's finest musical talent. Its largest ensembles are the 60-member Concert Band, the oldest of the Field Band's four performing components, and the 29-member Soldiers' Chorus, a mixed choral ensemble. They perform more than 100 joint concerts each year, with free programs that include symphonic transcriptions, opera, Broadway musicals, original works for winds and chorus, timeless patriotic favorites, and much more.

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Get your tickets at the Fifth Third Bank Box Office in the Palladium or by calling (317) 843-3800.

Box Office at the Palladium is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and

noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. More information is available at (317) 843-3800 and

TheCenterPresents.org.

The concert is part of the Center's 2022-2023 Center

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AG Todd Rokita reminds Hoosiers to use caution to avoid scams this fall season

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita warns Hoosiers to avoid scams this fall. This is a popular time to travel, move, and undertake home improvement projects, but it's also it's a time for scammers to find new victims.

"When planning out your fall vacations and projects, remember anyone can be the target of a scam," Rokita said. "Often, when a deal seems too good to be true, it is. This applies to your fall getaways and home improvement projects. Hoosiers can protect themselves by asking the right questions and doing their research before making any big plans."

To prevent the headache of being scammed by a contractor, the Office of the Indiana Attorney General and the Indiana Builders Association offer the following tips to avoid falling victim to a home repair scam:

- Ask your family, friends, and co-workers for contractors they have used who have done good work.

- Before signing a contract or making a payment, contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division and the Better Business Bureau for complaint information on contractors you are considering.

- Get multiple bids from local contractors. Avoid contractors who spontaneously show up at your door offering a "bargain"

price for painting, driveway sealing, roof repairs, etc.

- Never pay for the entire project before the work begins.

- Don't make the final payment to the contractor until you know all suppliers of materials and all sub-contractors have been paid.

While this time of year is full of beautiful Indiana foliage, it is also a time for vacation scams. Hoosiers can avoid common travel scams by following these simple tips:

- Be extra cautious when booking through an unfamiliar company. Check the Better Business Bureau ratings and research the name online to see if there are any allegations of scams.

- Read the fine print in the contract before you sign it. It will tell you about the conditions under which the operator can change or cancel the trip and the rules and penalties for cancellation.

- Pay by credit card. It gives you more protection than cash or checks.

- Use good judgment when sharing about your trip on social media. Consider changing your online privacy settings while on your trip.

- Lock your valuables, including personal information, in your trunk or a hotel safe.

If you believe you have been the victim of a scam, file a complaint at indiana-consumer.com with Attorney General Rokita's office.



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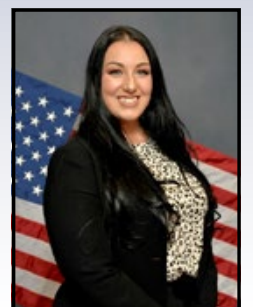
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Meeting Notices

The Hamilton County Council will meet for a work session at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2022, in Conference Room 1A at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

A regular meeting, including a public hearing on the 2023 budget, will follow at 7 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room.

Send Meeting Notices to:
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Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Council Highway Committee will meet to discuss highway projects at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2022, at the Hamilton County Highway Department, 1700 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Westfield Washington Public Library Board and the Westfield Library Foundation Board will hold a joint meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2022, at the Bridgewater Club, 3535 E. 161st St., Carmel.

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TODAY’S BIBLE READING

To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ’s sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

1 Peter 5:1-4 (NIV)

James Lee Bays

November 23, 1943 – September 28, 2022



James Lee Bays, 78, Bloomington, passed away on Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at IU Health Bloomington Hospital. He was born on November 23, 1943, to Colly and Lillian (Stafford) Bays in Noblesville.

Jim was a 1963 graduate of Noblesville High School and proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War as an artillery engineer. He worked as a millwright, retiring from International Harvester and National Starch & Chemical. He enjoyed welding and working in shops. Most of all, Jim loved his family.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Louise Bays; son, James C. (Jill) Bays; daughter, Olivia L. Bays; sister, Marjorie (Clayton) Briggs; grandchildren, Orin C. Bays, Amos H. Bays, Gwyneth Harp and Logan Harp; several nieces and nephews; and his cat, Polly.

In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by his siblings, JC Bays, Judith B. Branham, Virginia L. Bays, and Joe Tom Bays; and his daughter, Andrea Don Bays.

Visitation and services will be held on Monday, October 3, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Visitation will take place from 1 to 3 p.m., Masonic Services at 3 p.m., and Funeral Services with military honors to follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675 (woundedwarriorproject.org).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Rep. Spartz urges Biden Administration to safeguard national security & supply chain

The REPORTER

Congresswoman Victoria Spartz on Wednesday sent a bipartisan, bicameral letter with Reps. Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-Pa.), Bill Pascrell (D-N.J.), and Sens. Bob Casey (D-Pa.), John Cornyn (R-Texas) and Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.), urging the Biden Administration to take immediate action to safeguard national security and supply chain resiliency on outbound investments in adversarial states.

“When we cede our manufacturing power and technological know-how to foreign adversaries, we are hurting our economy, our global competitiveness, American workers, industry and national security,” the members of Congress wrote. “Government action

on this front is long overdue to address the scope and magnitude of these serious risks we face as a country.”

This bipartisan group of lawmakers previously worked together to introduce the National Critical Capabilities Defense Act based on the recommendations of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission created by Congress in 2000, which was stripped from the CHIPS Act of 2022 by the Administration. The legislation would have established an inter-agency outbound investment review committee in order to better understand the vulnerabilities created in U.S. supply chain as private industries continue to offshore critical capabilities to China and other foreign adversaries.

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Tennis

Post-season play now underway, 'Hounds and 'Rocks matchup today

By RICHIE HALL

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CARMEL – The Carmel boys tennis team began post-season play on Wednesday, hosting Sectional 53 at the Todd Witsken Tennis Center.

The No. 2-ranked Greyhounds beat No. 26 Guerin Catholic to advance to today's final, where they will meet No. 22 Westfield. The Shamrocks defeated University 4-1 in their semi-final match.

Carmel leads the Golden Eagles 4-0, with one match to finish. That one is the No. 1 singles match, where the Greyhounds' Jonathan Yang leads Guerin Catholic's Max Fuller 5-1 in the third set. The match was suspended due to darkness. Play will resume in that match at 4:45 p.m. today, and the championship will start once that match is completed.

The 'Hounds won each of the other matches in straight sets.

"It feels good to start the tournament," said Carmel coach Dan Burnette. "You can't take any of this for granted." The first-year coach, who spent several years at North Central, credited his team with doing its job to advance to the final.

Westfield got victories at Nos. 2 and 3 singles and in both doubles matches. The Trailblazers' victory came from No. 1 singles Owen Schellhase; a win that qualifies him for the individual tournament.

"I thought our team played well," said Shamrocks coach Tony Peters. "We're excited for the opportunity to play Carmel tomorrow."

AT CARMEL

Carmel 4, Guerin Catholic 0

No. 1 singles: Jonathan Yang (C) leads Max Fuller (GC) 2-6, 6-3, 5-1, to finish

No. 2 singles: Jack Jentz (C) def. Alejandro Torres (GC) 6-0, 6-0

No. 3 singles: Rocky Li (C) def. David Caccillo (GC) 6-0, 6-2

No. 1 doubles: Michael Bao and Braedon McIntyre (C) def. Rhys Garrison and Zach Thieme (GC) 6-1, 6-3

No. 2 doubles: Charlie Hall and Drew Willman (C) def. Hayden Giesler and Sean Loub (GC) 6-0, 6-4

Westfield 4, University 1

No. 1 singles: Owen Schellhase (U) def. Mitch Amenta (W) 6-0, 6-0

No. 2 singles: Ben Jones (W) def. Kothe Birge (U) 7-5, 6-2

No. 3 singles: Matt Drozlek (W) def. Oliver Wang (U) 6-0, 6-0

No. 1 doubles: Jack Dietz and Gavin Dietz (W) def. Matthew Alcantara and Nicholas Quinto (U) 6-1, 6-2

No. 2 doubles: Jay Hostetter and Parker Paramore (W) def. Alex Ciano and Jasper Owens (U) 6-0, 6-0

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Hamilton Southeastern is hosting Sectional 45, and the No. 5-ranked Royals advanced to today's championship with a 5-0 win over Noblesville.

Southeastern won all five matches in straight sets. At No. 3 singles, Tyler Rich got past Jack Gigante 6-3, 6-4, while Elliot Cox and Logan Bill won No. 2 doubles over Caden David and Camden David 6-2, 6-3.

In other matches, Rohan Golla beat Ethan Feliciano 6-3, 6-0 at No. 1 singles, Paul Schneider defeated Jack Brenneman 6-0, 6-2 at No. 2 singles and the No. 1 doubles team of Abhi Chaddha and Nolan Houseman was a 6-1, 6-0 winner over Rory Bushong and Liam Shepard.

The Royals will face No. 11 Fishers in the championship. The Tigers beat Hamilton Heights 5-0, winning all five matches 6-0, 6-0. The championship matches begin at 4:30 p.m.



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

The No. 1 singles match between Carmel's Jonathan Yang (top left) and Guerin Catholic's Max Fuller (top right) went to three sets during Wednesday's Sectional 53 semi-finals at the Greyhounds' Todd Witsken Tennis Center. The match was suspended due to darkness and will resume today prior to the championship match between Carmel and Westfield. (Above left) Westfield No. 3 singles Matt Drozlek was a 6-0, 6-0 winner for the Shamrocks as they advanced to today's sectional championship. (Above right) University No. 1 singles Owen Schellhase won his match and qualified for the individual tournament.

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7:00 pm **Hamilton Southeastern** at **Noblesville** | Hamilton County TV Sports

7:30 pm **Sheridan** at North Central/Farmersburg | Bragg Sports Media

7:40 pm Evansville Reitz at Evansville Memorial | Indiana SRN

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Volleyball

Royals beat Heights in all-county match

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern volleyball team won an all-county match with Hamilton Heights on Wednesday, 25-7, 25-8, 25-6.

The Royals improved to 22-1 and host Noblesville tonight in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference match. The Huskies are 12-10 and play Saturday at Northwestern.

Soccer

Millers, Tigers & Royals rule the pitch

The REPORTER

The Noblesville girls soccer team clinched its fourth consecutive Hoosier Crossroads Conference championship on Wednesday, beating Franklin Central 4-0 at Hallmark Orthodontics Soccer Complex.

The Class 3A No. 1 Millers got their first goal in the fifth minute, when Sydney Elliott scored off an assist by Meredith Tippner. Noblesville then put in two goals during the ninth minute: Meskerem James scored the Millers' second goal of the game, immediately followed by Ava Bramblett putting in the third goal, off another Tippner assist. Emma Gutknecht scored Noblesville's fourth goal in the 59th minute, with Stella Scroggin making the assist.

The Millers finished 6-1 in the conference and completed their regular season 13-1. Noblesville hosts Sectional 8 this year and will play Fishers Tuesday in a first-round game.

In a Wednesday all-county game, 3A No. 7 Fishers beat 2A No. 5 Guer-in Catholic 1-0 at the Tigers' field.

Anna Pettitt scored Fishers' goal, with Emmy Street-er making the assist.

The Tigers finished regular-season play 10-4-2 and travel to the Noblesville sectional on Tuesday to play the Millers. The Golden Eagles completed their regular season 7-7-2 and host Sectional 26 next week, opening play Tuesday by taking on Bishop Chatard.

Hamilton Southeastern, ranked No. 2 in 3A, cruised past 3A No. 19 Mount Vernon 4-1 on Wednesday in the Royals' regular-season finale.

Tatum Coleman scored two goals for Southeastern, with Caroline Kelley and Riley Boyd both scoring one. Coleman, Norah Wans, Makenzie Loftin and Cole Lance each handed out one assist. Addy Ash saved a shot out of the corner, and Lance played strong in the midfield.

The Royals are 13-2 and play Muncie Central Tuesday in the first round of the Noblesville sectional.

Sheridan dropped a 2-0 home game to 1A No. 19 Tipton Wednesday.

The game was scoreless at halftime, then the Blue Devils put in two quick goals, scoring the first one with 20 minutes left and the second goal a few minutes later.

The Blackhawks host Taylor at 7 p.m. tonight to finish the regular season.

Hamilton Heights dropped a 3-1 game Wednesday at Pendleton Heights to finish the regular season.

The 2A No. 20 Huskies scored first, with Cassidy Felger getting the goal off an assist by Ella Hickok. But the Arabians took over in the second half, when they scored all three of their goals. Heights is 11-5-1 and travels to Sectional 24 at Yorktown on Tuesday to play New Castle in the first round.

Westfield fell to Avon 4-1 Wednesday in its Hoosier Crossroads Conference and regular-season finale.

The 3A No. 14 Sham-rocks finished conference play 2-4-1 and are 6-6-4 overall. Westfield hosts Sectional 10 next week and plays Zionsville in a Tuesday first-round game.

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Cleveland 2, Tampa Bay 1, 10 innings		Arizona 5, Houston 2, 10 innings	
Detroit 2, Kansas City 1		L.A. Angels 4, Oakland 1	
Washington 3, Atlanta 2, 10 innings		Seattle 3, Texas 1	
N.Y. Yankees 8, Toronto 3		San Francisco 6, Colorado 3	
Boston 3, Baltimore 1		Late game	
N.Y. Mets 5, Miami 4, 10 innings		L.A. Dodgers at San Diego	
Chicago Cubs 4, Philadelphia 2			

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x-N.Y. Yankees	96	59	0.619	-	x-N.Y. Mets	98	58	0.628	-
Toronto	87	69	0.558	9.5	x-Atlanta	97	59	0.622	1.0
Tampa Bay	85	70	0.548	11.0	Philadelphia	83	71	0.539	14.0
Baltimore	80	75	0.516	16.0	Miami	64	91	0.413	33.5
Boston	74	81	0.477	22.0	Washington	54	101	0.348	43.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB	Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
y-Cleveland	87	68	0.561	-	y-St. Louis	90	66	0.577	-
Chicago White Sox	76	79	0.490	11.0	Milwaukee	83	72	0.535	6.5
Minnesota	76	79	0.490	11.0	Chicago Cubs	69	86	0.445	20.5
Kansas City	63	92	0.406	24.0	Cincinnati	60	96	0.385	30.0
Detroit	62	92	0.403	24.5	Pittsburgh	59	97	0.378	31.0
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