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SQUIRRELS

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My phone rings. I glance down and see that it is the hospital calling me. I just had my mammogram, perhaps there is an issue. I feel a tinge of panic. I swipe to answer the call. The hospital is asking me to take a survey. Have I mentioned I am not a fan of surveys? I hang up.

Where was I? Oh, yes.

God, you are my provider. You give strength to my weary heart. It has become weary with concerns that have made me fret and now I am deep into worry. I'm sorry I tend to worry when your word says, "Do not be anxious about anything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your

requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7 NIV

Sometimes I need to look up words and their meaning, so I check the definition of anxiety in the dictionary app on my phone. I realize I have what the dictionary calls extreme uneasiness of mind. I think that uneasiness has found its way to my heart. This causes emotional baggage that I carry around as I fight off the worry. Worry is a Goliath in my life. I think I inherited it from my mother. She had so much faith, but still, she tended to worry.

Okay, God, I'm back to talk to you. Thank you for loving me in spite of my tendency to worry and chase squirrels.

My prayers aren't always moments of deep concentration and spiritual dialogue but more like verbal wanderings with squirrel sightings where I tend to allow my distracted thoughts to interrupt my conversations with God.

When I am floundering in fret or knee-deep in worry, I just bring the words to God, scattered though they may be, and He calms my mind as well as my heart as I am reminded that in every situation, He will guard my



Photo provided by Janet Hart Leonard

heart and mind against the Goliaths of which I find myself facing.


And ... I believe He loves our conversations in spite of my tendency to chase squirrels.

Thank you, God, for unscrambling my thoughts as they venture down the birdfeeder while chasing squirrels. Thank you for the answers you will provide even when I don't know how to pray for them. Help

me to accept your answers even when they aren't what I prayed for. Amen.

I may never pray perfect prayers, but I am thankful for a God who hears my rambling words and calms my heart's anxiousness ... in spite of the squirrels.

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Advocating for Victims of Crime & Abuse


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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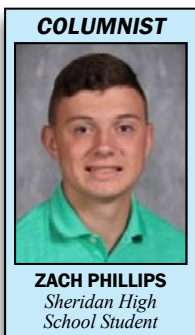
Living in the city vs. living in the country

The Sheridan Student Column is brought to readers by Sheridan High School's 10th grade English class, taught by Abby Williams.

What is better: living in the city or living in the country? I have lived in both. One is not better than the other, but they both have their pros and cons. These things need to be assessed before a move. This way you know what you get and what you don't get. I have experienced some of these things first hand.

First is living in the city. This is great for people who are rather social. You can easily get together with your friends for activities, since you are so close to where these activities would take place. There is also a lot of diversity. Many people of different origins settle in big cities. There is also a variety of different religious groups.

The city also favors those who enjoy the sound of the city rush. There is a lot of noise in cities, and this is a large factor. Some



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people enjoy it for background noise, while others despise it.

Living in the city can be dangerous. When you live in the city, you acknowledge the fact that people may harm you.

If you are in a bad part of the city, your house or car could be broken into. You could get mugged in the street. There may be gangs to deal with, and you could get caught in the crossfire. You could be killed by a stray bullet from a gang territory dispute. However, there are also parts of a city where these things rarely happen. None of this is a given.

The city can be better for people who are trying to save money. You could take public transportation to most places. Since everything is closer and more compact, you could walk or bike. You can find cheap, good food options. It is easy to find a roommate to share the price of rent.

If none of the above sounds appealing, try the country. This is more for people who enjoy peace and

quiet. The only things you have to worry about disturbing your peace and quiet are gunshots, animals, trucks, and farm equipment. People regularly shoot on their own property at targets for fun or practice. Animals will also get into your trash and house more often in the country. There are lots of different birds and spiders. You could have snakes and bats around.

It takes longer to get places, because restaurants and stores are further away from you. Want to go to the store? It can take 20 minutes just to get there and another 20 minutes to get back home. When you need to run errands, you need to prepare for them to take all day long. This can be a real burden and hassle.

Living in the country can cost more, but not always. Rent and home prices in the city tend to be higher. You are less likely to find a place to rent, which means you must buy a place. You are also less likely to find a roommate to share the cost. You will have to have a lawn mower so you can mow your property. Getting one and maintaining it can be costly.

Your vehicles will get dirty faster from all of the dirt, so you either have to deal with the dirty car, or clean it. Whether you take it to a car wash or wash it yourself, you will have to pay.

Living in the country can be safer. While bad things happen everywhere, they are less common in the country. There are no gangs. There are fewer people willing to drive to the middle of nowhere just to rob a house. You are less likely to get mugged, since you are more than likely not walking on the country roads. While you could be hit by a stray bullet from someone shooting at a target, this is highly unlikely given the fact that most people know you legally must have a backstop in order to shoot on your own property.

In conclusion, you must evaluate what you want. If you want to save money, move to the city, but risk harm. If you want less danger, move to the country and deal with the extra time to get to places. It is up to you which one is better, but choose wisely, as you may be stuck with your choice for years to come.

New at Sheridan Public Library

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Here are some of the new items that can be found at the Sheridan Public Library.

Fiction

1. Boys From Biloxi – John Grisham
2. Christmas Spirit – Debbie Macomber
3. Daisy Darker – Alice Feeney
4. Endless Summer – Elin Hilderbrand
5. Falling Stars – Fern Michaels
6. Girl, Forgotten – Karin Slaughter
7. High Notes – Danielle Steel
8. Home Sweet Christmas – Susan Mallery
9. Livid – Patricia Cornwell
10. Mad Honey – Jodi Picoult
11. Maze – Nelson DeMille
12. Next In Line – Jeffrey Archer
13. Our Missing Hearts – Celeste Ng
14. Righteous Prey – John Sandford
15. Voice of Fear – Heather Graham

Non-Fiction

1. Baseball Memoires & Dreams – Ozzie Smith
2. Boldly Go – William Shatner
3. Live Wire Long Winded – Kelly Ripa
4. Power of Thank You – Joyce Meyer
5. What's Gaby Cooking – Gaby Dalkin

Children's

1. Backyard Bugs – Jill McDonald
2. Maisys Digger – Lucy Cousins
3. Meet Your Neighbors on Sesame Street – Lillian Jaine
4. Merry Christmas Little Pookie – Sandra Boynton
5. One Last Shot – John David Anderson
6. Search for Treasure – Mary Alice Monroe
7. Very Hungry Caterpillars Very 1st Encyclopedia

Inspirational

Fiction

1. Baxters – Karen Kingsbury
2. Christmas Hummingbird – Davis Bunn
3. Edge of Dusk – Colleen Coble

Young Adult

1. Miss Peregrines Museum of Wonders – Ransom Riggs

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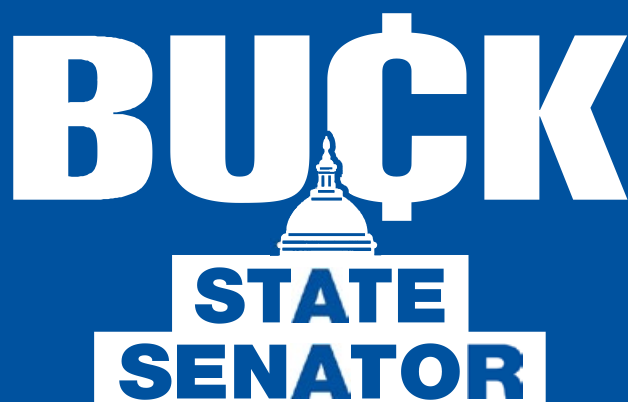
Jim Buck is helping families deal with Biden's inflation by cutting the income tax, capping the gas tax, repealing multiple utility taxes, and returning budget surplus dollars to taxpayers.

Focused On Keeping Us Safe

Jim Buck is endorsed by the Indiana State Police Alliance, the Fraternal Order of Police and the Professional Firefighters due to his vigorous efforts to fight crime and opioid addiction while fully supporting our public safety officers.

Focused On Improving Education

Jim Buck voted for record funding increases for Indiana schools which has allowed local schools direct more dollars to the classroom and give teachers raises. He trusts parents to make the decisions for their children's education and voted to guarantee them a voice at school board meetings.



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Contact me at
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"I humbly ask for your vote on or before November 8." – Sen. Jim Buck

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Fishers invites you to come pumpkin chuckin’!

The REPORTER

Join the Fishers Volunteer Team and help at the Fishers Fire Foundation Pumpkin Chuck at the Agri-Park on Saturday, Nov. 5. Volunteers will help set up, check-in participants, assist with pumpkin chucking, and tear down.

Shifts include 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and 2 to 5 p.m.

Don't know what to do with that old Halloween pumpkin? Take it to the AgriPark and chuck it into

the field during this fund-raising event for the Fishers Fire Foundation!

Residents are invited to bring their week-old Halloween pumpkins and chuck them using a catapult/trebuchet. Registration and a donation are required to participate. Donations will be made to the Fishers Fire Foundation the day of the event, and a minimum of \$10 per family is requested.

[Click here](#) to volunteer at the event.



Only the rich can afford Medicare Supplements

This, of course, is not true. But it is also kind of very true.

When you first enroll into Medicare Part B (for most people that is at age 65), you have many choices to supplement government health care. For 45 years, those choices were almost always some type of Medicare Supplement (also known as Medigap) plans A through J. Most people prior to 2020 choose a Plan F.

Today, people in their late 70s are often paying around \$350 per month, or more, for their Medicare Supplement plan that cost about \$100 a month when they were 65. Add on to that the cost of Medicare Part B (which you must have in order to purchase a supplement) which is about \$170 per month for most people. You'll also have to choose a prescription drug plan, which can be \$20 to \$30 per month. Lastly, and this is where the money adds up quickly – you pay a copay per medication you take. If you are on several name brand drugs, your copays could be between \$60 and \$90 per drug, per month.

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never uses his insurance all years, his fixed cost is his monthly premium times 12. If he goes to the doctor once, that visit also costs him \$5,400. Private Medicare has a maximum annual out-of-pocket. That is your protection. You may have access to a plan with a low total risk, say \$5,000. On this type of HMO, once you pay \$5,000 out-of-pocket in total copays, you won't pay anything for the rest of the calendar year.

As your Medicare Supplement plan increases in price, it makes a Medicare Advantage plan more of a comparable financial risk. There are other factors that vary between these two types of plans (network restrictions, extra benefits) but for a purely financial comparison, older people with a hefty, fixed monthly cost for their Plan F or G might be able to save money on a PPO or HMO plan.

At age 65, you can get any Medicare Supplement plan from any insurance company. They cannot ask you about your health or charge you more for your medical conditions. Companies artificially lower their rates at 65 to get you to choose them in a tight price war. In other words, Medigap plans are on sale when you first purchase them. Keep in mind that the rates going up are not based on your health. It's based on the health of everyone who bought your plan. Rates will go up due to medical inflation and regular inflation. Each insurance company goes up at a different rate, and therein lies the magic of a good insurance advisor. An experienced advisor can relay the past performance of the options you are considering and give you an educated opinion about the speed at which your plan will increase in price.

While many people start out with a Medicare Supplement plan, due to the perennial rate increases, most people eventually switch to Medicare Advantage. The rich afford these plans and weather the rate increases. Those who are not rich but sick are often willing to sacrifice to keep an expensive Medicare Supplement. The rest of the people in the middle, generally tend to tire of the rate increases and migrate to private Medicare plans.

Sylvia Gordon is co-founder of *The Medicare Family*, headquartered in Noblesville, where she educates thousands on Medicare and Social Security in all 50 states. You can learn more at themedicarefamily.com.

A typical Medicare supplement plan will go up 5 to 10 percent a year for the rest of your life. As inflation erodes the buying power of your retirement, your fixed Medicare costs keep going up.

Private Medicare Advantage plans are an alternative. The industry expects half of all retirees to be on a private plan in the next few years. These types of plans offer the hope of lower month cost. Many Advantage plans have no monthly cost (other than your Medicare Part B). For the healthy, they might go all year and have nothing out of pocket. A monthly cost of \$0 is very attractive, but when you use this type of insurance, you'll pay a copay.

I have a client turning 90 who is nervous now that he is "stuck" on a Medicare PPO plan. By stuck, he means that he is unable to return to the expensive Medicare Supplement Plan he had for years – the plan that finally cost too much and forced him over to Medicare Advantage. His Plan F and drug plan together cost him \$450 a month. His total risk is \$5,400. If he

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Former NBA player speaks to Westfield students



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Westfield High School recently welcomed retired professional basketball player Jared Newson. He spoke to students about how to recognize and harness the power they hold within themselves with a daily routine for letting go of their egos and allowing their greatness to shine bright. Newson is a player development trainer for NBA, WNBA, college, high school and middle school athletes. He played professional basketball player for 13 years in five different countries, including a stint in the NBA with the Dallas Mavericks and the NBA G-League.

CareSource named Good Wages Initiative Employer of Choice

Recognized for prioritizing good wages & health care benefits

The REPORTER

CareSource, a nationally recognized nonprofit health plan, was recently named a Good Wages Initiative Employer of Choice by **EmployIndy**, an organization dedicated to supporting Marion County’s workforce and advocating for quality employment opportunities for underserved and under-represented residents.

The **Good Wages Initiative** (GWI), which is focused on championing businesses, workers and the community, recognizes employers who pay a sustainable wage of \$18 per hour and offer health benefits to full-time employees.

“Paying good wages and providing employer-sponsored health insurance provides businesses with critical advantages in

today’s labor market, from reductions in turnover to increased productivity,” EmployIndy Chief Strategy Officer Marie Mackintosh said. “Employees experience reduced financial stress and improved health outcomes while the community benefits through increased buying power and overall job growth. GWI partner employers set themselves apart by publicly stating their commitment to ensuring Indianapolis has a vibrant economy that is good for businesses, good for workers, and good for the community.”

Indianapolis has a competitive job market, and CareSource recognizes the importance of attracting and supporting employees as well as the communities that they reside within. The com-

mitment made to become a Good Wages Employer is one that is not taken lightly, particularly as the implementation of stronger wages and health care benefits better supports employees and their families, reduces turnover rates, and further nurtures communities.

“As a company that is dedicated to placing the health and well-being of our members first, it is crucial that we always practice what we preach both internally within our organization and externally within our communities,” CareSource Indiana President Steve Smitherman said. “Health outcomes are

highly influenced by one’s ability to have access to health care benefits and sustainable wages. Becoming a GWI Employer of Choice is just one of CareSource’s many efforts in continuing to evolve and shape our company culture and foster community.”

Other leaders and employers can get involved with this valuable business network and witness firsthand the value of increased employee attraction and retention. Find out more information regarding this initiative by visiting employindy.org/goodwages.

Learn more about CareSource at caresource.com.

Coffee with Kaiser

The REPORTER

Do you have any questions that you’d like to ask Westfield Superintendent Dr. Paul Kaiser? Do you want to hear about some of the district-wide initiatives the school system is working on? Do you want to get a tour of the newly-renovated high school? Then please come out

for Coffee with the Superintendent!

From 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 28, you can meet with the superintendent as well as special guest Dr. Stacey McGuire.

This is a free, public event so please RSVP at this link to help event organizers plan for space and coffee.

Think globally with IN-STEP small biz grants

Submitted

Editor’s note: The following information is brought to you by State Representative Chuck Godrich’s Office.

Are you an owner of a small business looking to expand your customer base worldwide? If so, check out the **Indiana State Trade and Export Promotion Program** for assistance with developing and expanding your export-related activities, and opening new markets.

Indiana **ranks** among the top 15 exporting states in the country, and IN-STEP focuses on building on the state’s position by assisting small businesses in identifying, marketing and selling their products or services around the world.

Under the program, el-

igible small businesses can be reimbursed through the **Indiana Economic Development Corporation** for export-related activities like participating in international trade missions, foreign trade shows and export educational programs, as well as other export services provided by the **U.S. Department of Commerce**. Total reimbursements through the grant program can cover up to 80 percent of a small business’s export expenses, capped at \$12,500.

For more information about the IN-STEP program, eligibility and the application process, [click here](#). Small businesses play a big role in powering our state’s economy, and I’ll continue looking for ways to support our local entrepreneurs and job creators.

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Westfield

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- Oct. 28 and 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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Noblesville

Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square

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- Oct. 24 to 28 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Oct. 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Oct. 31 to Nov. 4 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Nov. 7 from 8 a.m. to noon

Hamilton County Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St.

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- Oct. 24 to 29 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Oct. 31 to Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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BBB: Online scams now more prevalent than by phone

The REPORTER

Tactics used by scammers have shifted drastically during the past several years, with scams being perpetrated online rising 87 percent since 2015, according to a

new report published by the **Better Business Bureau**. During the same period, scams perpetrated by phone dropped 42 percent.

The new report, *Start With Trust® Online*: BBB

Online Scams Report, analyzes the changes in how scams are being perpetrated, including new information about impersonation and online purchase scams. This research paper is based on

two sets of data: 1) An analysis of more than 300,000 reports submitted to BBB Scam TrackerSM between 2015 and 2022, and 2) survey research conducted in July 2022.

“The methods scammers use to target consumers have shifted significantly since BBB began collecting scam reports from the public in 2015,” said Melissa Lanning Trumpower, executive director of the BBB Institute for Marketplace Trust, which produced the report. “The shift in scam tactics is driven by a range of factors such as the rise of social media, world events, and changes in consumer behavior. Our latest findings reinforce the guidance we’ve been giving consumers to help them stay updated on these tactics to avoid losing money to scams.”

All scam types perpetrated online

So far in 2022, scams perpetrated online are more prevalent (55 percent) than other delivery methods, with a higher percentage of people losing money when targeted (75 percent). When breaking out scams perpetrated via phone with a monetary loss, scams perpetrated via text message rose from 11 percent of total scams in 2015 to 30 percent in 2022. Scams perpetrated via text had a median dollar loss of \$800 in 2022, higher than other reported means of contact. Text message was the most reported offline method used to push people online.

“Carrots” appear to be riskier than “sticks,” according to our survey research. About 70 percent of respondents said they continued the online engagement because they hoped to gain something, sell something, or were curious to learn more. That’s compared to 30 percent who continued the engagement because they feared they’d lose something, were threatened, or they thought there was an urgent situation they needed to address.

The scam type with a monetary loss most often reported beginning online was online purchase scams (89 percent), followed by cryptocurrency scams (87 percent), romance scams (85 percent), investment scams (73 percent), employment scams (68 percent), and government grant scams (64 percent).

The No. 1 place people reported being targeted by a scam was while browsing

social media (25 percent), following by online shopping (24 percent), email (14 percent), search engine (10 percent), and job search (7 percent).

Impersonation scams

Fifty-four percent of survey respondents said the scammer claimed to be from a legitimate organization to perpetrate the scam. People who lost money to a scam were almost twice as likely as those who avoided losing money to say the scammer used impersonation as a tactic. Of those who reported being targeted by an impersonation scam, 50 percent said the scammer pretended to be a business.

Fifty-seven percent said they did not suspect the scammer was impersonating an organization or a person, while 43 percent reported they suspected the impersonation. Sixty-eight percent of those surveyed did not ask the person to provide verification that they represented a legitimate organization. Those who did request verification reported being provided with fake business cards, websites, and other documentation.

Online purchase (shopping) scams

Online purchase scams continued to be the most reported scam type to BBB Scam Tracker in 2022, making up 30 percent of all scams reported, with 71.6 percent reporting a monetary loss. The reported median dollar loss for this type of scam rose from \$101 in 2021 to \$114 in 2022.

The reported median dollar loss for this scam type for ages 18 to 24 increased 25.8 percent from \$124 in 2021 to \$156 in 2022; this age group also reported the highest median dollar loss. According to the report, active-duty military reported losing significantly more money (\$355) than veterans (\$122), military spouses (\$126), and non-military consumers (\$111).

Other findings

Following their scam experience, 27 percent of those who lost money said they will hesitate to purchase products online; 19 percent of those who reporting losing money said they will be more likely to purchase items in a store.

Thirty-one percent of survey respondents said they lost confidence/emotional well-being after being targeted by an online scam.

Prevention tips

How and where you

search, research, and conduct transactions may impact your susceptibility to online scams. Tips for avoiding losing money to online scams:

- If the deal looks too good to be true, it probably is. Price was the top motivating factor for people who made a purchase and then lost money. Don’t shop on price alone.

- Be careful purchasing sought-after products. Scammers offer hard-to-find items and highly sought-after products at great prices.

- Before you buy, do your research with a trusted source. One of the best ways to avoid scams is to verify the offer and avoid making snap buying decisions.

- Avoid making quick purchases on social media. Twenty-five percent of survey respondents reported being targeted while browsing social media.

- Use secure and traceable transactions. Avoid paying by wire transfer, prepaid money card, gift card, or other non-traditional payment methods.

- Choose your online payment system carefully. Take some time to understand the rules around your online payment system; not all will reimburse money if you get scammed.

- Don’t believe everything you see. Scammers are great at mimicking official seals, fonts, and other details. Just because a website or email looks official does not mean it is. For example, if a business displays a BBB Accredited Business seal, you can verify its legitimacy by going to [BBB.org](https://www.bbb.org) and looking up the company yourself.


- Ask for verification and take time to do research with a trustworthy source. People who lost money to a scam were almost twice as likely than those who avoided losing money to say the scammer used impersonation as a tactic.

- Be skeptical about anyone who reaches out to you unsolicited. Survey respondents told us scammers produced fake business cards, websites, credentials, ratings and more to convince them they were legitimate.

Resources

- For more highlights from the 2021 BBB Scam Tracker Risk Report, visit [BBBMarketplaceTrust.org/OnlineScams](https://www.bbb.org/MarketplaceTrust.org/OnlineScams).

- Go to [BBB.org/ScamTracker](https://www.bbb.org/ScamTracker) to report a scam and learn more about other risky scams at [BBB.org/ScamTips](https://www.bbb.org/ScamTips).



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Indiana Arts Commission seeks applications from artists for business training workshop & fellowship

The REPORTER

The Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) is now accepting applications for the **2023 On-Ramp Creative Entrepreneur Accelerator Program**. On-Ramp is a program for artists and creative entrepreneurs seeking training and resources around establishing or supporting

an arts-based business in Indiana.

Designed by Elaine Grogan Luttrull of Minerva Financial Arts, On-Ramp focuses on 10 key business concepts for a successful creative career including defining value, business structure, identifying and marketing to customers, pricing strat-

egy, marketing strategy, managing expenses and generating revenue, taxes, and planning.

The On-Ramp Creative Entrepreneur Accelerator is comprised of a three-day in-person intensive entrepreneurship and community engagement workshop and the opportunity to apply for

up to \$2,000 in fellowship funding to put the training into action. The 2023 On-Ramp workshop will be May 10 to 12, 2023, in Columbus, Ind.

Based upon survey results from previous cohorts, On-Ramp alumni are consistently more confident in their ability to pursue a creative career in

Indiana, more knowledgeable about the key business areas of focus, and more likely to take action in their careers following participation in the workshop.

“Indiana’s creative economy is fueled by entrepreneurs,” IAC Executive Director Miah Michaelsen said. “Each

year, the On-Ramp cohort demonstrates the drive, passion, and power of Hoosier creative entrepreneurs, and we look forward to welcoming the newest cohort into this inspiring network.”

The deadline to apply to participate is 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 6. [Click here](#) to learn more and apply.

AG Todd Rokita’s team preparing to argue case at U.S. Supreme Court

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita on Friday issued the following statement on U.S. Supreme Court case *Marion County Health and Hospital v. Talevski*.

“Alongside the Marion County Health and Hospital Corporation, our team is preparing to argue important principles of law before the U.S. Supreme Court next month in the case *Marion County Health and Hospital v. Talevski*.



Rokita

“At issue is whether someone who is not a party to a contract with the federal government may sue to enforce the terms of that contract. Specifically, this case pertains to grants issued by a federal agency to a state or local government.

“Such lawsuits by non-parties impose significant burdens on state and local governments – and thereby upon individual taxpayers. In the last three years, Indiana alone has litigated over 1,200 civil rights cases.

“Some commentators have construed this case as being principally about the rights of the elderly and their families to use the legal system to advocate for their proper care. And we all want nothing but the best care for our seniors.

“But this case principally concerns the need to hold grant relationships accountable to voters – and the need to respect the authority of Congress. That means that individual beneficiaries who are not parties to the contracts should not be able to sue to enforce grant conditions unless Congress expressly authorizes them to

do so.

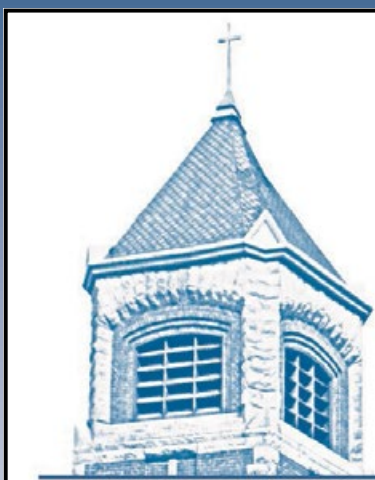
“When individual beneficiaries bring unauthorized lawsuits to enforce federal grant conditions, they invite unelected federal judges to interfere with how state and federal officials carry out the jobs the public expects them to perform. The proper functioning of democracy requires that such judicial interference not occur unless Congress has expressly authorized it.

“The chaotic state of implied-rights doctrine only exacerbates the litigation burden – and therefore the taxpayer burden – imposed by these kinds of cases. So, the issue of whether federal grant conditions confer enforceable civil rights is a nationally important issue warranting the Court’s consideration.

“Our office is proud to fight for the fiscal integrity of the state when administering federal programs. We look forward to combining forces with the Marion County Health and Hospital Corporation to argue this case in the U.S. Supreme Court next month.”

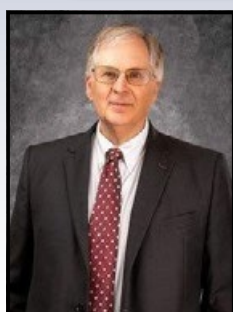
[Click here](#) to read a brief filed earlier this year in this case by Indiana and 21 other states.

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Carmel road construction updates

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North Range Line Road
Northbound Range Line Road will be closed between Main Street and 1st Street NE for construction at the 1st On Main project. Suggested detour routes include:

- Main Street
- 1st Avenue NW
- East Smoky Row
- 2nd Street
- 1st Avenue NE

There will be no restrictions to southbound Range Line Road, but eastbound 1st Street NE will be closed between Range Line Road and 1st Avenue NE. These traffic restrictions are expected to last until Dec. 9. See the map at right.

East Smoky Row slip lane at Keystone Parkway
This work will continue

through October with no scheduled closures of the intersection.

106th Street & College Avenue roundabout
This 60-day project will be substantially complete in November and includes the new roundabout and construction of a multi-use path from Pennsylvania Parkway to College Avenue along 106th Street. The construction of this path is in the city's existing right-of-way and should not cause a closure of 106th Street.

Monon Greenway closure
The Monon Greenway north of Smoky Row to the Hagan Burke Trail will be closed until the end of the year for the reconstruction of a culvert.



Graphic provided by City of Carmel
Northbound Range Line Road is closed north of Main Street for construction at the 1st on Main project.

Fishers road construction updates

The REPORTER
State Road 37 & 135th Street
135th Street at State Road 37 is open. Access onto and off of SR 37 at 135th Street is right-in/right-out only.

Please drive with caution through these areas. To learn more about the State Road 37 Improvement Project and sign up to receive text updates, visit 37Thrives.com.

Brooks School Road
A portion of Brooks School Road, south of Campus Parkway, is currently closed for work being performed by the City of Noblesville and is anticipated to reopen by Monday, Oct. 17, weather permitting.

Nickel Plate Trail
On Wednesday, Oct. 18, the sidewalk in front of Four Day Ray on North Street will be closed between Maple Street and Lantern Road as FDR will be doing sign work. Signs will be in place.

136th Street
Lane restrictions will be in place on 136th Street between Prairie Baptist Road and Cyntheanne Road to

allow for tree work to be done. Flaggers will be in place to direct traffic.

116th Street
The outside westbound lane on 116th Street at the Sand Creek bridge will be closed from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 19 to allow crews to do curb repair.

During the week of Oct. 17, eastbound lanes of 116th Street between Regency Drive and Municipal Drive will be restricted down to one lane between the hours of 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. The restrictions will switch during the week as work on the road repair progresses. Fishers Center Drive on the south side of 116th Street will be closed completely to allow for staging of equipment and material. Alternate routes to the businesses on the south side of 116th Street will be from Moore Street and Fishers Pointe Boulevard onto South Street. See map [here](#) for details on closure.

106th Street
During the week of Oct. 17, lane restrictions will be in place on 106th Street west of Cumberland Road, at the entrances to Pine

Bluff Overlook and Bradford Ridge. Citizens Energy Group will be installing a water line across 106th Street which will require them to cut the road. Access into Pine Bluff Overlook will be shared with the exit of the subdivision. Exiting from Bradford Ridge should be out of Cumberland Park onto Cumberland Road. Access into Bradford Ridge will not be affected. Please see [this map](#) for affected areas. All lane restrictions will be removed at the end of each work day by 7 p.m. Flaggers will be onsite to help direct traffic. Lane shifts will change as work progresses throughout the week. Please drive carefully through this area.

North by Northeast Boulevard
Lane restrictions will be in place starting Monday, Oct. 17 through Friday, Oct. 21 on North by Northeast Boulevard from Lantern Road to Kincaid Drive for resurfacing. Restrictions will be in place between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Loma Court
Lane restrictions will be

in place starting Tuesday, Oct. 18 through Friday, Oct. 21 on Loma Court for resurfacing. Restrictions will be in place between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Resurfacing projects
ADA ramp and curb reconstruction is currently taking place in Grey Eagle as part of the 2022 Resurfacing Project. Homeowners will be notified via door hangers prior to any curb reconstruction near their home. After ADA ramp and curb reconstruction is completed, those areas will be restored with topsoil and seed. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to water the seed for the seed to germinate. Prior to road resurfacing, residents will be notified via street signage for street parking restrictions.

Development Dashboard
The Fishers Planning & Zoning Department has a new Development Dashboard where you can view all development projects that are under construction or in the process of being reviewed. Find it on the Planning & Zoning homepage [here](#).

New survey highlights significant financial challenges facing many Hoosier hospitals

The REPORTER
A recent survey of Indiana Hospital Association (IHA) members highlights the financial challenges Hoosier hospitals continue to face due to an unprecedented workforce crisis, skyrocketing costs of drugs, labor, and equipment, and lingering supply shortages.

According to IHA's survey of Indiana hospitals, since Q1 of 2021:

- One-fifth of Indiana hospitals have lost 20 percent or more of their days of

cash on hand. Even for just seven Indiana-based health systems that were part of the survey, the losses total roughly \$3 billion.

- Nearly 70 percent of hospitals have seen travel nurse expenses increase more than 20 percent
- Meanwhile, hospitals have spent more to retain critical staff. Over half have increased salaries and benefits by 15 percent or more, and an additional third have reported that labor costs increased nearly 30 percent

over the same time period.

- Seventy-five percent of Indiana hospitals have paid up to 15 percent more on critical medical supplies like syringes, gloves, and other personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Fifty-seven percent of hospitals have reported that their pharmaceutical drug supply spend has increased by at least 10 percent.

"These financial impacts are hitting while hospitals are rebuilding from the peak of the pandemic which stretched

our resources beyond belief just earlier this year," IHA President Brian Tabor said.

According to the Center for Healthcare Quality and Payment Reform (CHQPR), Indiana has the highest risk of hospital closures among its surrounding states with 38 percent of Indiana's rural hospitals at immediate risk of closing due to continuing financial losses and lack of financial reserves to sustain operations.

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What was the first transistor radio?

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1823 – The Pepin & Barnet Circus appeared in Vincennes. The audience was treated to demonstrations of "horsemanship and feats of agility." The organization is considered by many historians to be the first circus in the United States. Partner Andre Pepin purchased a home in New Albany and died there in 1845.

1908 – William Howard Taft, running for President on the Republican ticket, spoke at the Grand Theater in Evansville. On the same night, Socialist Party Candidate Eugene V. Debs was speaking nearby at Evans Hall.

1930 – Indianapolis residents with a sense of



adventure were invited to take a ride in the Goodyear Blimp. Named The Vigilant, the Zeppelin-Type ship was 128 feet long, 37 feet in diameter, and carried 86,000 pounds of helium. The charge was \$5 for a 15-minute flight over the city. The craft was under the command of Charles E. Branigan, a world war test pilot.

1938 – More than 2,000 people attended a reception

held at the home of former president Benjamin Harrison on North Delaware Street in Indianapolis. In attendance were his widow, Mrs. Mary Lord Harrison, and daughter Mrs. Elizabeth Walker. The Harrisons expressed pleasure over the way their former home had been restored and opened to the public. Harrison built the home in 1875 and lived there before and after his

term in the White House.

1954 – The Regency TR-1, the first transistor radio, began production in Indianapolis. Selling at \$50, the radio was expensive for its time but caught on quickly because of its small "pocket size." Over 100,000 were sold the first year. According to the *Smithsonian Magazine*, the TR-1 "launched the portable electronic age."

1987 – Under a heavy cloud cover, an Air Force Corsair jet crashed into the Ramada Inn near the Indianapolis airport. The plane was en route to Tinker Air Base in Oklahoma when the engine flamed out. The pilot was able to eject, but 10 people in the hotel were killed.

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They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity—for “people are slaves to whatever has mastered them.” If they have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and are again entangled in it and are overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning. It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it and then to turn their backs on the sacred command that was passed on to them. Of them the proverbs are true: “A dog returns to its vomit,” and, “A sow that is washed returns to her wallowing in the mud.”

2 Peter 2:19-22 (NIV)

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Further, the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission projects that the negative margin hospitals experience in Medicare will grow in 2022. In Indiana, 83 percent of all hospitals have 67 percent or more of their inpatient days paid by Medicare or Medicaid. For just under half of Indiana hospitals, the percentage is greater than 75 percent.

“Taken together, these challenges are incredibly daunting for our health care system, our patients, and our communities,” Tabor said. “The perfect storm is brewing, and we must make sure hospitals and caregivers have the resources they need to provide access to the high-quality health care Hoosiers rely on – 24 hours a day, seven days a week.”

About Indiana Hospital Association

The Indiana Hospital Association serves as the professional trade association for more than 170 acute care, critical access, behavioral health, and other specialized hospitals in Indiana. IHA advocates on behalf of its members in Indiana’s General Assembly, U.S. Congress, and with multiple regulatory agencies at the state and

federal levels. Dedicated to improving quality, patient safety, and Hoosiers’ health status, IHA holds numerous grants and facilitates collaboration among hospitals to improve outcomes. IHA also provides members with the data analytics that they need to ensure access to quality, cost-effective health care services across the state of Indiana. To learn more about IHA, visit [IHAconnect.org](https://www.ihacconnect.org).

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Volleyball



(Above left) The Hamilton Southeastern volleyball team powered its way to the Sectional 8 championship on Saturday. The host Royals beat Westfield in the semi-finals and Fishers in the final, both in straight sets. (Above right) The Guerin Catholic volleyball team won its first-ever sectional championship on Saturday. The Golden Eagles hosted Sectional 27, and beat Shortridge in the semi-finals and Hamilton Heights in the championship, both in straight sets.

Golden Eagles win first sectional title

No. 1 Hamilton Southeastern wins Sectional 8, beats Westfield & Fishers

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern volleyball team powered its way to the Class 4A Sectional 8 championship on Saturday.

The No. 1-ranked Royals hosted the sectional and gave their fans plenty to cheer about. Southeastern won both of its Saturday matches in straight sets, beating Westfield 25-16, 25-11, 25-12 in the morning semi-final, then defeating last year’s sectional champion Fishers 25-19, 25-12, 25-12 in the evening championship match.

“They were magnificent today,” said HSE coach Jason Young. He was impressed with how his team handled the Tigers, saying that Fishers came out with “a lot of energy.”

“They were the defending sectional champions,” said Young. “They were here to defend their championship, so we had to take it from them. Once our defensive energy picked up, it just seemed like the momentum swung in our way. We played hard the entire match, and it’s just really

nice to see it pay off with a three-set victory.”

The Royals’ offense played pretty well, too. Avery Hobson put down 18 kills for Southeastern, while Lauren Harden hit 10. Kaylyn Christy served three aces. Macy Hinshaw handed out 21 assists.

Breonna Goss was a force at the net, making six block assists and two solo blocks. Harden also had four block assists. Hobson collected 15 digs, while Sophie Ledbetter had 13 and Hinshaw had 11.

“We just focus on the next game, one game at a time, just play our hardest and just continue going,” said Hobson, one of the seniors on the Southeastern team. The Royals won their sixth sectional title in program history and their first since 2020.

Ava Vickers led Fishers with five kills, while Margo Hernandez dished out 14 assists. Brynn Zastrow made 14 digs and Leslie Groff had 10. Fishers finished its season 19-9 and won a tough five-set match over Noblesville, 24-26, 19-25, 25-19,

25-17, 15-11, to reach the championship.

The Millers finished their season 24-7. Seniors Ava Rundell, Diana Cox, Ava Harris, Erika Fitzgerald and Gabby Weihe led the way for Noblesville.

“We had definitely a chip on our shoulder from Mudsock, knowing that we didn’t play the way that we needed to play,” said Tigers coach Steven Peek. “We wanted to do that right away. And I do think we put our best out there tonight. Sometimes we’re an inconsistent team and the sport punishes you for that. But at the same time, we’re really, really happy with just a lot of moments where we really scrapped and did things that we weren’t doing even three weeks ago.”

Westfield finished its season 14-13. Dani Schade hit six kills in the semi-final, while Mallory Neale and Kaylee Sutcliffe led the defense.

The Royals are 30-1 for the season and advance to next Saturday’s Noblesville regional. Southeastern plays Fort Wayne Carroll

in the first semi-final at 10 a.m., followed by McCutcheon and Homestead in the noon second semi-final. The championship will be played at 6 p.m.

Golden Eagles win first-ever sectional

Guerin Catholic hosted Class 3A Sectional 27, and the Golden Eagles made history on Saturday night by winning their first-ever sectional championship.

In the morning semi-final, Guerin Catholic beat Shortridge 25-11, 25-9, 25-12. The Golden Eagles picked up another sweep in the final, beating Hamilton Heights 25-15, 25-17, 25-16 to claim the trophy.

“I think this program was very hungry from the start, and they were willing to do anything to get there,” said GC coach Hailley Brown. “And these girls worked hard every day in practice with every drill we gave them. So, they earned this within every point. It wasn’t just one thing. It’s just the hunger for it.”

Guerin Catholic is 15-17 for the season, but the Gold-

en Eagles play a difficult schedule. The Circle City Conference has several traditionally good teams, such as Brebeuf Jesuit and Bishop Chatard.

“Our schedule’s a tough schedule,” said Brown. “We kind of do that on purpose to prepare our girls for tough times. And they have just fought all year long. Our record doesn’t necessarily show how good we are. I think we challenge everybody we play and we play tough. And it pays off.”

The team chemistry also is a factor as well.

“It’s everything,” said GC senior Ella Murphy. “Having everyone as my best friend on that court. It really makes or breaks a team.”

The Huskies reached the final with a straight-set win over Heritage Christian, 25-17, 25-22, 26-24. Heights finished its season 17-13.

“It’s a little bit of a rebuilding year for us,” said Huskies coach Steve Ward. “They came together throughout the year and started playing harder and got to know each other and

played well as a team.”

Guerin Catholic will play at the Monrovia regional next Saturday, taking on Speedway in the second semi-final at noon. Western Boone and Northview play the first semi-final at 10 a.m., with the winners meeting at 7 p.m. for the championship.

Sheridan falls at Park Tudor

Sheridan dropped a straight-set match to Cascade at the Class 2A Sectional 43 at Park Tudor Saturday morning, 25-15, 25-15, 25-9.

Senne IJzer led the offense with 11 kills, while Payton Warren had four kills. IJzer also served one ace. Nova Cross handed out 15 assists. On defense, Jacquelynne Bates collected 19 digs, with IJzer and Warren both getting 12 digs. Cross had eight digs and Meredith Krupp collected five. Shelby Eaton had a solo block and Claudia Headlee and Cross both had one block assist.

The Blackhawks finished the season 6-19.



(Above left) Fishers’ Ava Vickers was one of the senior leaders for the Tigers this season and is committed to play college volleyball at Indiana University. (Above center) Noblesville’s Reese Resmer goes up to spike the ball. The Millers fell to Fishers in a tough semi-final match, finishing their season 24-7. (Above right) Westfield’s Mallory Neale was one of the defensive leaders for the Shamrocks this season.

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A STORY IN THREE PARTS: (Above left) Noblesville goalkeeper Cole Thompson deflects away a penalty kick during the shootout between the Millers and Fort Wayne Carroll that would decide the regional championship. (Above center) Noblesville players Sam Holland, Miles Tucker, Luke Odle and Owen Mejia wait the final kick by Noah Bernot during the shootout. (Above right) The Millers were in celebration mode after Noah Bernot made the kick that won Noblesville the shootout and the regional title.

No. 7 Noblesville makes classic second half comeback, takes down Carroll Chargers on PKs

By **CRAIG ADKINS**
For The Reporter

KOKOMO – There were multiple opportunities for both the Fort Wayne Carroll Chargers and the Noblesville Millers to score in the first half, but neither could capitalize on those chances, which made for an intense first half.

The Millers were able to overcome adversity and stage a comeback for the ages to tie the game toward the end of the second half, before winning on penalty kicks, 4-3 (4-2 on penalty kicks) to advance to their second consecutive semi-state.

Noblesville had the ball on Carroll’s end of the field more than not in the first half, but the Chargers’ defense also played a big role in not allowing the Millers to score in the first 40 minutes.

“It was an emotional rollercoaster when you see the ball hit the back of the net multiple times, to be called back for offside or you have a player taken down inside the box and the referee says, no, play on,” said Noblesville head coach Ken Dollaske on the many first half instances the Millers had, but couldn’t catch a break.

“It’s tough. That’s really tough emotionally, mentally and physically, because you put in all of the work to get those opportunities and

then to go into half 0-0, it’s challenging. I told the boys at halftime that we’re doing everything right, it’s just that the scoreboard doesn’t show it right now,” stated Dollaske on a frustrating first half.

Both Carroll and Noblesville came out fully energized in the second half, because they knew there was a spot in the semi-state on the line.

A first-half injury to forward Sam Divis for Noblesville thrust junior Miles Tucker into a more pivotal role and he didn’t bat an eye.

“Miles was put in there because Divis went down with that ankle injury and we weren’t able to go back to him (Divis). Honestly, Miles was giving us the best opportunity. Him (Tucker) working with Sam Holland, those two just made magic happen,” said Dollaske of the kep duo that developed of Holland and Tucker.

The Chargers were the first to get on the board. Eight minutes into the second half, Liam Ormiston headed in a goal at close range for a 1-0 Carroll lead.

Just a minute later, Derek Lanning lofted a shot from 35 yards that found the back of the net for a rapid 2-0 Charger lead.

“Being down 2-0 with 32 minutes to go, right then and there, you could see that some of our players looked to the bench on how much

are we going to press. We still have time to come back at this and getting that one, we felt like at 2-1 we had that momentum and all of the sudden they got that one where we didn’t step in time, we lost the ball in our defensive third and they cracked it,” said Dollaske, describing the Millers’ refusal to quit.

Miles Tucker scored on a 12-yard shot from the assist of Sam Holland to cut the Charger lead to 2-1.

Two minutes later in the 59th minute, Brayden Macy put a goal in from the right side for 3-1.

“Once again, being down 2-0, do we start to panic? Do we start pressing? We did a little bit, but Carroll kind of went into a shell after they got that 3-1,” stated Dollaske on how his team didn’t break, despite being down two games midway through the second half.

A few minutes later, Sam Holland started his come to the rescue mission. Holland got his first goal in the 62nd minute, bringing it to 3-2 and the momentum shifted tremendously in Noblesville’s favor.

Carroll was doing everything they could to push for that fourth goal, but Noblesville’s defense proved its worth and stood strong.

Holland again found a way to muscle the Millers back. He scored his second,

and most crucial goal of the game in the 72nd minute, just under nine minutes left in regulation, to equalize the match at 3-3.

“We didn’t change. If we keep doing what we’re doing, Carroll’s giving us opportunities. They’re starting to just play defensively and if we keep working, we’re eventually going to crack their back line and we were able to slot a few through,” stated Dollaske on the Millers’ comeback to force overtime.

Holland’s second goal was what forced the two seven minute overtime periods, both which were scoreless, sending this regional championship to penalty kicks.

“It was great in the second half when he (Holland) is playing that right wing in front of our bench, so I’m telling him to keep working and it’s going to happen for you eventually,” continued Dollaske on Holland and how he was responsible for getting Noblesville in position to win.

After the two quick overtime periods, there was a coin toss to decide who started the PKs first and which goal they would be kicked into.

Noblesville started first and senior Owen Mejia drilled the first one to the right of Charger goalie William Stanley.

Carroll’s first attempt by Jacob Douglass was blocked

by junior keeper for the Millers, Cole Thompson.

“For me, it’s really more pressure on them, because I’ve got nothing to lose,” said Noblesville goalkeeper Cole Thompson.

“At that point, I have absolutely nothing to lose. I’m not supposed to save it, so if I save it, it’s massive. When they step up, it’s just to lock in on them and make them feel uncomfortable and let me be me and I just do what I know best,” continued a confident Thompson on how he approaches situations like penalty kicks.

After a Luke Odle miss, Brayden Macy tied it 1-1 for Carroll. Miles Tucker and Nathan Kruger put one in each for Noblesville and Carroll, respectively, to knot it 2-2.

“During the regular season, Cole Thompson saw three PKs and he saved all three. How many keepers can say that they had 100 percent saved during PKs? We work on them relentlessly during training sessions once we get to the playoffs, because we know it is a penalty shootout situation,” stated Dollaske on the play of his keeper Cole Thompson and how clutch it is.

Sam Holland put his attempt in with ease for 3-2. At this point, it would take one more miss by the Chargers to ice it for the Millers.

Myles Repaal must have

felt the eyes of Thompson on him, as his missed wide right, keeping Carroll down one.

Noah Bernot was the final kicker for Noblesville and with a slight hesitation, Bernot sank it into the back of the net for a 4-2 advantage on penalty kicks for the Millers, giving them a regional championship, 4-3.

“I trust our kids to make theirs and I trust Cole Thompson to save the ones that he needs to save. During a PK session, basically you need your goalkeeper to make one save. If they can do that, you’re winning it most of the time and that’s exactly what he did for us,” continued Dollaske, highlighting the play in goal by Thompson.

The Carroll Chargers fall to 12-5-1 to end their season.

The Noblesville Millers (14-3-3) continue their quest to defend their 2021 state championship. They will match up with No. 15 Penn Kingsmen (13-4-4) next Saturday at Walter Cross Field in Kokomo for a 3:30 p.m. start. After the 3A boys northern semi-state, the Noblesville girls will face Crown Point in an attempt for a third state championship in four years.

This will be the second game that follows the 1A boys northern semi-state battle between top-ranked Westview (19-1-1) and No. 2 Park Tudor (18-2-1) that kicks off at 1 p.m.

Top-ranked Millers score flurry of four goals in first half, cruise to Regional championship over Carroll Chargers

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For The Reporter

KOKOMO – At this point in the state tournament, teams tend to take more time to feel each other out and figure out what they can do offensively. It took Noblesville a little longer to get settled in.

Once Noblesville figured it out, the flood gates opened and before Fort Wayne Carroll knew it, the Millers had scored four goals in a seven-minute span to go up 4-0 halftime on their way to a 5-0 regional championship.

“At this time of the year, you expect it. We’ve been here before and we understand that when the whistle blows, everybody’s going to start throwing haymakers and then we realize that we are middleweights. Actually, we are heavyweights when it comes to it,” said Noblesville head coach Mike Brady on his team taking advantage of opportunities, like they did multiple times in the first half.

Ohio State commit Ava Bramblett gets credited for the first goal, which can technically be called an own goal in the 28th minute for a 1-0 lead.

A minute later, Meredith Tippner took a pass from Atley Pittman for a quick 2-0 Noblesville lead.

It didn’t take too much longer for Bramblett to find the net again. She took a deflection off of a Charger defender, sending a shot into the right side from 20 yards away to make it a third goal in four minutes for a comfortable 3-0 advantage with 8:22 left in the half.

The Millers notched their fourth of the first 40 minutes in the 35th min-

ute. Lauren Adam passed to Meskerem James and then James fed a pass from left to right to Lily Ault. Then, with her right foot, Ault punched the ball to the right side inside the post that made it 4-0 with 5:40 in the half.

“We know teams are going to come out strong. We talked about it in the locker room before we left on the bus today. Then again, let’s get into our game early. Last game, I thought the same thing and it took us 20 minutes to get back to our identity and it was the same thing this afternoon,” stated Brady on the Millers’ slower start that wound up working to their advantage.

Noblesville began to spread out their defense in the second half.

“Once they got into it, they realized that we’re a better team and they can’t stop us if we play our game,” said Brady on the Millers’ change once they were able to get rolling with their style of play.

Obviously, there was a big sense of urgency from Carroll in the second half, but with the defense that Noblesville was playing, it would have taken an extreme amount of mistakes to allow the Chargers back into the match.

The final goal of the afternoon came in the 67th minute. Noblesville had a corner kick from the right. Sophomore Kaydence Fleck corralled the kick from the corner. She then got the ball to junior Stella Scroggin for a header that put the game completely out of reach for the final count of 5-0.

“Everybody played well and contributed. There are a lot of good soccer players in this program and just



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Noblesville’s Meredith Tippner scored the Millers’ second goal of the game Saturday in the Kokomo regional final. Noblesville would soon be on its way to a 5-0 regional championship win over Fort Wayne Carroll.

because you don’t get a lot of playing time in this program doesn’t mean you’re not good of the game,” stated Brady on the depth of his roster and the impact it has each game.

The second half was an opportunity for others on the Noblesville bench to get on the field and contribute, which will only pay dividends down the road, proving that their depth is one thing that separates them from many teams.

“Again, this is just a special group. Not only in the way they play, but their attitudes, what they mean to one another. It’s

the culture that we’ve cultivated. You see that from us and hopefully you see that from the boys, because they do the same thing on their side,” said Brady, continuing to compliment his team and how they operate as people, not just soccer players.

In the end, Noblesville was just too much for Carroll and the Chargers just couldn’t keep up with the Millers in an 80-minute soccer game.

“It was demoralizing, but that’s what we want to instill in the team. We want to take away their hope as quickly as we can. We’re going to

have to do that earlier next week, if we want to continue on the path we want to stay on for another two weeks,” continued Brady on the goal for his team to get at a team early to take away their hopes for a win.

The Carroll Chargers

close their season with a record of 15-6-1.

The Noblesville Millers (18-1) advance to the 3A north semi-state and will face the No. 12 Crown Point Bulldogs (17-4-1) at 6 p.m. next Saturday at Kokomo’s Walter Cross Field.

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Football

Creekside M.S. eight-grade team wins county championship for second time

The REPORTER
The Creekside Middle School eighth-grade football team has won the Hamilton County championship for the second year in a row.
Creekside finished the season with an 8-1 record, outscoring its opponents 261-24 over nine games. The coaching staff consists of head coach Shelby Goldblatt and assistant coaches Jamie Stewart and Brad Bobich.

Players on the team
Chase Edmundson, Gates Griffin, Cameron Walters, Josiah Gilmore, Keaton Brown, Matthew Johnson, David Connery, Tripp Baugh, Aiden Schubert, Jack Bobich, Vedh Barre, Nolan Sunsdahl, Clayton Price, Richard Rodgers, Jordan Jay, Emanuel Griffin III, William Cleary, Enzo Vazquez Moulter, Maddox Knudson, Ryan Wilson, Noah Strate, Jacob Lord, Brennan Kaufmann, Samuel Grant, William Streitenberger, Aiden Dickerson, Evan Lipnik, John Schnierle, Riley McGuire, Sawyer Ford, Christian Jackson, Cooper Edmundson, Jackson Shepard, Blake Leeper, Chase Koski, Landon Schaeffer, Ethan Lipnik, Carter Hoesil.



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The Creekside Middle School eighth-grade football team won its second consecutive Hamilton County championship, finishing the season with an 8-1 record.

Soccer

Carmel girls win, but boys fall in regional play against Cathedral

The REPORTER
The Carmel soccer teams hosted their counterparts from Cathedral Saturday at Murray Stadium for the Class 3A Carmel regional championship.
The Greyhounds girls team played first and beat the Irish 4-1 to defend their regional title. The Greyhounds got on the board in the 24th minute when Megan Hamm scored, then Adalyn Cameron added a second goal in the 34th minute. Carmel wasn't done: Hamm sent a ball to Greta Heyl with one minute to play in the half, and Heyl put the ball in the net.

The Greyhounds thus led 3-0 at halftime. The Irish scored their goal in the second half, but Carmel scored with 23 minutes left; Hamm added her second goal off a Claire Simmonds assist. Cathedral did score another goal late, but the Greyhounds had the game in hand by then.

"I was

happy with the way they played," said Carmel coach Frank Dixon. "I think it was one of our better games of the year. That was a good team. We're playing a good team. They didn't get here by accident."
Dixon said that Katherine Hartung, the defensive midfielder, had a "great game" for the Greyhounds, saying she "put in a great day in the center of that field."
The 'Hounds improved to 17-2-2 and won their 17th regional championship in program history. Carmel will play Center Grove in the Class 3A south semi-state next Saturday at Seymour.

The Carmel boys tried to make it a Greyhounds sweep, but were stopped by Cathedral in a hard-fought contest.
The game was tied at 1-1 after regulation and overtime, so it went to penalty kicks. The Irish won in that round 4-2, giving them a 2-1 regional victory.

Cathedral led 1-0 at halftime. Ben Keleher tied the game on a free kick with 16:14 left in the second half. Carmel's offense was relentless in the second half and overtime, taking




Reporter photos by Kirk Green
(Above) The Carmel girls soccer team celebrates after a score during the Greyhounds' regional game with Cathedral Saturday at Murray Stadium. Carmel won 4-2 and will play Center Grove in next week's semi-state. (Left) Carmel's Nicolas Basso made several corner kicks for the Greyhounds during their game with Cathedral on Saturday.

corner kicks, but Cathedral play a tough defensive game to hold off the 'Hounds.
In the shootout, the Irish goalkeeper blocked the Greyhounds' first two kicks, while Cathedral made its first two attempts. Alex Kazmerczak and Hayden Warneke both made kicks to keep the pressure on, but the Irish made both of their kicks to win the regional.
"Credit to them," said Carmel coach Shane Schmidt. "They did what they needed to do to knock us off."
The Greyhounds finished their season 15-3-3, winning a sectional title and earning the No. 1 ranking in Class 3A.

"They need to hold their heads up high and be proud of what they did," said Schmidt. "They're winners, man. They're all winners. And just because of this result, doesn't change the fact they're winners or a good team and everything that they put together with it."

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Cross Country



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(Above left) Carmel's Kole Mathison exchanges a high-five with Noblesville's Caden Click after the boys race at the Noblesville cross country regional on Saturday. Mathison won the race and helped the Greyhounds to a team championship, while Click finished sixth and helped the Millers to second place as a team. (Above right) Guerin Catholic's Bridget Gallagher finished third in the girls race, and led the Golden Eagles to fifth place and a spot in next week's semi-state.

County will see many runners advance to semi-state competition

The REPORTER

After the running had finished at the Noblesville cross country regional on Saturday, the boys champions added to their illustrious record, while the girls champions wrote a second chapter on success.

The Carmel boys and the Noblesville girls were winners at the regional, which took place at the Chanquapin Ridge course at White River Elementary. Both teams won by solid margins: The Greyhounds boys totaled 38 points to runner-up Noblesville's 66, while the Millers girls scored 50 points, ahead of North Central's 92 and Carmel's 94.

The top five teams in each division qualified for the Shelbyville semi-state next Saturday.

KOLE AND TONY GO 1-2

Carmel's boys were led by a 1-2 finish. Kole Mathison was the individual champion, clocking in with a time of 14 minutes, 57 seconds. Mathison was followed by his teammate, Tony Provenzano, who continued his breakout season by placing second in a time of 15:01.8. Two other Greyhounds finished in the top 10: Jack Capes placed eighth and Thomas Biltmeyer was ninth.

Carmel won its 35th regional championship, by far the most in the state. It was also the first regional title for the 'Hounds since 2017.

Noblesville was aided by two top-10 finishes as well. Asher Propst placed fourth and Caden Click was sixth. All seven Millers placed in the top 30 individually.

The other three boys teams advancing to semi-state are Brebeuf Jesuit (third), Westfield (fourth) and Bishop Chatard (fifth). Sam Hinds paced the Shamrocks by placing 10th individually. Westfield and Chatard both scored 126 points; the 'Rocks get the higher place due to the sixth runner's placement - Drew Lovelace was 41st, while the Trojans' sixth man was 73rd.

Three individual runners also qualified for semi-state; the top 10 not on an advancing team move ahead in the tournament. Guerin Catholic's Luke Moster (11th) and Ethan Hines (17th) are both headed to semi-state, along with Hamilton Heights' Steven Case (36th).

FAST AND CONSISTENT

Noblesville's girls had two things working for them on Saturday: They ran fast and they were consistent across their lineup.

Three Millers placed in the top 10, led by Nadia Perez in sixth place. Summer Rempe and Paige Hazelrigg were ninth and 10th respectively. Noblesville's top six runners all were faster than 18:45, with Perez finishing in 17:50.3, and all seven placed in the top 40. Noblesville thus won its second regional title; its first was in 2016.

Carmel was consistent as well. Jasmine Klopstad led the Greyhounds by taking eighth, and all seven of Carmel's runners placed in the top 34.

Bishop Chatard was fourth; the Trojans had the race winner in Lily Cridge, who finished in an incredible time of 16:46.0. Guerin Catholic was fifth, ensuring it would head to semi-state. Bridget Gallagher placed third, the county's top runner, in a time of 17:38.9.

Westfield will have three individuals racing at semi-state. Sydney Klinglesmith finished 18th place, with Liz Smith right behind her in 19th place. Robyn Schemel placed 33rd and will also advance.

At Noblesville GIRLS RACE

Team scores: Noblesville 50, North Central 92, Carmel 94, Bishop Chatard 139, Guerin Catholic 148, Westfield 160, Cathedral 164, Brebeuf Jesuit 176, Park Tudor 185, Lebanon 274.

Race winner: Lily Cridge (Bishop Chatard) 16:46.0.

Noblesville runners: 6. Nadia Perez 17:50.3, 9. Summer Rempe 18:34.0, 10. Paige Hazelrigg 18:38.8, 12. Brinkley Cooper 18:42.2, 13. Ansley Applegate 18:43.7, 14. Brooke Lahee 18:44.2, 40. Ella Wirkner 19:56.2.

Carmel runners: 8. Jasmine Klopstad 18:17.6, 20. Olivia Mundt 18:58.6, 21. Audrey Ricketts 19:00.5, 22. Charlotte Konow 19:02.4, 23. Sadie Foley 19:05.7, 28. Kara Wenzler 19:21.9, 34. Ella Gaddis 19:36.7.

Guerin Catholic runners: 3. Bridget Gallagher 17:38.9, 29.

Bailey Freese 19:25.5, 36. Rosie Barrett 19:40.8, 37. Katie Kolb 19:42.9, 44. Claire Milam 20:10.2, 45. Grace Boivin 20:14.1, 56. Keira Hines 20:30.6.

Westfield runners: 18. Sydney Klinglesmith 18:54.2, 19. Liz Smith 18:55.3, 33. Robyn Schemel 19:33.1, 46. Galiena Colon 20:15.8, 49. Gianna Ferreri 20:21.7, 60. Emily Loiseau 20:39.5, 80. Angelina Abriani 21:52.3.

Hamilton Heights runners: 50. Anna Monnin 20:22.3, 74. Mary Ella Bichey 21:27.6, 83. Kendall Moe 22:21.7.

University runner: 81. Emily Comparini 22:15.6.

BOYS RACE

Team scores: Carmel 38, Noblesville 66, Brebeuf Jesuit 83, Westfield 126, Bishop Chatard 126, Guerin Catholic 158, North Central 174, Lebanon 207, Lawrence North 215, Pike 230.

Race winner: Kole Mathison (Carmel) 14:57.0.

Other Carmel runners: 2. Tony Provenzano 15:01.8, 8. Jack Capes 15:43.2, 9. Thomas Biltmeyer 15:47.3, 19. KJ Sweeney 16:06.2, 25. Connor Mallon 16:13.3, 29. Kiefer Jay 16:27.6.

Noblesville runners: 4. Asher Propst 15:16.6, 6. Caden Click 15:19.7, 18. Alec Moor 16:04.0, 20. Samuel Rinker 16:09.6, 21. Jack Strong 16:09.8, 27. Ronald Neal 16:19.3, 28. Ashton Burns 16:27.2.

Westfield runners: 10. Sam Hinds 15:47.4, 24. Jack Loiseau 16:13.1, 30. Colin Lakomek 16:29.5, 33. William Cummings 16:36.6, 39. Owen Flynn 16:46.0, 41. Drew Lovelace 16:49.6, 52. Owen Mohler 17:16.4.

Guerin Catholic runners: 11. Luke Moster 15:49.3, 17. Ethan Hines 16:03.8, 44. Johnny King 17:02.7, 49. Maxwell Fish 17:13.5, 56. Hunter Kinzle-Gorman 17:17.9, 62. Nathan Traub 17:36.5, 71. James Crocker 17:54.7.

Hamilton Heights runners: 36. Steven Case 16:38.8, 83. Isaiah Heuer 18:25.4, 84. Aidan Orton 18:29.8, 86. Max Bowman 18:38.7.

University runner: 65. Benjamin Gleason

17:47.0.

Hamilton Southeastern and Fishers' cross country teams all advanced to the semi-state after their performances at the Delta regional Saturday at Taylor University.

In the boys race, the Tigers dominated by scoring 26 points, while the Royals placed second with 62 points. Fishers triumphed at the regional for the fifth year in a row, and also won its seventh overall title in program history.

The Tigers had the top two runners: Sophomore Sam Quagliaroli cruised to victory in 15:40, followed by runner-up Tate Meaux, who clocked in at 15:52. Matthew Kim (seventh), Bryson Slagle (ninth) and Ethan Nix (10th) all landed in the top 10 as well.

Joseph Augustine placed eighth for the Southeastern boys.

In the girls race, the Royals scored 53 points to win their second regional title. Southeastern won its first in 2020. Jacqueline Hurlock placed eighth for the Royals, while Ciara Kepner was 10th.

Pendleton Heights finished second with 74 points, followed by Fishers in third with 77 points. Abby Lotter led the Tigers by placing sixth.

Southeastern and Fishers will run in the New Haven semi-state next Saturday at Indiana Wesleyan University.

At Taylor University BOYS RACE

Team scores: Fishers 26, Hamilton Southeastern 62, Wapahani 73, Pendleton Heights 127, Yorktown 170, Lapley 186, Blue River Valley 199, Monroe Central 204, Muncie Central 205, Muncie Burris 224.

Race winner: Sam Quagliaroli (Fishers) 15:40.

Other Fishers runners: 2. Tate Meaux 15:52, 7. Matthew Kim 16:40, 9. Bryson Slagle 16:44, 10. Ethan Nix 16:49, 14. Austin Wilson 16:59, 24. Caden Carpenter 17:19.

Southeastern runners: 8. Joseph Augustine 16:43, 11. Zeke Benedict 16:52, 16. Joshua Montgomery 17:00, 17. Michael Chalfant 17:02, 18. Benjamin Tuckis 17:03, 21. Riley Schamp 17:10, 29. Adam Warski 17:24.



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Noblesville's Paige Hazelrigg (left) and Brinkley Cooper (center) were part of the Millers girls team that finished as regional champion. At right is Cathedral's Grace Bragg.

GIRLS RACE

Team scores: Hamilton Southeastern 53, Pendleton Heights 74, Fishers 77, Monroe Central 117, Yorktown 136, Delta 161, Blue River Valley 180, Muncie Central 211, Daleville 218, Alexandria 226.

Race winner: Nicki Southerland (Delta) 17:05.

Southeastern runners: 8. Jacqueline Hurlock 20:07, 10. Ciara

Kepner 20:27, 15. Diana Tekeste 20:38, 16. Daisy Dayberry 20:42, 17. Julianne McLean 20:43, 27. Katelyn Evans 21:09, 35. Elise Herman 21:24.

Fishers runners: 6. Abby Lotter 19:56, 14. Addison Kane 20:34, 21. Isabella Murch 20:54, 23. Mia Schiesser 20:58, 31. Katelyn Thomas 21:14, 38. Joana Anton Caballer 21:26, 40. Emma Schwertfeger 21:34.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Friday, Oct. 21

Sectional 28 games

Bishop Chatard at Northwestern, 7 p.m.
Heights at Maconaquah, 7 p.m.
Guerin Catholic at Oak Hill, 7 p.m.
Tippecanoe Valley at Peru, 7 p.m.

Sectional 45 games

Union City at Sheridan, 7 p.m.
Indiana Deaf at Tindley, 7 p.m.
Wes-Del at Hagerstown, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 28

Sectional 3 games

Fishers at Fort Wayne Northrop, 7 p.m.
Homestead at Southeastern, 7 p.m.

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Westfield at Carmel, 7 p.m.
Zionsville at Noblesville, 7 p.m.

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