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County Highway Department closes two timber bridges

Structural damage & deterioration to be addressed

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Highway Department has closed two timber bridges due to extensive structural damage. The closures are in effect until the bridges can be repaired or replaced.

Bridge 125, located on Atlantic Avenue just south of State Road 32 in the town of Lapel, has a fracture at the center of the bridge, likely due to a heavy load. The 45-year-old bridge is also showing signs of additional deterioration.

"The bridge will remain closed until it can be replaced," Bridge Program Engineer Matt Lee said. "We have selected a design firm and asked them to expedite the project, but we're looking at a closure of at least two years."

Bridge 89, located on 246th Street between State Road 213 and Brehm Road in White River Township, has also been closed due to structural damage. This damage was discovered during a biennial bridge inspection and reported by the highway department's bridge inspection consultant. The bridge is scheduled for repair and expected to reopen by Dec. 22.

Photos provided by Hamilton County Highway Department

(Above) This timber bridge, located on Atlantic Avenue just south of State Road 32 in the town of Lapel, has been closed due to a fracture at the center of the bridge, likely due to a heavy load. (Below) This timber bridge, located on 246th Street between State Road 213 and Brehm Road in White River Township, has been closed due to structural damage and is expected to reopen in December.

Davis

The Highway Department is currently coordinating detour routes for both structures with INDOT. The posted detour routes will be announced once finalized.

Hamilton County has 66 timber bridges. More than half of them are 30 years old or older.

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Feels like the second time he's written about Foreigner

COLUMNIST

SCOTT SAALMAN
Scaramouch

Let's begin with the Foreigner fallout boys, those rock and roll purists who understandably disagreed with the positive things **I wrote about my first Foreigner concert** at Ruoff "I Still Call It Deer Creek" Music Center in Noblesville last month.

I recounted how I bought two tickets at a three-figure price for an official Foreigner show, fully knowing that no original band members would be onstage. The band's official website listed original guitarist Mick Jones on the current roster, but I knew he hadn't toured with them lately due to illness. It was billed as their final tour.

As reported, the musicians sounded just like Foreigner of yesteryear, and front man Kelly Hansen, 18 years with the band, sounded exactly like original vocalist Lou Gramm, who formed the band in the 1970s and delivered the hits before eventually parting ways.

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Bryan Clauson to be honored in Sept. Strut

The REPORTER

Support organ donation and celebrate those who've given the gift of life on Sunday, Sept. 10 at the annual Strut 2 Save Lives in Noblesville.

This community event starts at 10 a.m. at Dr. James A. Dillon Park, 6001 Edenshall Drive, Noblesville, and will include fun for the entire family, pets included.

Participants can start the day with a one-mile walk with their pup. Then they can stay after to enjoy food and beverages from local favorites and visit booths highlighting local businesses and organizations. Participants can enjoy family-friendly activities and a raffle featuring some great prizes.

Strut 2 Save Lives is an Indiana Donor Network event that honors Bryan Clauson, a Noblesville native and race car driver who was killed during competition in 2016. Clauson was an organ and tissue donor who saved five lives and enhanced the lives of more than 75 people. Clauson was an avid dog lover.

All proceeds from the event benefit the Indiana Donor Network Foundation Bryan Clauson Legacy Fund, which supports the families of donor heroes.

Registration is $30 for adults, $15 for children ages 2 to 12, and $75 for families. Register at **classy.org/event/strut2save-lives/e493662**.

For more information, contact Savannah Scott at **SScott2@indonornetwork.org** or call her at (317) 222-3495.

Carmel welcomes police officers from Latvian sister city Jelgava

Photo provided by City of Carmel

As part of an exchange program with one of Carmel's sister cities, Jelgava, Latvia, the Carmel Police Department welcomed two officers last week. During their two-week long stay in Carmel, these officers will be given an inside look into the community and the functions of the police department. (From left) CPD Major Ryan Jellison, CPD Deputy Chief Brady Myers, Jelgava Inspector Vilnis Neiders, CPD Chief Jim Barlow, Jelgava Deputy Chief Alvis Locmelis, CPD Deputy Chief Dwight Frost, and Andris Berzins, Honorary Consul of Latvia.

Cicero Kiwanis raise over $4K for Riley's Children

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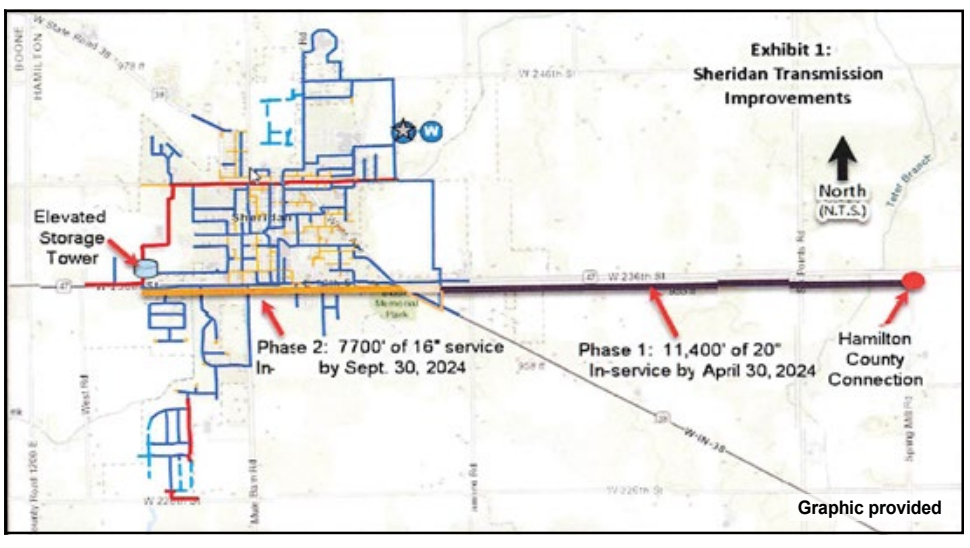
On Aug. 12, Cicero Kiwanis President Emily Pearson presented checks totaling $4,459 to Kiwanis State President Bruce Andrews at the state convention. The money raised was a donation to Riley Children's Hospital.



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Watering northern HamCo to grow 1,000 new homes

The REPORTER

Indiana American Water held a public meeting on Thursday evening at the Sheridan Community Center to answer questions concerning the new Sheridan Water Main Project. The presentation was made by engineering project manager Mike Seals to a crowd of about 15 people.

Phase 1 will construct 10,000 feet of a 20-inch water main from Lamong Road to Spring Mill Road. The anticipated start time is October 2023 and should be in service by April 2024.

Phase 2 will construct 7,700 feet of a 16-inch water main from Lamong Road to the elevated storage tower on the west side of Sheridan. This phase will begin in the first quarter of 2024 and is expected to be complete by the fall of 2024 – before the 2025 planned road upgrades.

The water main will run along the south side of 236th Street and is being installed in many cases by directional bore.

It was admitted that Indiana American Water is trying to obtain a 50-foot

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Bridges

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"We have been discovering an increased frequency of core rot of substructure caps," Lee said. "That's when the timber develops cracks, allowing water to penetrate the wood and rot it from the inside out. We are working with our timber supplier and local engineering firms to develop effective detection and repair strategies to help reduce timber rot that could create similar future bridge closures."

The closure of these timber bridges underscores the importance of biennial bridge inspections and regular infrastructure maintenance.

"While the closure of these bridges may cause temporary inconvenience, the safety of the public remains our utmost concern," Highway Department Director Brad Davis said.

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Second Time

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Foreigner still sounded like Foreigner – because they are Foreigner!

My wife, Brynne, who loved the concert, was among the almost 20,000 fans (that many fans do not attend tribute band shows) who held up their phones with the flashlight feature on, much like people once held cigarette lighters aloft (yes, I'm old), and sang the chorus to "I Want To Know What Love Is." It was beautiful, those gently swaying cell phones all aglow. The lawn section resembled a landing field for falling stars (cue up "Starrider"), that or a freshly unearthed but well-polished Hamilton County diamond mine.

Pleased with our Foreigner experience, I checked off yet another box on my ever-shrinking 1970s Super Group Concert List. There aren't many groups left that I want to see. I hope to see Queen sometime. I hear Adam Lambert is a worthy successor to Freddie Mercury.

I received a fair amount of reader response following **my Foreigner concert column**. This was not a surprise since we diehard fans of 1970s rock bands still take our music seriously.

Chris sent an email, succinctly expressing his differing viewpoint in the subject line: "not foreigner sorry." He left the text field blank. The three-word subject line said it all.

Edward, clearly in Chris' camp, emailed: "You did not see Foreigner. You could have seen any number of 'tribute bands' free. You got taken. Period."

I get it. For many years, I refused to pay big money to see bands lacking original singers. But then I softened my stance. I saw Boston (minus Brad Delp), Journey (minus Steve Perry), and Chicago (minus Peter Cetera … perhaps for the better). All three shows were amazing.

I've seen The Doobie Brothers several times, minus Michael McDonald (by the way, he was not their original vocalist). Founders Tom Johnston and Patrick Simmons still lead the Doobies vocally. I've seen them with Michael McDonald in the mix, too. The Doobies are great with or without Michael McD.

The concept of a Foreigner stage lacking any original members clearly upset the rock and roll loving Edwards and Chrises of our world. I bought the tickets not expecting much but was pleasantly surprised to find myself immediately enjoying a major rock act with zero original members. All it took was their first song, "Double Vision," to convince that I was hearing and seeing the real deal.

Dear Foreigner, original members or not, I was a fool for you anyway.

Most readers who emailed agreed.

Brian: Hi Scott, read your article on replacement singers, albeit "Kelley Hansen," and the rest you mentioned..... gotta say you have given me a whole new perspective on seeing old bands!!! I too am/was a snob of sorts for non original members, but I have to say I'm a new fan of your philosophy on treating old bands like sports teams!! The players may have changed, but the "ENJOYMENT" can still be there!!!

Tommy: Well said buddy. I feel the same. Saw all the bands and a few more, before and after. To my pleasant surprise, I haven't been disappointed. Sure it was great to see original members, but the music is what got us there. And the music and memories are what we crave.

Rob: Your article was spot on! I've seen all the new singers live. DeCarlo, Pineda, Hansen and Gowan. They're all strong, talented vocalists, and embody the spirit and heritage of the bands they represent. Long Live Rock!!

Mark: Enjoyed your opinion - it made a lot of sense to us nostalgic types who still dream of yesterday year when they made Real Rock - God Bless you brother, may we keep the Rock alive!

Daniel commented on Facebook how Lynyrd Skynyrd has now joined Foreigner as a "no original members" band, adding, "I think we'll see more and more of this. People just want to hear the songs done well and many, if not most, don't care who's playing and singing."

More and more of our juke box heroes, like their fans, are aging out. The passing of Tom Petty still breaks my heart. I worry our great old band brands will begin merging, much like corporations. If Mick Jagger dies, will The Rolling Stones merge with Styx to form one band called Styx and Stones? Perhaps Dennis DeYoung will return. Just imagine the singer of "Come Sail Away" leading "Gimme Shelter." Oh, the horror.

FYI, the fresh checkmark by Foreigner on my 1970s Super Group Checklist still stands. Sorry, Chris and Edward.

*Contact **scottsaalman@gmail.com** if you'd like to have a humorous guest speaker at a work or social event.*

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Foreigner at Ruoff Music Center in Noblesville this summer.

Photo provided by Scott Saalman

Scott & Brynne had a great time at the Foreigner concert.

Water

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right-of-way but really only needed 20 feet. They were asking for the 50 feet to be a nonexclusive easement. A nonexclusive easement exists where the servient owner retains the privilege of sharing the benefit conferred by the easement.

Noblesville attorney Raymond Adler advised that sewer hook-on can be required when there is an available sanitary sewer within 300 feet of the property line in many cases or within 300 feet of the building to be served in rural areas. The water company confirm there could be a charge to hook on.

One participant questioned the procedure of agreeing to an easement before the form was provided. It was disclosed that a three-page easement form is required.

Indiana American Water indicated it had contracted with the County Regional Waste District to provide water. The county is planning a water station in the sewer plan in the Baker's Corner area near U.S. 31 and 236th Street to service more than 1,000 projected new homes. The county would build a new water tower and booster station near Baker's Corner. The system would provide 600,000 to 700,000 gallons per day.

Fire hydrants would not be placed in rural areas.

This project is being funded initially by Indiana American Water but will be reimbursed by users. No other routes were considered.

The pipe will be at least five feet deep and will be 10 feet under the bottom of any regulated drain. Any sewer must be 10 feet horizontally away from the water line. It was anticipated sewers would be in 236th Street as a manhole for cleanout is required every 500 feet.

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Getting deep in the weeds over INDOT vs. Noblesville

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A concerned citizen living near the corner of State Road 38 and Oakmont Drive recently sent an abundance of photos and a rather angry email to the City of Noblesville about safety concerns. The citizen called the corner (seen above) "a dangerous situation" that residents "have endured for several months," making it difficult for residents to get on and off State Road 38. While this citizen wanted the city to fix it, the intersection, being on a state road, is the responsibility of the Indiana Department of Transportation. INDOT started a project at the intersection, but it is far from complete. Nonetheless, Noblesville told The Reporter it is sending its own Street Department employees to the intersection to trim the vegetation that has been making a bad situation worse. To report a problem to INDOT, you can do so online at indottscc.service-now.com/csm. To report a problem to the City of Noblesville, you can contact the Mayor Chris Jensen at cjensen@noblesville.in.us. If you want to send a letter to the editor at this newspaper, please do so by emailing News@ReadTheReporter.com which includes your name, city of residence, and phone number for confirmation. Please keep in mind that we prefer to be arbiters of civil discourse in these pages and we would be grateful if your tone were professional … or at least polite.

Mayor Brainard appoints Chaka Coleman to Carmel Plan Commission

The REPORTER

Mayor Jim Brainard announced Friday he has appointed Chaka Coleman, a Carmel attorney and business lobbyist, to the Carmel Plan Commission to fulfill the term left vacant by Leo Dierckman who recently moved out of Carmel. Coleman will serve on the Commission until Dec. 31, 2026.

Coleman

The Carmel Plan Commission helps manage the city's growth and development and assists the Carmel City Council as it develops and updates city ordinances, the Comprehensive Plan, the Thoroughfare Plan, and other long-range plans. Primary areas of focus for the Plan Commission are planning for housing, transportation, neighborhood development, parks, commercial development, and public facilities. Nine voting members serve on the Commission.

Coleman is a graduate of Indiana University's Robert H. McKinney School of Law, where she earned her law degree. She also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management. During law school Coleman was a summer clerk at the Indiana Court of Appeals and Marion County Prosecutor's Office. Additionally, she was a co-fellow in the IU McKinney Program on Law and State Government. She now represents clients on regulatory and legislative matters before the state legislature as a lobbyist. Drawing from more than a decade of public and private sector experience, she navigates legislative interests to protect the value of the organizations she represents, which includes companies from the energy, alcohol, gaming, and healthcare industries.

Coleman enjoys living in Carmel with her family and serves on the Mayor's Advisory Commission on Human Relations.

The Plan Commission meets at 6 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month in the Chambers of City Hall. In addition, each member of the Plan Commission, except the President, is a part of either the Commercial or Residential Committee. These committees meet at 6 p.m. on the first Tuesday of every month in the Caucus rooms of City Hall.

Thanks for reading!

The harsh reality of Social Security: you are the problem

COLUMNIST
SYLVIA GORDON
Make Sense of Medicare

During this election – and if you'll recall, during every election before this – fears are stoked over the demise of Social Security and Medicare.

My inbox fills up with the same question, "Will these still be here when I retire?" Mostly likely yes, but not without some alterations. Everyone fears that the Republicans will ruin these programs, buy you have already ruined them.

You, yes you dear reader.

You and yours have not kept that stasis the programs required. When Social Security commenced in the 1930s, families routinely produced five to six workers. Ask yourself how many workers have you contributed to this system. Only two or three? You are part of the problem.

You are also ruining Social Security with your longevity. In the 1930s, very few people lived long enough to collect benefits. You and your family expect to live well past age 65 – once considered rare old age. You and yours are living longer and longer, many expecting to collect benefits from ages 62 to 82 … or longer.

As life expectancy increased, so too should the age to collect full retirement benefits. But this is political suicide. So painful is the fallout that when Ronald Regan's administration moved the age up from 65 to 67, he made it take over 20 years to phase in. This safely left those who voted to move the age exempt from political fallout. And fallout there would be if anyone actually knew that the age is in fact no longer 65. The vast majority of my clients still cling to the belief that age 65 is their age for full benefits.

If you were born in 1960 or after, the age for full benefits levels out at age 67. It took over eight years to move the age of full retirement up a paltry two years. If we want to save the program, it must continue to change as our country has changed. Yes, the age must increase. Yes, this means that more people may not live long enough to reap any of the benefits. That is precisely how the program was designed.

Save your hate emails; this is not my opinion. I'm not telling you anything other than the history of our program – a program that was never designed to be your sole source of income during retirement.

That fact hurts the most. The reality of the program was to supplement your savings, not provide you with all your income. "How am I supposed to live on this?" is common question. The answer is a cold truth that angers everyone, "You were never meant to survive on only Social Security." Many people, especially women, claim Social Security as their only income.

This is not an insurance program. Nor will everyone who pays in be able to draw something out. Work for only nine years? You don't qualify to draw anything at retirement. Never worked at all and become disabled? Sorry, you don't qualify either. Were you a stay-at-home mother to three children whose father left you after 9.9 years? Nada. You cannot qualify for spousal benefits since your marriage wasn't a full 10 years.

Our program is frustratingly complicated, but that is due to it stretching and bending over the past 80 years to become more equitable. Men howl that it isn't "fair" their ex-spouses can draw a benefit off them. Women howl that it isn't fair they can't draw more than 50 percent of their spouse's amount. Everyone seems to be mad that their monthly check is too low, and yet here we are: in love and in hate with Social Security.

Our little social project that has changed a lot must continue to change if it is to survive.

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****.*

Is "compromise" a dirty word now?

COLUMNIST
MELBA KISER

The August Noblesville School Board meeting was one for the record books.

Not since the meeting in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic have there been so many people lined up to give public comment. Twenty-six people signed up to speak and the topic was exclusively the appointment to the Hamilton East Public Library (HEPL) Board. What is usually a 45-minute session had to be extended so that all persons interested could speak.

The comments were almost evenly split between those who supported the current library board member and those who opposed re-appointing that person.

Some of the reasons given for opposing the current appointment included the belief that the head librarian is the person best suited to decide the proper placement of books, parents are the ones who should decide what their children can read, the Collection Development Policy is restrictive and exclusive, the policies put in place are based on an individual's ideology, and the majority on the board is trying to impose their morals and beliefs on others.

Those who supported the current appointee and the current Collection Development Policy spoke to their belief that the books being questioned are not age-appropriate, the school has a similar policy in place for what students can watch on their iPads, some books that were moved were not as a result of the policy but rather the misunderstanding of the policy by the library employees, and parents are the ones to decide what their children should read and at what age.

I support the right of every parent to decide what they want to teach their children and what is appropriate for their children to read and see. I may not understand or agree with every parent's choice but that is their right.

Conversely, I do not believe that other parents have the right to determine what my child or grandchildren should be exposed to. I also know that one cannot unsee what they have seen.

Finally, I believe that the Noblesville School Board of Trustees' first responsibility is to do what is best for the children and that should be their sole consideration.

Unfortunately, the School Board voted, in a 3-2 vote, to oust the current HEPL board member and replace her with someone very likely to undo the good that has been done by the current board. Ironically, some of the very people who said that parents should be the ones to decide would deny the rights of parents they did not agree with. Those people who accused the current appointee of being ideologically driven failed to see how their ideology drove their opinions.

I believe that the current Collection Development Policy achieved a balanced "compromise" that would respect the rights and beliefs of both sides of the argument.

But I guess "compromise" has become a dirty word.

An evening with author Rob Harrell at Sheridan Public Library

The REPORTER

Sheridan Public Library will play host to a visit from the award-winning author and illustrator Rob Harrell at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 29.

Harrell

Harrell is the author of the middle-grade novel *Wink*, the *Life of Zarf* series, and the graphic novel *Monster on the Hill*, which was recently adapted into the animated film *Rumble*. In addition, Harrell created the comic strip *Big Top* and now writes and draws the daily strip *Adam@Home*. His latest book is the third book in the graphic novel series *Batpig: Go Pig or Go Home*.

Harrell will be available for book signing at the end of the program. There is no registration for this free event.

For more information on programming and services, please visit **sheridan.lib.in.us**.

NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS

Board Highlights

Aug. 15, 2023 Meeting

Submitted by Noblesville Schools

The school board has responsibility for major district functions including school district governance and oversight, setting school policies, approving funding, strategic planning, and hiring and evaluating the superintendent.

• The board recognized STEM educators, NHS assistant principal Kevin Stuckwisch, and school resource officer Justin Beaver for national and state accomplishments.

• Noblesville East Middle School spotlighted techniques to grow students' writing skills.

• The board extended public speaking time to accommodate over 25 people who signed up to share public comments.

• Noblesville High School teacher Bill Kenley was appointed to represent the district on the Hamilton East Public Library board. The vote was 3-2 with board members Laura Alerding and Misti Ray voting against the appointment.

• A partnership with the Noblesville Girls Softball Association was approved that will allow them to use fields at North, Hinkle Creek, Stony Creek, and Promise Road elementary schools.

• A lease hearing was held regarding NHS construction.

Visit the school board area of the ***Noblesville Schools website*** *for meeting agendas, minutes, videos and more.*

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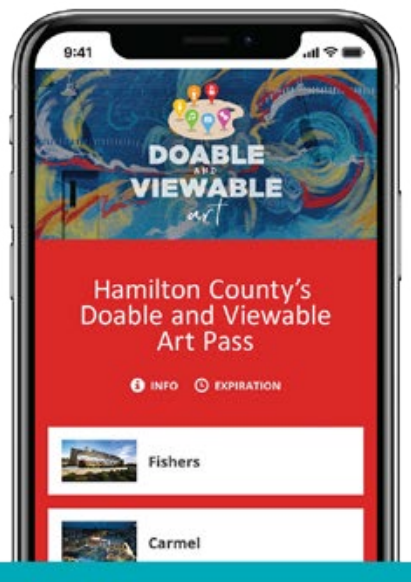

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Good news from Stony Creek Church of Christ

Help! I'm looking for a "church home" (Part 2)

COLUMNIST
JOHN A. SMITH
Think on These Things

This is the second column in a series that will investigate how one might search for and find a church that pleases God. It is my desire that these articles will challenge your thinking and lead you to important Biblical truth.

In making our decision as to the church we will become a part of one of the things we need to investigate is who is the head of that church. One of the next questions you will face is who is the head of the church that you read about in the New Testament. Using your Bible and Bible alone, what will you discover? To whom will you owe allegiance? Who possesses all authority in the New Testament church?

What does the Bible say about who is the Head of the church?

Your search through the Bible will lead you to one understand that there is only one logical conclusion: JESUS CHRIST IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH.

There is room for only one Head. If Jesus Christ has all authority, then there isn't any left for anyone else. Everything that we do religiously must meet with His approval and must be authorized by Him. If we cannot find a "thus saith the Lord" then we must avoid that practice for it does not come from the Head.

If Jesus is the Head of the church, then we must reject all human heads regardless of the form they take. Gone are all the human leaders, synods, councils, districts, church presidents, and any other form of human authority. Search for yourself and see what your find.

What does the Bible say about when the church began?

There are a great number of different religious institutions that are fairly recent in origin. As you search for the church of the New Testament, the one that you know will please the Lord, you might ask the question, when did this one begin? This will help you identify the New Testament church. Using a Bible alone, what will you find? In Matthew 16:18 you discover that Jesus promised to build His church. From this passage you learn two important facts:

1. JESUS WAS ONLY GOING TO BUILD ONE CHURCH.

2. HIS CHURCH EXISTED ONLY IN PROMISE AT THIS TIME.

Your continued search leads you to Mark 9:1 in which Jesus states that the kingdom, the church (Col. 1:13) was to come during the lifetime of those listening to Him at that moment. This adds one more important clue: the church founded by and purchased by Jesus was established in the first century.

Moving on into the book of Acts, you discover two important passages that help you narrow down the time of the church's beginning. In Acts 2:41 men were added to the church, and in Acts 8:1-3 the church was scattered about because of persecution. Thus, we must conclude that the church of the New Testament was established no earlier than the end of the life of Christ and no later than Pentecost (Acts 2).

A careful study of Acts 2 and the prophecies fulfilled on that day lead us to conclude that the church purchased and established by Jesus Christ had its beginning on that day – no sooner and no later. Gone then are all the churches that had their beginnings after this time. They are obviously not the church founded by Jesus Christ. Thus, we look for a church whose only head is Jesus Christ and whose practices, doctrines, and organization had its beginning on Pentecost. Search for yourself and see what you find!

What does the Bible say about the creed book used by the church?

Once again using your Bible alone, you set out to find the answer to another important religious question.

Having discovered the Head (Jesus Christ), the time of its beginning (Pentecost), and the various descriptions used of church found in the New Testament, you next turn to its creed book. What, if any book, contained the basic beliefs of this church?

A studious search of the New Testament will reveal the following information about the New Testament:

• IT IS COMPLETE (JAMES 1:25; 2 PETER 1:3)

• IT IS GOD'S FINAL (JUDE 3)

• REVELATION OF TRUTH (GAL. 1:8-9)

• IT IS ETERNAL (MATT. 24:35; 1 PETER 1:23-25)

• IT IS "GOD-BREATHED" (2 TIM. 3:16-17; 1 COR. 2:7-13)

• IT WILL COMPLETELY EQUIP & FURNISH MAN (2 TIM. 3:16-17)

• IT IS GOD'S MESSAGE OF SALVATION (ROMANS 1:16)

In this list of references two seem to be of particular importance. First, 2 Timothy 3:16-17 tells us: "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnishes unto all good works." This passage tells us that the Bible, which came from God, will make man perfect. The word perfect does not have the meaning that we commonly give it today. In Bible times it simply meant complete, mature, or well-rounded. Can we hope to be better than that? It will also thoroughly furnish man unto every good work. In other words, it will make it possible for us to do everything that God wants us to do. Can we do any better?

The second passage of special importance is Romans 1:16. The Bible contains the "Gospel" (1 Cor. 15:1-4) which is God's power to save. Do we then have any need of another revelation or book of belief? Obviously not! The Bible also contains some warnings concerning the use of other "religious writings." In 1 Cor. 4:6, we are told "not to exceed what is written" (NASV). 2 John 9 tells us not to go beyond the doctrine of Christ and that if we do, we do not have the Father or the Son. Rev. 22:18-19 warns us not to tamper with the Word either by adding or subtracting. Gone then are all the churches that use and promote man-written creeds, man-written articles of faith, church manuals, church constitutions and such like. By going beyond the Bible, they show themselves to be foreign to the Bible.

Write or call and let us know what you think. Would you like more information about the church found in the New Testament? I would love to accommodate your request. Do you have questions or disagreements? I will be happy to study God's Word with you and help you find the "peace that passes understanding" (Philippians 4:7).

I hope you will accept our offer to visit and investigate. We meet at 15530 Herriman Blvd., Noblesville. Our phone number is (317) 219-5852. We meet for Sunday morning Bible Study at 10 a.m. and have classes for all ages. Worship begins at 11 a.m. and we have a Bible Study Wednesdays at 7 p.m. A warm welcome awaits!

Sogility partners with Indy Gladiators

The REPORTER

Indy Gladiators and Sogility have announced a partnership to help continue the development of their players in a unique and exciting environment.

Sogility is a soccer training center based in Westfield utilizing world-class training technology used by large clubs like FC Barcelona and Manchester City. This center is perfect for players who want to improve their technical skills in dribbling, touch, passing, and shooting.

"Expanding our efforts to support local youth and professional soccer in the community remains a top priority here at Sogility," Sogility CEO Jimmy Carson said. "The partnership with Indy Gladiators, a UPSL team with a commendable track record, holds great importance to us."

"This partnership is a great opportunity for us as a team and for the football community in Indiana," Indy Gladiators Captain Paco Gonzalez said. "Working with local facilities such as Sogility, will not only make us a better team but bring more awareness to the sport and bring the football community together to work as one and ensure the development of our future players."

For more information on the partnership between Indy Gladiators and Sogility contact Sam Wade at **sam@sogility.net**.

Westfield Chamber Calendar of Events

AUGUST

Coffee with the Chamber
8 to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 22
Location: The Club of Chatham Hills

Party on the Patio (& YP Happy Hour)
5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 22
Location: Collective Beauty Salon & Spa

SEPTEMBER

Young Professionals Coffee & Networking
8 to 9 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 8
Location: The Club at Chatham Hills

Young Professionals Golf Outing
8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 12
Location: Wood Wind Golf Club

Mental Health First Aid Training
8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 13
Location: Hamilton County Community Foundation

Party on the Patio (& YP Happy Hour)
5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 19
Location: Four Fingers Distillery

Chamber Luncheon
11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 21
Location: West Fork Whiskey

Showcase & Taste
Time T.B.D., Wednesday, Sept. 27
Location: Grand Park Events Center

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"Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus."

(2 Timothy 1:13)

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Indiana Republican Party Chairman Kyle Hupfer to step down

By DAJA STOWE
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Indiana Republican Party Chairman Kyle Hupfer announced Friday he is stepping down from his role after six and a half years.

Hupfer

Hupfer gave notice to members of the Indiana Republican State Committee of his intention to step down immediately upon the election of his successor, according to a release.

"Serving as the chairman of the Indiana Republican Party for the past six and a half years has been a great honor and a privilege," said Hupfer in a release.

Hupfer has led the Republican party to "an unprecedented level of success across the state" through four election cycles.

"The Indiana Republican Party is strong," Hupfer added. "And I believe that if we continue to deliver results that matter, Hoosiers will continue to place their trust in us and elect and reelect Republicans long into the future."

The move will be discussed on *All INdiana Politics* at 9:30 a.m. Sunday on WISH-TV.

Community News

Meet with gubernatorial candidate Mike Braun

U.S. Senator Mike Braun, one of five contenders for the Republican nomination for Indiana governor, will hold a meet-and-greet with supporters at 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 22 at American Legion Post 155, 852 W. Main St., Carmel.

Braun

If you'd like attend, please RSVP to **grassroots@mikebraunforindiana.com**.

Indiana tax on gasoline to climb again in September

By BRADY GIBSON
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Indiana's tax on gasoline sales will jump to its highest point this year in September.

The Indiana Department of Revenue says the gasoline use tax will be 21.1 cents per gallon beginning Sept. 1. That's an increase of 1.7 cents per gallon over August.

The tax is set based on the average wholesale price of gasoline in the previous month.

The total combined state and federal taxes on a gallon of gasoline in Indiana in September will be 73.5 cents.

Thanks for reading!

Sen. Todd Young & colleagues demand answers after Biden Administration releases $6B to Iran

The REPORTER

U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.), Tim Scott (R-S.C.), and a group of Republican colleagues sent a letter to the Biden Administration demanding answers regarding the approximately $6 billion the Administration released to Iran in exchange for American prisoners.

In addition to Senators Young and Scott, U.S. Senators Jim Risch (R-Idaho), Roger Wicker (R-Miss.), Tom Cotton (R-Ark.), Bill Hagerty (R-Tenn.), Bill Cassidy (R-La.), Katie Britt (R-Ala.), Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), Steve Daines (R-Mont.), Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), Ted Budd (R-N.C.), J.D. Vance (R-Ohio), John Cornyn (R-Texas), Pete Ricketts (R-Neb.), John Hoeven (R-N.D.), Mike Crapo (R-Idaho), Roger Marshall (R-Kansas), James Lankford (R-Okla.), Joni Ernst (R-Iowa), Thom Tillis (R-N.C.), John Kennedy (R-La.), and John Barrasso (R-Wyo.) also joined the letter.

Young

In the letter to Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Secretary of the Treasury Janet Yellen, the senators wrote:

"When the Obama administration released $400 million in liquidated assets to Iran in 2016, we warned that this dangerous precedent would put a price on American lives. Seven years later, the current administration is providing a ransom payment worth at least fifteen times that amount to the world's largest state sponsor of terror, in yet another violation of the United States' long-standing 'no concessions' policy. In the release of Executive Order 14078 on July 19, 2022, the White House admitted that 'terrorist organizations, criminal groups, and other malicious actors who take hostages for financial, political, or other gain—as well as foreign states that engage in the practice of wrongful detention, including for political leverage or to seek concessions from the United States—threaten the integrity of the international political system and the safety of United States nationals and other persons abroad.' The release of such a significant sum to the Iranian regime runs entirely counter to that claim and will only serve to encourage additional hostage taking for financial or political gain."

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Fishers road construction updates, week of Aug. 21

The REPORTER

106th Street

Lane restrictions will be in place on 106th Street from Allisonville Road to Sherbourne Road on Wednesday, Aug. 23 to allow crews to replace a sanitary manhole casting.

106th Street trail restrictions

The multipurpose trail on 106th Street from Allisonville Road to Hague Road will be restricted with temporary closures from Aug. 22 to Sept. 1 for maintenance.

113th Street

Lane restrictions will be in place on 113th Street between Olio Road and Florida Road on Monday, Aug. 21 for tree trimming operations.

Fall Creek Road

Rolling lane restrictions will be in place starting Saturday, Aug. 19 through Wednesday, Aug. 23 on Fall Creek Road from 96th Street to Geist Road. This will allow the contractor to place pavement markings.

146th Street & Allisonville Road

Phase 2A traffic restrictions are currently in effect. These restrictions eliminate left turns from 146th Street onto Allisonville Road and reopen to two thru lanes on eastbound and westbound 146th Street.

Utility relocation work is ongoing. Periodic lane closures may be necessary to complete this work. Watch for flaggers and workers in and around the construction zone.

Construction crews are continuing to work on storm sewer installation and roadway grading. Crews have begun working on the widening of the westbound bridge over the White River. The contractor has installed cofferdams and delineating buoys in the White River for pier construction. Use caution if canoeing or tubing through the work zone.

For additional project information, click here.

Cumberland Road

There are daily lane closures currently on Cumberland Road just south of 126th Street for sanitary and water line work. The northbound right turn lane and the southbound passing blister will be closed.

106th Street & Allisonville Road

There is a sanitary sewer project currently taking place at Metro Airport at 106th Street and Allisonville Road. There are times where lane restrictions may be in place on Allisonville Road. Use caution in this area.

106th Street & Hoosier Road

Prep work prior to the roundabout construction is currently taking place. Work will include tree clearing, utility relocation, and storm sewer installation. For additional project information, view the Capital Project Dashboard here.

Geist Greenway

Geist Greenway is now open between Valley Crossing to 126th Street. Work will resume on the trail south of Valley Crossing Drive on/or after Sept. 1 and remains closed until construction is finished. Construction continues to take place on Florida Road and between Bowline Drive and 104th Street. For general project information, please visit playfishers.com/299/Geist-Greenway.

Resurfacing Projects

ADA ramp and curb reconstruction is currently taking place in Bristols and at the Parks (Harvard, Oxford and Princeton Park) as part of the 2023 Resurfacing Project. 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.

For additional project information, view the Capital Project Dashboard here.

State Road 37 & 141st Street

To learn more about the State Road 37 Improvement Project and sign up to receive text updates, visit 37Thrives.com.

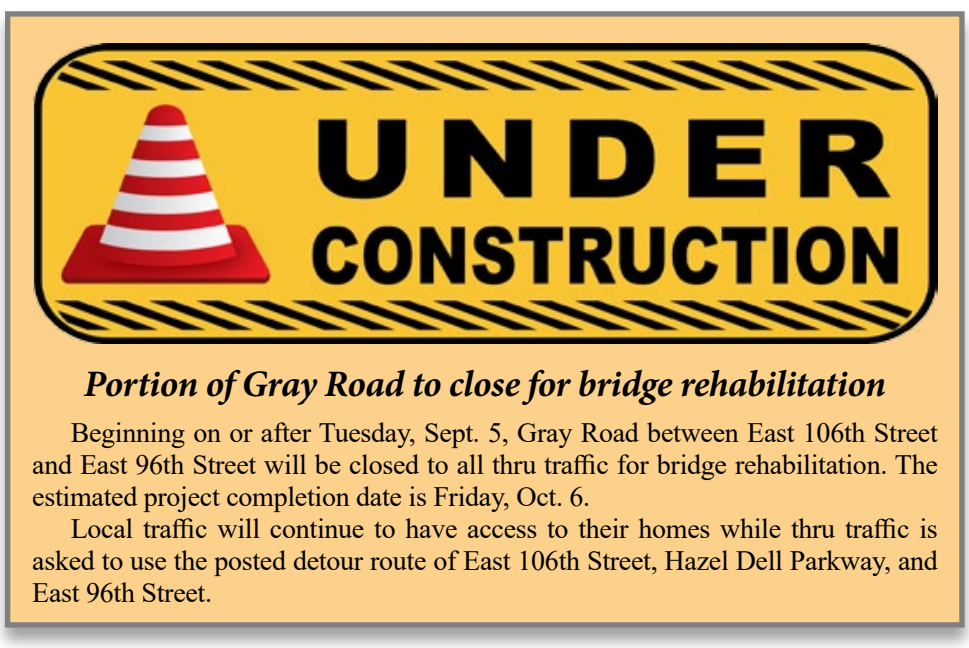
I-465 & I-69

The ramp from I-69 North to 82nd Street and the ramp from 82nd Street to I-69 North is currently closed through late 2023. For detour routes and additional project information, visit ClearPath465.com.

Nickel Plate Trail

The City of Fishers is working on the completion of the Fishers portion of the Nickel Plate Trail between Hague Road and 106th Street. The installation of pedestrian rail is currently taking place and pedestrian flashers are not operative at this time.

To learn more about the Nickel Plate Trail, view the Capital Project Dashboard here.

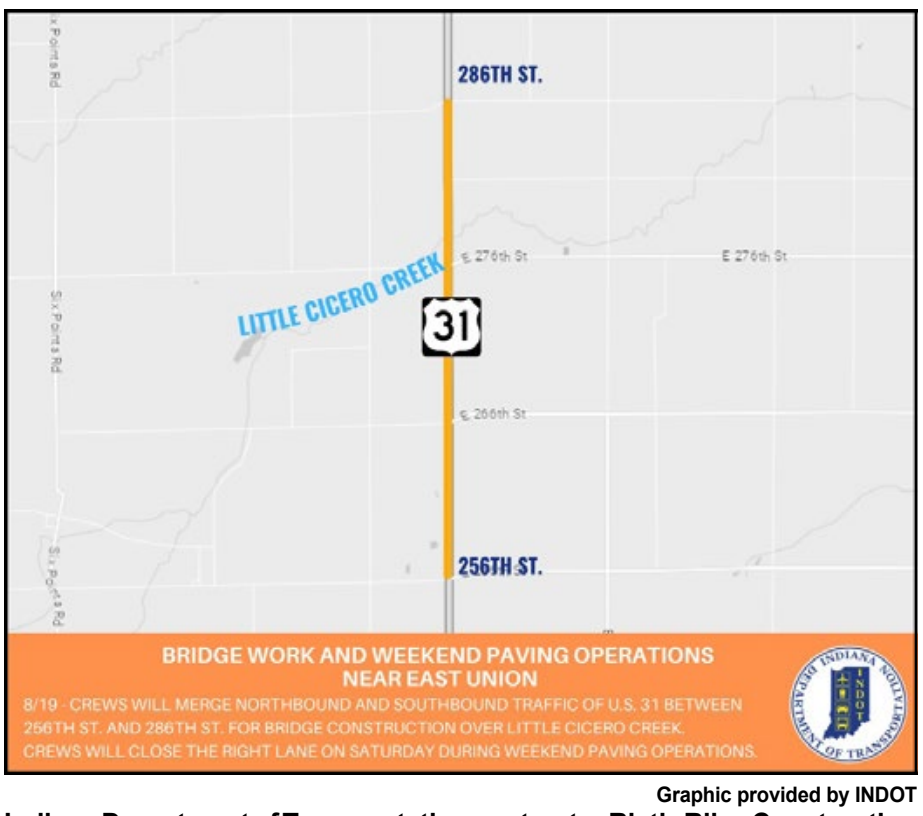


Portion of Gray Road to close for bridge rehabilitation

Beginning on or after Tuesday, Sept. 5, Gray Road between East 106th Street and East 96th Street will be closed to all thru traffic for bridge rehabilitation. The estimated project completion date is Friday, Oct. 6.

Local traffic will continue to have access to their homes while thru traffic is asked to use the posted detour route of East 106th Street, Hazel Dell Parkway, and East 96th Street.

One-day lane closure on U.S. 31 in northern Hamilton County



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Indiana Department of Transportation contractor Rieth-Riley Construction will conduct bridge work on U.S. 31 in northern Hamilton County beginning on or after Saturday, Aug. 19. Crews will merge northbound and southbound traffic between 256th and 286th streets for bridge construction over Little Cicero Creek. Crews will close the right lane on Saturday during weekend paving operations. This work is expected to be complete by the end of the day, weather depending. INDOT reminds drivers to consider worker safety by slowing down, using caution, and avoiding distractions when traveling in and near work zones. All work is weather-dependent and schedules are subject to change.

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STEAM & career-focused online school students logged on for 2023-2024 school year

Indiana Connections Career Academy's newly expanded career courses, pathways and partnerships promote both college and career readiness

The REPORTER

More than 600 Indiana students started the new school year on Aug. 8 at Indiana Connections Career Academy, a **tuition-free full-time public virtual school** serving students statewide in grades 6 through 12.

Indiana Connections Career Academy provides students a safe, engaging environment that offers STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) and career-focused courses to offer specific skill development and career exposure.

Building on an already robust career program, Indiana Connections Career Academy has expanded its courses and career pathways to include Information Technology (IT) and Business for the 2023-24 school year. Students will work with a Career Coach who will help guide and support them through interactions with college and industry partners/mentors, keep them on track to earn certifications and dual credit, and help them update their portfolios in preparation for life after high school. New digital tools will include a career portal and career assessments to identify student interests and facilitate exploration.

"At the end of one of our pathways, students may be prepared to earn a certificate or credential, which will help prepare them for an apprenticeship or employment after high school. In some cases, colleges award credit for industry credentials earned," said Indiana Connections Career Academy's Executive Director Kelly Simone. "No matter your student's post-graduation plans, completing a career pathway at Indiana Connections Career Academy can help prepare them for a bright future."

High school students will also have free access to Credly, an industry-recognized company that awards verified, shareable digital credentials recognized by many employers, to help them enhance their career options. Indiana Connections Career Academy students who complete qualifying courses with a passing grade or who participate in certain college- and career-related activities will earn Credly digital badges.

"Students can earn a badge for many different things, from many different organizations," said Simone. "Badges issued by Credly and Connections Academy are valuable because they represent achievements recognized by colleges and employers. Badges managed through Credly will help Indiana Connections Career Academy students build a portfolio that showcases their accomplishments and hard work."

Students are returning to school shortly after the release of the 2022-2023 Parent Satisfaction Survey, an annual third-party survey that provides families with the opportunity to review their experience at Indiana Connections Career Academy. According to the survey results:

- 99 percent of parents are satisfied with the helpfulness of their child's Connections Academy teachers
- 97 percent of parents agree the curriculum is high quality
- 96 percent of parents say the Connections Academy program gives them greater opportunity to be more involved with their child's education
- 96 percent of parents say their child is satisfied learning at Indiana Connections Career Academy

In its seventh year of operation, Indiana Connections Career Academy offers many activities throughout the course of the year to help build community and relationships including numerous field trips, National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society and prom.

Indiana Connections Career Academy also offers many course options for students, including core classes in math, science, language arts, and social studies; extensive electives including foreign languages, digital technology and career technical courses, as well as honors courses. The school also offers a broad assortment of online clubs, ranging from robotics and gaming to poetry and art.

Enrollment for Indiana Connections Career Academy's 2023-2024 school year is still open for students in grades 6 through 12. Interested families are encouraged to attend one of the upcoming **online information sessions** to find out if virtual school is the right fit for their students. For more information about Indiana Connections Career Academy or to begin the enrollment process, visit **IndianaConnectionsCareerAcademy.com**.

Westfield Chamber to hold city's first Showcase & Taste event

The REPORTER

The Westfield Chamber's first Showcase & Taste of Westfield will take place from 3 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 25 at Grand Park Events Center. Guests will have the opportunity to enjoy the best of what Westfield has to offer all in one place.

The Showcase & Tase will be open to all residents. Advance tickets ($7) will be available soon online at **westfieldchamberindy.com**. Tickets will be $10 at the door.

Exhibitors at the Showcase & Taste of Westfield will have the opportunity to put their businesses on display and connect with businesses and potential customers at one of the Chamber's largest networking events of the year.

All types of businesses can participate in the event, including restaurants, service and healthcare providers, legal professionals, entertainment venues, food providers, and more. Restaurants, caterers, wineries, breweries, and other food service establishments are invited to provide menu tastings as well.

Become an exhibitor

Member Booth ($300): Includes full booth 10-by-10-foot package (eight-foot table with full-length linen, eight-foot back drape, three-foot side rails, two chairs, wastebasket, and ID sign; two complimentary admission tickets

Non-Member Booth ($500): Includes full booth 10-by-10-foot package (eight-foot table with full-length linen, eight-foot back drape, three-foot side rails, two chairs, wastebasket, and ID sign; two complimentary admission tickets

Premium Member Booth ($600): Includes one ***high-visibility*** full booth 10-by-10-foot package (eight-foot table with full-length linen, eight-foot back drape, three-foot side rails, two chairs, wastebasket, and ID sign; six complimentary admission tickets; recognition on various e-newsletters, event pages, and social media mentions

Premium Non-Member Booth ($1,000): Includes one ***high-visibility*** full booth 10-by-10-foot package (eight-foot table with full-length linen, eight-foot back drape, three-foot side rails, two chairs, wastebasket, and ID sign; six complimentary admission tickets; recognition on various e-newsletters, event pages, and social media mentions

Non-Profit Booth ($250): Includes full booth 10-by-10-foot package (eight-foot table with full-length linen, eight-foot back drape, three-foot side rails, two chairs, wastebasket, and ID sign; two complimentary admission tickets; ***must provide proof of non-profit status.***

The deadline for exhibitor registration is Sept. 18. Businesses can purchase a booth online at **westfieldchamberindy.com**.

The Title Sponsors for this first Showcase & Taste include Community First Bank of Indiana, JRF Construction, Church Church Hittle & Antrim, City of Westfield, Riverview Health, Citizens Energy Group, Ascension St. Vincent, Carrington Mortgage Services, The Farmers Bank, and Westfield Washington Schools.

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GlobalData report highlights staggering economic costs for Indiana of $9.3B due to obesity

Submitted

Obesity and overweight are estimated to have caused a staggering $9.3 billion reduction in Indiana's economy in 2022, equivalent to 2 percent of the state's gross domestic product, according to a report released by **GlobalData Plc**, a leading data and analytics company.

GlobalData's report, '**Obesity's Impact on Indiana's Economy and Labor Force**,' analyzes the economic and workforce implications of obesity in the State of Indiana, as well as the impact on state tax revenue collections and costs. Obesity is a serious, progressive disease and is associated with a range of other diseases, including type 2 diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, and musculoskeletal disorders. In Indiana, approximately one-third of adults are classified as having obesity (36.3 percent), and another third have overweight (33.3 percent). This disease not only contributes to an increase in healthcare spending and premature death but also has a detrimental effect on labor force participation and productivity.

Estimates of the economic impact of obesity on Indiana include: 69,400 fewer adults in the workforce due to obesity-related unemployment and premature death, $901 million higher costs to employers for health-related absenteeism and disability, and 9 percnet lower earnings for women with obesity compared to women with a healthy weight.

Employers in Indiana paid an extra $1.2 billion in higher medical expenditures for health complications attributed to obesity and overweight. Households with private insurance incurred $712 million in higher costs. Medicaid costs to the state were higher by $239.6 million (equivalent to 6.2 percent of the state's Medicaid spending). The federal government also spent an estimated $2.2 billion more on Medicare and Medicaid for Indiana residents.

Obesity and overweight have a detrimental impact on the state's budget, estimated at $966 million in 2022 which is equivalent to 4.6 percent of fiscal year revenues. State tax revenues were lower by $511 million (3.7 percent) due to reduced economic activity, while state costs for Medicaid, public assistance, and state government health insurance increased by $455 million.

The report also notes that achieving and maintaining weight loss of 5 to 25 percent among Indiana's non-Medicare adult population with obesity could produce substantial medical savings, ranging from $8.0 billion to $20.2 billion over the next 10 years.

"As an organization dedicated to promoting health and well-being, we are deeply concerned about the staggering costs that obesity imposes on the people and economy of Indiana," said Jennifer Pferrer, Executive Director of the Wellness Council of Indiana. "Addressing obesity is not only crucial for the well-being of our residents but also for the sustainability and prosperity of our state. We believe that investing in comprehensive obesity prevention and treatment initiatives will lead to healthier communities, increased productivity, and a stronger economy for Indiana."

Considering the analysis, GlobalData has recommended actionable steps for state policymakers and employers:

State policymakers can (1) advocate for state employee health insurance to cover comprehensive, evidence-based obesity treatments, including intensive behavioral counseling, nutrition support, pharmacotherapy, and bariatric surgery; (2) expand Medicaid coverage for obesity treatment; and (3) invest in community-based programs and education campaigns.

Employers can (1) offer insurance coverage and wellness programs for obesity care at parity with other chronic diseases; (2) foster a culture of support and inclusion that recognizes and accommodates the needs of employees with obesity; and (3) provide education and resources to employees to educate about the health risks associated with obesity as well as strategies for obesity care and weight management.

GlobalData's report serves as a wakeup call to address the obesity crisis head-on, with the potential to alleviate the economic burden on Indiana and foster a healthier and more prosperous future for its residents and employers.

The study was supported by Eli Lilly and Company.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

Abram rescues Lot (cont.)

In the fourteenth year, Kedorlaomer and the kings allied with him went out and defeated the Rephaites in Ashteroth Karnaim, the Zuzites in Ham, the Emites in Shaveh Kiriathaim and the Horites in the hill country of Seir, as far as El Paran near the desert. Then they turned back and went to En Mishpat (that is, Kadesh), and they conquered the whole territory of the Amalekites, as well as the Amorites who were living in Hazezon Tamar.

Then the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboyim and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) marched out and drew up their battle lines in the Valley of Siddim against Kedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of Goyim, Amraphel king of Shinar and Arioch king of Ellasar—four kings against five. Now the Valley of Siddim was full of tar pits, and when the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, some of the men fell into them and the rest fled to the hills. The four kings seized all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah and all their food; then they went away. They also carried off Abram's nephew Lot and his possessions, since he was living in Sodom.

Genesis 14:5-12 (NIV)

Meeting Notices

The Carmel Board of Zoning Appeals has canceled its regular meeting, which was scheduled for 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 28, 2023. The Hearing Officer meeting will continue as planned for 5:15 p.m. in the Caucus Rooms on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.

The Cicero Stormwater Utility Board will meet at 3 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 25, 2023, at the Cicero Municipal Building, 331 E. Jackson St., Cicero.

The Hamilton North Public Library Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 24, 2023, in the Jenkins Meeting Room at the Cicero library, 209 W. Brinton St., Cicero.

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Hamilton County High School Football, Week 1

Shamrocks get solid early lead, start season with victory over New Palestine

By RICHIE HALL
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WESTFIELD – It only took a few minutes for Westfield to take command of the opening game of the 2023 IHSAA football season.

The Shamrocks scored two touchdowns during the first four minutes, and rode the momentum to a 34-14 victory over New Palestine Friday in a home game at Riverview Health Stadium. It was the first time Westfield had won a season-opener since 2019.

"We wanted to get out to a fast start, but we always do," said Westfield coach Jake Gilbert. The coach remembered the game between the Shamrocks and the Dragons last season, where he said the team "struggled to get going against these guys until about the fourth quarter. So, that was a point of emphasis and to play with a little more discipline. I thought we did both."

The Shamrocks, ranked No. 7 in the IFCA's Class 6A pre-season poll, set the tone early. Senior quarterback Jackson Gilbert finished Westfield's opening drive with a nine-year touchdown run. Seconds later, Brock Stewart intercepted a pass, and the 'Rocks quickly had the ball back.

Westfield wasted no time scoring again, as Jackson Gilbert tossed a 38-yard touchdown reception to Beau Braun. Brody Boehm made both extra-point kicks.

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Reporter photos by Richie Hall

(Left) Gabe Aramboles had three receptions for the Shamrocks. (Right) Westfield's Brock Stewart made a big interception that led to a touchdown in the first quarter of the Shamrocks' 34-14 season-opening win over New Palestine.

Heights keeps pressure on to prevail over Lapel

By CRAIG ADKINS
For The Reporter

ARCADIA – The season opener couldn't have been staged with better weather and atmosphere as the Huskies welcomed the Class 2A No. 12 Lapel Bulldogs to start the 2023 season.

A steady balance on the ground and the air, along with a lot of defensive pressure all night on the Bulldogs' sophomore quarterback was exactly what it took for Heights to get the win at Husky Stadium, 27-14.

Heights took the opening kickoff, running eight plays for 75 yards. Bodie Derrer found junior receiver Keaton Weaver for a 17-yard touchdown pass for an early 7-0 lead, setting the tone right away.

"We came out and did a good job of executing. It was just good, fundamental football and we took what they gave us and methodically marched down the field and it set the tone," said Hamilton Heights head coach Jon Kirschner.

After forcing Lapel to go three and out and punting, the Huskies were in good field position to start their second drive at their own 45.

Eight plays later and driving on Lapel's side of the field, Derrer tossed an interception into the hands of Rylie Hudson at the six-yard line.

After a few more punts on each side, Heights had prime real estate again, starting at the Bulldogs' 47. Derrer forced a pass that was picked off by Nick Witte.

"A couple balls bounce the other way in the first half and it's a different story at halftime," stated Kirschner.

The ensuing drive for Lapel lasted just three plays. Sophomore QB Devin Craig rolled out to try to find an open receiver up the sideline. Instead, he fumbled the football and the ball was recovered by Heights defensive lineman Kendall Flanders at the Bulldog 25.

Taking advantage of the short field, Hamilton Heights converted a big fourth down and six at the Lapel 21, Derrer completed an eight-yard pass to junior Tyler Champion to the 13. Two plays later, senior Carson Fettig fought his way to the end zone, breaking a couple of tackles on his way to a 10-yard touchdown run for a two-score lead at 14-0.

Lapel started putting up a bigger fight in the middle of the third. Devin Craig completed a 22-yard touchdown pass to Rylie Hudson that cut it to a one score game at 14-7.

"They are better than last year. In 2A football, they won their sectional last year and I have to give them credit. They are physical, big and fast," said Kirschner on Lapel.

"That sophomore quarterback's got moxie. He's going to be a good football player. He already is a good football player, but he's going to have a very good career," continued Kirschner on Lapel sophomore QB Devin Craig.

Photos by Bob Cross

(Left) Jaylyn Pugh steps into the end zone for a pick-six touchdown to put the final points on the board for the Huskies. (Right) Hamilton Heights quarterback Bodie Derrer completed 18 of 24 pass attempts and threw for one touchdown during the Huskies' 27-14 win over Lapel on Friday.

Senior Owen VanHaaren showed all night why it was worth the wait in becoming the starting tailback.

Sophomore receiver Cam Fleming caught a 37-yard pass that got the Huskies in scoring position late in the third. The series would be capped off with a 16-yard sprint to the end zone for VanHaaren, untouched for a 20-7 advantage.

"We had some other kids step up tonight, some young sophomores on special teams and at wide receiver. Cam Fleming made a great catch down here that led to our third touchdown," said Kirschner.

"He was our backup tailback last year. We had a returning junior all-state running back two years ago in Trey Ehman, who rushed for over 3,000 yards in his career. Owen VanHaaren comes out tonight and looks like a mini Trey. That was really good to see tonight," said Kirschner in complementing VanHaaren.

The visiting Bulldogs made it interesting in the fourth. Hudson caught another TD pass from Craig, trimming their deficit to 20-14 early on in the quarter.

Nick Witte returned Dean Mason's punt 46 yards to the Husky 25.

Lapel got a little anxious and overzealous on the first play of the next drive. The Bulldogs went for broke and Devin Craig tossed an interception right to Jaylyn Pugh.

The Bulldogs tried to throw away from Pugh, but he just seemed to find his way to the ball all night long. Batting down passes that were mainly intended for 6'4 Nick Witte, Pugh proved that the height difference really wasn't a disadvantage.

"Our safeties are 5'7, but they play like they're 6'1. They're tough and come downhill. We have three or four that are going to cover well and play disciplined football," stated Kirschner.

After Mason's punt pinned Lapel inside the five in the final minute, it was all but over. Craig dropped back to throw in an attempt to make something happen and his pass was picked off, once again by Jaylyn Pugh, returning it for a TD that would be the final score of 27-14.

"We made a lot of plays in a lot of different positions when we needed to. In the end, it came down to four or five plays and I think we got the best of those plays and that's why the score was indicative the way it was. It was a pretty well-matched game," continued Kirschner on the Huskies' play overall.

Devin Craig wound up 13-of-27 passing for 181 yards. He threw two TDs, but also tossed two interceptions. Logan White led with 71 yards on two grabs, while Nick Witte caught six for 69 yards.

Lapel (0-1) plays at home next Friday against Frankton (0-1) and will be in search of

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Saturday, Aug. 19

BOYS SOCCER

Guerin Catholic vs. Castle, 10 a.m. at Center Grove
Westfield at Pike Invitational, 10 a.m.
Fishers at Harrison, 11:30 a.m.
Lutheran at University, 10 a.m.
Muncie Burris at Hamilton Heights, 11:30 a.m.
Noblesville at Brebeuf Jesuit, 11:30 a.m.
Guerin Catholic vs. Elkhart, 1:30 p.m. at Center Grove
Westfield at Pike Invitational, 3 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

Carmel, Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville girls, University at John Cleland Invitational, 8:30 a.m. at Northview Church
Westfield at Plainfield Invitational, 8:30 a.m
Fishers at Brownsburg 4-Way 4K, 9 a.m.
Hamilton Heights at Logansport Invitational, 9 a.m.
Noblesville boys at Huntington North Invitational, 9 a.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

Hamilton Southeastern at
South Bend St. Joseph Invitational, 9 a.m.
Hamilton Heights at Lafayette Central Catholic, 10 a.m.
Plainfield at Westfield, 10 a.m.
University at Eastern, 10 a.m.
Franklin Central at Fishers, 11:30 a.m.

GOLF

Hamilton Southeastern at Mooresville Invitational, noon
Carmel, Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville at Center Grove Trojan Classic, 1 p.m. at Hickory Stick

TENNIS

University at Owls Invitational, 8 a.m. at Muncie Central
Westfield at South Bend St. Joseph Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
Fishers at Park Tudor, 10 a.m.
Hamilton Heights at New Castle Invitational, 10 a.m.
Carmel at Bloomington South Round Robin, noon

VOLLEYBALL

Fishers at Plainfield Invitational, 9 a.m.
Guerin Catholic at Covenant Christian Invitational, 9 a.m.
Hamilton Heights at Western Boone Tournament, 9 a.m.
Carmel Round Robin, 10 a.m.

Monday, Aug. 21

BOYS SOCCER

Noblesville at Plainfield, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

New Palestine at Westfield, 7 p.m.
Fishers at Cathedral, 7:30 p.m.

GOLF

Hamilton Heights vs. Eastern, 4:30 p.m. at Chippendale
University vs. Greenwood Christian and Whiteland, 4:30 p.m. at Smock GC

TENNIS

Fishers at Guerin Catholic, 5 p.m.
North Central at Hamilton Southeastern, 5 p.m.
University at Danville, 5 p.m.
Noblesville at Lawrence North, 5:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Fishers at Bishop Chatard, 7 p.m.
Westfield at Pendleton Heights, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 22

BOYS SOCCER

Bethesda Christian at University, 5:30 p.m.
Sheridan at Mississinewa, 6 p.m.
Franklin Central at Westfield, 7 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at Park Tudor, 7 p.m.
Heritage Christian at Guerin Catholic, 7 p.m.
Avon at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.
Brownsburg at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.
Fishers at Zionsville, 7:30 p.m.
Greenfield-Central at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

University vs. Shortridge, 5:30 p.m. at TAB Recreation

GOLF

Carmel and Center Grove at Fishers, 4 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern vs. Noblesville and Western, 4:30 p.m. at The Hawthorns
University vs. Clinton Central and Clinton Prairie, 4:45 p.m. at Wood Wind

TENNIS

University at Kokomo, 5 p.m.
Zionsville at Hamilton Southeastern, 5 p.m.
Guerin Catholic at Mount Vernon, 5:30 p.m.
Fishers at Noblesville, 5:30 p.m.
Westfield at Brownsburg, 5:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Avon at Carmel, 6:30 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Lawrence North, 6:30 p.m.
Lebanon at Sheridan, 6:30 p.m.
Clinton Central at University, 7 p.m.
Fishers at North Central, 7 p.m.
Guerin Catholic at Mount Vernon, 7 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at Tipton, 7 p.m.
Noblesville at Pendleton Heights, 7:30 p.m.

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(Left) Noblesville's Aiden Brewer made first-half touchdown catch for the Millers during their 48-30 win over Mount Vernon Friday night at Lucas Oil Stadium. (Right) Jacob Baker totaled 186 yards in three touchdown passes.

Millers let loose at Lucas Oil & take down Mount Vernon

The REPORTER

The Noblesville football team let its offense loose at Lucas Oil Stadium on Friday night, and that led to a 48-30 win over Mount Vernon in the Millers' season-opening game.

Noblesville led 28-8 at halftime. Millers coach Dave Sharpe said his team was "comfortably ahead by three scores the entire game." That included touchdowns from Aiden Brewer and Logan Shoffner.

"(Quarterback) Jacob Baker threw some beautiful passes tonight," said Sharpe.

Baker again stepped up for Noblesville in the second half, making a 64-yard pass to Max Miller. Shoffner then put the game on ice in the fourth quarter, making two big touchdown runs for Noblesville.

Shoffner finished the game with 232 yards rushing, while Baker's three passes totaled 186 yards. Sharpe also credited the defense with playing well, saying that "Austin Hastings seemingly had a million tackles."

The Millers play Homestead next Friday in their home opener.

NOBLESVILLE 48, MOUNT VERNON 30

Scoring summary unavailable

Team Stats	NOB
First Downs	17
Rushes-Yards	37-326
Yards Passing	191
Comp-Att-Int	3-9-0
Fumbles-Lost	3-1
Penalties-Yards	3-15
Punts-Average	7-243

Noblesville individual stats

Rushing: Logan Shoffner 13-232, Gabe Bellan 8-49, Bryce Englert 6-17, Brody Gump 1-13, Sidney Weaver 2-9, Dylan Prange 1-7, Blake Widget 2-5, Jon York II 1-3.
Passing: Jacob Baker 3-9-186.
Receiving: Shoffner 1-71, Max Miller 1-64, Aiden Brewer 1-56.

Photo by Joshua Herd

Logan Shoffner rushed for 232 yards and scored two touchdowns in the fourth quarter to seal the win for the Millers.

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Boehm added a 28-yard field goal in the second period, giving the Shamrocks a 17-0 lead. The Westfield defense came up big again a few minutes later, as Mikeah Webster recovered a fumble in the end zone for a touchdown. Boehm again made the extra-point kick.

Jake Gilbert called his team's defense "really good."

"That's a great o-line, excellent running back. Their running back's ran for about 4,000 yards," said the coach. The Dragons averaged 42.4 points per game last season.

"I felt like that was a great defensive performance overall," said Gilbert. "A little bit better than I anticipated, honestly."

Jackson Gilbert added one more touchdown in the third quarter, a 13-yard run. Boehm made the extra-point kick, putting him perfect on the night at 4-for-4.

"I was pretty happy overall, but I do think there's more in the tank for improvement there," said Jake Gilbert of his son at quarterback. "I think he will improve, so I was happy for his first start. It was a good night."

Jackson Gilbert was 9-of-16 through the air, collecting 142 yards, while also rushing four times for 23 yards. Gabe Aramboles and Maximus Nosler both had three receptions. Kendall Garnett led the rushing with 70 yards. Jackson Floyd and Coleton Vondersaar both had nine tackles on defense.

The Shamrocks go on the road next week, playing at Lawrence Central.

Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Hey, they want the banner! The Westfield student section welcomes WISH-TV's Anthony Calhoun to Riverview Health Stadium.

WESTFIELD 34, NEW PALESTINE 14

Score by Quarters

New Palestine	0	0	0	14 – 14
Westfield	14	10	7	0 – 31

Team Stats	**NP**	**WF**
First Downs	17	17
By Rush	13	9
By Pass	3	7
By Penalty	1	1
Rushes-Yards	48-268	36-157
Yards Passing	70	169
Comp-Att-Int-TD	6-15-1-1	11-19-1-1
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-0
Penalties-Yards	3-15	4-35
Punts-Average	5-19.8	4-35.0

Westfield Scoring

First Quarter
8:45 – Jackson Gilbert 9-yard run (Brody Boehm kick)
8:27 – Beau Braun 38-yard reception from Gilbert (Boehm kick)
Second Quarter
4:19 – Boehm 28-yard field goal
2:21 – Mikeah Webster fumble recovery in end zone (Boehm kick)
Third Quarter
9:45 – Gilbert 5-yard run (Boehm kick)

Westfield individual stats

Rushing: Kendall Garnett 16-70, Webster 4-27, Gilbert 4-23, Austin Umbaugh 7-18, Aiden Grabowski 3-13, Jacob Braun 1-4, Gabe Aramboles 1-2
Passing: Gilbert 9-16-142, Grabowski 2-3-27.
Receiving: Armaboles 3-71, Maximus Nosler 3-20, B. Braun 1-38, Broc Parker 1-22, Will Irwin 1-8, J. Braun 1-5, Reis Middleton 1-5.

Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Westfield celebrated the 25th anniversary of its girls cross country state championship during halftime. That cross country win was the first state title in any sport for the Shamrocks.

Thanks for reading The Reporter!

Photos by Julie Brown

(Left) Hamilton Southeastern's Jalen Alexander made a tremendous touchdown run in the fourth quarter to help seal a 28-14 win by the Royals over Fort Wayne Carroll. (Right) Azariah Wallace (33) totaled 54 yards rushing. In the background is Kameron Anthony (8).

Royals turn the tables on Fort Wayne Carroll rematch

The REPORTER

In a rematch of last year's Class 6A north semi-state, Hamilton Southeastern turned the tables on Fort Wayne Carroll.

The 6A No. 4 Royals put together a good first half, and that led Southeastern to a 28-14 opening-night victory over the 6A No. 5 Chargers at HSE's Everwise Field. This makes the eighth year in a row that the Royals have won their first game of the season.

This game was a reversal of the semi-state result, where Carroll edged out Southeastern 21-15. Royals coach Michael Kelly said the end of last season resonated with the team.

"They were up to that challenge and obviously met that challenge," said Kelly. "I thought it was really good. Defensively, we played really hard, hit really hard. I think both sides of the ball played really hard."

Southeastern scored one touchdown in all four quarters. Donovan Hamilton caught a short pass from quarterback Chandler Weston towards the end of the first period. Early in the second quarter, Mason Alexander caught an interception that turned into a 50-yard touchdown return, and a 14-0 HSE lead.

Alexander made another pick six in the third period, this one late in the quarter and a 67-yard return for a score. Early in the fourth period, Jalen Alexander made a tremendous run, 84 yards to complete the Royals' scoring. Hugo Belmonte made all four extra-point kicks.

"Our backs had a really good game," said Kelly, including Jack Osiecki, Judah Parker and Jack Seyferth. The coach said the secondary played pretty well, with Jaren Bush, Mason Wright and Mason Alexander all stepping up.

"It's always good to have Donovan Hamilton on your team, so it was nice for us," said Kelly. "He makes a lot of plays. Jalen Alexander can always turn something bad into something good for us. (Left tackle) Styles Prescod is a really good player for us and wore out a lot of guys on their D-line. Kam Anthony had a good game as well. Quarterback Chandler Weston also made some really smart decisions that made sure the ball stayed in our hands."

Alexander finished with 138 yards rushing, while Hamilton had five receptions. Weston was very efficient, completing 10 of 12 pass attempts.

The Royals play next Friday at North Central.

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 28, FORT WAYNE CARROLL 14

Score by Quarters

Carroll	0	0	7	7 – 14
Southeastern	7	7	7	7 – 28

Team Stats	**FWC**	**HSE**
First Downs	21	13
Rushes-Yards	31-54	32-213
Yards Passing	267	82
Comp-Att-Int-TD	22-40-2-0	10-13-0-1
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-49	7-80
Punts-Average	6-33.0	4-38.0

Southeastern Scoring

First Quarter
0:30 – Donovan Hamilton 8-yard reception from Chandler Weston (Hugo Belmonte kick)
Second Quarter
9:21 – Mason Alexander 50-yard interception return (Belmonte kick)
Third Quarter
1:23 – Alexander 67-yard interception return (Belmonte kick)
Fourth Quarter
9:43 – Jalen Alexander 84-yard run (Belmonte kick)

Southeastern individual stats

Rushing: Alexander 12-138, Azariah Wallace 11-54, Silas Newton 1-8, Brennan Baker 5-6, Weston 1-5, Anthony Harris 2-2.
Passing: Weston 10-12-82, Jaydee Christopherson 0-1-0.
Receiving: Hamilton 5-41, Alexander 1-17, Kameron Anthony 1-16, Liam Boyd 1-5, Callen Okerson 1-4, Jewel Jagoe 1-minus 1.

Correction

An incorrect photo caption appeared in the **Carmel-Noblesville soccer story** in the Aug. 18 edition of The Reporter. Dawson Droste scored the goal for the Greyhounds team.

The Reporter regrets the error.

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its first win. The Eagles lost their opener at home to Eastern Hancock, 35-16.

Owen VanHaaren put together a monster first game as the starting tailback, racking up 156 yards on 29 carries with a TD. Bodie Derrer was 18-for-23 for 154 yards with a TD and an interception.

Cam Fleming was the top receiver with 45 yards on two receptions, while Keaton Weaver snagged four for 43 yards and a score. Tyler Champion also had five catches for 35 yards.

Hamilton Heights (1-0) stays home next week to host the North Montgomery Chargers (1-0), who were 40-16 winners over North Putnam last night.

HAMILTON HEIGHTS 27, LAPEL 14

Score by Quarters

Lapel	0	0	7	7 – 14
Heights	7	7	6	7 – 27

Team Stats	**LA**	**HH**
First Downs	9	13
By Rush	1	9
By Pass	8	4
By Penalty	0	0
Rushes-Yards	16-minus 14	39-182
Yards Passing	186	149
Comp-Att-Int-TD	14-29-2-2	18-24-2-1
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	6-60	7-60
Punts-Average	na	4-37.3

Heights Scoring

First Quarter
8:36 – Keaton Weaver 17-yard reception from Bodie Derrer (Teigan Scoles kick)
Second Quarter
3:08 – Carson Fettig 10-yard run (Scoles kick)
Third Quarter
1:28 – Owen VanHaaren 22-yard run (kick failed)
Fourth Quarter
0:15 – Jaylyn Pugh 17-yard interception return (Scoles kick)

Heights individual stats

Rushing: VanHaaren 31-170, Fettig 1-10, Derrer 7-2
Passing: Derrer 18-24-149.
Receiving: Weaver 4-43, Tyler Champion 4-27, Conor Baumann 3-9, Cam Fleming 2-49, Jaylyn Pugh 2-17, VanHaaren 2-4, Nick Bichey 1-0.

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Reporter photos by Kent Graham

(Left) The Fishers cheerleaders were busy during the whole game, ringing the bell after each Tigers score. (Right) Fishers' Khobie Martin scored three touchdowns for the Tigers during their season-opening win over North Central on Friday.

Tigers trample North Central, no trouble getting shutout win

The REPORTER

Fishers rolled to victory in its season-opening game Friday, taking care of North Central 44-0 at Reynolds Tigers Stadium.

Class 6A No. 10 Fishers had no trouble cruising to its third consecutive Week 1 win over the Panthers, leading 23-0 after one quarter. The Tigers scored their first two points with a safety, then Khobie Martin got the game's first offensive touchdown on an eight-yard run.

Bennett Gorak punched a second touchdown in from the one-yard line, then Martin ran in another TD from the three. In the second quarter, Gorak connected with Joe Syrus on a 17-yard touchdown pass, then Martin made the longest touchdown run of the night, 19 yards to give Fishers a 37-0 halftime lead. Jonathan Tangara was 5-for-5 on extra-point kicks.

Sekai Bogle finished up the scoring with a five-yard run late in the third quarter, and Isaac Poer's kick kept the Tigers perfect in extra points.

Fishers' defense pushed North Central into minus 27 rushing yards for the night, while the Tigers totaled 164 yards on the ground. Martin led the way with 93 yards. Gorak was 12-of-21 as quarterback, totaling 152 yards. JonAnthony Hall led the receptions list with five. Jack Prewitt made six tackles, while Brady Wolf had two sacks, three tackles for a loss and a forced fumble.

Fishers plays at Pike next Friday.

FISHERS 44, NORTH CENTRAL 0

Score by Quarters

North Central	0	0	0	0 – 0
Fishers	23	14	7	0 – 44

Team Stats	**NC**	**FI**
First Downs	5	19
By Rush	0	5
By Pass	2	13
By Penalty	3	1
Rushes-Yards	18-minus 27	33-164
Yards Passing	49	179
Comp-Att-Int-TD	6-10-0-0	15-24-0-1
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-40	8-80
Punts-Average	3-34.3	0-0.0

Fishers Scoring

First Quarter
10:10 – Safety
9:31 – Khobie Martin 8-yard run (Jonathan Tangara kick)
4:27 – Bennett Gorak 1-yard run (Tangara kick)
2:10 – Martin 3-yard run (Tangara kick)
Second Quarter
8:57 – Joe Syrus 17-yard reception from Gorak (Tangara kick)
0:57 – Martin 19-yard run (Tangara kick)
Third Quarter
3:43 – Sekai Bogle 5-yard run (Isaac Poer kick)

Fishers individual stats

Rushing: Martin 13-93, Brady Griffits 8-34, Bogle 5-29, Paxton Badua 3-12, Hudson Bell 1-2, Gorak 3-minus 6.
Passing: Gorak 12-21-152, Caden Hill 2-2-16, Noah McPeek 1-1-11.
Receiving: JonAnthony Hall 5-54, Joel Gates 3-48, Syrus 3-35, Bogle 1-15, Brenden Endres 1-11, Leo Morrow 1-11, Bell 1-5.

In other games . . .

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In late games, Class 6A No. 8 Carmel beat Homestead on the road, 14-7. Class 3A No. 6 Guerin Catholic beat 5A McCutcheon 18-10, also in an away game.

Full stats were too late for press time and will appear in our Monday print edition.

Blackhawks fall to Western Boone in season opener

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Sheridan had a frustrating night at Western Boone on Friday, as the Class 1A No. 5 Blackhawks lost their opener to the 3A No. 9 Stars 35-16.

WeBo jumped out to a 15-0 lead after the first quarter. Sheridan scored its only points of the half early in the second period on a safety, but the Stars stayed in control, leading 28-2 at halftime.

The 'Hawks scored their remaining points in the fourth quarter. Trent DeCraene caught a 20-yard touchdown pass from Caleb Alexander for the first score, then Gavin Schwerdtfeger punched the ball in from the one-yard line for the second touchdown. Owen Bell made both extra-point kicks.

Eli Kolb was the top rusher with 56 yards.

Sheridan hosts North Miami next week.

WESTERN BOONE 35, SHERIDAN 16

Score by Quarters

Sheridan	0	2	0	14 – 16
Western Boone	15	13	7	0 – 35

Team Stats	**SH**	**WB**
First Downs	7	14
By Rush	4	8
By Pass	2	6
By Penalty	1	0
Rushes-Yards	31-64	39-176
Yards Passing	51	140
Comp-Att-Int-TD	3-6-0-1	8-16-0-2
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	3-15	4-25
Punts-Average	7-34.7	2-14.0

Sheridan Scoring

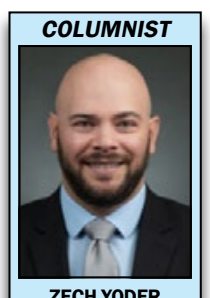
Second Quarter
11:11 – Safety
Fourth Quarter
4:05 – Trent DeCraene 20-yard reception from Caleb Alexander (Owen Bell kick)
1:00 – Gavin Schwerdtfeger 1-yard run (Bell kick)

Sheridan individual stats

Rushing: Eli Kolb 11-56, Nolan Page 7-7, Jesse Williams 1-7, Schwerdtfeger 4-5, Bell 2-3, Brock Hagan 2-minus 4, Alexander 4-minus 10.
Passing: Alexander 3-6-51.
Receiving: DeCraene 2-48, Page 1-3.

Thanks for reading The Reporter!

Anticipating a return to the IMS Oval



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Checkers to Wreckers

For the third consecutive year, Indianapolis Motor Speedway hosted the Brickyard Weekend, which featured both NASCAR (Xfinity and Cup) and INDYCAR races on the IMS road course. Additionally, the Craftsman Truck Series and the ARCA Menards Series competed at the Indianapolis Raceway Park.

Given the recent mediocre racing product on the oval at IMS and declining attendance of the Brickyard 400, NASCAR decided to scrap the oval and run the road course instead. Beginning in 2021, NASCAR teamed up with INDYCAR to promote a weekend of racing that featured two races on Friday at Indianapolis Raceway Park, two races on Saturday at the Indy Road course, and one race on Sunday at the Indy Road Course. The idea was excellent in theory, though I do not believe that it led to a significant boost in attendance.

This year, the racing across the board was great. Indianapolis Raceway Park remains one of the best short tracks in the country. Its sweeping turns and minor progressive banking allow cars to run multiple grooves, which often results in side-by-side racing. The conclusion of the INDYCAR race was spectacular with Scott Dixon putting on a masterclass on fuel and tire conservation. Finally, the Cup race, though it only had one caution, was engaging as Michael McDowell held off a hard-charging Chase Elliott to lock himself into the playoffs. NASCAR and INDYCAR have figured out the Brickyard Weekend and put on a great show.

But it's time to return to the oval. As great as the Indy Road Course is, it's not the oval and it's not the Brickyard 400. I understand why NASCAR went to the road course. The oval had become a borefest, particularly because of the addition of stage brakes and aero problems with the old car. With the NextGen car's exceptional performance on low-banked tracks such as Michigan and Pocono, many believe the IMS oval is ideal and will provide passing opportunities.

Attending the Brickyard Weekend is fun and exciting, but part of me hurt seeing the cars running through the infield instead of on the oval. Unlike the spring INDYCAR grand prix on the road course where you know the 500 is coming, a race on the big track is still eight months away. The Brickyard 400 is a crown jewel event. The Indy Road Course is not.

All indications point toward a Brickyard 400 return in 2024. In fact, some of the Cup teams participated in a practice session on Monday after the race. With the 2024 schedule set to be released sometime in the next month, we should soon know whether the Brickyard 400 is returning.

If the Brickyard 400 returns, I would like to see the Xfinity Series return to Indianapolis Raceway Park. I remember great Xfinity races at IRP from the early 2000s. It's a great track that deserves more NASCAR races. From my perspective, the Xfinity cars will put on a better show at IRP then IMS. Trucks at IRP on Friday Night, Xfinity at IRP on Saturday Night, and Cup at the IMS oval on Sunday afternoon. What a weekend. What a show that would be.

Regardless of what happens, IMS continues to put on a great show for the fans. The facilities are top-notch, and the atmosphere is great. If the Brickyard 400 returns in 2024, the combined weekend with INDYCAR would not be possible. I still really like the idea of a combined weekend with NASCAR and INDYCAR.

My suggestion: move the summer Richmond race to Iowa. I would love to see the Cup Series run at Iowa Speedway. A back-to-back with INDYCAR at Iowa would be awesome.

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