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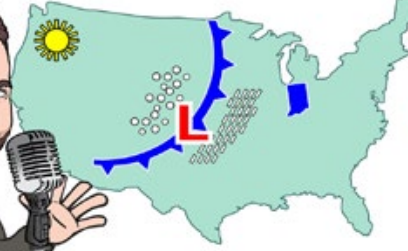
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Duke Energy partners with Good Samaritan Network to distribute fans to help beat the summer heat

The REPORTER

Summer temperatures often mean customers are looking for ways to beat the heat, and Duke Energy is working with local nonprofit agencies to distribute critical relief for residents in need.

The Duke Energy Foundation is contributing more than \$90,000 to 15 organizations across the state to help purchase and distribute fans to older adults and low-income households.

Locally, Good Samaritan Network will receive \$5,000.

"Indiana summers can be extremely hot, with August bringing some of the warmest days of the year," Duke Energy Indiana President Stan Pinegar said. "A simple



fan can make a difference in avoiding heat-related illnesses and provide our senior and low-income customers with some comfort when temperatures rise."

Financial assistance

The effort is just one way Duke Energy supports its customers in need. Over the last five years, the company's Share the Light Fund has provided more than \$2.4 million of financial assistance to Indiana customers struggling to pay their energy bills.

Duke Energy works with the Indiana Community Action Association to distribute funds to qualifying customers to help pay energy bills, deposits and reconnection/connection charges. Customers can receive up to a \$300 credit annually on their account. Individuals should contact their local community action agency to see if they are eligible.

[Click here](#) to find a listing of service providers by county.

About the Duke Energy Foundation

The Duke Energy Foundation provides philanthropic support to meet the needs of communities where Duke Energy customers live and work. The Foundation contributes more than \$2 million annually in charitable gifts to Indiana and is funded by Duke Energy shareholder dollars. More information about the Foundation and its Powerful Communities program can be found at duke-energy.com/Foundation.

SWEETENERS

gain. Experts expressed uncertainty regarding the overall health significance of these changes. And a study in *The British Medical Journal* found a positive association between artificial sweeteners and Type 2 diabetes.

A *Journal of the American College of Cardiology* investigation demonstrated that high consumers of artificial sweeteners had a higher rate of cardiovascular disease compared to high consumers of sugar. A NutriNet-Sante cohort study showed a 9 percent increased risk of cardiovascular events for subjects consuming modest amounts

of artificial sweeteners.

A report in *PLOS Medicine* found those with the 20 percent highest intake of sweeteners, especially aspartame, were 13 percent more likely than non-consumers to be diagnosed with obesity-related cancers of the colon, breast, and ovaries. The authors expressed concern that much of the increase may be result of other factors.

Most concerning is a Cleveland Clinic study showing an association between stevia and increased cardiovascular events, probably from enhanced blood-clot formation.

Artificial sweeteners may not offer a much healthier option than sugar. Reductions in body fat are minimal. Current studies are somewhat concerning but are far from conclusive as many are underpowered, of sub-optimal study design, or based on non-clinical data. Many are observational rather than randomized-controlled prospective trials; there are undoubtedly confounding factors affecting the results including "reverse causation" wherein high-risk individuals may naturally consume more artificial sweeteners. Studies have conflicting results

depending on study-design type. And remember that the WHO reports are based on low-certainty evidence.

My best counsel is to limit sugar consumption, especially sugary drinks. If you are pleased with artificial sweeteners and find them beneficial, continue their use, but consider moderation in amount.

We are on a learning curve. Let's wait and see.

Richard D. Feldman, M.D. is an Indianapolis family physician and former Indiana State Health Commissioner who served in the administration of Governor Frank O'Bannon.

COOL

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County Emergency Management Agency will man the cooling station, which provides a centralized location within Federal Hill Commons and safe refuge from the extreme weather. The Green Room offers air conditioning, restroom facilities, and seating, and NobleACT will have water and resource pamphlets available.

Throughout the heat

wave, city officials encourage residents to drink plenty of water, limit exposure to direct sunlight, reduce strenuous activities, and wear lightweight, light-colored, and loose-fitting clothing.

For more information on heat-related warning signs and illness symptoms and hot weather tips, please visit cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat.

NEW FIELDS

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dugouts and bleachers. Beaver Materials is donating supplies, storage, labor, and equipment in support of the project.

The elementary fields will be NSGA's home for the next few years while the organization searches for a permanent location to accommodate all their needs in one facility. Noblesville Schools will then maintain the elementary fields for on-

going use by students and the community.

NSGA was founded in 2007 and provides fall and spring programming for approximately 300 Noblesville girls ages 4 to 18. Their leagues also support softball in Westfield, Fishers, Sheridan, Tipton, Lapel, Arcadia, and Cicero.

For more information on NSGA, visit noblesvillesoftball.com.



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OneZone Chamber announces Everwise Credit Union as new leadership investor

The REPORTER

OneZone Chamber of Commerce has announced Everwise Credit Union as its newest Leadership Investor. Everwise Credit Union was founded in 1931 and has grown to more than 300,000 members with 50 branches in Indiana and southwest Michigan. Everwise offers valuable banking solutions including checking accounts, savings accounts, mortgages, auto loans, home equity loans, and much more. “Everwise is pleased to increase our support of the OneZone Chamber to the Leadership Investor level,” said Trina Tate, Everwise Credit Union Vice President – District Retail. “This step will allow our credit union to take



Tate



Russell



a more active role in helping to shape the local business landscape, foster economic growth in the area, and forge

meaningful connections with fellow community leaders. Together we can champion positive change and create a thriving environment where businesses and individuals can prosper.” OneZone President and CEO Jack Russell said, “We are excited to welcome Everwise Credit Union as a new Leadership Investor. Everwise is a strong community partner who believes in our mission of helping businesses and communities thrive.” OneZone Chamber of Commerce serves over 1,300 businesses in the Carmel and Fishers area. To learn more about OneZone Chamber of Commerce go to onezonechamber.com.

Protect your organization against cyber criminals

The REPORTER

The Westfield Chamber of Commerce will host Brian Peters as the August coffee speaker on from 8 to 9 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 24 at The Club at Chatham Hills, 1100 Chatham Hills Blvd., Westfield.

Brian Peters and David Rash will provide multiple

technology and training tips for keeping your organization safe from Cyber Criminals. Come hear how Peters and Rash help their customers and their own organization stay safer and how you can use these same software packages and training to help your organization as well.

Peters and Rash have

been in the IT Cyber Security and IT Operational space for over 30 years combined. Peters has been a CIO within the healthcare space for 10 years and now is using his knowledge to help organizations throughout central Indiana. Rash has been assisting organizations for over 10 years. [Click here](#) to register.

Thanks for reading The REPORTER

Westfield Chamber Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

Young Professionals Coffee & Networking
8 to 9 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 7
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

Westfield will host marching band invitational on Sept. 9

The REPORTER

Westfield Band and The Pride of Westfield Marching Band have announced their annual marching band invitational, The Festival of Champions. Mark your calendars for 6:30 p.m. on Sept 9 as marching bands from around

the state take over Riverview Health Stadium at Westfield High School. This event will kick off the competitive marching band season at Westfields’ 15th marching band invitational event. The Pride of Westfield will close out the evening with an exhibition perfor-

mance of their 2023 show: *UNCHARTED*, in full uniform for the first time this season. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for students, and children under 5 are admitted free. [Click here](#) to get your tickets online.

Fishers invites public to feedback session on city trails survey

The REPORTER

Join the City of Fishers at the Trails Open House from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 24 at Hub & Spoke, 8100 E. 106th St., Fishers, to give feedback on the city’s trail recommenda-

tions and see plans based on survey results. Enjoy food from Kona Ice and Niyyah Coffee and drinks from MashCraft Brewing, yard games, and more at the event. The City of Fishers

is developing plans for a better-connected network of trails and greenways throughout the city, ultimately creating a safe, more walkable and bikeable community for residents. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Study: Indiana ranked among the best states for homeschooling

By JAY ADKINS

WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Indiana was ranked among the best states for homeschooling in a recently released study. According to a study by [Homeschool+](#), Indiana is tied with Idaho for the best state for homeschooling in the United States. Both states scored 83 of a possible 100 points. Qualifiers for the list include restrictiveness of ho-

meschooling options; laws and regulations; students enrolled in homeschool per capita; homeschool-related groups per capita; and access/no access to state sports and extracurriculars. Indiana ranked second for law and regulations, 19th for students enrolled in homeschool per capita, and ninth for homeschool-related groups per capita, while also allowing accessibility to state sports and extracurriculars, and having no

restrictiveness of homeschooling options. On the other side of the spectrum, New York ranked dead last on the list. New York scored 21, ranking 44th in laws and regulations, 42nd for students enrolled in homeschool per capita, 49th for homeschool-related groups per capita, and not allowing access to state sports and extracurriculars, while also having a high restrictiveness of homeschooling options.

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Get tickets now for these great events at Center for the Performing Arts

The REPORTER

There’s always something for everyone at the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel, and September is no different. For tickets to any of these fine events, go to TheCenterPresents.org or call (317) 843-3800.

Center Presents Performances

Life with the Afterlife: True Tales of the Paranormal with Ghost Hunter Amy Bruni
Saturday, Sept. 16 at 8 p.m.
The Tarkington

Amy Bruni began her professional career as a paranormal investigator in 2007 when she joined the cast of SyFy’s *Ghost Hunters*, eventually starring in 116 episodes. Now, she’s the co-star and executive producer of The Travel Channel’s *Kindred Spirits* and hosts the wildly popular *Haunted Road* podcast.

In her live appearances, Bruni shares her unique approach to interacting with the spirits of the dead, along with hair-raising tales from her countless hours hunting ghosts at America’s most haunted locations. By the end of the night, you will question



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If you enjoy the sounds of class R&B combined with today’s fresh hits, then Uptown is a group you’ll certainly want to see. Tickets for the Sept. 28 concert at The Palladium start at \$35.

everything you thought you knew about the spirit world.
[Click here](#) for tickets.

Uptown: Motown Remixed
Thursday, Sept. 28 at 7:30 p.m.
The Palladium

From New York City, the epicenter of contemporary pop and soul, Uptown is a group that combines the smooth stylings of classic R&B with the fresh hits of today – the perfect mix of Bruno Mars-caliber stage presence with the vocals of Stevie Wonder and Marvin Gaye. Each member of the collective is a soloist, bringing a unique flavor that will have any crowd on its feet dancing and singing along.

Regardless of the genre or era of music, Uptown exudes freshness and fun in a way that everyone will enjoy.
[Click here](#) for tickets.

Other September events include:
Child & Adult Music Class: Row Your Boat
Fridays Sept. 8 to Oct. 6
9:30 & 10:45 a.m.
The Palladium

Come take a trip to the seaside! This session, kids will swim with fish, row in boats, and sing songs about sunshine as summer comes to a close. They’ll sing, clap, bounce, tap, play instruments, and learn rhymes centered on sea, sun, fish, and fun. You and your child will have a blast in this fantastically fun class of musical marine exploration. These highly engaging five-week music

and movement classes for toddlers and their adult caregivers provide an age-appropriate music curriculum and related activities designed to immerse children and adults in the joy of music. Each Friday morning session introduces new songs, movement, instruments, and rhythms.

[Click here](#) for tickets.

Luminaries: Mónica M. Muñoz – The Identity of a Dancer
Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 2 p.m.
The Palladium

Puerto Rican professional dancer, teacher, choreographer, and director Mónica M. Muñoz will share the story of how heritage, culture, tradition, lived experiences and external factors work to shape and define identity. She will share photographs, videos and stories depicting her Cuban mother’s and Ecuadorian father’s journey to Puerto Rico and how she eventually made her way to Indianapolis, all driven by her passion and love for dance.

[Click here](#) for tickets.

Beginner Ukulele Class
Wednesdays Sept. 27 to Oct. 25 at 8 p.m.
The Palladium

Never played the ukulele but want to learn? This five-week class is for you. In this skills-based course, students will learn basic strums and chords by focusing on a new song each week. Students may remain in this group until they feel confident to move on to General Ukulele.

Recommended for ages 14 and up.

[Click here](#) to register.

Peanut Butter & Jam: Musical Conexion
Saturday, Sept. 30 at 10:30 a.m.
The Palladium

To celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, make joyful connections through the universal language of music with Musical Conexion. This fun-filled, bilingual cultural experience is designed for both Spanish-speaking and non-Spanish-speaking families alike, with songs, movements and finger plays in Spanish and English accompanied by real instruments like guitar and cajón peruano. Cote Godoy of Chile and Kelsi Lee of Indiana are active musicians and experienced educators who create a fun, accepting, encouraging and inclusive atmosphere for everyone!

Designed for children aged 1 to 7, Peanut Butter & Jam sessions encourage young children to become engaged in the arts.

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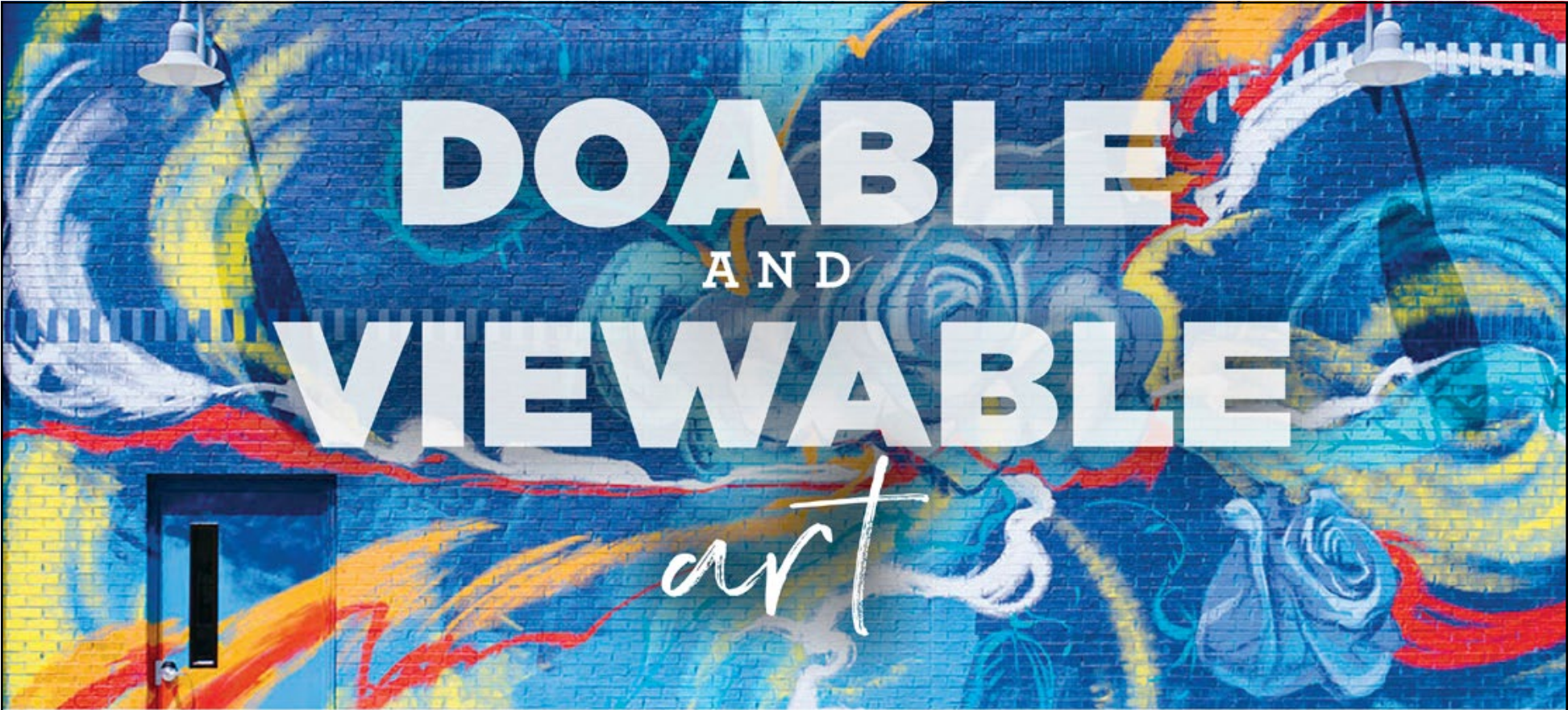
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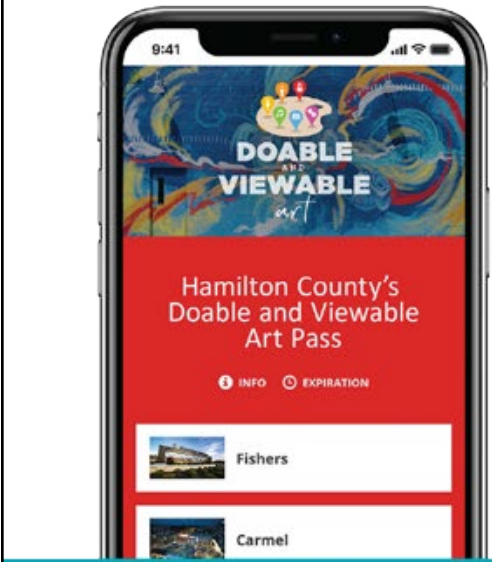
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Duke Energy offers tips to help customers save energy & money as temperatures soar

The REPORTER

With temperatures soaring in Indiana, Duke Energy is providing tips to help customers save energy – and money.

High temperatures can lead to higher energy usage and higher bills as Duke Energy customers try to stay cool. To keep your costs low and to reduce overall energy demand, particularly during the afternoon hours when usage tends to peak, customers can follow these

simple tips:

- Set your thermostat at the highest comfortable setting. The smaller the difference between the inside and outside temperatures, the lower your energy usage. Every degree that you raise your thermostat can help you save up to 5 percent in cooling costs.

- Avoid using your washer/dryer and dishwasher during the day. If possible, delay using those appliances until evening.

- Close blinds and curtains during the day to help reduce solar heat gain and keep your home cooler.

- Microwaves and cooktops use less energy than electric ovens. Also consider outdoor grilling during those high-demand hours to keep your indoor temperatures lower.

- Using a ceiling fan can make a room feel up to four degrees cooler than it actually is. Remember, though, that fans cool people, not rooms, so turn

them off when you leave the room.

- Turn off any unnec-

essary appliances, unused plug-ins, and lights.

Find more tips and tools

to help control energy use and costs at [duke-energy.com/SeasonalBills](https://www.duke-energy.com/SeasonalBills).

Hot romantic comedy hits the Indy stage this weekend

By ADAM CROWE
A Seat on the Aisle

There's seismic activity on the Cabaret Stage at the District Theatre.

Playwrights Haley Glickman and Matt Kraft have contained it and titled it *That's Hot*. A comedic look at a relationship forged through vulcanology, *That's Hot* has only a whisp of a story, but the fiery (sorry) performances of Glickman and Matthew Walls sustain and entertain the audience wholly!

As married vulcanologists (NOT geologists!), Walls and Glickman are smart, funny, and playful as a couple dissecting their relationship on the edge of a



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volcano. It's not Brecht, but that's probably a plus. *That's Hot* kept the audience involved and amused. A great fit for a Fringe Festival.

That's Hot runs on the Mass Avenue District Theater Cabaret Stage on Aug. 25, 26, 31, and Sept. 3. Direction is by Dani Lo-

pez-Roque, with stage assistance from Aaron Henze and Ariel Laukins.

Performance times vary and are available at the Fringe Page at indyfringe.org/festival.

Read more great play reviews from *A Seat on the Aisle* at asota.wordpress.com.



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Being Rob Johansen takes inside jokes to a whole different level

By ADAM CROWE
A Seat on the Aisle

Defiance Comedy has had a number of successful shows in the Indianapolis Fringe Festival through the years. Sadly, this year is the first time I am able to catch one.

Being Rob Johansen is this year's entry and is playing at The-Building-Formerly-Known-as-TOTS. If you like Defiance's work – you probably already have your ticket. You're not likely to be disappointed. For the rest of us ...

The show is a dizzying, frenetic spoof, all at the expense of local actor Rob Johansen. Lucky for Defiance, Rob is willing to play along, as they take equal parts *A Christmas Carol* and *Being John Malkovich* to tell a tale of an actor who lets himself get so lost in his own renown that he loses all balance and is ruled by insecurity. If you are unaware of Rob or his career in Indy, some of the jokes will whiz

right past you.

Lots of Fringe shows can feel like "inside baseball"; this one turns that dial up to "11." But if you recognize the name and appreciate humor that frequently dwells in the genital area, this show will reward you and then some!

Defiance Comedy's *Being Rob Johansen* runs at Mass Avenue's District Theater on Aug. 26 and 27 and Sept. 1 and 2. Besides the titular Mr. Johansen, the cast includes Clay Mabbitt, Emily Bohannon, John Kern, Meg McClane, Milo Ellis, and Brittany Magee. (Ben Rockey will join them next weekend). Directing and writing credits go to Matt Kramer, Molly North, Robin Kildall, and Rachelle Martin.

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Meeting Notices	
Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Emergency Management Advisory Council will meet at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 24, 2023, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville. The purpose of this meeting is for discussion of Emergency Management projects.	Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Local Emergency Planning Committee will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 24, 2023, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville. The purpose of this meeting is for discussion of Local Emergency Planning projects.
The following executive session meetings of the Hamilton East Public Library Board have been canceled: 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2023, and 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2023. The time of the regular business meeting of the Hamilton East Public Library Board of Trustees on Thursday, Aug. 24, 2023, has been changed. It will now be held at 3 p.m. in the Large First Floor Meeting Room of the Noblesville Library, 1 Library Plaza, Noblesville.	The Hamilton East Public Library Board Nominating Committee will meet to discuss the 2023-24 slate of board officers at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 24, 2023, in the Large First Floor Meeting Room at the Noblesville Library, 1 Library Plaza, Noblesville.
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Letter to the Editor

County Councilman proposes idea to help offset local property tax increases

Dear Editor:

It is no secret that Hamilton County homeowners were hit hard with higher property tax bills in 2023. Those particularly vulnerable were our retired citizens on a fixed income. It was my hope that the state legislature would provide some additional relief during its last session, but there was not significant change.

The tax system is controlled by the Indiana Code. Local governments do not have home rule authority relative to taxation.

After hearing from concerned citizens, I have proposed an idea to provide some property tax relief, based on the only solution available to local government. The Indiana Code allows for a Local Income Tax (LIT) that can be targeted to reduce property tax bills as an additional homestead credit. All decisions regarding LIT rate must go through the LIT Council, which consists of the Hamilton County Council and all the cities and towns within the county.

At our Aug. 2 County Council meeting, I proposed, and the council approved, the idea of adopting one tenth of a percent (0.1) LIT for additional property tax relief for those with a qualified homestead. This increase will be offset by the state's scheduled income tax decrease of one tenth of a percent (0.1) effective January 2024. This additional LIT would be applied to the 2024 property tax bills.

The state is cutting income tax by 0.25 percent over the next four years, reducing it from its current level of 3.15 percent in 2023 to 2.90 percent by 2027. My proposal would increase the county income tax rate (LIT) by identical amounts, keeping the total income tax rate (state and local) the same as 2023. This would create roughly \$53 million in today's dollars that could be used for property tax relief to qualified homeowners within the county. This LIT would provide approximately 12.7 percent in property tax relief for a qualified homestead (those under the circuit breaker cap).

The next step is for the cities and towns to review and discuss the proposed plan. It takes a majority of the LIT Council to make any changes to the current LIT rate. I have offered to attend the various city council meetings throughout the county to facilitate discussions on the proposed solution.

Is this the perfect solution? No. However, I believe it is the best solution currently available to provide some much-needed relief to homeowners who have seen their property taxes increase significantly in recent years.

Brad Beaver
Hamilton County Councilmember

Letter to the Editor

Carmel city council candidate Jeremy Eltz calls for end to 'political insanity'

"Insanity is doing the same thing over and over again, but expecting different results." – Unknown, but usually attributed to Einstein

Voting for the same people/party and expecting a different result is insanity.

It seems that in politics, it boils down to who can raise the most money by pandering to special interest groups, companies, and big money donors. If you want your elected leaders to represent you, you have to write a big enough check that they will care about you. If you can't provide the same funds as a large business, then your needs are simply not going to be met.

My campaign for Carmel City Council, Southeast District is focused on meeting people and not fundraising. I have committed to only take donations under \$100. I believe strongly that money buys candidates and ultimately their vote on the council.

This is one of the biggest problems with our political system today. While it might be legal to take thousands upon thousands of dollars from a corporation, business, or even an individual, it's not right. Our districts are small enough that you should be able to meet your elected leader and get to know them. The only reason a campaign needs lots of money is so they can run digital ads, buy newspaper ads, send you junk mail, and text/call you relentlessly. They spend a lot of time, money, and effort not to have to actually meet you.

A quick campaign finance records search will show that many of our current sitting political leaders in Carmel are taking big donations from developers, real estate companies, and lawyers for developers and real estate companies. Please don't get me wrong. I don't blame the business. It's a great investment to give a politician a relatively small amount of money to curry favor.

None of us like the current system, but we keep voting for people that prop it up. If you really want to change politics, how about voting for people not bought and sold?

Jeremy Eltz
Candidate for Carmel City Council Southeast District



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Indiana private schools report possible enrollment jumps from voucher changes

By **GARRETT BERGQUIST**
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Advocates for private schools in Indiana told News 8 some such schools reported noticeable increases in enrollment this year, though hard numbers won't be available for another month.

This year marks the first school year in which Indiana has had a near-universal voucher program. State lawmakers this spring repealed all the restrictions on who can use taxpayer-funded vouchers to help pay for private school other than an income limit. Vouchers remain limited to families making less than 400 percent of the limit to qualify for free or reduced-price school meals, currently \$222,000 per year for a family of four.

John Elcesser, the executive director of the Indiana Non-Public Education Association, said he's heard from private schools that report more noticeable increases in enrollment this year than they would otherwise expect.

"We typically will see an increase annually at some level, but I think because of the expansion of the Choice Scholarship Program, I

think those increases are more significant this year than they've been in the past," he said.

Both Elcesser and Robert Taylor, the executive director of the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents, said school attendance figures fluctuate in the first few weeks of a school year because of students moving into and out of a district. State figures won't become available until mid-September. Taylor said the superintendents he has talked to have not reported any unusual drops in attendance.

"We've heard very little to almost nothing in terms of a change to student enrollment outside of the normal influences that we see at the start of a school year," he said.

State records show 355 private schools have been approved to take part in the Choice Scholarship Program this year. All but roughly a dozen are religiously affiliated. Elcesser said roughly 60 percent of Choice Scholarship schools are Catholic. Lutheran and nondenominational Christian schools are common as well. Participating schools also include small numbers

of Seventh-Day Adventist, Jewish and Muslim schools.

According to annual reports prepared by the Indiana Department of Education, 52,614 students attended a private school using Choice scholarships during the 2022-2023 school year. Another 35,344 attended private schools without using vouchers. For comparison, more than 983,000 students attended a traditional public school, accounting for roughly 87 percent of all K-12 students in Indiana.

Nearly 62 percent of Choice Scholarship students were white, and 71 percent came from families whose income exceeds \$50,000 per year. In addition, 64 percent of Choice Scholarship students had never attended a traditional public school.

Taylor said the main concern public schools have as the voucher program expands is that participating private schools are held to the same standards as public schools. Choice schools must be accredited by the state of Indiana. Elcesser said students at Choice schools take the same assessments their counterparts at public schools do.

Both Elcesser and Taylor said parents should base

their decision on whether to apply for the program on what is best suited to their

child's specific academic needs. Elcesser said parents interested in using a voucher

should carefully research available schools and double-check their eligibility.

State Soil Conservation Board doubles funding for Clean Water Indiana

The REPORTER

The State Soil Conservation Board (SSCB) is allotting over \$2 million in **Clean Water Indiana** (CWI) grants for 2023, which is a \$1 million increase over 2022.

"As Secretary of Agriculture, I know how hard Hoosier farmers work to be good stewards of the land," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, who serves as Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "So, I was pleased to see the legislature acknowledge the importance of soil and water conversation in Indiana by providing additional funding to Clean Water Indiana this past legislative session."

This increased funding was allocated by the Indiana General Assembly during the 2023 legislative session. The Indiana State Department of Agriculture's (ISDA) Division of Soil Conservation was awarded over \$5 million additional dollars this year. The SSCB recently voted on how to spend the money and declared to increase funding to key water quality and conservation programs, including Clean Water Indiana's competitive grant program.

Clean Water Indiana was established to provide financial assistance to landowners and conservation groups and supports the implementation of conservation practices which will reduce nonpoint

sources of water pollution through education, technical assistance, training, and cost sharing programs. Programs under the Clean Water Indiana fund are administered by ISDA's Division of Soil Conservation subject to direction from the SSCB.

"We are so grateful to the Indiana General Assembly who recognized the importance of water quality in our state and allocated these additional funds to Clean Water Indiana during the past legislative session," ISDA Director Don Lamb said. "This increased funding for ISDA's Clean Water Indiana program will assist soil conservation districts across the

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Hoosier artists invited to submit work for ‘Open Space: Art About the Land’ exhibit

The REPORTER

Entry submissions are now being accepted for “Open Space: Art About the Land,” an annual art competition and exhibition presented by Minnetrista Museum & Gardens, the Anderson Museum of Art (AMOA), and Red-tail Land Conservancy. Emerging and career artists are encouraged to find creative inspiration that celebrates “open space” as it relates to the land and nature.

Since 2001, “Open Space” has attracted artists across Indiana to enter the competition. Reimagined this year as an “art trail,” the exhibit will be opened simultaneously as two sister exhibits at Minnetrista Museum & Gardens and AMOA. Each venue will present more than 30 pieces of artwork for public viewing from Nov. 4, 2023, to Jan. 7, 2024. The partners encourage the public to visit both exhibits on the art trail by honoring admission to each other’s exhibits.

“AMOA is proud to partner with Minnetrista and Red-tail Land Conservancy on this exciting

project,” AMOA Executive Director Mandee Mikulski said. “It’s our pleasure to celebrate Central Indiana’s landscapes and the habitats of the wildlife in our area. We encourage the public to visit both exhibiting locations to enjoy each of the pieces to enjoy the art walk experience this year’s exhibit offers.”

Developed by the two museums in partnership with Red-tail Land Conservancy, a portion of the event’s proceeds will benefit Red-tail’s work to protect, preserve, and restore vital wildlife habitats and natural beauty in east central Indiana.

“For more than two decades, ‘Open Space’ has brought new audiences and attention to the beautiful landscapes and important wildlife habitats in east central Indiana,” said Kelley V. Phillips, Red-tail’s Communications & Outreach Manager. “It is our hope that the myriad artwork inspires people to gain a deeper understanding of the land and motivation to explore nature.”

Artwork submissions will be juried by Walt Bist-

line, an Emeritus Professor of Art at Earlham College in Richmond where he taught photography from 2004 to 2021. His photographs have won numerous awards and are in over 350 public, corporate, and private collections.

Awards totaling \$1,500, sponsored by 1816 Wealth Management Partners of Raymond James*, will be selected from the accepted works. The awards will be presented at a public reception from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 3 at the Anderson Museum of Art.

To enter, artists must be 18 or older as well as present or former residents of Indiana. Eligible artwork includes paintings, drawings, mixed media, prints, sculpture, fiber, metalwork, ceramics, and photography. Other eligibility requirements, entry process, and artwork drop-off are in the prospectus at minnetrista.net.

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About Red-tail Land Conservancy
Red-tail Land Conservancy is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that protects and connects habitats where wildlife and people can thrive together forever. By preserving and restoring forests, prairies, and wetlands, Red-tail Land Conservancy plans for a future where the natural beauty of east central Indiana will exist for generations to come. Learn more at ForTheLand.org.

About the Anderson Museum of Art
Located in the historic Carnegie Library building in downtown Anderson, the Anderson Museum of Art is host to a variety of local, regional, and national art exhibitions. In keeping with its mission statement – “To engage the community in the visual arts” – AMOA endeavors to be an integral part of the growing art community through a variety of means including collaborations with other arts organizations, youth and adult art classes, youth Summer Camps, public art receptions and participation in various downtown activities.

TODAY’S BIBLE READING

ABRAM RESCUES LOT (CONT.)

A man who had escaped came and reported this to Abram the Hebrew. Now Abram was living near the great trees of Mamre the Amorite, a brother of Eshkol and Aner, all of whom were allied with Abram. When Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive, he called out the 318 trained men born in his household and went in pursuit as far as Dan. During the night Abram divided his men to attack them and he routed them, pursuing them as far as Hobah, north of Damascus. He recovered all the goods and brought back his relative Lot and his possessions, together with the women and the other people.

Genesis 14:13-16 (NIV)

James M. Landis

March 23, 1948 – August 22, 2023

James M. Landis, 75, Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at Harbour Manor Care Center in Noblesville. He was born on March 23, 1948, to the late Marvin and Hazel (Lowery) Landis in Noblesville.



Jim was a graduate of Carmel High School and worked for US Foods (formerly McMahon Foods and Kraft). He enjoyed fishing, camping, and playing paintball with his family.

Jim is survived by his wife, Betty Landis; children, Tim (Angela) Landis, Tom Landis, and Tiffany (Harrison) Painter; sister, Nancy Landis; and seven grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with services at 1 p.m., on Friday, August 25, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Chaplain Ken Cavanaugh will officiate. Burial will follow at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

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WATER

state as they work hand in hand with our Indiana farmers and landowners.”

There are more than double the amount of available funds to be awarded through a competitive grant process under Clean Water Indiana, with the State Soil Conservation Board voting to increase the grant pool to \$2 million.

This funding will primarily be used to fund con-

servation projects and programs at the local level, with typical grantees being some of Indiana’s 92 Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and other conservation organizations. The SSCB expects grant application dollar requests to exceed the available funding. Typical projects include cost-share programs for on-farm conservation best management practices, staffing positions

for direct landowner technical assistance and district administration, water quality and soil conservation education programs and more.

“The Clean Water Indiana grants go a long way in ensuring Hoosier landowners and local soil and water conservation districts have the funding they need to complete critical water projects,” said Brad Dawson, Clean Water Indiana

grant committee member. “Each year it is amazing to see the types of projects brought to us for funding, and we notice that they are located all across the state, which in turn helps the waterways statewide. Last year we were able to grant a little over \$600,000, so I am extremely excited to see increased funding and be able to award more projects, and clean more waterways, go-

ing forward.”

The members of the Clean Water Indiana grants committee are Amy Burris, Kenny Cain, and Brad Dawson. The SSCB is accepting competitive proposals for targeted projects up to three years in length. Applications are open and are due by noon on Sept. 8, 2023. To apply, please visit isda.in.gov.

Additional key funding from Clean Water Indiana

will go towards expanding Indiana Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, matching dollars available to Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and as match for Inflation Reduction Act proposals through the United States Department of Agriculture.

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Boys Tennis

Tigers gaining confidence with big win over Noblesville

By RICHIE HALL
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NOBLESVILLE – The Fishers boys tennis team picked up its first win of the season Tuesday, and it also was the Tigers’ first Hoosier Crossroads Conference win of the season.

Fishers beat Noblesville 5-0 at the Millers’ tennis center. The Tigers took the Nos. 1 and 3 singles matches in straight sets, then No. 2 Gavin Conrad, got past the Millers’ Ethan Feliciano in a third-set super tiebreak. The scores were 4-6, 6-4, 10-5.

Fishers also won both doubles matches in straight sets. It was a nice victory, as the Tigers had fallen to their first three opponents to open the season: HCC opponent Zionsville 4-1, North Central 3-2 and Park Tudor 5-0.

“We need a few wins to get some confidence,” said Fishers coach Dave Heffern. He said this year’s Tigers squad is an “inexperienced team,” so they are looking to build confidence.

The first rankings from the Indiana High School Tennis Coaches Association (IHSTeCA) came out on Monday. All three of Fishers’ previous opponents are ranked: Zionsville is No. 5, Park Tudor is No. 6 and North Central is tied for 13th.

The Tigers are 18th in the poll, and will likely see some more top teams when they compete in the John Shirley Invitational this weekend at North Central’s

Barbara Wynne Tennis Center. Heffern said if the team improves, he thinks Fishers should be ranked between 10th and 15th by the end of the season.

Carmel is ranked No. 1, followed by Brebeuf Jesuit at No. 2. The Millers fell to Brebeuf and No. 17 Avon last week, picking up a Monday 5-0 win at Lawrence North before meeting up with the Tigers.

It was a tough match for the Millers, but coach Chris Pyle said that after a team talk, he was pleased to see the seniors take the lead in helping the team get it back together.

“A lot of the seniors took that upon themselves,” said Pyle. The coach said that “you’ll see a little bit of a chance as far as on-court culture coming forward” for the rest of the season.

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In addition to Carmel and Fishers, three more Hamilton County tennis teams appeared on the first IHSTeCA rankings.

Guerin Catholic is rated 16th, Westfield is ranked 22nd and Hamilton Southeastern is rated 28th. The Royals went up against No. 5 Zionsville on Tuesday, but fell 5-0.

“On a blisteringly hot day, the Royals competed well, never quit, but came up short against a very tough conference opponent,” said Southeastern coach Doug Gernert. “We will continue to get better.”

The Royals will compete at the John Shirley Invitational on Saturday.



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

Fishers’ Aidan Foley (top) and Noblesville’s Jack Brenneman (above) played each other in the No. 1 singles match at the Tigers-Millers meet on Tuesday.

FISHERS 5, NOBLESVILLE 0
No. 1 singles: Aidan Foley def. Jack Brenneman 6-1, 6-0
No. 2 singles: Gavin Conrad def. Ethan Feliciano 4-6, 6-4, 10-5
No. 3 singles: Cooper Valance def. Parker Stallings 6-3, 6-2
No. 1 doubles: Jack Butler and Thomas Bender def. Rory Bushong and Liam Shepard 6-4, 6-2
No. 2 doubles: John Mills and Vaughn Curtus def. Dane Campbell and Coleman Kratz 6-3, 6-3

NOBLESVILLE 5, LAWRENCE NORTH 0
No. 1 singles: Jack Brenneman def. Harrington 6-1, 6-0
No. 2 singles: Ethan Feliciano def. Gilles 6-1, 6-1
No. 3 singles: Zane Panning def. Frisk 6-0, 6-0
No. 1 doubles: Rory Bushong and Liam Shepard def. Carillo and Z. Fisher 6-0, 6-0
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SPORTS SCHEDULE

Noblesville & Westfield boys soccer teams win, University girls triumph

Wednesday, Aug. 23

BOYS SOCCER

Providence Cristo Rey at Sheridan, 7 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

Hamilton Heights at Pendleton Heights, 7 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

Sheridan at Taylor, 5 p.m.

Pendleton Heights at Carmel, 7 p.m.

Hamilton Southeastern at Brownsburg, 7:30 p.m.

Noblesville at Avon, 7:30 p.m.

Western at Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m.

Westfield at Franklin Central, 7:30 p.m.

Zionsville at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.

GOLF

Hamilton Southeastern vs. Roncalli, 4:30 p.m. at Stony Creek

TENNIS

Hamilton Heights at Eastern, 4:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Sheridan at International, 6 p.m.

Westfield at Cathedral, 7:30 p.m.

New Palestine at Hamilton Heights, 7 p.m.

Please email schedule changes or corrections to sports@readthereporter.com.

The REPORTER

The Noblesville boys soccer team picked up a Monday win, beating Plainfield 1-0 on the road.

The Millers scored their goal in the first half, with Sam Holland making a penalty kick. Noblesville maintained control of the ball about 80 percent of the game, with the back line of Alex Pursch, Kasole Williams, Max Reason, Blake Horn and Jake Hall helping the Millers get several scoring opportunities, along with Ben Hewitt and Caden Rice.

On Tuesday, Noblesville beat Avon 6-0 in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference

game.

Hewitt scored his first varsity goal in the 10th minute, with Holland making the assist. That would be the only goal of the first half.

The Millers poured it on in the second half with five goals. Holland scored off a Miles Tucker assist, then Tucker assisted a Rice goal. Pursch put in a rebound goal off a Reason free kick, then Tucker scored unassisted. Hewitt then added his second goal of the night, with Korey Klimek making the assist.

Noblesville will compete this weekend in the Midwest Showcase, taking on Rockford (Mich.) and New Albany (Ohio).

Westfield's girls team beat New Palestine 4-0 on Monday.

Kate Malin, Sydney Mefford, Talia Whitesel and Ava Smith all scored one goal for the Shamrocks, who play an HCC game tonight at Franklin Central.

The Westfield boys team beat Franklin Central 1-0 Tuesday with a literal last-minute goal.

With 43 seconds left in the game, senior Oliver Smith sent a cross to junior Oliver Church, who put it in the back of the net.

Sheridan's boys played their season opener on Tuesday at Mississinewa, falling 5-1.

The Indians scored two quick goals, then went up 3-0 at halftime. Mississinewa put in two more goals, but Tyler Garner helped the Blackhawks avoid the shut-out when he kicked in a goal with 22 seconds left.

Goalkeeper Cayden Spencer made eight saves.

Sheridan plays Providence Cristo Rey at 7 p.m. tonight in its home opener.

Hamilton Southeastern's boys played to a 4-4 tie with HCC opponent Brownsburg on Tuesday.

The Royals scored right away, with Gabe Russell putting a goal in during the first minute. Drew MacDonald made the assist. The Bulldogs scored three goals after that, but HSE's Jack Anderson scored from 25 yards with 30 seconds left in the half to keep the Royals within 3-2.

Dillon O'Rourke tied the game with 23 minutes left in the second half on a sliding goal. Cruze Jafri made the assist. Southeastern took a 4-3 lead when Cade Joniec put in a header that came off a Keane Blackburne corner kick with 10 minutes left. But Brownsburg's Grant Porath tied the game three minutes later with a corner-kick goal, and that would be the last goal of the game.

University's girls team beat Shortridge 5-1 on Tuesday in its Pioneer Conference opener.

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Heights volleyball emerges victorious over rival Tipton

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights volleyball team won a rivalry match at Tipton Tuesday for its first away game of the season.

The Huskies won 25-15, 25-8, 25-13. Patience King played strong on the front row, making down the line hits and cross-court hits to score on the Blue Devils' defense. Katie Brown also made solid defensive plays to stop Tipton's offense.

This past weekend, Heights competed in the Western Boone tournament. The Huskies lost to the Stars in three sets for their opener,

25-22, 13-25, 15-11. Brown again played well on defense and serve receive.

Heights' next opponent was Heritage Christian, and the Huskies won in a sweep, 25-14, 25-16. Emma Blanton dominated the middle with blocks and hits, while Kennedy Cherry backed her up on defense.

In its final match of the day, Heights fell to Mount Vernon, 25-23, 25-19. Lauren Lewis played with hustle and made several smart hits.

Sheridan dropped its first match of the season Tuesday, falling to Lebanon

25-15, 25-14, 25-23.

Trinity Parkin hit nine kills, with Kenzie Garner putting hitting six. Garner also had a career-high five solo blocks. Nova Cross handed out 11 assists, and was one of three Blackhawks players to hit an ace, joining Claudia Headlee and Parkin.

On defense, Parkin collected 11 digs, with Headlee getting 10. Meredith Krupp had nine digs, and Cross and Beth Adams both had seven.

Sheridan is 3-1 and plays tonight at International.

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Carmel & Westfield girls earn top rankings, Noblesville No. 5

The REPORTER

The Carmel girls golf team won the Center Grove Classic last Saturday at Hickory Stick Golf Club. The Greyhounds finished with a team score of 296. Claire Swathwood was the individual medalist, carding a one-under par 70. Sophie Mock tied for second with a 72. Michaela Headlee scored a 76 and Maddie Headlee completed the scoring with a 78. Westfield placed third as a team with a 310. Addi Kooi also tied for second with a 72, while Sam Brown tied for sixth place with a 74. Kelsey Haverluck scored 80 and Sam Lemieux had an 83. Noblesville tied for fourth with a 312. Jordan Adam was part of the sixth-place tie with a 74, followed by Olivia Fowler 78, Josie Kelley 79, Peyton Kauzlick

81 and Karis Shields 85. Hamilton Southeastern finished seventh with a 341. Janelle Garcia scored a 73 to place fifth individually. Sophie Roberts scored an 85 while Paige O'Hara totaled an 87. O'Hara also made a hole in one on No. 4. Taylor Wetzel scored a 96 and Laci Hart had a 97. Guerin Catholic took eighth as a team with a 358. * * * Southeastern also had a team play at Heartland Crossing for the Mooresville Tournament, which is played in a two-man best ball format. Ella Bui and Natalia Nieset scored a combined 72, Karolina Franssen and Brooke Willard scored a 76 and Alaina Summer and Emily Vandall totaled an 81. * * * Hamilton Heights played

a dual meet with Eastern Monday at Chippendale Golf Club. The Comets won with a 191, but the Huskies had their low score of the season with a 203. Taylor Morrison and Camryn Runner both scored 48s to lead Heights, followed by Presley Cherry 51, Hadleigh Cherry 56, and Taylor Penwell with a 62 to round out the top five. "The team continues to trend in the right direction every single time they step on a course," said Heights coach Bryan Jones. * * * Carmel returned to Hickory Stick on Tuesday for a three-team meet with Center Grove and Fishers. The Trojans won with a 142, followed by the Greyhounds with a 145 and the Tigers with a 197. Michaela Headlee's two-under 33

gave her co-medalist honors, while Claire Swathwood went one-under par for a 34. Sophie Mock carded an even-par 35 and Maddie Headlee scored a 43. * * * Noblesville won a three-team match at The Hawthorns with Hamilton Southeastern and Western on Tuesday. The Millers scored a 153, while the Royals were second with a 160 and the Panthers scored a 213. Noblesville's Olivia Fowler was the meet medalist with a 36, Josie Kelley scored a 37, Jordan Adam carded a 39 and Karis Shields scored a 41. Ella Bui led HSE with a 38, followed by Janelle Garcia 40, Sophie Roberts 41, Alaina Summer 41, Karolina Franssen 42, Natalia Nieset 43 and Emily Vandall 49.

Girls Golf Rankings, Week 3		
Rank	Team	Points
1	Carmel (7)	159
2	Westfield (1)	150
3	Center Grove	147
4	Homestead	130
5	Noblesville	120
6	Fort Wayne Carroll	118
7	Zionsville	115
8	Floyd Central	101
9	Franklin Community	99
10	Hamilton Southeastern	84
11	Penn	79
12	Batesville	78
13	Northridge	58
14	Terre Haute South	51
15	Culver Academies	44
16	DeKalb	37
17	Brownsburg	34
18	Bedford North Lawrence	32
19	Corydon Central	18
20	Avon	9
First place votes are in parentheses.		
Honorable Mention		
Lake Central, Warsaw, West Lafayette, Bloomington South, Guerin Catholic		

Learn about Sheridan's first high school football Homecoming

The REPORTER

The Sheridan football team will celebrate its 100th Homecoming on Saturday, Sept. 16. The Blackhawks will play Clinton Prairie that evening, and it will be part of a big day of celebration in Sheridan. Among the activities planned by the Blackhawks are a parade Powder Puff football game, kid zones and an alumni dinner. Sheridan was the first Indiana school to celebrate a football Homecoming in 1923. More information about that day appears in this article from the Sheridan Football Book, which was provided to the Reporter. * * *

First Homecoming

For the first time ever, the Athletic Alumni Association planned a big homecoming celebration to take place in conjunction with the game on November 10, 1923. The festivities took place on November 9 and 10 in an effort to get old graduates to return and it all culminated with the game against Wabash on Saturday. The program began on Friday night with a "Stag" smoker that was held at the Red Mens Hall. Club president Moreland made a welcome address and Dr. A.C. Newby talked on the beginning of football in Sheridan.

Cecil Pierce of Albany, Wisconsin and Coach Kingsolver both gave football talks. Bradfield's orchestra provided the music. The Sheridan News, said, "About 75 members of the Sheridan High School Alumni Association attended, including the present Black and White squad...the squad, by the way, did not smoke and were sent home by the coach at 9:30...the old graduates were pleased and anticipated having the program again the next year." On Saturday morning, Mrs. Lou E. Wimborough, Mrs. Fred Davis, and Mrs. Vera Couden selected L.C. Kercheval as the winner of the store front decorating contest. The prize was a silver cup donated by the high school and appropriately lettered. At 1:30 a general assembly of more than 100 alumni, high school students, and general townspeople met at the public library to form a parade that marched to the field. Headed by the Flora band and organized by Colonel Miller, R.P. Williamson, and C.V. Norman, the parade included decorated automobiles and floats. When the assembly arrived on the field, seats were reserved for alumni and old Black and White teams ran through signals. Color schemes also

decorated the field; purple for alumni, black and white for Sheridan High School and old gold and black for Wabash. A record breaking crowd of 1,000 were in attendance to witness the competition on the gridiron. Some alumni recognized at the game with Wabash were J.E. Kercheval ('89), I.H. McMurtry ('97), A.C.


Newby ('97), J.M. Thistlethwaite ('97), Roscoe Williamson ('98), G.M. Laughlin ('00), Walter Scott ('04), James Dragoo ('04), and Gus Dragoo ('05). After the game, which SHS won 29-0, a big dance at the opera house was planned with special orchestra music to close out the weekend's festivities.

Nominations open for 2023 Hamilton County Basketball Hall of Fame

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Basketball Hall of Fame is accepting nominations for the 2023 class. This year's nominations are due by Sept. 11. To receive a nomination form, email Dave Nicholson at djadv@att.net or call (317) 773-0053. The criteria are as follows: **To be considered as a player** - Must have graduated from a Hamilton County high school at least 10 years ago and made significant contributions to Hamilton County basketball. Must have proven to be a person of good character and made

valuable contributions to his/her team. **To be considered as a coach** - Must have coached at least five years in Hamilton County and have been retired at least five years. Must have proven to be of good character and citizenship and made significant contributions to Hamilton County basketball. **To be considered as a Significant Contributor** - This award is given to people such as team doctors, media personnel, volunteers, etc. Must have made significant contributions to Hamilton County basketball. Must have proven to be of good character and citizenship.



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