

about a resolution to their long-standing differences. This stage adaptation of the 1993 film captures the lovably crotchety characters through twinkling

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cheese, and gravy. It will be served with a roll, salad, dessert, and drink. This is a favorite of many Blackhawk students.

After the dinner, shuttles will be available to transport you to and from the football field to enjoy the game.

Please come and enjoy a delicious dinner and cheer on the Sheridan Blackhaws football team. You can purchase your dinner ticket at many of the Fall Varsity Sporting events leading up to the homecoming game or by credit card with the QR code below, or at [tinyurl.com/Sheridan100HomecomingDinner](http://tinyurl.com/Sheridan100HomecomingDinner).

Homecoming football game tickets will be available for purchase (cash only) at the dinner as well. All proceeds will go directly to SEF and back to Sheridan's teachers, students, and classrooms as the foundation begins to fulfill grant requests.

The input of Sheridan's teachers on the importance of this board and the support it will bring is important. SEF members talked to one high school teacher, Jill Cali about her thoughts on the formation of SEF. She stated, "Federal grant money is hard to come by and the application process is often so daunting that teachers don't bother applying for something that feels like such a long shot. I think that having grant money available from a local foundation would mean

so much more than most of the public could understand."

One of SEF's goals is to make the grant process easy for teachers to get help from the school community.

Ms. Cali also shared, "We, as teachers, spend an unbelievable amount of money on making our classrooms welcoming and having the supplies that we and our students need to function. That doesn't even include the money spent on necessary supplies for specific learning activities for our courses."

SEF hopes to provide grants for these types of needs to help lessen the financial burden that it causes many teachers.

Middle school math teacher Adam Spencer said, "I am very grateful for the starting of a foundation like this. It was long overdue ... I want to thank everyone who helps the rising of the foundation and hopes that it will continue for many years to come."

Mr. Spencer and Ms. Cali both shared that they pay hundreds of dollars out of their own pockets each year for students. After hearing from some of Sheridan's teachers, it is evident how important it is that the Sheridan Education Foundation, Inc. exists.

Please support SEF in taking steps to better every Sheridan classroom. See you for the 100th Homecoming dinner on Sept. 16.



CAMARADERIE

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Photos provided by Trina Severson  
(Above left) Trina (right) with daughter Amani at Dave Matthews Band in Cincinnati. (Above right) Trina will see Dave Matthews Band three days in a row at The Gorge in Washington state next weekend.

In college in the '90s, I moved on to folk-rock, jam, and grunge bands. I traded Aqua Net for my dad's old flannel work shirts, which actually proved handy when I moved to the Minnesota Northwoods.

My roommate, Mark, was a Dead Head. He'd been to countless Grateful Dead shows and had hundreds of carefully labeled cassette tapes. Most any night of the week, other Dead Heads would come by our place with their tapes of live shows to share with Mark, and in turn they'd record some of his shows. That community around the band – the friendships formed – and the tapping-and-trading sub-culture fascinated me. On my birthday Mark gave me a Grateful Dead ticket stub. I understood what a gift that was, and what it meant for him to part with it. Paper tickets were treasured memorabilia. Back then, the ticket-buying process itself was a fun, exciting experience. Overnight campouts outside of ticket counters made for new friends and great memories.

It was in Duluth, Minn., in 1994 when I last waited

in a physical line for concert tickets. Neil Young's Harvest Moon tour. Ahead of me, two middle-aged women waited. One turned to me and pointed to my Pearl Jam shirt. "You know," she said in a thick Minnesota accent, "Neil really is the grandfather of grunge." "Oh, yup, yup, he sure is. You betcha," her friend agreed.

Now I'm the middle-aged woman in line for tickets. But today it's an isolated experience. In a virtual line. I miss camping out overnight in the old chaise lounge chair dragged from the garage, spider webs and

all. I miss chatting with other fans around me, watching the sun rise and listening for the click of the merchant's door unlocking. Fortunately, the concerts themselves – that fantastic live music experience – hasn't changed much, at least not for me. And today I can share the experience with my own kids.

Several years ago, I took my daughter to see Dave Matthews Band at an outdoor amphitheater. At the gate, we chatted with a young couple beside us. It was their first show. They were excited. My daughter was excited. It made me feel young again,

if only for a moment. When I said I'd first seen the band live back in 1998, the girl's eyes brightened. "I was born in 1998!" she said.

"Lawn seats?" I asked them. No, of course not. They were up front, in the pit. Right near the band. Where I'd stood a few decades earlier. I envied them only briefly. These days, I pass on the pit. But I'm still there, in the camaraderie of the crowd. Still singing and dancing along. Look for me on the lawn with my blanket and chair, near the Port-o-Johns and the \$16 cups of beer.

INCOME TAX

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The 2023 budget year ended on June 30 with **total budget reserves of about \$2.9 billion**, slightly above projections, and the state has **about \$1.47 billion in debt**. Medicaid spending has tripled in the past 20 years, from about \$1.4 billion in 2006 to a projected \$4.1 billion in 2025, while education spending has grown by near-

ly half since 2017.

Additionally, state economists told lawmakers credit agencies are increasingly factoring states' deferred maintenance into their rating decisions. They said Indiana has somewhere between \$300 million and a little less than \$1 billion in deferred maintenance needs.

Senate Republicans have long said they want to add Indiana to the small number of states that have eliminated their income tax. One of their former colleagues, Brandt Hershman, the former chair of the Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy Committee and now a D.C.-based consultant, cautioned against doing so. He said the states that have eliminated the income tax replaced the revenue due to significant mining operations, such as Texas and its oil fields; tourism, as in the case of Florida; or through the presence of large federal military or civilian infrastructure.

Others disagreed. Kurt Couchman of Americans for Prosperity said state income taxes compound the effects of federal income taxes and discourage workers and investment funds from moving into a state. He said other options might include reducing tax credits and restricting the use of tax increment financing.

Democrats on the panel said repealing the state income tax is too risky. They pointed to Kansas' 2012-2013 tax cuts, which led to a budget crisis that was only resolved when that state's Republican-led legislature repealed most of the cuts.

"I don't want to do what Kansas did to have a great experiment. We're going to eliminate everything, and we're not going to tax people, and guess what happened? Their budget blew up," Rep. Ed DeLaney (D-Indianapolis) said.

Holdman said compar-

isons with Kansas' experience are irrelevant because the Kansas tax cuts coincided with a marked increase in government spending.

DeLaney and other Democrats also criticized what they called a built-in bias in favor of Senate Republicans' goals. All of the committee's informal working groups report to Senate Republicans, and most of the outside groups signed up to testify so far are conservative think tanks such as AFP, the Tax Foundation, and the American Legislative Exchange Council. Holdman said Democrats and left-leaning groups are welcome to submit testimony during hearings or through the committee's working groups.

Holdman said the committee will meet monthly through November. It will then meet again in January before reconvening in April, following the end of next year's short session.

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# Keep challenging yourself & enjoy life to the fullest

GRUMPY

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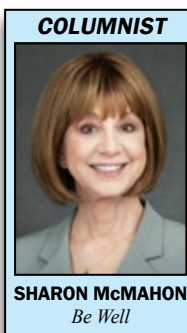
"We don't stop playing because we grow old... we grow old because we stop playing."  
— George Bernard Shaw

I am going to give the word "playing" as used in the quote above a bit of a twist. Although I am not completely certain of Mr. Shaw's definition of "playing," I will step out to use my own. I will admit that in my younger years I would have questioned this comment but have since found the truth in his remark.

Most of us (and I am including myself in this group) have a fairly scheduled routine. This is something to which I have adhered basically my entire life, even as a child. Perhaps that goes along with what is often called the "type A" personality which often-times presents itself in the oldest child of the family. This attribute can be very helpful in raising children, taking care of a home and pets, and a demanding career — and I fall into each of those categories.

However, being retired or "rewired" can provide us with opportunities to once again focus on and enjoy activities of our earlier years as well as taking on new challenges, both physical and mental. Sometimes the word "challenge" can be daunting as some folks may consider that to indicate hard work, although that is simply not always the case.

Let's explore some possibilities that you can consider to challenge yourself.



**COLUMNIST**  
**SHARON MCMAHON**  
*Be Well*

Please keep in mind that physical issues may keep you from participating in some of the activities we will cover here. What are some activities you enjoyed as a child? As a teenager? Or perhaps some hobbies that you let go or did not pursue when you were working full time or raising your family, etc. Of course, we are not now as flexible, energetic, or carefree as we were when growing up, but we can reflect on what we did enjoy doing and find aspects of that activity to incorporate into our "grown up" selves.

Most of us grew up riding bicycles, sometimes many hours of the day during the warm spring and summer months. Fortunately, there are many cycling trails and opportunities here in Hamilton County. Were you a twirler, cheerleader, pep squad, flag in high school? One of my favorite pastimes is twirling my baton. I am not as fast or as coordinated now, but so what? Of course, we all need to challenge ourselves physically as we spend too much screen time, which can be said of most of the population!

Additionally, it is a fact that we lose muscle tone beginning for most around the age of 30<sup>1</sup> and unless we address that our muscles will continue to atrophy and not serve us as they are meant to do. There are many ways to begin a fitness program if you are not currently par-

ticipating. If you are more comfortable using a personal trainer, be sure to vet their certifications before you begin. If you review online fitness programs, do the same and be sure to get the okay from your licensed medical practitioner.

Are you or were you formerly an avid reader? How about joining a local book club? Taking art lessons could open up a whole new world of opportunity if you are talented in that area. Pick up that musical instrument again! Have you wondered in the past if you could write and publish a book? Of course you can! I did it (and busy writing another!) and you can too.

Maybe you love dogs and cats but you cannot at this time home one. Contact the Humane Society or another shelter — they need volunteers! If your past profession or volunteer activity would enable you to be a presenter or speaker on a specific topic, contact the organizations which may be looking for someone like you.

Readers, we must continue to challenge ourselves physically and mentally in order to live our best lives. Enjoy a "pajama day" once in a while, but focus on being the best you can be and reap the benefits!

<sup>1</sup> [harvardhealth.edu](http://harvardhealth.edu)  
**Sharon McMahon, CNWC**  
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**Grandpa Gustafson (Doug Stark), left, the lascivious father of John (Eddie Curry), right, tells his son about the meaning of life with "Life Is All About Livin'."**

humor, great songs, and the affectionate depiction of a small town that feels like home to everyone.

Eddie Curry plays the role of John Gustafson, a retired history teacher, and Jeff Stockberger plays Max Goldman, a retired TV repairman. Sarah Hund (*An American in Paris*, *Footloose*, *The Addams Family*) returns to the Beef & Boards stage to star as Ariel Truax, their new neighbor and love interest.

Joining them in the cast are Jacob Butler (*Kinky Boots*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Footloose*) as Max's son Jacob Goldman, Logan Hill (*Beauty and the Beast*, *Footloose*, *The Addams Family*) as John's daughter Melanie Norton, Devan Mathias (*Mary Poppins*, *Kinky Boots*) as tax collector Sandra Snyder, and Douglas E. Stark (*It's A Wonderful Life*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Elf*) as John's father "Grandpa" Gustafson.

*Grumpy Old Men* is on stage for 46 performances through Oct. 1 in the intimate space of Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre, 9301 Michigan Road, Indianapolis. Tickets range from \$52.50 to \$79.50 and include Chef Larry Stoops' dinner buffet and select beverages. This production is rated PG-13 for adult content and language.



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**John Gustafson (Eddie Curry), left, and Max Goldman (Jeff Stockberger) despise each other in Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre's production of *Grumpy Old Men: The Musical*, now on stage through Oct. 1. This is the Indianapolis premiere of the show, which also stars Sarah Hund as Ariel Truax.**

To purchase tickets online, visit [BeefAndBoards.com](http://BeefAndBoards.com). Tickets are also available by calling the Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre Box Office at (317) 872-9664 anytime between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday (from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays). Discounts are available to groups of 20 or more; call the Group Sales Department at (317) 876-0503 for more details.

For more information, including the complete show schedule, visit [BeefAndBoards.com](http://BeefAndBoards.com). *Grumpy Old Men: The Musical* is sponsored in part by the National Bank of Indianapolis.

*Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre, Indiana's only year-round professional dinner theatre, is celebrating its 50th Anniversary of serving exceptional entertainment with dinner in 2023.*

## Get out! Seinfeld adds second comedy show this fall at IU

By **ASHLEY FOWLER**  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

Get out! Fans of standup comedy will have two chances to see [Jerry Seinfeld](http://JerrySeinfeld.com) in Bloomington this fall.

The star comedian has added a second show on Oct. 20 at Indiana University Auditorium, organizers announced Friday. Seinfeld will perform his newest stand-up routine at 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. as part of the school's homecoming celebration.

Tickets for both shows start at \$57 and are available through [Ticketmaster](http://Ticketmaster.com) and at [IUauditorium.com](http://IUauditorium.com).

The comedian's visit to IU is part of a countrywide tour that also includes stops in Detroit, Boston, and San Francisco. After the tour wraps up in December, Seinfeld will head to Las Vegas to continue his residency at Caesars Palace's Colosseum.

Seinfeld is known around the world for his '90s sitcom of the same name. He teamed up with fellow comedian Larry David to create *Seinfeld*, which ran on NBC for nine seasons and spawned countless catchphrases. It was named the greatest television show of all time in 2009 by *TV Guide*.

His latest projects include the Emmy-nominated Netflix programs *Jerry Before Seinfeld* and *23 Hours to Kill*, along with the web series *Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee*.



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**Jerry Seinfeld has added a second show to his Oct. 20 date at Indiana University Auditorium in Bloomington.**



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# \$18M in payments to Indiana communities being distributed after major opioid settlements

## Attorney General Rokita credits success to teamwork with local governments

### The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita has successfully brought together every Indiana city, town, and county to participate in a historic \$508 million settlement that will bring massive relief to Hoosiers struggling with the devastating effects of the opioid epidemic.

“Indiana will now receive a huge amount in opioid settlements – the second largest in Indiana history,” AG Rokita said. “Over \$18 million will be distributed to Hoosiers as a result of big pharma’s opioid push. This is just one of the many payments yet to come, which will be followed by more

payouts to help prevent future addiction and aid those with current addictions.”

Achieving the participation of all 648 political subdivisions in Indiana – i.e., cities, towns, and counties – required overcoming several obstacles. The most significant impediment came from outside attorneys who initially convinced several individual communities to pursue their own litigation rather than opt into the statewide settlement.

Later, once those same private attorneys conceded the best course was to join



Rokita

the statewide settlement, some of them insisted on building into the disbursement plan greater windfalls for themselves.

“Many Hoosiers have sadly lost their lives or loved ones due to overdoses,” AG Rokita said. “In an attempt to make billions of dollars for themselves, they deceptively marketed drugs like OxyContin, which highly contributed to the nationwide opioid epidemic. Considering the damage done to families throughout Indiana, I am relieved to finally see some bit of justice served.”

The settlement funds will support local law enforcement efforts, drug task forces, regional treatment hubs, and early intervention and crisis support, among other important programs.

The settlement framework continues to be a 50-50 split between the state and local governments.

Thirty percent of the settlement funds with “no strings attached” is split evenly between local communities and the state. That 30 percent can be used however local communities and the state choose to use them.

The other 70 percent is designated for opioid abatement efforts in local communities. State leaders decide exactly how to allocate half that amount – or 35 percent of the total. And this year’s legislation now ensures that local governments decide exactly how to allocate the other half of that total.

“Local government is closest to the people and most aware of community needs,” AG Rokita said. “So that’s where the best decisions can be made regarding exactly how to spend these funds. Just as I did as Secretary of State and in Congress, I will continue to trust the wisdom of local leaders.”

# Carmel’s ‘Palladiscopes’ show begins Aug. 31

### The REPORTER

You are invited to attend the first show of Palladiscopes, a major new City of Carmel production at the Palladium set for 8 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 31 at Carter Green.

Come see this brand-new visual experience on the façade of the Palladium at The Center for the Performing Arts.

The first Palladiscopes show will bring to life the story of Eos: The First Dawn on the south-facing sections of the Palladium.

This unique presentation was produced entirely at Blockhouse Studios in Bloomington, Ind. Refreshments will be provided, including a beer can design created by Sun King Brewing specifically for this show.

Beginning Aug. 31, the show will run daily at nightfall every half hour beginning at 9 p.m., with the last show beginning at 11 p.m. As the season changes and nightfall occurs earlier, show times will be adjusted accordingly.

## 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

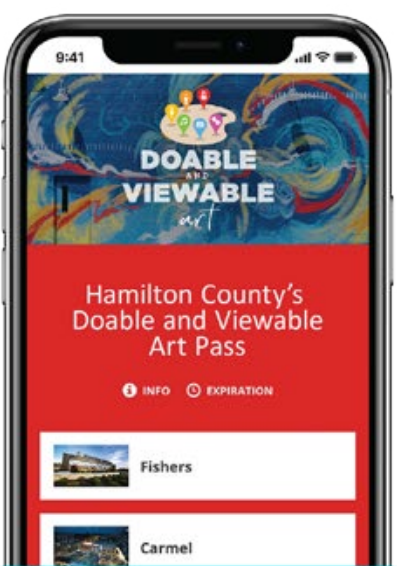
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Location: Grand Park Events Center

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# Driver fleeing from police crashes into Fishers residence, injuring 2

By **DAJA STOWE**  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

A driver fleeing from police crashed into a home Thursday night in Fishers, leaving two residents injured, police say.

At 11:27 p.m., Fishers police attempted a traffic stop on a black Kia passenger car near East 116th Street and Allisonville Road for running a red light and having a false license plate, according to a release.

Police say the driver of the Kia stopped and fled as the officer approached the vehicle. The driver turned off the vehicle's lights and went into a neighborhood near Easy Street and Allisonville Road.

The officer lost the suspect during the pursuit.

A few minutes later, dispatch received a 911 call reporting a vehicle had crashed into their home, injuring a person in the 11100 block of East Street. First responders arrived and treated the injured resident, while another was transported to the hospital.

Police say the suspect was believed to have fled the scene on foot. Officers were unable to locate the driver.



Photo provided by Fishers Police Department

## Local paranormal investigators to conduct “Nefarious Noblesville” ghost tour on Sept. 2

**The REPORTER**

Get ready for another fantastic fall tour season with Historic Indiana Ghost Walks and Tours.

Kicking off the season is the Nefarious Noblesville Tour on Saturday, Sept. 2. Visiting several haunted locations, guests are treated to storytelling and learning about the history and hauntings of the area. The tour includes the possibility of going into one of the buildings and a cemetery. Although not guaranteed, many times guests experience paranormal activity and capture spirits in photographs.

The tour will begin at 8:30 p.m. on Sept. 2. Register at [unseenpress.com/tours-events](http://unseenpress.com/tours-events).

Historic Indiana Ghost Walks and Tours is part of [unseenpress.com](http://unseenpress.com), a paranormal and dark history publisher in Westfield. The tours are given year-round in Hamilton, Marion, and Madison counties. The company is owned by Nicole and Michael Kobrowski and has been in business for over 23 years. The couple also conducts paranormal investigations as fundraisers for historic organizations.

## BATTERY *from Page 5*

battery access. Check the screws on devices and keep batteries locked away. Also, have a conversation with your kids, and don't feel guilty if this happens.

"We do have a bunch of conversations with them, too, about safety and not putting things in their mouths. So she did know better, which is why she said something. But they still really like to flirt with danger," Maci's mom, Jesse, said.

Now, Maci and her family are sharing her story to help other families. She was recently featured during an [Indiana Fever game](#) to highlight the issue and raise awareness – a moment her parents hope sparks a conversation.

"Talking to them. If they know it is wrong, at least they will come to you right away – even if they do something they are not supposed to," Jesse said.

Doctors say that just like button batteries, swallowing magnets can be very dangerous. A magnet can tear through the esophagus. In both cases, doctors urge medical treatment right away.

Some battery makers are addressing the issue. [Duracell launched a bitter-tasting battery](#) to help deter kids from swallowing them. Look for 'child secure' labeled packaging for the most child-safe option.





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## Portion of Gray Road to close for bridge work



Beginning on or after Sunday, Sept. 3, the Hamilton County Highway Department will begin work on a bridge on Gray Road north of 96th Street. This is expected to last for approximately 30 days and will include a full closure of Gray Road in the area indicated in red on the map above.

Photo illustration provided

## Fishers road construction updates

### The REPORTER 106th Street

Lane restrictions will be in place on 106th Street from Allisonville Road to Shelbourne Road on Wednesday, Aug. 30 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 until Sept. 1 for maintenance.

### 106th Street & Hoosier Road

On or after Aug. 30, the intersection of 106th Street and Hoosier Road will be closed for 60 days for the construction of a roundabout. Access into and out of Windermere subdivision will be on Geist Road via Governors Lane. Detour route can be found [here](#). For additional project information, view the Capital Project Dashboard [here](#).

### 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.

### 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 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.

Road resurfacing will begin in Bristols on Monday, Aug. 28.

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.

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# Beware scholarship scams when searching for financial aid

**The REPORTER**

Many students are still searching and applying for grants and scholarships to fund their college education. With an average tuition of approximately \$25,000 at four-year institutions, according to the National Center for Education Statistics, paying for a college degree is a challenging obstacle for prospective students. A challenge that is made more difficult by scammers looking to take advantage of students and parents searching for financial aid opportunities.

The Better Business Bureau receives numerous reports of scholarship scams every year. Multiple reports were submitted to BBB Scam Tracker in 2022, detailing consumer interactions with unethical businesses claiming to provide students with financial guidance.

For students struggling to pay tuition, a sudden offer of a grant or scholarship can look like a dream come true. But it could be bait for a scam. This con hooks victims with the promise of money, but upfront “fees” never actually materialize into those much-needed funds. In a recent twist, these scammers claim to help with [student loan forgiveness](#).

Better Business Bureau (BBB) recommends caution when dealing with companies that offer assistance in finding financial aid opportunities. Students and their families should be wary of websites, seminars, or other schemes that promise to find scholarships, grants, or financial aid packages for a fee.

**How the scams work**  
Scammers typically claim to represent the government, a university, or a nonprofit organization. The details vary, but the con is

the same. The scammer will pose as a financial aid representative using words like “National” and “Federal” to sound more official. They claim you have won a scholarship or a grant (without ever applying) and ask for payment of a one-time “processing fee.” In another version, the scammer pressures you into applying for a “guaranteed” scholarship or grant. However, there is a fee to apply. Time goes by once the fee is paid, and the money is never sent. When attempting to contact a representative, it is quickly discovered that the company has set so many conditions that it is almost impossible to receive a refund.

In another variation, a check arrives for the scholarship, and instructions are included to send back payment for taxes or fees. The check turns out to be a fake, and you’re out whatever money was sent.

A consumer reported this version recently: “The business claims to have been around for 14 years, but the website has been up for two... The financial aid workshops are pitch meetings where they try to get you to pay \$2,000 for help with college admissions, but it turns out that help is limited to exchanging text messages with an unknown person. The contract’s fine print states that the person you are texting is not a professional and has no expertise in college admissions or financial aid.”

Due to the sensitive personal and financial information provided for scholarship and grant applications, it is important to be cautious when choosing one to apply for. Of the 2.47 million full-time students enrolled in post-secondary institutions during the 2018-19 school year, 84 percent

were awarded financial aid through student loans or federal, state, local, or institutional grants. On average, students were awarded slightly over \$5,000 from federal grants, such as FAFSA, and more than \$11,000 from institutional grants. While the amount awarded varies depending on the institution (public versus private or two-year versus four-year), applying for grants and scholarships is a great way to help ease the financial burden of attending college.

Legitimate companies are helping students find aid with some results. However, students and parents can usually find the same awards and others on their own by searching online. Prospective college financial aid offices can also help, especially if it is a college the student is seriously considering attending.

It is generally free to apply for scholarships. Information is available online at [studentaid.gov](#) for the different financial aid options. If you don’t think you qualify for financial aid, review the Federal Student Aid website options, as many colleges and universities use it for non-need-based awards.

To protect students and parents searching for financial aid opportunities from falling victim to scholarship scams, the Better Business Bureau recommends following these guidelines:

- **Beware of unsolicited offers.** Typically, winning a scholarship or grant that wasn’t applied for is impossible. Ask how the organization got your name and contact information, and then verify it with the source outside of the email, phone number, or website they used to contact you.
- **Take your time.** Avoid being rushed or pushed into

paying for help at a seminar. Use caution if a representative urges you to buy now to avoid losing an opportunity.

- **Ask lots of questions.** Be cautious if a company is reluctant to answer questions about the service or the process. If the company or seminar representative is evasive, walk away.

- **Ask your guidance counselor or a college financial aid office** whether they have experience with the company.

- **Be skeptical of glowing success stories** touted on websites or at seminars. Ask instead for the names of families in your community who have used the service in the last year. Talk to them and find out about their experience with the firm.

- **Ask about fees** associated with a professional financial aid search and determine if the company provides refunds. Get the information in writing but realize that dishonest companies may refuse to give refunds despite stated policies.

- **Be aware that a check can bounce even after the bank allows cash withdrawal from the deposit.** Check processing is a confusing business, as is the terminology. Even if a bank representative says that a check has “cleared,” it is not sure that it won’t be detected as a fake weeks later. One thing the account holder can be sure of is that they will be responsible for any funds drawn against the amount.

For more information and to learn how to protect yourself, Google “BBB 10 Steps to Avoid Scams.” If you spot a scam, whether you have lost money or not, report it to BBB’s Scam Tracker at [BBB.org/Scam-Tracker](#) and the FTC at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](#). Your story can help protect consumers from similar scams.

# Register now for annual Komen ‘More Than Pink’ walk in Indianapolis

**The REPORTER**

Susan G. Komen, the world’s leading breast cancer organization, will hold the 2023 Indianapolis More Than Pink Walk on Saturday, Oct. 7 in Historic Military Park at White River State Park. The Walk is Susan G. Komen’s annual fundraising event where family and friends celebrate breast cancer survivors and honor those who have passed away from the disease.

The Walk will raise critical funds that support research and critical support services for breast cancer patients, including navigation services.

Breast cancer survivors and those living with metastatic disease can enjoy a light breakfast and visit

other survivors in Hope Village. The Walk site and activities open at 8 a.m. New activities this year include a Kidz Zone, vendors, and a Food Truck area. The Opening Ceremony starts at 10:30 a.m. with the Parade of Hope taking place shortly after.

Sponsors for the event include Bank of America, Walgreens, Eli Lilly, American Honda Motor Co. Inc, Asphalt Materials Inc, Bone Dry Roofing, Accredo, Starbucks, and IU Health Cancer Centers. Walk participants will include breast cancer survivors, those living with metastatic breast cancer, co-survivors, and supporters of Susan G. Komen.

Register at [komen.org/indianapoliswalk](#).



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This photograph of solar eclipse totality was taken by Keith Turner on Aug. 21, 2017.

# Learn about total solar eclipses at Carmel Planetarium

**The REPORTER**

What is a total solar eclipse? Why do we have eclipses on Earth? What are we going to see in central Indiana on April 8, 2024? Why do people get so excited about total solar eclipses?

Find the answers to these questions and more during the show at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 8 at the Carmel High School Planetarium.

Enter through the main entrance of the school on Main Street, walk past the Dale Graham auditorium, and turn right. Doors will open 30 minutes before

show time.

Recommended for ages 5 and above. No one will be admitted after the program begins. Children 12 years and under should be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students and children. [Click here](#) to purchase tickets. Please download tickets before entering school, or take a screenshot of your ticket. You may not have cell phone reception in the school building.

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# Go beyond the stage at the Center for the Performing Arts

## The REPORTER

The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel offers the following opportunities for educational experiences.

### Free matinees designed for school groups

Once again this season, the Center is offering free 60-minute matinee performances and presentations designed to enlighten and entertain local schoolkids. The 10:30 a.m. events are suitable for students from upper elementary grades through high school, and this season's attractions include:

• **Oct. 5** – **Animaniacs:** In Concert, featuring the musical director and voice talents from the original cartoon series performing and sharing behind-the-scenes stories about the creative process

• **Jan. 18, 2024** – **Keep Marching:** The Road to the March on Washington, an original one-act play with music, exploring the historic 1963 civil rights march

• **April 19, 2024** – **Sammy Miller and The Congregation,** a witty, theatrical jazz ensemble from New York City

Learn more about student matinees [here](#) or drop an email to [School-Programs@TheCenter-Presents.org](mailto:School-Programs@TheCenter-Presents.org).

On a related note: These days, the cost of booking vehicles and drivers can be a hurdle for educators considering field trips for their students. To address that concern, the Center has established the Transportation Grant Program, which invites schools and home-



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**Michelle Marti will bring sea-themed songs and activities for young children to the Center for the Performing Arts starting Sept. 8.**

school groups to [apply for reimbursement](#) of their travel costs. (Needless to say, [donations](#) to the Transportation Grant Program and the Center's educational programs are always welcome.)

### Watery fun for wee ones

Well, not actual water, but songs and activities inspired by sea and sun are the focus of the next **Child & Adult Music Class** for ages 18 months to five years. Led by musician/educator Michelle Marti, Row Your Boat runs Fridays from Sept. 8 through Oct. 6, with a choice of sessions at 9:30 or 10:45 a.m.

The cost is just \$65 for all five sessions, presented in partnership with Westfield Veterinary Care. [Dive](#)

### in and learn more. A journey driven by dance

Born in Puerto Rico to a Cuban mother and an Ecuadorian father, Mónica M. Muñoz has a unique cultural heritage that has informed her career as a professional dancer, teacher, choreographer, and director, as well as her eventual decision to settle in Indianapolis.

For the Sept. 26 installment of Luminaries, the Center's weekday speaker series, Muñoz – Executive Director of Indianapolis-based Kids Dance Outreach – will share photos, videos and stories tracing that journey. Admission is only \$10, which includes light refreshments. Get your Luminaries tickets [here](#).

### They call it the universal language

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Center's next **Peanut Butter & Jam** session for kids ages 1-7 features **Musical Con-exion**, the brainchild of musicians Cote Godoy of Chile and Kelsi Lee of Indiana. In a fun-filled, bilingual cultural experience designed for both Spanish-speaking and non-Spanish-speaking families alike, the duo performs songs, movements and finger plays in Spanish and English accompanied by instruments like guitar and **cajón peruano**.

Tickets are only \$10 per child, which includes up to two free adult admissions. Make your musical connection [here](#).

## Tipton man dies in crash near State Road 37 & Strawtown Avenue

## The REPORTER

At 4:45 p.m. on Thursday, Hamilton County Sheriff's deputies responded to a crash with injuries on State Road 37 south of Strawtown Avenue.

Three vehicles were involved in the crash: a Dodge Ram pickup, a Ford Escape, and a Nissan Rogue. The Nissan Rogue came to rest on the driver's side and the Dodge Ram was inverted.

Witnesses on scene, including an off-duty firefighter, extricated the driver of the Dodge Ram and began lifesaving measures, including CPR. The first arriving Hamilton County deputy attempted to use his

department-issued AED. Their efforts were helped by Noblesville Fire, Cicero Fire, and White River Township Fire, but were unsuccessful and the driver was pronounced dead at the scene.

The deceased has been identified as Jarrod Jones, 43, Tipton.

The driver of the Nissan Rogue along with the driver and passenger of the Ford Escape were transported to St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis for treatment of their injuries.

Based on the initial investigation and witness statements, the Nissan Rogue was stopped south-

bound on SR 37 awaiting a vehicle ahead to make a left turn. The Ford Escape was southbound approaching stopped traffic at a high speed. The Nissan attempted to avoid the crash by entering the ditch but was struck in the right rear by the Ford. The Ford then en-

tered the northbound lanes where it was struck by the Dodge Ram. The drivers of the Ford Escape and Dodge Ram were not wearing seatbelts.

The crash is being investigated by the Hamilton County Crash Investigation Team.

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*Abram brought all these to him, cut them in two and arranged the halves opposite each other; the birds, however, he did not cut in half. Then birds of prey came down on the carcasses, but Abram drove them away.*

*As the sun was setting, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a thick and dreadful darkness came over him. Then the Lord said to him, “Know for certain that for four hundred years your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own and that they will be enslaved and mistreated there. But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves, and afterward they will come out with great possessions. You, however, will go to your ancestors in peace and be buried at a good old age. In the fourth generation your descendants will come back here, for the sin of the Amorites has not yet reached its full measure.”*

*When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram and said, “To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates—the land of the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites, Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites and Jebusites.”*

Genesis 15:10-21 (NIV)

Meeting Notices

The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2023, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Noblesville Common Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2023, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Carmel Plan Commission will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2023, in the Caucus Rooms on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.

**Send Meeting Notices to:**  
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Barbara Ann (Barmore) Sampson  
November 25, 1941 – August 22, 2023

Barbara Ann (Barmore) Sampson, 81, Westfield, was born on November 25, 1941, to Denzel (Myers) Barmore and Clyde Barmore in Home Place, Ind., and was called home on August 22, 2023.

Barb’s family would like to thank the staff at Wellbrooke of Westfield for their outstanding devotion and care over the last year and the staff at Paradigm Health for their wonderful hospice care and support.

Barb is survived by her loving daughter, Shannon (Sampson) Stuart, her son-in-law, Tim Stuart of Westfield and grandchildren Tyler, Siera, and Carly Stuart of Westfield. Barb was preceded in death by her husband, William (Bill) Sampson, and her parents.

Born and raised in Home Place, Barb attended Clay Center School and was part of the first class to graduate from the new Carmel High School in 1959. During her time in high school, Barb was a CHS cheerleader and a member of Sunshine Club, 4-H, National Honor Society, and Methodist Youth Fellowship. She was an excellent typist and set the record for shorthand at 100 words per minute and typewriting at 57 words per minute and worked in the Dean’s Office. While a student at Indiana Central Business College, Barb was asked to teach the shorthand class for the semester when the teacher took a leave of absence. Needless to say, Barb graduated with honors and her love of teaching was born!

Barb worked as the Executive Secretary to the President of Schoolcraft, Inc. and then went on to serve as the Executive Secretary to Director of the Indianapolis Marion-County Building Authority where she met her future husband, Bill Sampson. It wasn’t quite love at first sight when Bill rushed in late for his interview at the City-County Building (nine speeding tickets in hand) and ran right into Barb, the gatekeeper for the interview. When Bill landed the job of Operations Director anyway, the two worked closely together, reporting to the same boss, and decided to call a truce. On May 7, 1967, Bill and Barb became the first couple to be married at the new Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church in Home Place.

After Shannon was born in 1974, the couple moved to the “country” in Westfield where they built their home and their lives together. Barb was a member of Christ United Methodist Church in Westfield where she taught Sunday School, led VBS, worked fish fries and elephant ear booths, and, of course, taught thousands of children in the preschool over her 39-year career. Barb studied early childhood education at Marian College and served as the Director of CUMC Preschool until her retirement in 2016. She loved reading, playing, singing, crafting, going on field trips to Stuckey Farms and the Indy Zoo, performing as



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Barb was a dedicated and loving daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She was a voracious reader, and a generous and thoughtful giver who shared her love of learning and creativity with her daughter and grandkids. She spent her free time driving “Mom’s taxi” to take Shannon and her friends on many adventures, sports practices, and activities in her prized baby blue 1967 Chevy Nova SS. She was a proud Brownie and Girl Scout Leader for Troop 199, a sponsor to the WMS cheerleading team, a Westfield PTO volunteer and past-president, and gave her time, talents, and money to support kids, families, and animals in need. She loved God and her pets, fed the birds and the wildlife, and helped organize and contribute to scholarship funds at CUMC Preschool and the Westfield Education Foundation. She loved games like euchre, crosswords, Tripoley, and fishing, and once held the record for the largest Muskie caught by a woman in Minnesota. Above all, she loved her family and was the biggest fan and cheerleader to her community, daughter, and grandkids in music, art, sports and life. Go CHS Greyhounds, WHS Shamrocks, Berklee Jazz Cats, Marian Knights, UIndy Greyhounds, and Indianapolis Colts, Pacers, and Indians!

Please join us in celebrating Barb’s amazing life at Randall and Roberts Funeral Center at 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with visitation from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, August 26 and from 1 to 2 p.m. on Sunday, August 27. Funeral services will begin at 2 p.m. at the funeral home, and graveside services will immediately follow in Oaklawn Memorial Gardens.

Memorial gifts in lieu of flowers may be sent to either:  
• The Liberty Acres United Rescue Animal Sanctuary, 3546 E. Mitchell Road, Liberty, IN 47353 ([libertyacres-united.com](http://libertyacres-united.com)) to support senior, hospice, and special needs rescued pets and farm animals in Indiana; or  
• The newly-established William and Barbara Sampson Family Scholarship through the Westfield Education Foundation, 19500 Tomlinson Road, Suite B, Westfield, IN 46074 ([www.wef.org/williamandbarbarasampson](http://www.wef.org/williamandbarbarasampson)) to support the secondary education of Westfield students in early childhood education, not-for-profit leadership, or civil and social services.  
To share your fond memories and stories of Barb or make contributions to the above causes, please see [randallroberts.com](http://randallroberts.com).

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### Hamilton County High School Football, Week 2

# Millers power through Homestead to get first shutout win since 2020

By **RICHIE HALL**  
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**NOBLESVILLE** – After making some Millers history last week at Lucas Oil Stadium, Logan Shoffner picked up right where he left off in the Noblesville football team's first home game of the season Friday.

The senior running back scored three touchdowns, helping the Millers to a 42-0 win over Homestead at Beaver Materials Field. It was the first time Noblesville shut out an opponent since Week 2 of the 2020 campaign (Aug. 28), when it beat Terre Haute South 50-0.

"I'm just happy for our kids," said Millers coach Dave Sharpe. "We've worked really hard. We know that we're capable of doing this. It was a great night by everybody, a total team win."

The Millers took care of business early with two touchdowns in the first quarter. Gage Gulley punched in the first score from the one-yard line, then Shoffner took off on a 50-yard blast for the second touchdown, which was followed by a two-point conversion run by Gabe Bellan.

Shoffner scored again in the second quarter with a 10-yard run. Gulley added

another touchdown run, and Noblesville led 28-0 at half-time. Jack Letourneau made extra-point kicks for both second-period scores.

Shoffner added his third TD of the game midway through the third quarter. A Letourneau kick made the score 35-0, and the remainder of the contest was played under a running clock. Brody Gump scored a fourth-quarter touchdown to add to the total, with a 26-yard run to the end zone, and Letourneau finished the night with another good kick.

The Millers ground up 351 yards on the ground. Gulley totaled 124 yards, with Shoffner gaining 102 yards. Jacob Baker adding 27 yards of passing, with Aiden Brewer totaling 23 receiving yards.

"I think we're executing, because our goal is to get four or five yards every play," said Shoffner. "And we're hitting that plus some, so I think that allowed us to push the ball down the field and end up in the end zone at the end of the drive."

Shoffner broke the Noblesville career rushing record last week during the Millers' win over Mount Vernon at Lucas Oil Stadium. Shoffner said his goal "wasn't really to break the



**Noblesville's Cameron Wilson (24) and Israel Oladipupo make a tackle for the Millers during their Friday game with Homestead. Noblesville's defense shut out the Spartans 42-0.**

Reporter photo by Kent Graham

record, I was just going out there to play and try to get a win, but it ended up happening, so it was a cherry on top."

Meanwhile, Sharpe was

equally happy for his defense, noting that Noblesville's defensive players were "really ashamed of themselves because of the fourth-quarter touchdowns

against Mount Vernon" in last week's game.

"They came out on fire," said Sharpe, who named about defensive player under the sun: Austin Hast-

ings, Gavin Kinyon, Carson Cox, Jackson Peterson, Cole Richardson and Carter Richardson.

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# Guerin Catholic dominates in home opener

By **JAMES SEAY**  
For The Reporter

The Guerin Catholic Golden Eagles were able to control the entire game for a convincing 27-3 in their home opener on Friday night. GCHS overwhelmed the Knights of Lafayette Central Catholic to win the Bishop's Cup and race to 2-0 on the season.

According to Guerin Catholic coach Tom Dilley, the coaches were the key to the performance given the challenges they faced with the extreme heat this week.

"This was a little bit of a unique week with some of the weather concerns, but our coordinators were able to put together a good game plan and our assistant coaches were able to get their kids to execute."

The game started off slow with both teams exchanging three and outs before the Guerin offense

was able to kick into gear. Senior Ryan Zimmerman was able to connect with junior Hayden Cler for two big passes to ignite the first points of the game. "We knew going into the game they would play about eight to 10 yards off the ball, we knew the hitches would be there. I just knew when I got the ball, I had to make plays," said Cler. After two big chunk gains, senior Peter Rooney was able to race into the end for the first of his three touchdowns on the game.

"I just put my head down and let the O-Line do the rest," said Rooney after his big night.

As the game progressed, the defense became increasingly stifling with junior Dylan Vargas and the rest of the team constantly hounding the LCC offense. Multiple tackles for a loss

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**(Left) Guerin Catholic's Peter Rooney rushed for 194 yards and three touchdowns during the Golden Eagles' win over Lafayette Central Catholic Friday at the Eagles Nest. (Right) Guerin Catholic quarterback Ryan Zimmerman gets ready to throw a pass.**



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Six months, 25 races, 15 drivers locked in, and we end the regular season at the same track where we began the 2023 season: Daytona International Speedway. With only one playoff spot left, drivers 16 to 36 in points will be vying for the 16th and final playoff spot.

Some are close enough to reach the final playoff spot on points. Currently, Bubba Wallace sits 32 points above the cutline. Though winless in 2023, Wallace is running the best he has in his Cup Series career. Right behind Bubba Wallace is rookie Ty Gibbs, Daniel Suarez,

AJ Allmendinger, and Alex Bowman. Despite still being eligible to clinch a playoff spot through the points, they will need some luck. The safest way to transfer: win the Coke Zero Sugar 400 at Daytona.

As was the case last year, a surprise winner is not uncommon at Daytona. Last year it was Austin Dylan. In 2020, it was William Byron. There are several “outsiders” that could steal a playoff spot this weekend. Six drivers below the cutline have won on a super speedway – most notably Chase Elliott, who is one race away from missing the Cup

Series playoffs. The bottom line: expect chaos at Daytona on Saturday night. Where the cars are extremely close on speed and passing has become increasingly difficult, the moves will be daring, and I would expect a large wreck late in the race. After it is all said and done, I believe we will not have new winner and Bubba Wallace will make the playoffs on points. It’s pretty simple: win and you’re in. Who will it be? Only time will tell. I am looking forward to an exciting race at Daytona. Zech Yoder is a local resident, an attorney at Adler Attorneys in Noblesville, and a lifelong race fan.



Reporter photo by Kent Graham

Noblesville’s Gabe Bellan ran in a two-point conversion for the Millers.

## GUERIN

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and pass breakups led to only three points on the entire game for the visiting team. Junior Malcolm Houze was pivotal as he was able to pull down two interceptions, including one in the red zone to cap off the stifling defense. “When the ball was in the air all I knew was that I had to get it. I wanted to return it, but given I was almost out of bounds I just secured it. The second interception was thrown right to me,” proclaimed Houze.

Both teams suffered from several cramps which prolonged the game to just over three hours. Still, Coach Dilley was excited about his team’s path for the season ahead.

“Yeah, the game certainly took a while - but we are proud of our team and will work to get better. I’m really pleased to come out with a really good performance against a really good program like LCC. Bottom line is we are going to work to be better tomorrow.”

Rooney led the rushing with 194 yards in 18 carries. Fresh off the win, Rooney said that he is “looking forward to giving it 100 percent for the rest of the season” both Cler and Houze added “it would include a lot of wins.”

Guerin Catholic will host Heritage Christian at 7 p.m. next Friday for a battle between two undefeated teams prior to beginning conference play.

GUERIN CATHOLIC 27, LAF. CENTRAL CATHOLIC 3				
Score by Quarters				
Laf. Central Catholic	0	3	0	0-3
Guerin Catholic	13	0	7	7-27
Team Stats				
	LCC	GC		
First Downs	14	12		
By Rush	3	9		
By Pass	11	3		
By Penalty	0	0		
Rushes-Yards	25-37	30-222		
Yards Passing	200	92		
Comp-Att-Int-TD	24-48-3-0	12-24-0-0		
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0		
Penalties-Yards	11-95	4-37		
Punts-Average	7-32.0	7-36.4		
Sheridan Scoring				
First Quarter				
Jack Linden 17-yard run (conversion failed)				
Peter Rooney 27-yard run (Peyton Butts kick)				
Third Quarter				
Rooney 35-yard run (Butts kick)				
Fourth Quarter				
Rooney 74-yard run (Butts kick)				
Guerin Catholic individual stats				
<b>Rushing:</b> Rooney 18-194, Linden 8-38, Ryan Zimmerman 1-minus 1, Jack Cherry 2-minus 3, team 1-minus 6.				
<b>Passing:</b> Zimmerman 10-22-84, Quentin Klee 2-2-8.				
<b>Receiving:</b> Hayden Cler 4-69, Aiden Ferry 3-13, Harrison Miller 2-4, Alex Gibbs 1-7, Trevor Macey 1-1, Rooney 1-minus 2.				

NOBLESVILLE 42, HOMESTEAD 0				
Score by Quarters				
Homestead	0	0	0	0-0
Noblesville	14	14	7	7-42
Team Stats				
	NOB			
First Downs	22			
Rushes-Yards	47-351			
Yards Passing	27			
Comp-Att-Int-TD	15-24-0-1			
Penalties-Yards	1-15			
Noblesville Scoring				
First Quarter				
Gage Gulley 1-yard run (kick failed)				
Logan Shoffner 50-yard run (Gabe Bellan run)				
Second Quarter				
Shoffner 10-yard run (Jack Letourneau kick)				
Gulley 4-yard run (Letourneau kick)				
Third Quarter				
Shoffner 25-yard run (Letourneau kick)				
Fourth Quarter				
Brody Gump 26-yard run (Letourneau kick)				
Noblesville individual stats				
<b>Rushing:</b> Gulley 20-124, Shoffner 8-102, Gabe Bellan 10-42, Gump 2-33, Jacob Baker 5-31, Bryce Englert 2-19.				
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# Royals rack up touchdowns to get early lead, easily beat North Central

By CRAIG ADKINS  
For The Reporter

**INDIANAPOLIS** — The Hamilton Southeastern Royals were able to figure out some things and that made it look easy on Friday night on their way to a comfortable win over North Central.

HSE made quick work of the host Panthers and were able to set it on cruise control for a majority of the night in a 35-7 win at Panther Stadium.

The Royals marched down the field quickly and wasted no time on the opening drive. Going six plays and 61 yards, Jalen Alexander punched it in from one yard out for the early 7-0 edge.

Forcing North Central to punt, it wasn't long that Southeastern was hungry for another score.

Starting the second series at the Panthers' 41, three plays later, Chandler Weston found a wide open Kameron Anthony for a 39-yard touchdown strike to make it 14-0.

"It was important for us to get off to a quick start. I thought offensively, we kind of stumbled around last week, playing against a very, very good Carroll team," said Hamilton Southeastern head coach Michael Kelly.

After a second straight punt by North Central, HSE had the ball at the Panther 49 and looked to capitalize again.

Weston found Donovan Hamilton, who broke away from his defender, for a 39-yard touchdown grab. This put the Royals in complete control at 21-0 through one quarter.

The junior signal caller was able to take his time in the pocket with the help of his offensive line.

"Our offensive line, that's one of the strengths of our team right now. We've got two really, really good tackles and then the interior guys do a nice job and we're working on moving our feet and making sure we stay in front of people. That's a huge credit to Coach Radican and the job he does developing players. And,

Coach Gorin and Coach Mussleman do a fine job getting those guys ready to go," continued Kelly.

The offense kept coming at the Panthers in the second, but not as heavy. AZ Wallace muscled his way for the fourth HSE score of the first half that put the Royals up 28-0 after two quarters.

North Central started to play better defense in the third. They both turned the ball over on downs to start the second half.

Southeastern put the game out of reach late in the third when Weston took advantage of a Panther defensive back leaving Dylan James open for a 48-yard touchdown pass. That made it 35-0, making it a running clock for the duration of the game.

Early in the fourth, North Central showed some signs that they weren't going away quietly. Jimmel Perryman dove into the end zone from one-yard away that accounted for the final score of 35-7.

Jimmel Perryman led the Panthers with 19 carries and 79 yards and a TD.

North Central drops to (0-2) on the season and has now lost 14 games in a row, dating back to the 2021 season. The Panthers visit Warren Central to open Metropolitan Conference play next week.

AZ Wallace led the Royals on the ground with 66 yards on seven totes. Jalen Alexander carries seven times for 31 yards. Donovan Hamilton caught four passes for 66 yards, Dylan James two for 54 yards and Kameron Anthony one for 39 yards. They each scored a TD.

Hamilton Southeastern (2-0) hosts Avon (0-2) next Friday in the first game of a grueling Hoosier Crossroads Conference schedule.

"The reality is, in our conference, there are no weeks off. You've got to make sure you come ready to go to work. They have a QB that's a veteran, well-seasoned. He's explosive with plays, so he's going to be a challenge for us. We're going to see how good we are next week, trying to bottle him up," stated Kelly.

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 35, NORTH CENTRAL 7				
Score by Quarters				
Southeastern	21	7	7	0-35
North Central	0	0	0	7-7
Team Stats	HSE	NC		
First Downs	16	12		
Rushes-Yards	25-141	37-125		
Yards Passing	207	29		
Comp-Att-Int-TD	13-19-1-3	6-11-0-0		
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0		
Penalties-Yards	2-20	5-67		
Punts-Average	0-0.0	6-31.5		
Southeastern Scoring				
<b>First Quarter</b>				
9:46 – Jalen Alexander 1-yard run (Hugo Belmonte kick)				
7:05 – Kameron Anthony 39-yard reception from Chandler Weston (Belmonte kick)				
3:38 – Donovan Hamilton 39-yard reception from Weston (Belmonte kick)				
<b>Second Quarter</b>				
9:07 – AZ Wallace 2-yard run (Belmonte kick)				
<b>Third Quarter</b>				
5:12 – Dylan James 43-yard reception from Weston (Belmonte kick)				
Southeastern individual stats				
<b>Rushing:</b> Wallace 7-66, Alexander 7-31, Brennan Baker 5-19, Anthony Harris 3-18, Weston 2-7, Jonathan Prater 1-0.				
<b>Passing:</b> Weston 12-17-205, Kian Kelly 1-1-2, team 0-1-0.				
<b>Receiving:</b> Hamilton 4-66, Alex Killman 3-39 James 2-54, Anthony 1-39, Calvin Finke 1-7, Charles Dabner 1-2, Charles Sylvester 1-0.				



Photo by Si DeVaney III

Sheridan's Eli Kolb rushed for four touchdowns in the Blackhawks' victory.

# Blackhawks are back

## Sheridan takes down North Miami in home opener

### The REPORTER

Sheridan won its first game of the season Friday, beating North Miami 35-12 at Bud Wright Stadium.

Eli Kolb had a fantastic running game for the Blackhawks. He scored four of Sheridan's five touchdowns, including two in the first quarter. Kolb zoomed into the end zone from 55 yards to get the 'Hawks on the board just 19 seconds into the game.

Kolb also scored one touchdown each in both the third and fourth quarters. In the second period, Caleb Alexander threw a 12-yard TD pass to Nolan Page. Owen Bell was perfect in extra-point kicks, making five of five.

"We played a lot better," said Wright. One thing that helped Sheridan was the return of Zach Bales, who

SHERIDAN 35, NORTH MIAMI 12				
Score by Quarters				
North Miami	6	0	6	0-12
Sheridan	14	7	7	7-35
Team Stats	NM	SH		
First Downs	10	14		
By Rush	7	18		
By Pass	2	1		
By Penalty	1	1		
Rushes-Yards	41-178	50-340		
Yards Passing	98	12		
Comp-Att-Int-TD	2-7-1-1	1-10-1-1		
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	4-2		
Penalties-Yards	6-30	10-85		
Punts-Average	6-17.5	3-30.3		
Sheridan Scoring				
<b>First Quarter</b>				
11:41 – Eli Kolb 55-yard run (Owen Bell kick)				
1:35 – Kolb 4-yard run (Bell kick)				
<b>Second Quarter</b>				
3:07 – Nolan Page 12-yard reception from Caleb Alexander (Bell kick)				
<b>Third Quarter</b>				
1:12 – Kolb 6-yard run (Bell kick)				
<b>Fourth Quarter</b>				
3:06 – Kolb 22-yard run (Bell kick)				
Sheridan individual stats				
<b>Rushing:</b> Kolb 19-238, Jesse Williams 13-39, Alexander 2-20, Jonathan Barnes 2-15, Zach Bales 6-14, Nolan Page 6-14, Brock Hagen 2-0.				
<b>Passing:</b> Alexander 1-2-12, Bales 0-8-0.				
<b>Receiving:</b> Page 1-12.				


was out for the Blackhawks' opener.

"He returned and that really helped us," said Wright. Sheridan is 1-1 and plays at Tri-Central on Friday.



Photo by Dwight Casler

Sheridan coach Bud Wright and North Miami coach Joe Grant get together at the end of the Blackhawks' 35-12 win over the Warriors. Grant was an assistant at Sheridan for three years.



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# Shamrocks beat Lawrence Central in overtime

**The REPORTER** extra period, and a two-point conversion try was good. The Shamrocks are 2-0 for the season. Stats were unavailable at press time and will appear in a later edition of the Reporter.

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

**Saturday, Aug. 26**  
**BOYS SOCCER**  
Hamilton Heights at New Castle, 10 a.m.  
Northwestern at Westfield, 2 p.m.  
Noblesville at New Albany, 3 p.m.  
Brebeuf Jesuit at Guerin Catholic, 5 p.m.  
Hamilton Southeastern at Franklin Central, 5:30 p.m.  
McCutcheon at Fishers, 6:30 p.m.

**CROSS COUNTRY**  
Hamilton County meet, 9 a.m. at Noblesville  
Hamilton Heights at Oak Hill, 10 a.m.

**GIRLS SOCCER**  
Fishers at Carmel, 9 a.m.  
Yorktown at Hamilton Heights, 6 p.m.  
Cathedral at Carmel, 6:30 p.m.  
Noblesville at Hamilton Southeastern, 6:45 p.m.  
Brebeuf Jesuit at Guerin Catholic, 7 p.m.

**GOLF**  
Carmel, Guerin Catholic, Westfield at Hall of Fame Classic, 9 a.m. at The Legends  
University, Westfield at Ulen Invitational, 9 a.m.  
Hamilton Heights, Westfield at New Palestine Invitational, 1 p.m. at The Links

**TENNIS**  
Carmel, Fishers, Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Southeastern at John Shirley Invitational, 8 a.m. at North Central University at Harrison, 9 a.m.

**VOLLEYBALL**  
Westfield at Yorktown Invitational, 9 a.m.  
Floyd Central at Hamilton Southeastern, 10 a.m.  
Fishers vs. Providence, 11 a.m. at Hamilton Southeastern  
Noblesville at Guerin Catholic, noon  
Fishers vs. Floyd Central, 1 p.m. at Hamilton Southeastern

**Monday, Aug. 28**  
**GIRLS SOCCER**  
Sheridan at Taylor, 5 p.m.  
Pendleton Heights at Carmel, 7 p.m.  
Westfield at Guerin Catholic, 7 p.m.

**GOLF**  
Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet, 11 a.m. at Bear Slide  
Sheridan at Carroll, 5 p.m.

**TENNIS**  
Westfield at Guerin Catholic, 5 p.m.

**VOLLEYBALL**  
Hamilton Heights at Alexandria, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, Aug. 29**  
**BOYS SOCCER**  
Hamilton Southeastern at Avon, 6:30 p.m.  
Anderson at Hamilton Heights, 7 p.m.  
Carmel at Brebeuf Jesuit, 7 p.m.  
Guerin Catholic at Cathedral, 7 p.m.  
Zionsville at Westfield, 7 p.m.  
Noblesville at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.

**TENNIS**  
Westfield at Hamilton Southeastern, 5 p.m.  
Columbus North at Carmel, 5:30 p.m.  
Franklin Central at Fishers, 5:30 p.m.

**VOLLEYBALL**  
Brebeuf Jesuit at Hamilton Southeastern, 7 p.m.  
Guerin Catholic at Shelbyville, 7 p.m.  
Hamilton Heights at Frankton, 7 p.m.  
Herron at Sheridan, 7 p.m.  
Westfield at Tri-West, 7 p.m.  
Center Grove at Carmel, 7:15 p.m.

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The Huskies' student section went tropical for Hawaiian Night at the Heights stadium. Reporter photo by Richie Hall

# Huskies stay undefeated in victory over Chargers

**The REPORTER** Two big touchdown throws from Bodie Derrer helped Hamilton Heights to run away from the Chargers.

The Huskies beat North Montgomery 28-12 in a Friday night home game. Both teams scored a first-quarter touchdown: Derrer punched the ball in from the one-yard line just three minutes into the period, but the Chargers answered with a 24-yard touchdown pass. The score was 6-6 at the quarter's end.

Heights had to wait until there was 3:08 left in the half to score again, but it was worth it: Derrer aired out a throw to Tyler Champion, and the junior ran it into the end zone for a 78-yard touchdown reception. Owen VanHaaren's two-point run made it 14-6 at the break.

Derrer launched another long touchdown pass in the third quarter, teaming with Keaton Weaver for a 70-yard scoring throw. Teigan Scoles' kick made it 21-6. North scored on another touchdown pass in the fourth quarter, but

**HAMILTON HEIGHTS 28, NORTH MONTGOMERY 12**

Score by Quarters

North Montgomery	6	0	0	6	12
Heights	6	8	7	7	28

Team Stats	NM	HH
First Downs	7	14
By Rush	2	9
By Pass	1	4
By Penalty	10	1
Rushes-Yards	32-48	37-149
Yards Passing	150	258
Comp-Att-Int-TD	9-25-2-2	10-19-1-2
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	1-15	8-75
Punts-Average	5-36.6	4-43.0

**Heights Scoring**

**First Quarter**  
9:04 – Bodie Derrer 1-yard run (kick failed)

**Second Quarter**  
3:08 – Tyler Champion 78-yard reception from Derrer (Owen VanHaaren run)

**Third Quarter**  
3:34 – Keaton Weaver 70-yard pass from Derrer (Teigan Scoles kick)

**Fourth Quarter**  
5:01 – VanHaaren 1-yard run (Scoles kick)

**Heights individual stats**  
**Rushing:** VanHaaren 26-146, Derrer 10-2, Carson Fetting 1-1.  
**Passing:** Derrer 10-19-258.  
**Receiving:** Weaver 3-99, Champion 3-97, Jaylyn Pugh 3-50, Conor Baumann 1-12.

VanHaaren sealed the win with a one-yard touchdown run.

Derrer finished 10-19, totaling 258 yards. VanHaaren gained 146 yards rushing. Weaver, Champion and Jaylyn Pugh all had three receptions.

The Huskies are 2-0 and host Lafayette Central Catholic next week.



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Hamilton Heights' Keaton Weaver grabs a pass and takes it in for a 70-yard touchdown during the Huskies' 28-12 win over North Montgomery on Friday.

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