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TODAY'S WEATHER Today: Partly to mostly cloudy. Scattered showers and storms in the morning. Another round of storms late afternoon, possibly severe.

Tonight: Evening showers and storms, possbily severe. Clouds decrease late. **HIGH**: 86 LOW: 62



Sheridan Superintendent shares school district's success

Submitted

munity Schools (SCS) Superintendent Dave Mundy hosted a community meeting to share the successes at SCS. There were about 60 individuals present to learn about the school corporation's efforts for long-term planning in every aspect from facilities to student programming.

Mundy explained that SCS is ready for future growth. He outlined expected enrollment increases, sharing information about new housing developments as well as demographic ly accurate over the years for the corporation.

Mundy also shared the great success Sheridan students are having and spotlighted programs including sports, academics, FFA, internships, and the arts.

"There is a lot of work going on regarding future planning and ensuring our students receive every opportunity we can make available to them," Mundy said. "We're the best-kept secret in the entire state! And ... we won't be able to keep our secret quiet much longer!"

Mundy presented data on number has doubled in the last Sheridan from other districts, Blackhawk families. We have a ward to speaking with anyone cluded.

and because of the state funding Last week, Sheridan Com- formula, funding follows the student.

School finance is complicated and often misunderstood, and Mundy explained how certain funding streams must be used for designated purposes. For instance, tax funds earmarked for building projects cannot be used for salaries. Referendum funds as set up on the ballot, on the other hand, cannot be used for capital building projects and are primarily used for teacher salaries.

The session ended with studies that have been extreme- Mundy explaining the referendum that will be on the ballot in November, stressing that despite the strange wording on the ballot (as required by state law) the referendum is a renewal of the current operating referendum and will not negatively affect taxes since the former referendum is rolling off. The referendum goes directly to teacher salaries and other support staff wages – every penny of it. Without it, there would be significant cuts with negative consequences for the school and community as the referendum is 12 percent of the current SCS budget.

Following the session, transfer students, showing the Mundy said, "It is great to see so many community members five years: from 7 percent of the present at all our informational school population in 2017-2018 sessions. We have always reto 14 percent in 2022-2023. ceived such tremendous support These students choose to attend from all our former and current



Photo provided by Sheridan Community Schools Sheridan Community Schools Superintendent Dave Mundy said the school district is the best-kept secret in Indiana, but not for long as more and more families find out what the district has to offer and more transfer students continue to enroll.

tremendous amount to be proud who may be interested in SCS of and our goal is to continue and the referendum. this trend of success and build

"Patrons are always weltowards an even greater future." come to stop by or reach out if Mundy said he looks for- there are any questions," he con-

Family fun on a budget

If there is one thing that I have learned since becoming a mom, it is that kids like to have a plan and know what the plan is going to be for the day.

I know this from being a teacher. Kids feel safe with routines. The plan does not need to be extravagant and



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sometimes it is simply having a home day and watching a movie as a family. Kids like to know what is coming and what to expect.

I see so many parents put pressure on themselves to do elaborate things with their kids. Don't get me wrong, we are already planning on taking our kids to Disney World in the next few years and we spoil them rotten at Christmas, but I am talking more about the day-to-day.

My husband and I make an effort to try and do fun things with our kids. Let's be honest, everything is so expensive right now and there are times when you need to get creative, so you can have a family day without breaking your budget. Kids do not need to have a lot of money spent on them to have a fun day or to feel like they're being taken on an adventure.

One of our favorite things to do is to take a family picnic. We have so many different spots here in Hamilton County that are wonderful for a family picnic. We will go to different parks and find a nice, shaded place with a good view and set up shop. We wake up on Saturday mornings and hit up the Fishers Farmers Market and get a big bag of kettle corn. We love to get ice cream and go for drives. We recently loaded up everything we needed for dinner and went to the new Geist Waterfront Park and grilled out while the kids played on the playground. I don't care what people say about the parking fee there – that place is awesome! My four and two-year-old go to a park for the day and they may as well have gone to Disney World. They are both at the age where most problems can be solved with a few minutes on the swings and a popsicle.

One of our favorite things to do is to go to Spencer Farm and pick berries. Of course, there's the ice cream when we are done picking, too. My whole family loves to do this! We will load up a picnic, buy a container from the farm, and pick berries (and maybe eat a few while we pick) Shhh ... everyone does it, right?

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All aboard NPX for Superhero adventure

Submitted by

Nickel Plate Express

Get ready for an action-packed weekend as Nickel Plate Express (NPX) welcomes your favorite superheroes aboard the Superhero Express on Saturday, Sept. 16 and Sunday, Sept. 17.

This special event promises a thrilling train ride that will leave your children with memories to cherish. Kickstart the day with an exclusive superhero training session where young heroes can learn exciting moves from the likes of Spider-Man, Captain America, and Black Widow. Upon completing their training, each aspiring superhero will be bestowed with their very own cape, symbolizing their newfound powers.

Once geared up, hop aboard NPX for a 65-minute family train ride, during which passengers can put their newly acquired skills to the test alongside their beloved superheroes.



Photo provided by Nickel Plate Express

Young superheroes in training will love what the Nickel Plate Express has to offer.

forgettable outing for families. 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The Superhero Express will op-

Tickets for the Superhero erate on Saturday, Sept. 16 at 10 the Superhero Express, an event Express start at \$34 per person, a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 2:30 p.m., that combines the magic of train providing an affordable and unas well as on Sunday, Sept. 17 at rides with the excitement of

"We are thrilled to present See Superhero... Page 2

41 artists represented in Fishers Juried Exhibit

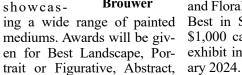
The REPORTER

Fishers Arts Council (FAC) and Jiffy Lube of Indiana invite you to see the incredible talent that Hamilton County has to offer at the fourth annual Juried Exhibit of Hamilton County Artists. Forty-one artists are represented in this exhibit, located at the FAC Hub Gallery in the Collaboration Hub at Hamilton County Community Foundation, 11810 Technolo-

Drive, Fishers.

Artists hail from Fish-Noers. blesville, Carmel, Westfield, and Cicero







Brouwer

\$1,000 cash prize and a solo en for Best Landscape, Por- exhibit in the gallery in Janu-



Photo provided by Fishers Arts Council

The Juried Exhibit of Hamilton County Artists is open now through Sept. 29 in Fishers. and Floral or Other, along with The winners are decided by Gallery of Contemporary Art in Best in Show which wins a Rena Brouwer, a Delphi resi- Delphi, where she teaches and

dent and well-known Indiana exhibits her work. and national artist who is also part owner of the Opera House

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Dancing with Our Stars raises money for Meals on Wheels

By AMY ADAMS news@readthereporter.com

Local community members will once again be dancing their way into hearts while raising money for Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County. Dancing With Our Stars returns for its ninth year from 6 to 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 7 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Noblesville.

The business-casual event will feature local professional dancers paired with some of Hamilton County's most-recognizable "stars" competing in ballroom dances to be named "Dancing With Our Stars Champions 2023."

Last year's event raised more than \$35,000 toward helping bring meals to elderly, disabled, chronically ill, and homebound individuals throughout Hamilton County. This year, Meals on Wheels is hoping to raise close to \$50,000.

Community members can play a part in raising funds as well as voting for dancers. Not only will audience members be able to vote for their favorite performance, but online voting is already open, and anyone can vote up until around 9 p.m. Thursday evening. Each dollar donated counts as a vote toward bringing dancers closer to winning the coveted People's Choice Award and ensuring that the real winners are the community recipients of

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Brouwer is an international award-winning watercolorist, instructor, and entrepreneur. With a passion for nature, her paintings reflect the beauty of a captured moment transposed onto paper in her unique contemporary style, one that is recognized worldwide. For over 40 years, her innate artistic gifts have led her to teach at national art conventions, colleges, museums, and community venues across the nation. Her work is a voice that communicates her deepest values: preservation of our natural resources, our heritage, and the opportunity to educate future generations.

Brouwer is also an Indiana Artisan, member of The Brown County Art Guild, Indiana Artists Club, Hoosier Salon, Indiana Plein Air

the Watercolor Society of and open to all ages. Sep-Indiana.

People's Choice Award. Go to Facebook.com/Fishers-**Art** to see the full 2023 Juryour favorite. You can also by calling (317) 537-1670. vote in-person in the gallery during the Second Friday reception and awards cere- a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts mony on Sept. 8. Voting will be open from 6 to 7 p.m. and awards will be announced at cultivate visual and per-7:15 p.m.

Hamilton County Artists the lives of those who live, is on display now through work, and visit Fishers. Visit Sept. 29 and can be seen FAC's art gallery space at the from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon- Collaboration Hub at Hamday through Thursday and ilton County Community on Fridays by appointment Foundation, 11810 Technolwith Fishers Arts Council. Second Friday receptions FishersArtsCouncil.org, or

Cardinal Fellow member of month and are always free tember's Second Friday However, you get to be musician is Jasmine White the judge for the MashCraft of Indianapolis and is sponsored by the Fishers Arts + Culture Commission.

Schedule your gallery ied Exhibit photo album and viewing by emailing info@ click the "like" button for FishersArtsCouncil.org or About Fishers Arts Council

Fishers Arts Council is organization whose mission is to support, advocate, and forming arts opportunities The Juried Exhibit of that educate and/or enhance ogy Drive, Fishers, online at

FAMILY FUN-

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Photos provided by Megan Rathz

Mary and Pat picking strawberries at Spencer Farm in Noblesville.

will go to the grocery store and each of us will pick out our favorite candy. Then, we will all decide what movie we are going to watch. This takes a while for all of us to agree, but we eventually get there. We have a gigantic blanket we call the family blanket that spans the length of our sectional, and we all assume our spots and get under the blanket. This blanket is literally so huge it is like folding up a tent when it's time to put it away. My husband pops the popcorn, and we all cuddle up for the movie. This is something that costs us what we spend on candy. Everything else we already have. My kids have no clue this is a \$5 special because we got out the big blanket and we are all together.

Speaking of movies, Noblesville on Tuesdays. been letting the kids deco-

Another thing my fam- If you download the app, ily loves to do is to have you can get \$5 movies all a family movie night. We day on Tuesdays and free popcorn!

One of the best things for our budget we've done is get a Blackstone grill. No, I'm not a paid spokesperson, but I should be because I love this thing. My husband and I have been wanting one for some time. We decided to get one and have saved a ton of money because we have so much fun with it that we end up eating at home more. For one thing, the food is better than when you go out (with a few exceptions), the drinks are cheap, and the wine pours are fantastic! My husband could hold his own against any hibachi chef when he's behind the Blackstone.

My kids enjoy making night; they simply see it as s'mores. They like sitting on our patio and spotting the fireflies. They love going to the park. They think dad grilling them a another thing to investigate hot dog is a steak from St. is the Emagine Theater in Elmo's. Recently, I have

rate their own pizzas. I set out the naan bread for them and a bowl of sauce with toppings that they'll each. They think this is the coolest thing ever.

I want our kids to grow up and look back on their childhoods and remember the fun and simple things that we did together as a family. I want them to marry spouses that become additional kids for my husband and me and join in our traditions, while bringing some of their own to our family. I want my kids to realize you can have fun without spending a lot of money.

Nature is affording us the opportunity to make family memories on a budget. You don't need a big bank account to take your kids to the park or on a picnic. It's a matter of being creative and making it a fun experience for your kids.

Megan Rathz is a wife, mother, and teacher. She says everything she has ever learned in life came from her Master Gardener mother.

Painters Association, and a are from 6 to 8 p.m. each call (317) 537-1670. PHI BETA PSI SORORITY LASAGNA DINNER SHERIDAN HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 5:00PM-7:00PM CARRY OUT AVAILABLE GLUTEN FREE OPTION **Presale Ticket Prices** Adults \$10/Children 12 and under \$5 (prices \$1 more at the door) Tickets available from sorority members **OUR ANNUAL** or at the Sheridan Public Library LASAGNA DINNER IS HELD IN Proceeds go to a LOVING MEMORY \$500 medical OF OUR SISTER. MARTHA ROCKEY scholarship to a Sheridan senior

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beloved superheroes," NPX Executive Director Emily Reynolds said. "This unique experience allows families to create lasting memories while enjoying the scenic beauty of our historic train and engaging with their favorite characters."

In addition to the Superhero Express, NPX offers a variety of other exciting

year. Whether it's special dining experiences or holiday-themed rides, NPX has something for everyone.

For more information about upcoming events and to book your tickets, please visit NickelPlateExpress.

About Nickel Plate **Express**

Nickel Plate Express is

provider based in Noblesville. With a focus on delivering unforgettable experiences, NPX offers a range of themed train rides and events, combining scenic beauty with entertainment for all ages. From superhero adventures to special dining experiences, NPX is dedicated to creating cherished memories for families and

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Last Chance to Register for the Noblesville Bridge of Flowers Gala

Saturday, September 16th at 5pm

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*For questions contact Dave@theGordonTeam.com





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Great Squirrel Stampede will benefit Carmel Clay Museum

The REPORTER

This fall marks the 201st anniversary of the Great Squirrel Stampede of 1822.

The Carmel Clay Historical Society (CCHS) has organized a fun run for all ages. From 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 16, enjoy a beautiful morning running or walking the paths at Coxhall Gardens, 11677 Towne Road, Carmel. Strollers and pet friends are welcome for this low-key 1K/3K. There will be games, an acorn hunt for prizes, shaved ice, and other yummy treats.

Carmel Clay History Mu-pede.eventbrite.com. seum, so come out to have fun as you help CCHS grow. al, \$50 for two, and \$75 per

Proceeds will benefit the register, visit squirrelstam-

Cost is \$30 per individu-For more information or to family (up to four entrants).

Entry includes the following: Squirrel Stampede

Graphic provided

 Activities and games Shaved ice and treats

DANCING.

Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County.

"Every year just keeps getting better and better," said Beth Gehlhausen, executive director of Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County. "The variety of music and dance is, again, beyond expectation, and the professional dancers are working hard to bring out the very best in each of our celebrity dancers."

Competitor Dr. Mimi Huang, an ophthalmolo-

gist at 20/20 Eye Physicians, is the sister of last year's champion, Dr. Philip ams fare with his profes-Huang. Will Mimi and her professional partner Adam The Indy regional platform Trogdlen follow in her manager for Napleton Auto brother's dance steps as this year's champion?

Or could the new champion be professional dancer Xavier Medina's partner Deb Kurtock, senior clinical research advisor at Pearl Pathways, who has been taking lessons at Five Star Dance Studio for the last

couple of years?

And how will Jody Adsional partner Natasha Cox? Group claims that the extent of his dancing career is doing the Macarena once at the age of 18.

In the words of Debby Pileri, competitive amateur tennis player and USTA umpire who is dancing with professional Scott Shook, all the competitors are "jumping in with both feet.'

Other pairs include:

• Andrew Bradford, vice president and chief advancement officer at Conner Prairie Museum, dancing with Olga Cansino

· Steven DeLee, physician at Riverview Health, dancing with Yulia Shook

· Sherese Martin, HR manager at Rolls-Royce, part-time HR director at Conduct Curb Autism Behavior Center, and associate faculty member at IUPUI, dancing with Ed odby-Schwab

 Lindsey McVey, owner of Just Lagom in Downtown Noblesville, dancing with Rob Jenkins

• Kyle Moser, co-own-

ACCURATE LOCA

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Performing Arts Center in

Westfield, dancing with Di-

ana Miller Alec Wolf, executive area director of Wolfpack Restaurant Group, dancing with Kristen Mott

"The level of commitment along with the 'wow factor' demonstrated by our dancing couples is always 'off the charts' and will completely mesmerize the crowd," Gehlhausen said. "This is an experience you will not want to miss!"

To purchase tickets, donate, or register to vote visit mealsonwheelshc.org/ dancing-with-our-stars. For more information, call Meals on Wheels at (317) 776-7159.

About Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County Established in 1975,

Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County supports individuals who are elderly, disabled and homebound by delivering nutritious meals, reducing hunger, improving health, and promoting independence. Meals are prepared in state-approved healthcare facilities and designed by a certified registered dietitian under a physician's prescribed supervision according to the client's specific dietary needs. Nearly 200 meals are delivered daily by volunteers to enable clients to remain independently living within the community in their own homes for as long as possible.





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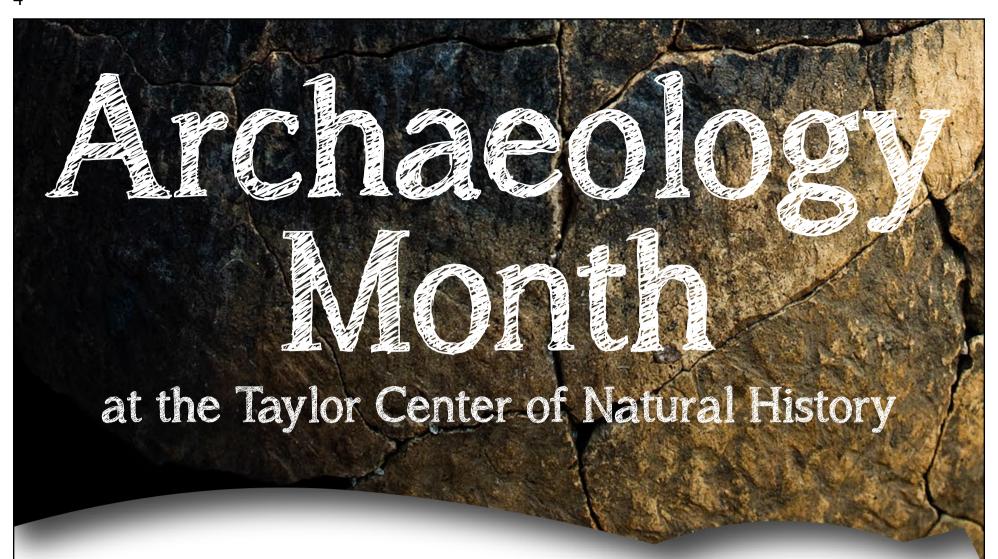


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12308 Strawtown Ave., Noblesville, IN 46060

Standing room only at 2023 Cicero Labor Day Car Show















Reporter photos by Stu Clampitt The 2023 Cicero Labor Day Car Show was the biggest one yet, both in number of cars entered and in number of attendees. While our friendly neighborhood weatherman did not send any rain to mess with the festivities, a cool breeze would have been welcome ... we're talking to you, Paul Poteet. No amount of heat and humidity was enough to dampen Labor Day spirits at Red Bridge Park on the shores of Morse Reservoir. Cars were shown. Pork chops on sticks were consumed. Volunteers were volunteering. And in the air-conditioned community center, among many other vendors, one Husky fan was bold enough to sell sweatshirts.

















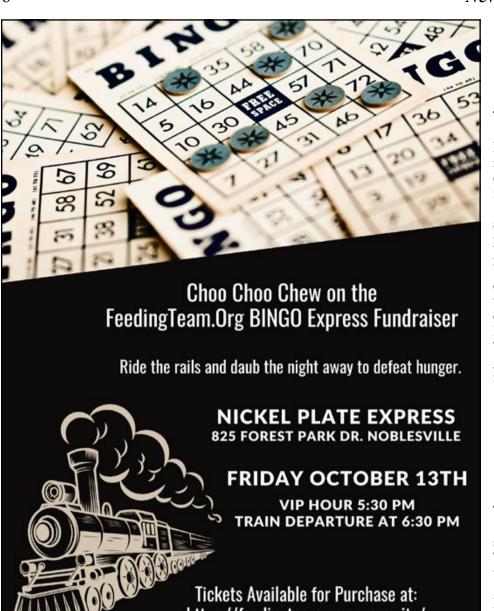




Reporter photos by Stu Clampitt

This car show had a little something for everyone, from baby Yoda with an A&W mug (strangely the mug was neither frosty nor filled with root beer), to a Smokey & the Bandit Pontiac, and even one unexpected Gremlin. If nothing in these photos or the dozens more online at ReadTheReporter.com catch your fancy, we suggest you go jump in a lake!

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Take an architectural tour of William Conner house

The REPORTER

Learn about the deep history of the William Conner house as Conner Prairie celebrates 200 years since its construction.

Conner Prairie will hold an architecture tour at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 9. As one of Indiana's oldest brick homes, experts will discuss its construction and the many changes it has undergone over the years, followed by a tour of the home. The tour is included with general admission to Conner Prairie.

County Bicentennial marker Conner Prairie. ceremony at 11 a.m. at Con-This event is in con- the history of Delaware and Fishers.

junction with the Hamilton Fall Creek townships and

Conner Prairie is located ner Prairie commemorating at 13400 Allisonville Road,

Riverview Health Physicians welcomes new general surgeon

The REPORTER

Riverview Health Physicians welcomes Carly Thoma-Perry, DO to Hamilton Surgical Associates.

As a general surgeon, Dr. Thoma-Perry's clinical interests include treating breast and colon cancer patients, minimally invasive surgeries, and gastrointestinal surgeries. From emergency surgeries to elective, is proud to stand by her through what can be their most challenging times.

up to date treatment options.

Dr. Thoma-Perry graduated from Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine. She enjoys cooking, hiking, traveling, and reading historical nonfic-

For more information, outpatient procedures, she visit riverview.org. To schedule an appointment, patients and help them please call (317) 776-8748. About Riverview Health

Riverview Health is She is committed to provid- comprised of a full-ser- its clinical and service exing patients with the most vice, 156-bed hospital in cellence.



Thoma-Perry

specialty-care facilities in Hamilton County. Riverview Health provides comprehensive inpatient and outpatient services in more than 35 healthcare specialties and has been frequently recognized for

Get Euchred with Phi Beta Psi

The REPORTER

Phi Beta Psi Sorori-Chapter, welcomes every-Fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 9. Play will begin at ed inside Noblesville First ed but not required. United Methodist Church,

blesville.

To guarantee your seat, ty, Theta Alpha Upsilon please email your name, cell phone number, and one to their Euchre Night number of players to pbpnoblesville@gmail.com with subject line EUCHRE 4 p.m. at The Vine, locat- RSVP. RSVPs are request-

Cost is \$15 per person 2051 Monument St., No- to play. Payment instruc-

tions will be provided in response to your reservation.

Bring \$1 bills to pay when you get Euchred.

Food available for goodwill donation. Profits go to support Phi Beta Psi's benevolence fund and cancer research. Please join for a fun evening.

Don't miss downtown Kirklin's Vintage Market this Saturday

The REPORTER

Kirklin Main Street will hold the Vintage Market, which will take place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 9.

The Vintage Market is located in historic downtown Kirklin, home to sev-

en antique, primitive, and specialty shops. Shopping begins at 10 a.m. Admission and parking are both free. This is an outdoor event, rain or shine. The market features antiques, vintage, retro, and handmade items, as well as boutique cloth-

ing, food, vendors, and so much more.

A silent auction will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with proceeds to benefit the Humane Society of Clinton County. Silent auction items will be donated by local merchants.



County Councilman Mark Hall's Timesheet

Welcome to Timesheet. This column is a report of work done on behalf of the people of Hamilton County. It's to be informative too, a place to learn about projects and how our county government works.



As your employee, it's important to me that you know what is being worked on as transparently as possible in government. You hired me as your County Councilman, and my hope is that you'll choose to be informed by regularly reading this column, getting involved, and by asking questions. Council meetings are at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the judicial center in downtown Noblesville. They are also available to watch online for those unable to attend in person.

Here is where my time this past month has been

August simply roared by; we began the 2024 public budget meetings on Tuesday, Sept. 5 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom with almost 30 scheduled presentations for the 2024 budget. The planning for 2024 continues today, Wednesday, Sept. 6, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Having county budgets.

attended budget long, interesting, and very important days. This is the culmination of work by dozens of people.

> Time in month eight was largely

consumed being immersed into County budgeting, fiheads. Hamilton County government services are vast; to do the job well requires a deep dive into the budget requests and getting answers to lots of questions.

When starting the budget review process, I expected some pushback given the depth of examination and the number of questions. The reality has been that almost to a person, department heads have welcomed the questions, engaged in healthy dialogue, and a few even indicated that they appreciate the due diligence, many remarking that they too are taxpayers. The primary job of your County Council is financial oversight for Hamilton County. Ultimately, as your representative I'll work with the son personnel committee six other council members meeting was canceled, to decide on 2024 tax rates as well as department and

sessions in years dous amount of data, money, prior, these are personnel, and expectations. The 2024 budget includes requested funding for over 50 new county employees, increases in benefits, salacountless hours of ries, retirement, and operational costs. In my view, the first priority of government is public safety. As such, those departments got my attention first.

With the county tax base nances, tax rates, and trend increasing 8.7 percent, any analysis. This included de- reoccurring expenses that tailed budget discussions increase annually beyond with lots of department that percentage eventually become unsustainable. These must be scrutinized in order to properly manage reserves, our bond rating, debt, and our tax rate. The challenge becomes a balance of great services with great stewardship of taxpayer money. It's walking a tightrope of sorts balancing the two.

A large amount of my time has been spent working through requested increases in personnel costs, benefits costs, and justifications for any net new county employees. Next my attention turned to large capital expenditures and examining alternatives to any proposed big investments in equipment and depreciable assets.

This month, our in-perreplaced by a poll of the members for a single position reclassification rewill be voted on by the ty, work with the council full council at our Sept. 6 meeting. Our highway committee meeting provided updates on existing allow taxpayers the opportuprojects, among other developments, and updates and in process projects. included the closure of a county timber bridge on Atlantic Road just south of State Road 32. Highway projects require council sponsorship. Project details are reviewed in advance. sponsored, and then moved also included attending a to votes at a subsequent full council meeting. This process, along with statu- Department and leadership tory regulations that govern procurement, are in place to ensure value and multiple checks and balances on behalf of the taxpayers. Highway project expenses are the final review meeting for still high, but we think that some moderation in component costs has begun.

In addition to the County Council public meetings, August's work included attending a Cicero Town Council public meeting, meeting with Judge Jon Brown regarding future court requirements and judge caseloads, budget review meetings with Judicial Services, budget review meetings with the Hamilton Dillinger, and our benefits County Director of Administration Lee Buckingham, a in the proposed changes for joint Commissioner/Council next year's plan benefits and planning meeting followed by a public information joint session. The Board of Commissioners, as the ex-

We deal with a tremen- quest. Personnel requests ecutives of Hamilton Counto establish, prioritize, and advance county projects. These joint public meetings nity to learn about pending

This past month also included participating in a meeting with county highway engineers at the request of a constituent asking for road access changes for a retail property. Month eight City of Noblesville Parks from Janus Developmental Services regarding potential future construction at the Janus property.

Of note this month was the County's health insurance and retiree benefits in the annual review process. This is one of the largest expense line items for Hamilton County. For our retirees, we have the rare opportunity to lower some costs, improve some benefits, and save the taxpayers money. Working through the volume of details with the county team from Human Resources, Commissioner consultants, I am confident our budget.

This month's work also included additional meetings regarding what could

be a new Multi-Purpose Hamilton County Senior Center. As with any significant project, funding will be challenging. Funding primarily with grants is more so. The project is still in the idea stage and far from a success, but I'm attempting to help create a space that can serve several groups of our fellow citizens with as little public money as possible.

This is my timesheet. planning meeting with the This is where my time went during month eight. There are quite a few projects in the queue, and while my job is primarily the financial oversight of the county budget, it is important to understand the Board of Commissioners' priorities and balance them with the stewardship of taxpaver dollars. That is the job, and I am excited to do the people's business.

As a taxpayer myself, and listening to so many of you, our employers, it's important for the taxpayers to have access to all the information you want. I work for you and although you may not choose to do a deep dive into what your County Council does, it's important that you can always do so. Feel free to contact me at (317) 832-1104 or mark. hall@hamiltoncounty. in.gov with questions, feedback or if you would like to talk about county business.





Saturday, September 16 11 AM - 2 PM

Bounce House • Food • Live Music

Come celebrate monarchs as they migrate through Indiana and on to their overwintering ground in Mexico

Monarchs are on the wing migrating through Indiana and on to their overwintering grounds in central Mexico. Celebrate this fascinating insect at the nature center. Enjoy a Mariachi band that adds the Mexican culture of celebration, The Day of the Dead, which includes the monarchs as an important symbol. Take home a milkweed plant to provide food for next year's caterpillars. There will be music, crafts, games for kids, hikes, and other activities for families. Food will be available for purchase.

All ages invited and pre-registration is not required.



Weather is unpredictable ... Paul Poteet isn't. Your Hometown Weatherman!





2023 BICENTENNIAL SEPTEMBER EVENTS

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News 9

Local landowners invited to provide input on Farm Bill

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) will organize and conduct a Local Working Group meeting to determine the ranking for the 2023 Farm Bill Programs through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

A discussion will be held after the regularly scheduled board meeting at 7:45 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 21 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds Conference Room, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville.

Anyone who has interest in land located in Hamilton County is welcome to have questions regarding Sept. 20.



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put on program ranking, put is due by Wednesday,

office at (317) 773-2181 If you wish to have in- for a ranking sheet. All in-

Local Republicans getting together for breakfast Sept. 20 in Noblesville

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Republican Party's September Chairman's Breakfast will be from 7:30 to 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 20, at Matteo's Ristorante Italiano, 40 N. 9th St., Noblesville.

Daniel Elliott and Indiana per person for non-mem-Secretary of State Diego bers. Click here to register. Morales. They will discuss how their first six months in office have gone, and what Hamilton County Young they hope to accomplish in Republicans will get togeththe future.

miss out; reservations must Olio Road, Fishers. The The guest speakers will be made by 5 p.m. on Moneyent begins at 6 p.m. Click be Indiana Treasurer of State day, Sept. 18. Cost is \$30 here to register.

Later that evening, the er for food, drinks, and fun RSVP early so you don't at Pearl Street Pizza, 10462

Act quickly: VA opens health benefits for specific group of combat Veterans

The REPORTER

Between now and Saturday, Sept. 30, Veterans who deployed to a combat zone, never enrolled in Veteran Administration health care, and left active duty between Sept. 11, 2001, and Oct. 1, 2013, are eligible to enroll directly in VA health care without first applying for

VA benefits.

Veterans can apply on- bility requirements. line or in person at their local VA facility until 11:59 p.m. local time on Sept. 30. at this link.

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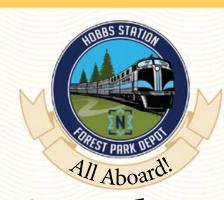
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October 5 and 19

Canada geese are here to stay

By ADAM PINSKER WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Part of living in Indiana is sharing the road or water

with Canada geese. "Historically, pre-European settlements, these birds were native to at least the northern two-

thirds of Indiana, so these birds were here historically," said Adam Phelps, a waterfowl biologist with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

Canada geese molt in June and July and lose all their feathers at once. They stay safe by traveling in large flocks. They can be aggressive toward humans, especially when defending their young.

"People may be fishing for salmon in Alaska, and a mama bear comes up with her cubs," Phelps said. "You want to vacate the area because parents are defensive of their young."

The reason you see these birds in Indiana almost year-round is because they migrate to Indiana from as far north as the Arctic region. Canada

geese's main diet is grass, and they can do damage to

"In terms of water contamination, that's been looked at quite a bit, it doesn't appear that's really an issue," Phelps said. "It's difficult to separate animal sources of those contami-

In the early 1960s, the birds were almost extinct, but they have made a comeback. Geese that were tagged in Indiana have been tracked to 40 different

states and provinces. "People should, in my mind, really respect the majesty and success story in terms of what these birds

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Rokita and his

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represent," Phelps said.

It's a federal offense to physically harm geese. People can chase geese off their property using dogs or making noises.

Landowners and homeowners associations can apply for a federal permit to destroy or remove nui-



AG Todd Rokita protects homeowners from deceptive practices by MV Realty

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita has filed a lawsuit against MV **Realty** in an effort to stop the company from negotiating contracts that violate Indiana law. The company is based out of Florida, but it operates in Indiana and several other states.

"Hoosier working men and women go through enough," AG Rokita said. "Using more than 10 million robocalls to solicit customers and then deceiving them is not a business model that should be tolerated in Indiana."

that the company purports to offer "loan alternatives" in exchange for consumers agreeing to use MV Realty as their exclusive real-estate listing broker. In addition, the state

unable to engage in the practice of real estate in In-

The agreement signed by Hoosier homeowners is the equivalent of a high-in-The lawsuit alleges terest mortgage, backed ed against homeowners'

Rokita

MV Realty to 1) stop them from continuing to ilalleges that MV Realty's legally solicit Hoosiers on Indiana brokerage license the Indiana Do Not Call has expired, and they are List and the Federal Do Not Call Registry and 2) to force them to discontinue collection activities. The Attorney General's Office is also seeking an order to discharge all liens record-

by the recording properties.

Indiana currently has approximately 366 households in at least 65 counties affected by MV Realty's dubious practices. These long-term agreements not only affect the homeowners who sign them but also the homeowners' heirs. When owners pass away, the heirs of the estates are also on the hook to deal exclusively with MV Realty.

Hoosier consumers who have been affected by a contract with MV Realty are encouraged to file a complaint with the Attorney General's Consumer **Protection Division.**

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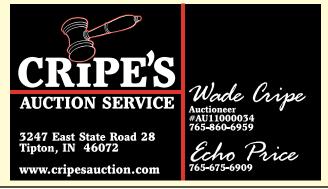
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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

THE COVENANT OF CIRCUMCISION (CONT.)

Then God said to Abraham, "As for you, you must keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you for the generations to come. This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you, the covenant you are to keep: Every male among you shall be circumcised. You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you. For the generations to come every male among you who is eight days old must be circumcised, including those born in your household or bought with money from a foreigner—those who are not your offspring. Whether born in your household or bought with your money, they must be circumcised. My covenant in your flesh is to be an everlasting covenant. Any uncircumcised male, who has not been circumcised in the flesh, will be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant."

Genesis 17:9-14 (NIV)

William L. Morrison January 24, 1945 - September 2, 2023

William L. Morrison, 78, Noblesville, met his Savior



on Saturday, September 2, 2023, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born on January 24, 1945, to Arthur and Lucena (Kinsey) Morrison in Benton Harbor, Mich.

Bill worked for the Ford Motor Company in Indianapolis for 37 years, retiring in 2006. He was a member of Harbour Shores Church and enjoyed woodworking, carpentry, and photog-

raphy. Bill studied and read his Bible daily, and felt it was very important that everyone knew Jesus as their Lord and Savior so that one day they can join Him in Heaven.

He is survived by his wife, Janie L. Morrison; daughter, Sherri Lynne Mitchell; sons, Douglas Alan (Mary Beth) Morrison and Jeffrey Wayne (April Marie) Morrison; brother, Jim (Jeannine) Morrison; nine grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren with one on the way.

In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his daughter, Laura Sue Morrison; and sister, Carolyn (Don) Poteet.

Visitation will be from 3 to 5 p.m., with services at 5 p.m., on Friday, September 8, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Joe Futrell will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to Harbour Shores Church, 8011 E. 216th St., Cicero, IN 46034 (harbourshores.org).

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Steven Lee Armfield

February 26, 1952 – September 1, 2023



Steven Lee Armfield, 71, Sheridan, passed away at Wellbrooke of Kokomo on Friday morning, September 1, 2023. Born on February 26, 1952, in Noblesville, he was the son of the late Paul Herbert and Eunice Mae (Paxton) Armfield.

After graduating from Sheridan High School with the Class of 1970, Steve continued forward with his education. He earned his associate degree in agriculture from Vincennes Univer-

sity in 1972, followed by his Bachelor of Science in Animal Science from Purdue University in 1974.

A lifelong farmer, Steve learned the ropes from his father, studied the intricacies of the family business while at college, and returned home to master his craft. Raising and showing Hampshire hogs was a family affair. For 30 years he showed at the Indiana State Fair and anywhere else he could find to enter, which often led to him enlisting the help of his nephews. There was never a dull moment, and the memories made will be cherished. He was a proud member of the Indiana Pork Producers and the Purdue Alumni Association.

Farming may have been his passion, but serving others was the way Steve chose to live his life. For 17 years, he was a Reserve Deputy with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department. The responsibility he felt as an officer, combined with the pride he felt for his community, made him both great at his job and a wonderful friend to the people he helped every day. He was a member of the Sheridan Rotary Club and the Sheridan Masonic Lodge F&AM 309.

Steve loved his friends and his family unconditionally; however, if you were on the wrong side of either the Green Bay Packers or Purdue football ... there might be a few issues. You always knew where you stood with Steve, especially when it came to football, but you always knew you were loved.

Steve is survived by his sister, Dorothy K. Waitt of Logansport; nephews, Kenneth Waitt (Michelle) of Cicero, and Kent Alan Waitt (Brenda) of Sheridan; four great-nieces, Kristine Chapman (Eric) of Windfall, Kayla Tobias (Jacob) of Sheridan, Kelsie McFauls (Tyler) of Fithian, Ill., and Katie Waitt of Cicero; and seven great-great-nieces and nephews, Caleb Chapman, Jake Chapman, Sammy Chapman, Chloe Chapman, Kadence Tobias, Kenzie Tobias, and Kayley Tobias.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul Herbert and Eunice Mae (Paxton) Armfield; and by his soul mate, his girlfriend, Carol Ann Pulley.

Masonic services will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evening, September 6, 2023, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan, with funeral services to be conducted immediately following the Masonic honors. Visitation will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at the funeral home, prior to services.

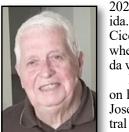
Steve will be laid to rest at 11 a.m. on Thursday, September 7, 2023, at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. Steve's nephew, Kenny Waitt, will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to the Sheridan Rotary Club.

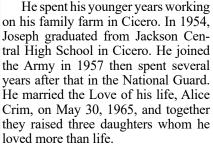
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Joseph Lee Bowser June 17, 1936 – August 28, 2023

Joseph Lee Bowser, 87, passed away on August 28,



2023, in hospice near his home in Florida. He was born on June 17, 1936, in Cicero, where he remained until 2020 when he relocated to Ft. Myers, Florida with his daughter, Michelle.



Joseph worked for General Motors (Delco Remy; Anderson, Ind.) from 1965 to 1998 and was a member of Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Noblesville. He also volunteered at Senior Services in Noblesville for many years after retirement. Joseph enjoyed spending time with his family, church activities, bowling, bingo, and watching football and basketball in person or on TV. He was the #1 sports fan for Hamilton Heights High School in the '80s

Joseph was preceded in death by his parents, Edward & Wilma Bowser; his wife, Alice; his son, Tony; and his

He is survived by his three daughters, Christy Bowser of Indianapolis, Heather Bowser of St. Louis, Mo., and Michelle King (Michael) of Ft. Myers, Fla.; John Bowser of Houston, Texas; four grandchildren, Blake and Cheyanne of St. Louis, Mo., Max of Lubbock, Texas, and Evan of Ft. Myers, Fla.; and three great-grandchildren, Rylee of Lubbock, Texas, and Milo & Lucas of St. Louis, Mo.

The family plans to hold a private Memorial Service at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville at a later date.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Meeting Notices

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5(a) the Hamilton County Community Corrections Advisory Board will meet to discuss agency business at noon on Thursday, Sept. 7, 2023 at Hamilton County Community Corrections, 18104 Cumberland Road, Noblesville.

The Sheridan Public Library Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on the 2024 budget at 6 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 11, 2023, in the community room of the library, located at 103 W. 1st St., Sheridan. The regular monthly meeting will follow at 6:10 p.m.

The Carmel Advisory Committee on Disability will meet at 9 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 8, 2023, at 445 N. End Drive - Building C, Carmel.

The Delaware Township Board

and Trustee will hold a public hearing to discuss the 2024 budget at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 14, 2023, at the Delaware Township Government Center, 9090 E. 131st St., Fishers.

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Mudsock Tennis Meet



The Fishers boys tennis team won the Mudsock meet Tuesday. The Tigers beat Hamilton Southeastern 5-0, including two third-set super tiebreak victories.

Tigers triumph over Royals in 5-0 sweep

By RICHIE HALL

sports@readthereporter.com

FISHERS – When it comes to the Mudsock tennis rivalry, every match is finish after the meet has est part of sports." been clinched.

team already had Tuesday's Mudsock meet won, but the Tigers wanted a sweep. They got it, beating Hamilweek's Indiana High School poll – the Tigers are No. 16 and the Royals are No. 25 - and the meet was pretty close.

At No. 2 singles, Fishers' Gavin Conrad dropped the first set to Southeastern's Leo McVeigh 6-0. But Conrad turned things around, won the second set 6-3, and set super tiebreak 10-3.

In the No. 2 doubles match, the Tigers' Johnny Mills and Vaughan Curtis split sets with the Royals' Amay Kulkarni and Brady Stump. That match also went to a super tiebreak, which the Fishers team won

The Tigers won the other three matches in straight

Dave Heffern. "We've 5-7, 10-8 played quite a few matches already and we've lost some

tight sets that we probably should have won. There's this getting over the hump uncertainty. You got to play like you believe that you can do it, instead of 'Oh, I'm important. Even those that afraid.' And that's the hard-

Royals coach Doug Ger-

ton Southeastern 5-0 at the or rankings in the state, you Fishers tennis courts. Both always get up for that sort of teams are ranked in this match," said Gernert. "And Tennis Coaches Association Fishers was just a little bit tougher than us today."

Gernert said his team is still growing and rebuilding after graduating several players from last year, but also said "we're getting better every day."

FISHERS 5, HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 0

then cruised through a third- Foley def. Alex Piercy

Conrad def. Leo McVeigh 0-6, 6-3, 10-3

per Vallance def. Alex White 6-2, 6-4

Butler and Thomas Bender def. Eliot Cox and Lo-

No. 2 doubles: Johnny Mills and Vaughan Jack Brenneman and Cole-"We showed that we can Curtis def. Amay Kulkarcompete," said Tigers coach ni and Brady Stump 6-3,

In another big county rimatches, tight ones and valry match, No. 22-ranked

The Fishers boys tennis nert was pleased with how his team competed, even if the result wasn't what they

"Regardless of ratings we came out pretty good.

No. 1 singles: Aiden

No. 3 singles: Coo-No. 1 doubles: Jack

gan Bill 6-3, 6-3



Hamilton Southeastern placed third at the Fort Wayne Carroll Invitational last Saturday. Coach Doug Gernert said it was an overall "great day" for the Royals.

Noblesville edged out No. ting straight-set victories. No. 2 singles: Gavin 20 Westfield 3-2 at the Millers' tennis complex.

The key match was No. 3 singles, where Zane Panning came back from a set down to win 6-1. The Millers' No. 1 doubles of Rory Bushong and Liam Shepard also prevailed in a three-setter, winning 6-2 in the third set. No. 2 doubles man Kratz were straight-set winners.

Westfield won two singles matches, with No. 1 Alex Sagarra and No. 2 Parker Paramoure both get**NOBLESVILLE 3, WESTFIELD 2**

No. 1 singles: Alex Sagarra (W) def. Ethan Feliciano (N) 6-1, 6-1

No. 2 singles: Parker Paramoure (W) def. Max Habel (N) 6-0, 6-0

No. 3 singles: Zane Panning (N) def. Jay Hostetter (W) 3-6, 6-3,

No. 1 doubles: Rory Bushong and Liam Shepard (N) def. Jack Dietz and Gavin Dietz (W) 6-3, 5-7, 6-2

No. 2 doubles: Jack while Amay Kulkarni and

man Kratz (N) def. Parker Gibbs and Jake Juntgen (W) 7-5, 6-3

Hamilton Southeastern traveled to the Fort Wayne Carroll Invitational last Saturday, where the Royals

placed third. Southeastern won its first-round dual 5-0. Alex Piercy won in three sets, with Leo McVeigh and Alex White both getting straight-set victories. Elliot Cox and Logan Bill dominated at No. 1 doubles,

Brenneman and Cole- Brady Stump won the No. 2 doubles match 6-0, 6-0.

> In the semi-finals, the Royals played No. 4-ranked Homestead and lost 5-0. Southeastern played the Spartans tough, as White and Kulkarni/Stump both took their opponents to third-set tiebreaks.

> The Royals won the third-place match with a 3-2 victory over No. 26 Carroll. White won at No. 3 singles, and both doubles teams, No. 1 Bill/Cox and No. 2 Kulkarni/Stump, were victorious in straight





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Carmel High School boys tennis off to strong start this season

By ANDREW CHERNOFF WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Carmel School boys tennis team is off to a strong start this season. The Greyhounds are ranked No. 1 in the Indiana High School Tennis Coaches Association poll.

The following are the top five of this week's poll: 1. Carmel

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"The guys are hungry, very hungry," Carmel boys tennis head coach Dan Brunette said. "The practices have been very crisp, sharp. Guys are pushing each other in the right way. A lot of competition in practice."

Carmel had won six

falling to Harrison (West Lafayette) in the regional championship of last year's tournament.

North Central ultimately won the state title in 2022.

"We try not to talk about what happened last year," Brunette said. "But at the same time, I think everyone knows in the back of their head, we're not going to take anything lightly. Every day is a fight at practice. Every day, we've got to push each other."

Brunette is no stranger to winning state championships. He led North Central to three state championship victories during his tenure as the Panthers' tennis head

He is hoping to do the same at Carmel.

"It's been really enjoyable," Brunette said. "And we've got a lot of kids that are good at tennis, and also good people and great students. And so, I'm blessed with that."

straight state titles before 2022 season.

The current group of Greyhounds know though they have a target on their backs, especially as the No. 1 team in the state.

Plus, they have a tough schedule. For instance, this week alone, the Greyhounds will play at Guerin Catholic, at home against Park Tudor and at Zionsville in the Zionsville Invitational.

"At North Central, we always played the hardest schedule we could and at Carmel it's been the exact same," Burnette said. "You're obviously looking at matchups, trying to figure out not only the temperament of your own players and how they're going to deal with pressure and adversity, but also see where you can put the pieces of the puzzle best in order to be competitive in every single match."

Click here to watch Brunette's conversation with News 8 Sports' Andrew Chernoff on this past





Photo by Dwight Casler

Sheridan's Nova Cross (5) sets up the ball as Trinity Parkin (6) and Shelby Eaton (25) get ready during the Blackhawks' home volleyball win over Taylor on Tuesday.

Fishers & Sheridan win, Heights falls

The REPORTER

The Fishers volleyball team won a tough four-set match over Lawrence North Tuesday at the Tiger Den.

The set scores were 25with Fishers erasing two sock match. set points in the fourth set to clinch the victory. Senior Lucy Kay hit the Tigers' final two kills, totaling 18 for the night. Ellen Roberts put seven digs. Izzy Bowman Hall. had 10 kills and five blocks, eight kills, with a 0.385 hit- Academy tonight. ting percentage.

"I'm incredibly proud of our team for having the 'clutch gene' tonight," said Fishers coach Steven Peek. points when we needed to, especially when getting a chance to put on display some of the new things Thursday.

we've been working on in practice. Players stepped up to push us across the finish

The Tigers are 9-8 and play at Hamilton Southeast-20, 22-25, 25-22, 27-25, ern Thursday in the Mud-

Sheridan won a four-set Hoosier Heartland Conference match over Taylor on Tuesday, 25-15, 18-25, 25down 13 kills and also made 17, 25-11 at Larry Hobbs

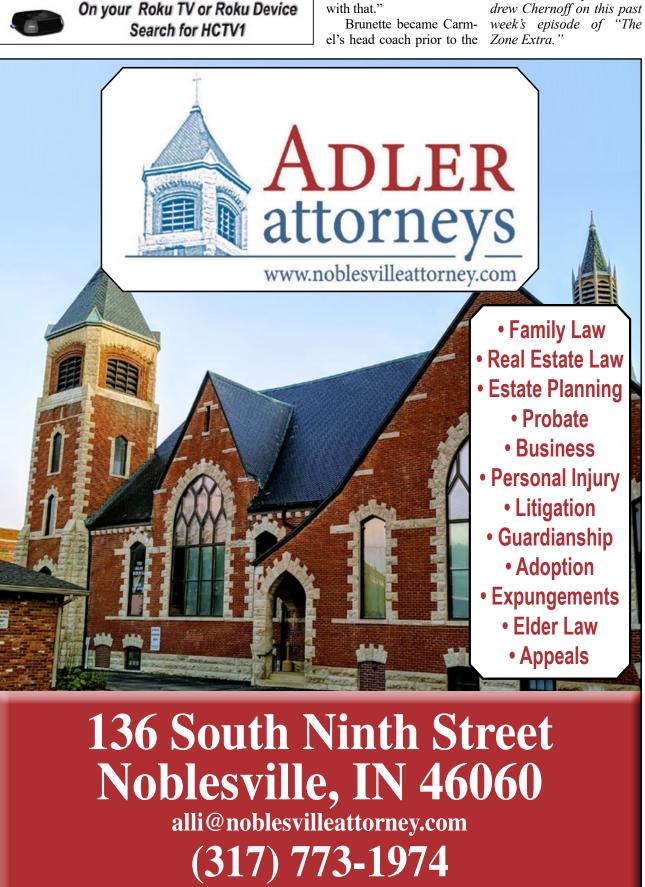
The Blackhawks are 7-5 then Aubree Valcourt hit and play at Irvington Prep

> Hamilton Heights was swept by Zionsville 25-12, 25-18, 25-20 on Tuesday.

Katie Brown and Jessa "We found ways to win Steffen both made several digs for the Huskies, who are 11-4 for the season. Heights hosts Western on







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Westfield takes Lady

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The Westfield girls golf team won the Lady Broncho Invitational last Saturday at Battleground Golf Course.

290, two over par as a team. Samantha Brown won medalist honors with a six-under par 66, while Addi Kooi scored an even par 72. Sam Lemieux and Sami Hanavan both scored personal bests with 76s while Kelsey Haverluck totaled a 78.

Carmel finished second place with a score of 295; Michaela Headlee was the runner-up with a 69, Claire Swathwood and Sophie Mock each had 75s, Kamryn Williams scored 76 and

Noblesville was a strong third place with a 306. Jordan Adam scored a 74, while a 42. Josie Kelley added a 75.

Noblesville sent its Varsity 2 team to the Fort Wayne Carroll Invitational last Saturday, where the ry 62, Sammie Powers 63, Millers placed sixth.

Presley White both scored zie Heinzman 71.

Team

Rank

Girls Golf Rankings

Week 4

8 Hamilton Southeastern 106

9 Franklin Community 100

11 Fort Wayne Carroll 81

13 Northridge 65

T14..... Bedford North Lawrence.....46

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16 Culver Academies 31

17 Warsaw 27

18 DeKalb 24

19 Terre Haute South. 20

20 Plainfield 9

First place votes are in parentheses.

Honorable Mention

Guerin Catholic, Avon, Lake Central, Corydon Central,

84s, followed by Peyton Kauzlick 85, Kendall Cooper 88 and Aubri Miller 94.

with Zionsville and Fishers.

The Millers' "A" team won with a 156, followed by Zionsville with a 162, the Noblesville "B" team with a 187 and Fishers with 211. Jordan Adam, Olivia Fowler, Karis Shields and Olivia Anderson were all co-medalists with a 39.

three-team meet with Hamilton Heights and Mount Vernon on Tuesday.

The Golden Eagles Maddie Headlee carded an scored 182 to the Marauders' 193 and the Huskies' 203. Guerin Catholic's Ali Scott was a co-medalist with

Taylor Morrison led Heights with a 45, followed by Camryn Runner 51, Presley Cherry 52, Tanner Penwell 54, Hadleigh Cher-Emma Trees 65, Alayna Savannah Munson and Kauffman 69 and MacKen-

Points

Heights, Noblesville & Carmel get Broncho Invitational victories, Fishers beats Southeastern

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights boys soccer team cruised On Tuesday, Noblesville past Benton Central 5-0 on The Shamrocks scored a played a three-team meet a Tuesday in the first round of the Hoosier Conference tournament.

> Micah Colvin scored two goals for the Huskies, followed by one each for Cameron Wheat, Bryce Hutcherson, Sam Harpham and Caden Cox. Noah Cordero and Wheat both made one

The Huskies improved Guerin Catholic won a to a 6-0-2 with the win.

> Fishers' boys won a weather-shortened Mudsock game over Hamilton Southeastern Tuesday, by the score of 2-1.

> Stats were not available at press time. The Tigers are 4-2-2 and play Thursday at Pendleton Heights, while the Royals are 4-3-2 and also play Thursday at Guerin Catholic.

> Noblesville's boys won an all-county game with

Westfield 2-0 on Tuesday. The Millers are 5-0-5 and host Southport on Tuesday. The Shamrocks are 3-4 and are off until next Tuesday when they host Hamilton Southeastern.

The Carmel boys cruised past Lawrence North 5-0 Tuesday in its Senior Night game, which was halted by severe weather in the first

Christian Nielsen scored two goals for the Greyhounds, with Nick Basso, Johnny Gourley and Dawson Droste all scoring one.

Carmel is 6-0-1 and hosts Columbus North on Friday.

The Carmel girls team went to Lawrence North on Tuesday, where the Greyhounds won 4-0.

Adalyn Cameron scored the first goal with Emily Boyer making the assist, then Megan Hamm put in a goal on a pass from Olivia Cebalo. Olivia Joyce scored unassisted, then Hamm scored her second goal from a Vaughn Rohrbacher cross. Chloe Fouts got the shutout.

Carmel is 8-0-2 and plays Chesterton Saturday.

Sheridan's boys dropped a 4-0 game Tuesday at Blackford.

The Blackhawks are 0-1-3 and host Tri-Central Thursday in a Hoosier Heartland Conference game.

Indiana H.S. soccer polls

BOYS CLASS 3A

- Carmel Noblesville
- Center Grove
- Pike
- Zionsville
- Lake Central
- Columbus North Northridge
- Brownsburg
- 10. Hamilton Southeastern
- 11. Fishers 12. Bloomington South
- Castle
- 14. Cathedral 15. Goshen
- 16. Harrison
- 17. Warsaw 18. Munster
- Fort Wayne Carroll
- Concord **BOYS CLASS 2A**

Mishawaka Marian

- Speedway **Brebeuf Jesuit**
- Heritage Christian
- **Evansville Memorial**
- Providence
- West Lafayette Bishop Dwenger
- Illiana Christian
- 10. Guerin Catholic
- 11. Heritage Hills 12. Cascade
- 13. Bishop Noll South Bend St. Joseph
- 15. Evansville Mater Dei
- 16. Canterbury 17. Hamilton Heights
- 18. NorthWood
- 19. Bishop Luers **Culver Academies**
- **BOYS CLASS 1A**

Westview

- **Covenant Christian**
- Faith Christian Park Tudor
- Bethany Christian
- Wheeler Oldenburg Academy
- **Greenwood Christian**
- Carroll
- Forest Park 11. University
- 12. Switzerland County
- 13. International 14. Southwestern Shelby
- Blackhawk Christian
- 16. North Putnam 17. Covington
- 18. Muncie Burris
 - Northeast Dubois

- **GIRLS CLASS 3A Hamilton Southeastern**
- Carmel
- 3. Castle
- Noblesville
- Crown Point Penn
- Westfield Fort Wayne Carroll
- Cathedral 10. Zionsville
- 11. East Central
- 12. Evansville Reitz
- 13. Homestead
- 14. Brownsburg
- 15. Chesterton
- 16. Bloomington South
- 17. Northridge
- 18. Avon
- 19. Mount Vernon
- Floyd Central
- **GIRLS CLASS 2A** Leo
- **Bishop Chatard Brebeuf Jesuit**
- **Evansville Memorial Guerin Catholic**
- West Lafayette
- Bellmont
- Bishop Dwenger
- Monrovia Lawrenceburg
- Mishawaka Marian
- 12. Hanover Central 13. Batesville
- 14. Silver Creek 15. Northwood
- 16. Gibson Southern
- 17. Jasper 18. Tri-West
- 19. Northwestern Speedway
- **GIRLS CLASS 1A** Park Tudor
- Providence **Evansville Christian** Canterbury
- Heritage Christian Trinity
- Evansville Mater Dei
- Forest Park Faith Christian
- Westview
- **Bethany Christian** 12. Cascade
- 13. Greencastle
- 14. Andrean
- 15. Wheeler
- 16. LaVille 17. Eastbrook
- 18. Muncie Burris 19. Culver Community

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Hamilton Heights vs. Northwestern,

Sheridan vs. Western Boone and North Montgomery, 4:30 p.m. at Rocky Ridge Golf Club **GIRLS SOCCER**

Hamilton Southeastern at Fishers, 8:15 p.m. **TENNIS** Hamilton Heights at Western Boone, 5 p.m.

Hamilton Heights at Zionsville, 6 p.m. **VOLLEYBALL** Sheridan at Irvington Prep Academy, 6:30 p.m.

UNIFIED FLAG FOOTBALL

Wednesday, Sept. 6 **GOLF**

4:30 p.m. at Bear Slide

Noblesville at Westfield, 7 p.m.

Shortridge at University, 5 p.m. Westfield at Avon, 5:30 p.m.

Zionsville at Carmel, 6:30 p.m. New Castle at Westfield, 7 p.m.

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