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Now that you have some guidance on how to be smart with money, let's lighten the labor of managing it. I love how technology can help us with our finances. I've been a big fan of Quicken software for decades now.

It's available in different languages, offers free mobile apps, and helps you not only

pay bills and people, but track these expenses. I like its online bill paying feature. Quicken makes balancing a checkbook and your budget fast and easy. Current plans start at \$35 a year.

Of course, there are other online or computer-based systems you can use to help with home finances. The Balance recommends Quicken for an overall system but also suggests Mint for budgeting and expense tracking, YNAB to help you improve your financial literacy and

manage your monthly budget, Mvelopes for zero based budgeting, and TurboTax for – what else – taxes.

Speaking of taxes, these are a huge mental load all by themselves. I can't imagine doing ours anymore without some sort of software or hiring an accountant. But even with this help, you can still be bogged down if you don't have an organized system for gathering necessities throughout the year for tax preparation.

Whether you scan ev-

everything and keep electronic copies of receipts, are more like me and still like to keep paper copies, or a combination of both, putting everything consistently in one place throughout the year will help make tax time easier and prevent a lot of mental labor.

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DELLINGER

enough room in this column to address all his accomplishments while at the Statehouse or the influence he had over the entire state. I just know he served the State of Indiana and his constituents well.

In 1992, when he decided to leave the House of Representatives and run for the State Senate, he called and asked me to consider a run in his place. My term as Hamilton County Clerk was ending and he thought I should make a run for it. I would have never had the courage to run without his encouragement.

In the summer of 1992 when he decided not to run for the Senate, he called on another former student to take his place. Luke Kenley ran in a caucus to fill the ballot vacancy and went on to win the Senate seat in the general election that year.

At that time, I think Dick had a lot of pride knowing two of his former students were elected and serving in the General Assembly at the

same time. I am sure Luke would agree we certainly gained a lot from his mentorship through our time at the Statehouse.

For those who remember Dick Dellinger from their high school days, remember his loyalty to our school and the Millers. He was the voice of the Millers for many years announcing home football and basketball games. I can still hear him saying here comes the Millers as they ran on to the field or court! I am sure the visiting teams were not always as happy to hear him announcing the games as we were. He loved his students and his Millers.

There was nothing better than at sectional, usually at Carmel, when he would get in front of our cheer block and lead a round of "give me an M" spelling out Millers. He could always get the crowd excited showing our true Miller Pride. School spirit was important, and he was the Master.

Dick was always out in

the community, especially when there was an auction going on. We would see him at the O.V. Winks building at the fairgrounds on Saturday mornings at Don Bailey's auction. Those Saturday mornings were kind of like a weekly reunion of friends who not only liked a good auction but just like to be able to sit around and visit. He was always good for telling a joke as soon as he saw you.

Dick will always be remembered as a teacher and a statesman and so much more.

His wife Jan, a Noblesville graduate, is what brought Dick to Noblesville. He grew up in Elwood, but fortunately they met, and Noblesville is where they made their home and raised their two sons, Rick and Mike.

I know over the next few days there will be many great Dick Dellinger stories to tell. Enjoy them and treasure them. Noblesville lost a great one this week. I know I am one of many who will always be grateful for his service to our community and the state. We all agree he was one a kind, a guy you will never forget, and we have been blessed that he touched so many of our lives.

Former State Representative Kathy Williams now serves as the Hamilton County Clerk.

Dick Dellinger's obituary appears in today's edition on Page 12.

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“Fashion fades ... only style remains the same.”
–Gabrielle “Coco” Chanel

Yes, I understand that this column is diverging from my usual nutrition and fitness information, but wait ... maybe not so much!

Let’s face it, we want to be healthy and fit in order to feel well and be well, but we also want to look good. There is no shortage of shopping venues and, in recent years, fashion advice in every conceivable magazine, blog, and media opportunity. (Although I am primarily addressing women here, obviously many of the opinions relate to men as well.)

One thing we all have in common from birth to death – we wear clothing! (If you do not you are probably not reading this column!) For you that may be mostly casual, career, uniform, and everything in between. So let’s examine some of the most important precepts to keep in mind when selecting our wardrobes in order to look our best.

Fit

Isn’t it interesting that we use the word “fit” to describe our physical selves as well as how our clothing looks and feels on our bodies?

I have selected “fit” to address first because I believe it to be the most important aspect of how we select our attire. Without a proper fit, beginning with our undergarments, we cannot expect to either look or feel well-dressed. And I will say, ladies, a proper fitting bra is key to the fit of anything else you layer over that item. Underwear which fits properly can also help you breathe correctly and improve your posture. Regardless of your size, the proper fit will accentuate your best features and allow you to feel your best.

When purchasing garments, always use a three-way mirror, twist, bend, and sit – after all we are not mannequins! Remember also that sizes of designers and manufacturers frequently differ in their actual fit. Do yourself a favor (and a possible return trip to the store or the mailbox) by taking your time to try on the item before you purchase. And, yes, I have had a few return trips myself!

Style

As Ms. Chanel indicates, style does remain the same. Your individual style, that is. Style is available to fit every budget and when

you know your style, shopping becomes easier, less frequent, and more satisfying. You look and feel your best.

You probably knew (but maybe did not acknowledge) your style preferences in early adulthood, but that is also the best time to experiment with fashion, and it is fun as well! However, fashion experiments can be costly, time-consuming, and take up a bit of closet space as time progresses. Find your style (look around your home – your clothing style probably somewhat mirrors your décor as well) and your fit, focus on what appeals to you – vibrant colors, pastels, lace, tailored, ruffles, etc.

Personal note – you will seldom, if ever, find me in anything but neutral colors and a tailored fit, that’s just my style preference though I enjoy and appreciate the many different styles of my friends. Add some current and seasonal “fashion” accessories, enjoy a healthy diet and active lifestyle and you will feel confident in the choices you have made.

As I conclude my thoughts on this topic, I offer homage to my own mother who passed many years ago. A tall (forward on her high school basketball team!) and slender woman with a close resemblance to Ingrid Bergman, she had a style which included tailored suits, “cigarette” pants (known to this generation as “skinny” pants), plain silk blouses, straight skirts, and of course – pearls! I have found, interestingly, that all those style elements are my favorites as well.


So whatever your personal clothing style, consider fit before fashion, take good care of yourself and enjoy the confidence of staying true to your best self.

Sharon McMahon, CNWC

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SHARON McMAHON
Be Well

The REPORTER

The book deals are big at the Hamilton North Public Library, 209 W. Brinton St., Cicero.

As part of the Friends of the Library Bookstore renovation, all used books, CDs, DVDs, and magazines that fit in a grocery bag are \$3. This deal runs from Monday, Sept. 11 through Saturday, Sept. 16. There is a wide variety of gently used children's books, adult fiction, music



Photo provided

CDs, and DVDs.

There are also vintage dictionaries and encyclopedias, which make great ma-

terials for collage and mixed media projects.

The library is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday

through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. All sales are cash only.

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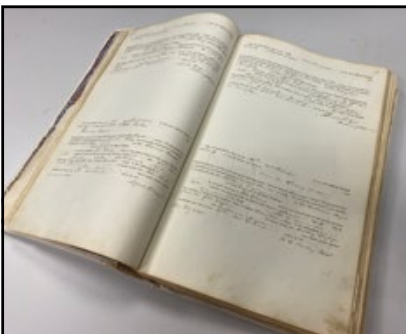
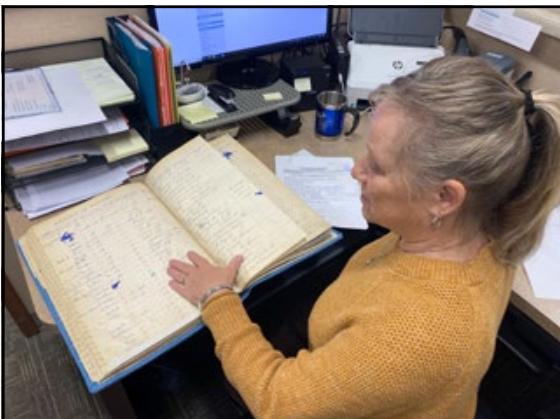
documents related to immigration, marriage, divorce, estates, wills, and criminal records.

“These records are the living threads that connect us to our past,” Williams said. “For example, we know Jacob Winter and Elizabeth Cotlin were the first couple in Hamilton County issued a marriage license. They were married by a Justice of the Peace on June 9, 1843.”

While the hand-written bounded books aren’t open to the public, requests can be made to both agencies for copies of the records they contain.

Anyone needing a copy of a birth or death record must complete the vital records application at [this link](#). Hamilton County Birth and Death certificates are issued from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Hamilton County Health Department.

Anyone needing documents related to immigration, marriage, divorce, expungements, estates, wills, and criminal records,



Photos provided

(Top left) County Clerk Kathy Williams reviews a book of marriage licenses. (Top right) Susie Swenson shows a bound book with birth records. (Above left) Fireproof safe full of birth and death records. (Above center) Bound marriage records in County Clerk’s office. (Above right) A closer look at the handwritten records.

should complete the form at [this link](#).

“Preserving our history is not just a duty, but a

privilege,” Williams said. “We are proud to be the keepers of such valuable information and will do all

we can to ensure our residents have access to these records for hundreds of years to come.”

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Hamilton County Council wraps 2024 budget hearings

New hires & capital projects top list of expenditures

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Councilors, financial stewards of Hamilton County government, wrapped up two days of budget hearings Wednesday morning at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center.

The proposed 2024 budget, totaling just over \$250 million, includes funding of major capital projects and inflationary adjustments to salaries, in addition to several new positions to help manage county growth. Councilors approved the hiring of a juvenile magistrate for the Courts, four new attorneys and two support staff for the Prosecutor's Office, and potential funding for a new judicial annex.

"Hamilton County is one of the fastest growing counties in Indiana, requiring additional manpower to litigate and try the additional caseloads that our growth creates," Council President

Ken Alexander said. "We can continue to hire additional staff, but we're running out of space. We have to make the expansion of the Judicial Center a priority in the coming year."

Two attorneys and three support staff were also added to create an in-house legal team for the County.

"We have operated like a small county for a long time, contracting with outside legal counsel," Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt said. "An in-house legal team will help us be more efficient, effective, and responsive when it comes to addressing legal issues."

In an effort to minimize the impact of inflation, the



Alexander



Heirbrandt

Council provided an average of 7 percent pay increase for employees, raised its minimum wage from \$15 per hour to \$19 per hour, and improved the shift differential from \$1.25 per hour to \$1.50 per hour. Shift differentials create a higher pay rate for staff members willing to work shifts outside of the normal workday. This includes employees working in the Jail, Community Corrections, and 911.

"We've learned a lot of valuable lessons since the 2008 financial downturn," Alexander added. "Since then, we've made conscious decisions to put ourselves in a much better

financial situation so we can deal with economic downturns. This allows us to have a AAA bond rating, to support projects that are necessary to keep up with the growth of our county, and to provide the level of services people in our community have come to expect."

A public hearing on the budget will take place at the Council's meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 4. Adoption of the budget is scheduled to take place at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 16. Once approved, the budget will be sent to the State of Indiana for approval before going into effect Jan. 1, 2024.

License branches begin new hours in October

The REPORTER	12:30 p.m.
Beginning Monday, Oct. 2, BMV branches will have new hours. Those times are listed below.	Noblesville
Carmel	• Tuesday: 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
• Tuesday: 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.	• Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
• Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	• Saturday: 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
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Thanks for reading the Hamilton County Reporter!

"He Knows Your Name" will unveil monument to honor 173 unclaimed people

The REPORTER

The **He Knows Your Name** (HKYN) ministry will be honoring the 173 unclaimed, adult remains which were laid to rest in 2022 by unveiling a first-of-its-kind monument at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens, 9700 Allisonville Road, Indianapolis. The marker will list the names of each unclaimed person buried there.

"This monument is the final act of honor for the 173, creating a lasting place where each person can be remembered and valued," said Linda Znachko, founder of the He Knows Your Name ministry. "There is no other marker honoring the lives of unclaimed people like this in the country. We believe this monument is a crucial piece to make sure they are not forgotten, to make their honor everlasting and complete."

The monument will be unveiled during a ceremony a 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 26 at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens at the Ossuary, 9700 Allisonville Road, Indianapolis. The public is invited to attend. He Knows Your Name has also invited representatives from each county coroner's office in Indiana as an opportunity to further discuss the nationwide epidemic of unclaimed remains.

Last September,



Photo courtesy He Knows Your Name

He Knows Your Name ministry laid to rest the remains of 173 unclaimed individuals at a ceremony in 2022 at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens.

He Knows Your Name worked together with the Marion County Coroner's Office to celebrate the life of the 173 adults by laying their cremated remains to rest. The remains represent people who died in Marion County between 2006 and 2019 and were not claimed by their family. The full list of these people can be found at [this link](#).

"I am so honored to be able to work with HKYN to give dignity to decedents in this way," said Alfie McGinty, Marion County Chief Deputy Coroner. "In my 26-year career at the Marion County Coroner's Office, I feel like I am fulfilling my servant leadership duties to those that I serve in this Marion County community."

After announcing the initial service in 2022, six of the 173 were claimed by family members or loved ones. Znachko hopes this monument will help continue to raise awareness about affordable burial options, giving dignity to each person after death.

About He Knows Your Name

Linda Znachko is the founder of He Knows Your Name ministry and author of the nationally recognized and award-winning book, *He Knows Your Name*. He Knows Your Name is rooted in the conviction that every life is sacred to God. He Knows Your Name ministry gives children and adults dignity and honor in death by celebrating their life.

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The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe
July 18 - 28, 2024



Indy Fuel joins OneZone’s Leadership Investor Circle

The REPORTER

OneZone Chamber of Commerce announces Indy Fuel as the newest Leadership Investor.

The Indy Fuel are a minor league ice hockey team in the ECHL. They will soon break ground on a new event center that will be their new home in Fishers.

“The Indy Fuel is incredibly excited to expand our work with the OneZone team by becoming a Leadership Investor,” said Larry McQueary, President and CEO of Indy Fuel. “We are extremely excited about moving to Fishers and the new Fishers Event Center. So, as we integrate further into the Fishers community, we want to even great-

er align with the positivity that OneZone brings to the community. We are excited to help build an even stronger business environment alongside OneZone and look forward to the future!”

OneZone Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Jack Russell welcomes Indy Fuel to Fishers.

“We are excited to welcome the Indy Fuel as a new Leadership Investor,” Russell said. “Their work and dedication goes beyond



McQueary



Russell

the ice. They are truly community partners, and we are excited to welcome them to Fishers. We want to thank the entire Fuel team for investing in our mission to help businesses and communities thrive. We cannot wait to open the Event Center in the coming year. LET’S GO. FUEL!”

OneZone Chamber of Commerce serves over 1,300 businesses in the Carmel and Fishers area. Learn more at OneZoneChamber.com.

Join Westfield Young Professionals at West Fork Whiskey on Sept. 19

Submitted

The Westfield Young Professionals invite you to join them from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 19 for a happy hour event at West Fork Whiskey, 10 E. 191st St., Suite A, Westfield.

West Fork Whiskey Co. is a “Boldly Indiana Whiskey Distillery.” Three Indiana natives brought West Fork Whiskey Co. to life to share their interpretation of America’s native spirit with the world. They create sippable, smooth whiskeys – always 100 percent Indiana from grain to glass.

They toast to hard work and uncompromising dedication by paying respect to one of the best grain-producing states in America.

The best part is that West Fork Whiskey Co. serves more than just whiskey, and their restaurant, The Mash House, has the perfect compliments to your drinks – appetizers.

About Westfield Young Professionals

The new Westfield



Young Professionals Council is a networking group for young professionals under 40 in Westfield. WYP offers a space for people to grow their careers, for those new to Hamilton County and Indy to make lasting friendships, and for young professionals to grow themselves personally. This opportunity will allow young professionals to become invested members of the community.

Letter to the Editor — Driskell: Tiffanie Ditlevson answers the call of leadership

Dear Editor:

In times of change and challenge, a leader steps up when called upon, becoming the guiding light that steers an institution, entity, and people towards a brighter future.

The recent election of Tiffanie Ditlevson as President of the Hamilton East Public Library's board officers signifies a pivotal moment for our community. From her remarkable demeanor to her dedicated service, Ditlevson's leadership promises to uplift and propel our beloved library.

Ditlevson's experience as a military veteran, answering the call to serve the United States during times of peace and war, uniquely equips her with the resilience and determination needed to guide the library through its recent trials. Any public entity demands strategic thinking, adaptability, and unwavering commitment – traits that Ditlevson inherently possesses.

A true leader extends their commitment beyond their immediate responsibilities, demonstrating a genuine dedication to the community they serve. Ditlevson's involvement in initiatives such as the Fishers Fire Department Citizens Academy and the City of Fishers Government Academy exemplifies her willingness to invest time and effort into understanding the diverse facets of our community. This insight not only enriches her leadership but also empowers her to make informed decisions that will benefit the library and its patrons.

Ditlevson's current engagement in the HSE Engaged program and Citizens Police Academy further underscores her holistic approach to leadership. By immersing herself in these initiatives, she not

only fosters relationships but also gains a firsthand understanding of the challenges and aspirations of those she represents and may represent in future roles. This empathy-driven approach is what sets great leaders apart, and Ditlevson embodies this ethos effortlessly.

However, it is not only her impressive background that makes Ditlevson a beacon of leadership; it is her ability to light up any room she enters with her positivity and optimism. When a leader steps up when called upon, their demeanor sets the tone for the entire team, and Ditlevson's infectious spirit can undoubtedly uplift the library's staff, volunteers, and patrons alike.

As a community, it is our responsibility to rally behind such dedicated leaders who have chosen to serve us. Ditlevson's commitment to the betterment of our community is an opportunity for us to unite and show our support. Her unwavering dedication to fostering community connections, her resilience forged through military service, and her contagious positivity make her an ideal advocate to lead the Hamilton East Public Library Board of Trustees and a solid selection to serve on Fishers' City Council in an At-Large role.

In conclusion, Tiffanie Ditlevson's leadership of the Hamilton East Public Library's board heralds a new era characterized by resilience, commitment, and community engagement. Stepping forward as others retreat and hide, positions her as a true leader. Let us stand together, extend our utmost respect, and wholeheartedly support her efforts to lead our library towards a future filled with promise, prosperity, and peace in our community.

Debbie Reynolds Driskell
Delaware Township Trustee



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Letter to the Editor — What today’s politics lacks is a strain of human decency

Dear Editor:

For years, I’ve tried to understand why there is so much rudeness in politics, but I might finally be onto something. You may want to take this with a grain of salt, but if you’re as bad at handicapping elections as I am, read on. We’ll commiserate.

After almost 50 years of voting in presidential elections, I recall eight between candidates I considered to be good people, including the ones I didn’t support. For example, Ronald Reagan vs. former Vice President Walter Mondale in 1984.

In their first televised debate, Reagan seemed off-balance and confused. Less charitable observers might say “Biden-like.” Mondale, by contrast was on point, articulate, and non-judgmental. Nary an

ageist slur was uttered. When Reagan responded, “I am not going to exploit, for political purposes, my opponent’s youth and inexperience” in the second debate, no one laughed harder than Mondale. He lost the race in a landslide, but it was a banner moment for good sportsmanship.

There have been civil campaigns since then, but something is missing from today’s contests. I call it the “strain of decency”: comparable to a strain of bacteria, but in a good way. Reagan and Mondale, for all their policy differences, had a strain of decency. I combined “strain” with “decency” to underscore a human value that gamely hung on until we turned it into a relic.

Jim Newton
Itasca, Ill.



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Photo provided by Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation
Learn about Carmel Clay Parks' conservation efforts with these new signs.

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation unveils new interpretive signage at Prairie Meadow Park

Signage funded by Rain on Main program

The REPORTER

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) has installed new educational signage in Prairie Meadow Park, 5282 Ivy Hill Drive. The signage offers an interactive park experience for guests to learn about watersheds, stormwater, and ecology.

Funding for the new Prairie Meadow Park signage was raised by the [Rain on Main](#) program, in partnership with [Carmel Utilities](#), City of Carmel Storm Water Department, and [Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District](#).

Proceeds from the annual Rain on Main program are given to CCPR to

purchase water education signage for Carmel Clay parks. This furthers Rain on Main's mission to increase awareness of water quality and conservation in Carmel.

Rain on Main is a painted rain barrel art contest and auction. Local artists transform 65-gallon urn style rain barrels into one-of-a-kind pieces of art. The barrels are displayed in the Arts and Design District along Main Street and the public is invited to vote for their favorite in a People's Choice contest on Facebook. In addition to the People's Choice competition, there is a judged art competition component. The barrels are evaluated by a panel of experts for cash prizes. Rain on Main culminates with the end of the on-line auction and display of all the barrels at the Carmel Farmers Market the third Saturday of August.

"Interpretive signage is vital to park-goers' education and appreciation of their surroundings," says Michael Allen, Director of Parks and Natural Resources. "Thanks to the Rain on Main program, these new water education signs will increase awareness of the importance of protecting and conserving our natural water sources."

Be sure to stop by Prairie Meadow Park to check out the new educational signage and learn more about Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation's conservation efforts.

Conner Prairie prepares for Jupiter Flights Balloon Glow

By BRITTANY NOBLE
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](#)

One of the most exciting events of the year is about to take flight. Conner Prairie will host its annual Jupiter Flights Balloon Glow on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

More than 40 colorful hot air balloons will fly through the sky several times a day, weather permitting.

The Balloon Glow is [sold out](#); however, fans can cheer on their favorite pilot for free on Saturday and

Sunday mornings as they participate in competitions. The grand champion will be announced after the last race on Sunday.

"Stay for our evening balloon glow featuring bounce houses, NeST RC Model Aviation Club live demonstration, and fun activities for the whole family," [event organizers said](#).

Visitors can go through a corn maze, grab family photos in a three-acre sunflower field, and attend a meet-and-greet with the balloon pilots.

Ticketholders will also be able to enjoy live music from Stella Luna and the Satellites and a variety of [food options](#) including burgers, brats, pretzels, and popcorn.

Each night will end with a balloon glow featuring colorful balloons from around Indiana and beyond.

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2023 BICENTENNIAL SEPTEMBER EVENTS

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DELAWARE AND FALL CREEK TOWNSHIPS’ SIGNATURE EVENT

BICENTENNIAL MEMORIAL UNVEILING SEPTEMBER 9, 11 A.M.

Conner Prairie, *Allisonville Road, Fishers*
FREE

Delaware and Fall Creek Townships are partnering with Conner Prairie to create a permanent reminder of the Hamilton County Bicentennial! A memorial will be unveiled at 11am in Clowes Commons near the Lenape Camp and Prairietown showcasing the history of Delaware and Fall Creek Townships, including Conner Prairie itself. Come learn about the history of this area, and join Conner Prairie for an architectural tour of the Conner House (*pictured above: also turning 200!*) after the unveiling. For pricing details and tour pre-registration, visit: hamcoturns200.com/events

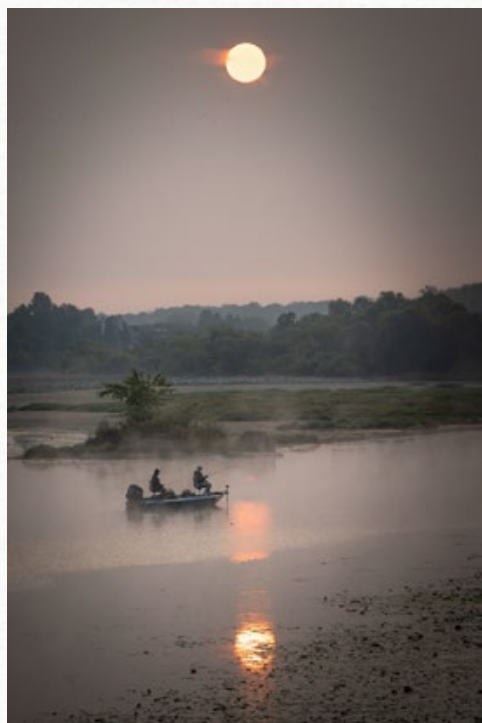


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TASTE OF HISTORY: FISHING IN FALL CREEK

September 13, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Hamilton East Public Library
Municipal Drive, Fishers | **FREE**

Discover the “lure” of fishing in and around Geist, Fall Creek Township, and Hamilton County! Join the staff of the Hamilton East Public Library’s Indiana Room to learn about Hamilton County waterways and aquatic life past, present, and future. Connect modern fishing methods to the history of fishing in our area as you learn to tie your own fishing lure.

Sign up on the library website: hepl.lib.in.us.

HAMILTON CO. BICENTENNIAL TRAVELING EXHIBIT

September 2-8, Hamilton East Public Library, Fishers
September 9-15, Carmel Clay Public Library, Carmel
September 16-22, White River Elementary School, Noblesville
September 23-29, Promise Road Elementary School, Noblesville

FREE | Learn about all five of our Bicentennial themes: Arts, Diversity/Inclusion, Education, Historic Preservation, and Parks/Environment. Contact the hosting organization for information on when the exhibit is open to the public.

200 IN 15

Check out the Bicentennial podcast to get 200 years of Hamilton County history in just 15 minutes! Look under “Resources” tab on HamCoTurns200.com.



Access the entire **2023**

Bicentennial Event Lineup
and get event/program details:
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(From left) Steve Ferrucci, Chair of the GC School Governing Board; John & Barb Gallina, Honorary Campaign Co-Chairs; James McNeany, GC Principal; Bill Godfrey, Honorary Campaign Co-Chair; Bishop Timothy L. Doherty, Bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana; Chris Jensen, Mayor of Noblesville; David & Jeanne Stordy, Campaign Co-Chairs; Tom & Amy Smith, Campaign Co-Chairs; Deacon Rick Wagner, GC President; and Bishop Emeritus William L. Higi, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana.

Guerin Catholic breaks ground on wellness center

The REPORTER

Guerin Catholic High School broke ground on a new Fine Arts and Wellness Center on Wednesday. Rain didn't stop the ceremony, as organizers decided to move the dirt inside.

Both Bishops were on hand for the groundbreaking – current Bishop Timothy L. Doherty and Guerin Catholic's founding Bishop Emeritus William L. Higi, who recently celebrated his 90th birthday.

The 61,000 square-foot addition to the school will include a 500-seat auditorium and a two-court athletic fieldhouse. Other features include locker rooms for outdoor sports, a new weight room, fine arts offices, and classroom space. The project will complete the original master plan for the campus.



Photo provided by Guerin Catholic

Bishop Emeritus William L. Higi (left), Founding Bishop of Guerin Catholic, blesses the dirt prior to the groundbreaking. He is assisted by Guerin Catholic Chaplain, Father Coody Owens.



Photos provided by Guerin Catholic

(Above) Guerin Catholic students, staff, and dignitaries gathered in the gymnasium for the groundbreaking ceremony. (Below) Bishop Timothy L. Doherty, Bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana joins Guerin Catholic student council representatives and GC Mascot "Gizmo" for the ceremonial groundbreaking.



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September 24 and 25

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Chugga, Chugga: Northbrook Brewery Caboose

All aboard for a special 21+ caboose ride to the newly opened Northbrook Brewery in Arcadia. Ride the historic Monon caboose from Hobbs Station in Noblesville up to the brewery in Arcadia and back.

October 15 and 22

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October 5 and 19

Enjoy best of art, shopping & music this Saturday at Meet Me on Main in Carmel

The REPORTER

Come to the Carmel Arts & Design District from 4 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 9 for Allied Solutions' *Meet Me on Main*. Make your way to Main Street and Range Line Road for an evening of art, shopping, music, and more.

Meet Me on Main is the City of Carmel's monthly "Second Saturday" event to highlight local galleries, restaurants and design-related businesses in the District. Shops and galleries along Main Street will feature special events to enhance the experience of those who visit the District.

Artomobilia

This annual event features a distinct gathering of recognized artists, collector cars and automotive enthusiasts showcased on the streets of the Carmel Arts & Design District. The event will take place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 9. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Drum Circle

Experience the power of drumming with the Artful Rhythms Tour sponsored by Indiana Artisan. The activity will take place in the garden next to Indiana Artisan, 22 N. Range Line Road.

Plein Air Summer Painting Series

Maren Bell with The Art Lab will host a Plein Air Summer Painting Series on water soluble oils from 5 to 8 p.m. on Saturday. [Click here](#) for information and to

register.

Live music

- Anthony's Plaza, 201 W. Main St.
- Agave Bar & Grill, 31 E. Main St.
- Xchocol'Art, 228 W. Main St.

Play Bingo for prizes

Pick up a BINGO card at the Meet Me on Main tent for your chance to win a gift basket valued at \$250. The tent will be located at Anthony's Plaza, 201 W. Main St. Remember to get your BINGO cards stamped before turning them in at 7:30 p.m. See Bingo card for rules.

Special Gallery Exhibits

- [Art on Main](#), 111 W. Main St. Palette of Imagination art exhibit.
- [CCA Gallery](#), 111 W. Main St., Suite 135. Loom demonstration and learn how to weave your own drink coaster.
- [Circle Contemporary Gallery](#), 30 W. Main St. Live music from Carmel Symphony Orchestra. Free caricatures.
- [Indiana Artisan Gifts & Gallery](#), 22 N. Range Line Road. Glass clay demonstration and make-and-take glass magnet craft.
- [The Children's Art Gallery](#), 40 W. Main St. Visit with an oil and pastel painter.
- [The Art Studio of Carmel](#), 30 N. Range Line Road. Special children's ac-



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tivity.

Special offers

- **Kernels Gourmet Popcorn:** Mention "Meet Me on Main" and get \$1 off medium sized bags. (254 Veterans Way, Suite F)
- **Sub Zero Nitrogen Ice Cream:** First time customers enjoy a root beer and cream soda floats at \$6 each or two for \$10. (111 W. Main Street, Suite 130)
- **All Things Carmel:** Visit with the Carmel Clay Historical Society and sign up to participate in the Great Squirrel Stampede in celebration of Hamilton County's Bicentennial. (110 W. Main Street, Suite 104)

A map of the gallery locations and more information about Meet Me on Main activities can be found at [CarmelArtsAndDesign.com](#).

Public parking is available in the Carmel Lions Club lot (141 E. Main St.),

Carmel police arrest Indiana man wanted for murder in Alabama

By **DREW BLAIR**
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](#)

An Indiana man accused of murder in Alabama was captured last week driving the victim's vehicle in Carmel, police say.

D a m o n Blinks, 28, Greencastle, Ind., has been sitting in the Hamilton County Jail for the past week on a \$1,000,000 bond. Blinks was arrested on Aug. 30 by Carmel police for a shooting in Huntsville, Ala.

The Huntsville Police Department accused Blinks of shooting Devin McDonald, 23, and then driving McDonald's vehicle to Indiana. Blinks has been charged with murder in Alabama and resisting law enforcement in Indiana.

HPD said the shooting happened around 10:40 p.m. on Aug. 28, two days before Blinks was taken into custody. Officers in Huntsville were called to a parking lot the next morning in the 300 block of Quality Circle for a man found unresponsive, at which time McDonald was pronounced dead.

Investigators traveled from Alabama to speak with Blinks in the Hamilton County Jail. That is where

they said he was formally charged with McDonald's murder. HPD thanks police in Carmel "for their assistance with safely apprehending Blinks," the department said in a statement.

According to online court records, Blinks has a criminal history that started at the age of 19. His criminal record includes convictions in Hendricks, Marion, and Madison counties in Indiana.

Search results on the Indiana Department of Correction database show Blinks served prison time on at least five different occasions.

Prior prosecutions have been for theft in July 2014, as well as two separate sentences handed down for carjacking in October 2014 and again in November 2015.

According to online records, Blinks received a term of more than eight years in May 2017 for unlawful firearm possession by a serious felon, resisting law enforcement, and escape with the earliest possible release date posted as Sept. 1, 2022.

The Huntsville Police Department said Blinks would be extradited to Alabama to face the capital murder charge but did not say when.



Blinks



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SCORE Mentors help referee make calls for Save Our Sports nonprofit

Submitted

If not for a friend’s generosity, former basketball player Kristopher D. Loving, Sr. may not have had the opportunity to test his skills as a referee.

In 2014 when Loving was looking to get started as a sports official, the \$50 registration fee, coupled with a \$100 training fee, plus the cost of shoes and a uniform was too much to afford.

“I hit a big-time wall,” he said.

A week later, a friend and mentor that introduced him to officiating sent him a uniform and shoes.

“He was like, ‘I hope this can help you get started,’” Loving recalled. “He invested in me.”

Now, with the January incorporation of his nonprofit organization, **Save Our Sports**, Loving hopes to provide the training and mentoring needed to train more sports officials throughout the Indiana area, and eventually, beyond.

“His generosity is what sparked me wanting to pay that forward,” Loving said of his friend. “Our focus is local, but we have served and helped people in Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, and Minnesota based on relationships with people I have there.”

To date, Loving has assisted 25 to 30 people in their officiating journey. Support varies depending on the individual’s need and can include providing all the equipment needed, funding their training, connecting them with a mentor, or including them at a sports camp.

Since his officiating

journey began nearly a decade ago, Loving has continued to serve as a sports official in Big Ten football, NCAA men’s basketball, high school basketball, and high school girls lacrosse.

While Loving hopes to partner with like-minded organizations and groups to further the mission of Save Our Sports, he’s realized early success with several grants to fund equipment, co-working space, consulting hours and professional development.

“The ideal official is a former athlete that just got done playing,” he said, adding that a playing background is not required. “Some of our best officials never played at any kind of high level. There’s such a shortage of officials all over the country. Hopefully we (Save Our Sports) can be part of the solution.”

Soon after relocating to Noblesville from Minnesota in summer 2022, Loving began mentoring with SCORE Indianapolis volunteer mentors Bill Petrovic and Bob Miramonti. The local branch of the national nonprofit organization provides no-cost mentoring services to small businesses, entrepreneurs, and nonprofits.

“It was very valuable, very helpful,” Loving said. “They helped challenge me and asked good questions.”

Petrovic and Miramonti are “good with motivation” and Loving makes a point to check in with them often and keep them apprised of updates.

“Our lightbulb moment was ‘you know you’re really doing a big service,’” Petrovic recalled saying to Loving. “You can learn how to



Photo provided

Kristopher Loving, who moved to Noblesville from Minnesota last year, hopes to partner with like-minded organizations and groups to further the mission of Save Our Sports.

be a good person from being good at some occupation, including being a referee. There’s a lot of life experience that can come out of this.”

Since Loving’s journey as a sports official began, he’s witnessed positive changes.

“I look around at my life and noticed some things, behaviors, my mindset has changed,” he said. “Since I’ve become an official and developed there, it’s affected my marriage and my parenting, my involvement in church. It affected every part of my life.”

Looking ahead, Loving envisions creating a formula for Save Our Sports that can

be replicated in each state.

“We want to grow it here first,” he said.

Get involved

If interested in volunteering, contributing, or receiving referee training or support through Save Our Sports, please email Loving at Kristopher.Loving@helpsaveoursports.org.

About SCORE

Since 1964, SCORE has helped 11 million entrepreneurs start or grow a business. SCORE’s 10,000 volunteers provide free mentoring, workshops, and educational services to more than 1,500 communities nationwide. With more than 70 members throughout the Indianapolis area, SCORE

Indianapolis provides nearly 3,000 mentoring services annually to local small business owners through one-on-one counseling and small business workshops.

For more information about starting or operating a small business, or finding a mentor, visit SCORE Indianapolis at score.org/indianapolis.

Meeting Notices

The Hamilton East Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2023, in the Large First Floor Meeting Room of the Noblesville Library, 1 Library Plaza, Noblesville.

The Sheridan Community Schools Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on the budget at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 11, 2023, in the Library/Media Center at Sheridan Middle School, 3030 W. 246th St., Sheridan.

The Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District Board will meet from 7 to 7:45 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023, in the Conference Room at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville.

The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on the 2024 budget at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2023, in the Community Room at the Westfield Washington Schools Administration Center, 19500 Tomlinson Road, Suite B, Westfield.

The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will hold a pre-bargaining hearing at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2023, in the Board Room at the Noblesville Schools Educational Services Center, 18025 River Road, Noblesville.

The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will meet for a work session at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023, in the Board Room at the Noblesville Schools Educational Services Center, 18025 River Road, Noblesville.

An executive session will follow at 2:30 p.m., pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(A) For discussion of strategy with respect to collective bargaining.

The Westfield Washington Public Library Board will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023, in the Community Room of the library, located at 333 W. Hoover St., Westfield.

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold its monthly Board of Trustees meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 11, 2023, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville.

— ARCADIA —

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED RATES AND CHARGES

Property owners or other interested parties, in or served by the Municipal Water Works and Municipal Sewer Works of the Town of Arcadia are HEREBY NOTIFIED that Ordinance Number 2023-10, amending the rates and charges for the Town of Arcadia's Municipal Water Works and Municipal Sewer Works was introduced at the meeting of the Town Council held August 29, 2023. There will be a public hearing on the matter of the rates and charges and consideration of adopting said Ordinance Number 2023-10 at a special meeting of the Town Council to be held at 208 West Main Street, Arcadia, IN 46030, at 7 p.m. on September 18, 2023, at Arcadia Town Hall. The revision to the tariff of rates and charges within Ordinance Number 2023-01 for the following revisions to the current rate ordinance:

AVAILABILITY AND TAP FEES AND OTHER CHARGES

Water Availability Fee \$5,000.00 Per EDU
Sewage Availability Fee \$5,000.00 Per EDU
Water Tap Fee - Residential \$2,500.00
Water Tap Fee - Non-Residential Actual Cost of the Tap
Sewage Tap Fee - Residential \$1,000.00
Sewage Tap Fee - Non-Residential Actual Cost of the Tap
Inspection Fee - For all new connections \$100.00 per inspection

EQUIVALENT DWELLING UNIT (EDU) TABLE

Type of User	Unit Equivalent
Single Family Residences & Condominiums	1
Multi-Family Residences	
One Bedroom	0.64
Two Bedroom	0.96
Three or more Bedrooms	1
Assembly Halls, Lodges, Veteran Organizations	0.01 - per seat
Barber & Beauty Shops	0.60 - per chair
Bars and Cocktail Lounges	0.10 - per seat
Bowling Alleys	0.32 - per lane
Churches	0.01 - per seat
Day Care Centers	0.03 - per child & staff
Doctor / Dentist Office	2.00 - per 1000 sq ft of Building area
Drive-In / Drive-Thru Restaurants	0.40 - per car space
Drive-In Theaters	0.02 - per space
Hospitals	0.50 - per bed
Institutions Other Than Hospitals	0.40 - per bed
Kennel	0.10 - per cage
Laundromats	1.00 - per washing machine
Mobil Home Parks	0.75 - per space
Motels & Hotels	0.32 - per room
Nursing Homes	0.30 - per bed
Offices/ Governmental Agencies	0.50 - per 1000 sf of building Area
Restaurants	0.10 - per seat
Retail Space	1.00 - per 1000 sf of building area
With Fountain Space	Add 0.10 - per seat
Rooming Houses	0.30 - per renter
Schools	0.50 - per pupil
With Cafeteria & Showers	0.09 - per pupil
Service Station	0.70 - per island
Theaters	0.01 - per seat
Warehouses	0.04 - per 1000 sf of building area
Manufacturing Facilities	Based on industrial process used. Usage shall be Estimated and converted to EDU's based on 310 gpd.
Unique Facilities Negotiated	Negotiated

Changes in use by addition or remodeling shall be subject to applicable fees in accordance with this Table.

* Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDU's) are based on 310 gpd as typical for a single-family dwelling

All other fees, as set in Ordinance Number 2023-01, will remain the same. The charges are necessary in order to provide the Town with sufficient operation, maintenance, and capital improvement revenues to provide adequate water and sewer facilities for the Town. At the hearing held prior to the final adoption of this Ordinance, all interested parties may appear and be heard. A copy of Ordinance 2023-10 and the Rate Report prepared by the financial advisor are on file and available for examination and copying at the office of the Clerk-Treasurer.

Dated this 7th day of September, 2023.

Jennifer S. Pickett
Clerk-Treasurer, Town of Arcadia, IN

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Thomas C. English

December 30, 1933 – September 1, 2023

Thomas C. English, 89, Sheridan, passed away on Friday, September 1, 2023, at Riverview Hospital in Noblesville. Born on December 30, 1933, in Noblesville, he was the son of the late Tony Oscar and Mary Kathryn (Clover) English.

Tom grew up in Sheridan where he graduated with the Class of 1952 from Sheridan High School. After graduation, he attended Indiana University Indianapolis Extension Center (later to become IUPUI) until he joined the Army in April of 1956. He served his country as an Army medic and was stationed in Germany where he found time to explore several parts of Europe.

Upon discharge from the Army in February of 1958, he returned to Indiana where he continued his education at Butler University. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in pharmacy in 1961.

Upon graduation, he began his lifelong career as a pharmacist. His journey began at Elliott's Pharmacy in Sheridan, where he served the community until the mid-1980s. He went on to work for Kroger, and eventually Marsh Pharmacy, until he made the decision to retire at the young age of 83. He took great pride in his work, caring for his patients throughout his career the only way he knew how ... as a trusted and learned friend. The friendships that he formed with his patients and coworkers were dear to him and sustained him until the end.

Tom loved his family dearly and especially looked forward to the annual Indy 500 family get-togethers. He had fond memories of his parents' restaurant and from that grew his love of cooking for others. One was never hungry in Tom's house. He was an avid gardener and produced beautiful vegetables. More than anything, Tom enjoyed taking long car rides with his "lovely bride" Jean. He was known to drive out of state to eat a good cheeseburger or just to explore.

Tom is survived by his wife of 60 years, Jean English; daughters, Carrie Elizabeth Sutton (Joe) of Sheridan, and Emily Anne Snell (Steve) of Lebanon; brother, John D. "Tim" English (Anita) of Fishers; and many grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Tony Oscar and Mary Kathryn (Clover) English; sisters, Kathryn Ellen English, Georgia Ann Edie, and Mary Jane Robb; and brother, Charles E. "Chuck" English.

Private family services are being planned.
Tom will be laid to rest at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kercheval Funeral Home of Sheridan.
Condolences: kerchevalfuneralhome.com

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Shawn Edward Messenger

December 27, 1962 – August 29, 2023

Shawn Edward Messenger, 60, Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday evening, August 29, 2023, at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. Born on December 27, 1962, in Noblesville, he was the son of John E. and Jeraldine "Jeri" Messenger, both of whom survive him.

Shawn was a 1981 graduate of Noblesville High School. Early in his career he went to work for Marsh Grocery Stores before making the move to auto sales. He got his feet wet with a few different dealerships in the area, including Hare Chevrolet, before finding himself at Andy Mohr Buick in Fishers. Always wanting to better his sales numbers and become a more effective manager, Shawn attended the NADA Dealer Academy. This helped prepare him with the tools he needed for his current position as a Sales Manager for Andy Mohr.

Shawn lived life on his own terms; he was a free spirit who loved the freedom to do what he wanted, when he wanted, and in whichever manner he chose to do it. He loved going to concerts and was fortunate to do it at a time when some of the best touring bands were still on the road. His most memorable shows were Kid Rock, KISS, and Led Zeppelin. As much as he enjoyed the energy of being at a show, he was equally excited to just float around on a boat, without a care in the world. Sometimes sports would catch his interest, especially when it came to the Colts, the Pacers, and NASCAR (but not so much after Jeff Gordon retired).

The one thing that could always focus his attention was his family. There was nobody on the planet who loved being a dad (and later a grandpa) more than Shawn. He had a gift for being able to "reach" young people, allowing him to be both a father figure and mentor to so many, outside of his own family. You can learn a lot from family, and one of the lessons Shawn took to heart was how to cook. He became the resident Grill Master, learning the tricks of the trade from his brother Jeff, who just happened to be a professional chef.

Shawn is survived by his parents, John E. and Jeraldine "Jeri" Messenger of Noblesville; two sons, Corey Messenger of Noblesville, and Derek Messenger of Westfield; grandson, Karson Messenger; sisters, Deborah L. Craig of Cookeville, Tenn., and Linda K. Riffey of Noblesville; stepsisters, Beth Green and Kelli Green-Klingerman; stepbrother, Garry Green; niece, Callie J. Craig; and nephews, Ryan Messenger, James Messenger, Dustin Messenger, Travis Riffey, and Josh Riffey.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Kevin L. Messenger and Jeffrey A. Messenger; and by his paternal grandparents, Lee and Maple Messenger.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, September 9, 2023, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan, with visitation from 11 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will follow at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. Rev. V.J. Stover will be officiating.
Condolences: kerchevalfuneralhome.com

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

THE COVENANT OF CIRCUMCISION (CONT.)
Then God said, "Yes, but your wife Sarah will bear you a son, and you will call him Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his descendants after him. And as for Ishmael, I have heard you: I will surely bless him; I will make him fruitful and will greatly increase his numbers. He will be the father of twelve rulers, and I will make him into a great nation. But my covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah will bear to you by this time next year." When he had finished speaking with Abraham, God went up from him.
Genesis 17:19-22 (NIV)

Richard Mac Dellinger

February 18, 1936 – September 6, 2023

Richard Mac Dellinger, 87, Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at Riverview Health in Noblesville. His sons and daughter-in-law were by his side. He was born on February 18, 1936, to Dilver and Ruth (Larimer) Dellinger in Elwood, Ind.

Dick was a 1954 graduate of Elwood High School, received a bachelor's degree from Ball State, and a master's degree from Butler. He taught U.S. Government at Noblesville High School from 1959 to 1997, and Mr. D's class was the gateway to graduation for many anxious students. Dick was a Hamilton County Basketball Hall of Fame member as a contributor. He was the not always impartial Voice of The Millers football and basketball games over three decades.

Dick served as a Noblesville City Councilman and in the Indiana House of Representatives from 1972 to 1992. He famously stood on his desk in the House chamber when the House was split 50-50 and the Democratic Speaker refused to recognize Republican members. Dick was named Sagamore of the Wabash twice by former Governors Otis Bowen and Robert Orr. He was a member of Noblesville First United Methodist Church, Noblesville Masonic Lodge, and Noblesville Elks Club.

Dick is survived by his sons, Rick M. (Karen) Dellinger and Mike Dellinger; grandchildren, Clare (Steven) Kottwitz, Jacob (Rachel) Dellinger, and Jillian Beatrice Dellinger; and his great-grandchildren, William George Kottwitz, Katelyn Ann Kottwitz, Laura Lynn Kottwitz, and Joseph Ian Dellinger. Although his family was spread across the country, he enjoyed their visits and video calls.

In addition to his parents, Dick was preceded in death by his wife, Janice Bolton Dellinger; and sisters, Dora Boris and Janet Milakis.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 8, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. An additional visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to noon, with services at noon on Saturday, September 9, 2023, at the funeral home. Rev. Stanley R. Sutton will officiate. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Humane Society for Hamilton County, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038 (hamiltonhumane.com); or Riverview Health Foundation, 395 Westfield Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 (riverview.org/foundation).
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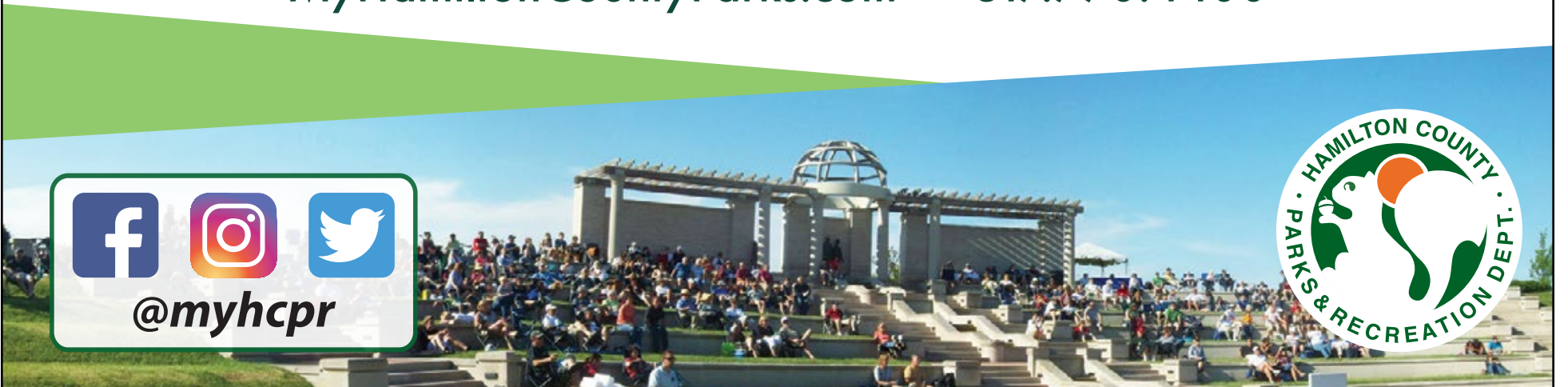
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Volleyball



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(Left) The Hamilton Southeastern volleyball team swept Fishers on Thursday to retain the Mudsock trophy. The victory put the Royals at 13-0 for the season. (Right) Breonna Goss hit six kills for the Royals and was part of a balanced hitting attack.

Southeastern sweeps Fishers, Millers take down Shamrocks

The REPORTER

The Mudsock volleyball trophy stayed firmly in the hands of the Royals on Thursday.

Hamilton Southeastern swept Fishers to win the Mudsock match in front of a spirited crowd at the Royals’ gymnasium. Southeastern won 25-8, 25-20, 25-17, keeping its record perfect for the season at 13-0.

Southeastern had a balanced offense against the Tigers. Lauren Harden led the way with eight kills, followed by seven from Tiffany Snook. Lindsey Mangelson and Breonna Goss both put down six kills.

Maye McConnell served three aces. Sophie Ledbetter collected 14 digs, with Kaylyn Christy getting 11 digs and Harden making nine.

“We started really, really fast,” said HSE coach Jason Young. I thought the team was really dialed in and focused. Obviously with the great rivalry that we have with the Mudsock, it’s always a wonderful atmosphere and these kids are playing against their friends, which is really a neat aspect of this.”

The Royals were coming off a tough test from Yorktown on Tuesday in a rematch of last year’s Class 4A state championship game. The Tigers became the first team this season to take a set from HSE, when they swiped the second set 25-20 after the Royals ran through the first set 25-8. But Southeastern won the next two, 25-18, 25-20, to keep its unbeaten streak going. The Royals have won

47 straight matches dating back to last season.

“Dropping a set, I found that to be a valuable situation for us to have to deal with,” said Young. The coach pointed out that it would be “not an ideal time” to have that happen during the post-season.

“I’d rather learn how to deal with that process during the season and how we need to respond” said Young. “And I thought the girls did an unbelievable job on Tuesday night responding. Coming back and winning 25-18, 25-20 against an outstanding program like that is really great. And coming back today and starting out that first set 25-8 against another outstanding program in Fishers. It was a good response from our kids.”

Lucy Kay hit eight kills for Fishers, with Ellen Roberts putting down six and Aubree Valcourt three. Valcourt also made two blocks, with Jurnee Hall and Kennedy Tinch both making two

blocks as well.

Tinch handed out 19 assists. Natalie Lux served six aces, with Julia Kellogg hitting two aces. Lux had six digs, Ellie Schoch collected four and Kellogg had three.

“Our goal tonight was to make sure we were fighting all the way,” said Fishers coach Steven Peek. “We don’t think that we did that right away, but we came into our own and I’m really proud of the fight that we have.”

The match was also a Hoosier Crossroads Conference contest, and the Royals are 3-0 in the league. Southeastern hosts its own Invitational on Saturday, where the Royals will play Cathedral and Lake Central.

Fishers is 1-2 in HCC play and 9-9 overall, and plays Monday at Center Grove.

Another all-county rivalry game took place at The Mill in Noblesville on Thursday.

The host Millers beat

Westfield in four sets, 25-20, 26-28, 25-12, 25-15. With the victory, Noblesville improved to 7-2 overall and is 1-1 in the conference.

Aubrey Sticher hit 18 kills for the Millers, while Maddie Coates had 23 digs. Riley Resmer made five blocks.

Noblesville coach Annie Poulson was especially pleased with the third and fourth sets.

“They really just executed everything we asked them to do,” said Poulson. “We stayed aggressive the entire time.”

The Millers finished the match by winning several points in a row, including a couple points that were rescued by the Noblesville defense and turned into winning points.

“Anna Elkin is a big part of our defense, and she brings that heart and that hustle,” said Poulson. “She’s back on the court with us. She has the ability to lift everyone up and



Reporter photo by Kent Graham
Ellen Roberts (4) hit six kills for the Tigers.

bring everyone with her, and when she hustles and she makes plays, then everyone else hustles and everyone else makes plays.”

Georgia Bresnahan led Westfield’s offense with nine kills, with Lilly Tucker making 16 digs. Chloe Sutake added six kills and two blocks, Izzy Jackson served six aces, Lilly Stanton dished out 18 assists, and Carsyn Comer made

two blocks.

“I thought we battled much harder than we have in the past,” said Shamrocks coach Emily Jackson. “I saw more fight out of our girls.” Jackson said the second set was “very solid” for the team.


“I liked how my girls battled and played together tonight,” said Jackson.

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Photo by Dwight Casler

The Sheridan volleyball team hosted Teacher Appreciation night before its match with Carroll on Thursday. Players and managers picked a teacher that made an impact on them.




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Soccer

Husky boys to make first appearance at conference championship match

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights boys soccer team is headed to the Hoosier Conference championship game for the first time ever.

The Huskies beat Twin Lakes 3-1 in a Thursday night semifinal game at West Lafayette. Micah Colvin, Sam Harpham and Cameron Wheat all scored goals for Heights, with Phoenix Vondersaar and Caio Rodriguez both making assists. Aiden Bryant was the Huskies' player of the game.

Heights is 7-0-2 for the season.

Westfield's girls team defeated North Central 2-0

in a Thursday away game.

Brynn Sargent scored a first-half goal for the Shamrocks, then Elle Fischer added a second-half goal.

Westfield is 6-0-2 and hosts Cathedral on Monday.

The Sheridan girls team cruised to another Hoosier Heartland Conference win on Thursday, beating Delphi 11-0 in an away game.

Molly Pottorff scored the Blackhawks' first goal four minutes into the game, with Ji Warren making the assist. Sheridan led 8-0 at halftime. In the second half, Jada Trietsch got her first goal, then Makenzy Terry put in two goals.

Sadie Timme scored three goals, and Pottorff finished with two, along with Terry. Norah Stites, Emma Alexander and Lucy Hester joined Trietsch in scoring one goal. Warren, Isabel Nunez, Cecilia Timme, Isabel Buxton and Pottorff all had one assist.

The 'Hawks are 3-0 in the conference and 5-2-1 overall, and host Hamilton Heights on Monday.

The Sheridan boys team dropped its conference opener to Tri-Central 2-1 on Thursday.

The Trojans scored two goals in the first 20 minutes of the game. The Black-

hawks got it together in the second half, and got a goal when Carsen Aleman crossed the ball to Tyler Garner, who put it into score.

Sheridan is 0-4-1 for the season and hosts Taylor on Monday.

Hamilton Southeastern's boys won an all-county game 1-0 over Guerin Catholic on Thursday.

Logan Puls scored the lone goal, with Jack Anderson making the assist.

The Royals are 5-2-2 and play Oak Hill on Saturday, while the Golden Eagles are 2-6-1 and idle until Sept. 16 when they host Center Grove.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, Sept. 8
FOOTBALL

Carmel at Louisville Trinity, 7:30 p.m.
Clinton Central at Sheridan, 7 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at Northwestern, 7 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Fishers, 7 p.m.
Noblesville at Westfield, 7 p.m.
Guerin Catholic at Brebeuf Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

University vs. Seton Catholic, 5:30 p.m. at Freeman Park, Richmond
Columbus North at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Guerin Catholic at Brebeuf Jesuit, 6 p.m.

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SWEEP

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The Millers are 1-1 in conference play and 7-2 overall and hosts its own Invitational on Saturday. Westfield is 1-2 in the HCC and 7-7 overall and plays at the Hamilton Southeastern Invitational on Saturday.

Hamilton Heights took care of Western in a Hoosier Conference East Division sweep on Thursday.

The Huskies won 25-9, 25-15, 25-11. Macie Smith played well at the net for Heights, which is 12-4 overall and 2-0 in division play.

Sheridan joined the conference win club on Thursday, sweeping Carroll 25-18, 25-12, 25-8.

The Blackhawks continued to serve well. Trinity Parkin hit six aces and won 13 of 15 service points. Kenzie Garner collected 10 service points, including a pair of aces. Ali Pickard and Meredith Krupp both served two aces.

Parkin smacked 12 kills, with Garner and Shelby Eaton both hitting five. Beth Adams had four kills and Nova Cross added three. Cross dished out 24 assists.

Garner made six defensive digs and one block, with Krupp and Cross both making four digs.

Sheridan is 3-1 in the conference and 9-5 overall, and plays at the Indiana School for the Deaf tournament on Saturday.

By ANGELA MORYAN
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

The Maniac is back.

The Indianapolis Colts announced Thursday that All-Pro linebacker Shaquille Leonard has cleared concussion protocol. Leonard sustained a concussion during joint practice with the Chicago Bears three weeks prior.

"Very excited," Leonard said to media Thursday. "I'm just looking forward to the opportunity to get back on the field and compete with my guys and just go back out there and have some fun."

Leonard was a full participant in practice Wednesday and Thursday as he prepared for the Sunday's Colts season opener against the Jacksonville Jaguars at Lucas Oil Stadium. He is expected to play in that opener; however, exactly how many

snaps is still unknown.

"That's not my job to decide that," Leonard said. "My job is to go out there and play as many plays as I possibly can. If the coaches say there's a pitch count, then it is what it is but I have no idea."

The three-time Pro Bowler says he's close to feeling like he was at his prime back in 2019. There's still some work he needs to do to get better.

His main goals going into the season are just trusting, reacting and trying not to think too much. From undergoing back surgery to battling concussions, it's been a rough couple years for Leonard.

"It's been hard but you just take it day by day and just realize how blessed you truly are and when you get an opportunity, just go out there and continue to put your best foot forward and

give what you've got for this team," Leonard said.

A lot of focus has been on the negative. But Leonard knows he gained a lot as well.

"I've just gained more heart," Leonard said. "Just knowing that so many people are counting me out. Just having the will to keep going. I don't know how many times I've been knocked down, just continue to get up and put my best foot forward. I'm studying the game, just studying to see exactly how I can put myself in better situations. I just think my heart is bigger, my drive is even bigger."

Leonard will try to help the Colts break a decades-long Week 1 losing streak. The Horseshoe hasn't won it's season opener since 2013. Leonard and the Colts will have their chance in their own house Sunday.

"It's big. I think it's probably my second time opening up at home. Starting off with a divisional opponent, you want to start the season out pretty strong. What better way to start with Jacksonville Week 1 and come out here with the home crowd? Definitely looking forward to it. It's definitely a big opportunity," Leonard said.

The Colts kick off against the Jacksonville Jaguars at 1 p.m. Eastern.

Tune into WISH-TV at 11 a.m. Sunday for a full breakdown from the News 8 Sports Team during Countdown to Kickoff, and switch to WISH immediately following the game for the only live Colts postgame show in the city to hear from head coach Shane Steichen and quarterback Anthony Richardson, and go inside the locker room with WISH-TV's crews.



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Street Festival Sept. 14 in Speedway to celebrate IMSA's return to IMS

The REPORTER

The Indianapolis Motor Speedway and IMSA will kick off the TireRack.com Battle on the Bricks event weekend with an exciting, family-oriented street festival Thursday, Sept. 14 in Speedway.

The IMSA Street Festival will take place with free admission from 6-8 p.m. ET on Main Street in Speedway, just across the street from the Racing Capital of the World. IMSA's return to IMS on Sept. 15-17 marks the first time the sports car series has raced on the 14-turn, 2.439-mile road course since 2014.

"The IMSA Street Festival is a great way to welcome IMSA back to the Town of Speedway and give residents and fans an opportunity to get an up-close look at the cars, drivers and teams that will compete at the Indianapolis Motor

Speedway during the TireRack.com Battle on the Bricks," said IMS President J. Douglas Boles. "Main Street in the Town of Speedway has great restaurants, bars, shops and activities, and adding IMSA cars along the street will be a fun evening and build even more anticipation for the on-track sports car weekend at IMS."

Activities at the event include more than 30 IMSA race cars on display for photos from a variety of classes and a pit stop demo featuring the No. 7 Porsche Penske Motorsport Porsche 963 GTP prototype and the No. 17 Unitoric/JDC Miller MotorSports Audi RS3 LMS TCR touring car that will race at IMS.

More than 50 IMSA drivers are expected to attend and participate in an autograph session. IMSA stars Ricky Taylor, Felipe Albuquerque, Jordan Tay-

lor, Katherine Legge and Sheena Monk also will interact with fans during a Q&A session on the IMS Stage on Main Street.

All five classes of the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship will race Sept. 15-17 in the TireRack.com Battle on the Bricks at IMS, with prototype and GT machinery racing on track at the same time. Other series competing include the Michelin Pilot Challenge, Lamborghini Super Trofeo and Porsche Carrera Cup Deluxe North America. Visit IMS.com for more information or to buy tickets.

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