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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Kids thank local heroes



White River Elementary honored the anniversary of the 9/11 tragedy with a High-Five for Heroes event. Students and staff recognized approximately 50 local first responders and veterans with high-fives, cheers, flags, signs, and music from the Noblesville High School band.

Photos provided by Noblesville Schools

Attorney: HSE superintendent is being forced out

By GREGG MONTGOMERY
& DANIELLE ZULKOSKY
WISH-TV | wistv.com

Hamilton Southeastern School Board has announced it will meet at 7 a.m. this morning to accept the resignation of Superintendent Yvonne Stokes.



Stokes

The board for one of Indiana's largest school districts was scheduled to accept Stokes' resignation and separation agreement.

No information was immediately available on the reason for Stokes' resignation.

Jaimie Cairns is an attorney and the parent of two Hamilton Southeastern students. She says she thinks Stokes was forced out of her position because there is an action item to accept the separation agreement on the agenda.

"There's generally speaking no reason for you to get a separation agreement," Cairns said. "I expect the separation agreement, which of course we haven't seen yet, to give her some money and have an agreement in it that she won't sue the school corporation, and I think if those two things are included in the separation agreement, that tells us that this isn't her quitting the job."

Stokes was an assistant superintendent at Munster schools before she joined the Fishers-based school district in April 2021.

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Sheridan H.S. teacher Allison Waitt receives state recognition

By MARY ROBERSON
For The Reporter

Sheridan High School (SHS) teacher Allison Waitt earned state recognition at the 2023 Indiana Department of Education's (DOE) Educational Excellence Awards Gala last Friday.

Waitt received the Digital Innovator Excellence Award, which recognizes individual educators who leverage technology to improve student learning. She takes the initiative to learn how to use digital tools in the classroom and may support others in implementing technologies in the classroom.

In addition to the statewide accolade, the recognition comes with a \$2,500 prize for Waitt to use to further her work in digital innovation for her students.

SHS Principal Rick Davis described Waitt as, "a phenomenal educator who has taken it upon herself to learn about the ever-changing landscape of digital education for the benefit of our students. Her efforts and talents have initiated and grown the Next Level Program of Study (NLPS) Digital Design Pathway at Sheridan High School."



Photo provided

Principal Rick Davis and teacher Allison Waitt with her \$2,500 check for digital learning innovation.

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Downsizing parents to prepare for their future

As my mom and stepdad got older, they were considering what to do with the large five-bedroom house my siblings and I grew up in. They weren't quite ready to move to assisted living, or even a community, but they knew they needed to make some changes.

Remodeling wasn't really an option, but they needed something smaller and more manageable for them to get around, especially with some hip problems my step dad was facing.

It's an awkward subject, but if you're starting to worry about something like this, it's time to start talking about it. The best time to make changes is well before a crisis happens.

Difficult conversations

When talking with my parents, my siblings and I did our best not to "tell" my parents what to do, but instead tried to listen to what their concerns and needs were before making suggestions.

It was important to us to offer to help go through their finances and help in ways that gave us a better picture of our parents' finances and living expectations. We tried to help with everyday tasks, such as bill paying or overseeing a home repair job. The more we were involved, the better our communication was to open the door for further conversations – and the more we were able to learn about their financial health, the better prepared we were to discuss their living arrangements.

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NITA BROOKS
Senior Moment

Republicans flock to Hamilton County



Reporter photos by Stu Clampitt

The 2023 Hamilton County GOP Fall Dinner packed the Embassy Suites Conference Center with 650 attendees. According to County GOP Party Chair Mario Massillamany, it was the largest fall dinner in the state. Massillamany, who emceed the event, made a public endorsement of Jim Banks for U.S. Senate. The night was billed as "Honoring Our First Responders," many of whom were present Monday night. (ABOVE LEFT) Hayden C.T. Parsons of Adler Attorneys in Noblesville and Fishers City Councilman Todd Zimmerman get to know each other at the fall dinner. (ABOVE RIGHT) Tina Mangos of HCRW, County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt, Emily Pearson of HCRW, Adrienne Rogers of HCRW, and local businessman Dan Dawson were kind enough to take a moment to pose for The Reporter's camera. See more photos on Page 5 and at ReadTheReporter.com.

Duke & Reporter helped Nickel Plate save free ride Saturday

The REPORTER

On Saturday, Sept. 9, the Nickel Plate Express (NPX) depot at Hobbs Station was the most popular stop in Hamilton County. Thanks to their partnership with Duke Energy, NPX planned to offer free caboose rides, but the demand was so high they had to hook up the whole train to fit everyone on board.

Before the first ride could leave the station there were already more people signed up than they could fit in a whole day of caboose rides, so NPX Executive Director Emily Reynolds made the call to run the full train all day long so everyone could have a chance to ride the rails.

A total of 891 kids, parents and grandparents rode the train, which is the new record number of riders in one day. According to Reynolds, many of their guests would not have been able to enjoy the train without an event like this. Many others were there to learn more about the historic train and perhaps buy tickets to ride in the future.



"The response to the caboose rides exceeded expectations and affirms the value of this wonderful community amenity," said



Duke Energy government and community relations manager Mark LaBarr. "Kudos to the NPX team for their response in accommodating the many people who wanted to enjoy the experience."

The cost of running the full train is substantially higher than running one engine and the Duke Energy Caboose, so both Duke

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WAITT — FREE RIDES —

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Waitt has 11 years of teaching experience at SHS, teaching various business classes, with a special focus on digital design. She has helped start a new pathway to give students opportunities to explore innovative career options in our changing digital world. She is also involved in helping the school with digital marketing efforts and supporting student clubs.

“Allison is one of those outstanding teachers who is never afraid to take on a new challenge for her students and SHS as a whole,” Davis said. “She is a leader in the classroom and in the school whose positive and energetic personality carries over to others. She is so deserving of this honor and recognition as she makes great things happen in her classroom for all of her students.”

Davis and Waitt attended the DOE gala that was held in downtown Indianapolis last Friday evening. The black-tie event focused on recognizing and elevating educators from across the state.

“I’m really thankful to have a corporation that supports me in my new classes and programs,” Waitt said. “They have always backed me when I want to try something completely new. Every yes to something new has been a great benefit to the students, community, and corporation. I am beyond grateful for the recognition and support from the state and Sheridan Community Schools.”

and The Hamilton County Reporter stepped up with donations to make sure no one was left waiting at the station. “We are sincerely grateful to Duke Energy and The Hamilton County Reporter for their generous donation towards our free community train rides,” Reynolds said. “I also can’t say enough about my great staff. Their exceptional dedication in accommodating the large crowd and curating an unforgettable experience for everyone is a huge part of what made this day a success. Coming in on short notice on what should have

been a day off because the demand for Saturday’s rides was so much higher than we anticipated – it was one of those moments that shows you what makes Hamilton County so special. Together, the unwavering support and efforts from Duke, The Reporter and the best staff any train could ask for have brought immense joy and created unforgettable moments in our community.”

You can get tickets to ride one of the Nickel Plate Express’s many themed excursions online at [Nickel-PlateExpress.com](https://www.nickelplateexpress.com). Don’t wait! They tend to fill up fast.



Photo provided by Mark LaBarr, Duke Energy



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While the lines were long, the happy faces at the end of the day last Saturday made it oh, so worth the wait for the 891 Nickel Plate Express riders, most of whom were first-timers.



Photo provided by Emily Reynolds, Nickel Plate Express



Photo provided by Mark LaBarr, Duke Energy

FUTURE

Communication

We focused on communicating things like, “I’ve always loved this house, and I know you do too. Is there anything I can help you with to keep it in good shape?”

We did our best to acknowledge our parents’ feelings about their home. We tried to take the time to reminisce about family gatherings, memorable holidays, and shared history before shifting the conversation into the physical and financial challenges of maintaining their home. Having simple suggestions to get the ball rolling seemed easier for our parents to accept.

Simple discussions

My sister was able to have good conversations such as, “You’re spending a lot of money to keep up your house, and you have a lot of equity in it. Have you thought about selling and using that cash to move somewhere more comfortable?”

Since our parents had paid off their mortgages, we looked around at the cost of homes within their neighborhood, specifically those that needed work for comparison. Since moving into their neighborhood 36 years ago, we knew they would have a significant amount of equity built in their home. Downsizing to an easier-to-maintain, smaller home or condo was definitely an option given the amount of revenue they’d make by selling their home.

If the notion of moving didn’t appeal to your mom and

dad at first, offer to take them on a tour of retirement communities, or look at houses near where you or another family members live. Living near one of their children or grandchildren may be a very desirable option.

One major advantage of a retirement community was that my parents could still participate in activities and socialize. We encouraged them to be in a place where they could continue to be active and make new friends along the way.

Decision time

My parents got very lucky. A smaller, outdated house became available across the street from my sister’s home. Coincidentally, the senior lady living in the house decided it was time to move to an assisted living community – so it was a perfect opportunity for my mom and stepdad. Ultimately, our parents decided to sell their house and purchase the smaller, one-story house across from my sister.

They didn’t know at the time, but there are many resources out there for seniors who are making a move. HALO Senior Move Solutions has worked with many vendors who specialize in helping seniors declutter, pack, move, and can even help with repairs and maintenance as they get their home ready to sell. HALO has a great realty group with over 17 years of experience helping seniors prepare to sell their homes and buy new ones.

The equity that my parents got out of their home allowed them to

pay off debts and even put a large amount of money into their new house to get it updated and more manageable for them to live in as they age. Facing upcoming physical challenges and my stepdad’s early hip issues was top of mind. Being across the street from my sister would allow them to share meals, hang out with grandkids, and always have someone nearby when they are in need of help. Having a home that they know is tailored to their senior needs, gives them some independence that they enjoy.

For many seniors, ties to family and community are what keep them in place. But if their children and grandchildren no longer live nearby, the resulting distance can pose challenges if the parents require more assistance. So it may make sense for them to move closer, or look at communities that will provide them with friends and a community of their own.

When we looked at our parents’ new home, we wanted to make sure they had basic accessibility features, like a grab bar in the bathrooms, a no-step entry into their home, and a bedroom and full bath on the first floor. We even went as far to make sure they had a fully accessible kitchen and doorways wide enough to handle a wheelchair in the event that they would need this in the future. Having done these simple steps, made all of us kids feel better about the fact that they were staying in a home.

Takeaways

Luckily for us, we were able

to get in front of this move for our parents. Waiting until a crisis occurred, or until one of them was ill, or even had an accident or fall would have left us scrambling and rushing to get them settled. Taking the time to talk through their options, having the hard conversations about facing their future as they physically face more challenges, while uncomfortable, can save you a lot of stress in the long run.

If you can, have a plan for future care for your parents wherever they end up living. The more involved you can be with your mom and dad’s daily life now, and the more familiar you are with their finances, the easier it will be to provide the help they need. Be sure to enlist siblings as well since they can help continue the discussion and share in any solution.

If your parents are reluctant to consider options, it may help to bring in a third-party expert like HALO Senior Move Solutions. HALO can help connect you with financial advisors, real estate agents, geriatric care managers, even hospice care – who are familiar with the services and retirement facilities in your parents’ town.

HALO Senior Move Solutions is a Senior Move Management company helping seniors and their families navigate the complexities of downsizing, selling the home and moving later in life. Reach them at (833) 284-HALO (4256) or at info@haloseniorso-lutions.com.

STOKES

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She previously worked as the director of research, assessment and evaluation at Indianapolis Public Schools. She has a doctorate in educational leadership from Purdue University.

Cairns says she believes people had preconceived notions about Stokes before she was named to the position.

“There was too much drama in HSE since 2021 for her to have any chance of being liked or not liked or for her to do anything,” the attorney told News 8 on Tuesday.

Stokes was confirmed in a 5-2 vote in 2021. At the time of her hiring, more than a dozen people protested outside of the administration center on Cumberland Road holding signs that said, “Education not indoctrination,” “Qualifications matter | Vote No!” and “HSE Board stop attacking our children.”

Stokes replaced Superintendent Allen Bourff, who retired at the end of the 2020-21 school year. Members of the community had launched a petition [calling on Bourff to resign](#) after he sent a letter to faculty in February 2021 detailing how to treat the Black Lives Matter movement in classrooms.

Also during Wednesday morning’s meeting, the board was poised to name Matt Kegley, assistant superintendent for teaching and learning, as the leader of the district. He will receive a new contract, the meeting agenda says.

The online agenda for the 7 a.m. meeting says it will be livestreamed. [A Facebook](#) event shared by the school district said the meeting will be in the board room of Hamilton Southeastern Schools Central Office at 13485 Cumberland Road.



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Noblesville & Zionsville Lions conduct acuity tests at Noble Crossing & White River schools



On Sept. 5 and 7, the Noblesville and Zionsville Lions Clubs donated time for visual acuity testing at Noble Crossing and White River Elementary. This is testing required by the State of Indiana and saves time for school nurses. Any discrepancies noted in the students are passed along to the parents. (Above left) Noble Crossing testing was conducted by Lions Kathy Ravenstien, Gregg Barth, Donna Fisher, Walt Scheid, Bill Kurtz, Kennedy Penwell, Gary Hipes, Lee Ann Balta, Lois Whitehead, and Steve Shaw. (Above right) White River Elementary testing was conducted by Lions Gary Hipes, Dan Dumbauld, Walt Scheid, Kathy Ravenstien, Andy Luckey, Kennedy Penwell, Lee Ann Balta, Josh Kozicki, Chery Helton, Vicki Neddenreip, and Steve Shaw.

Ridiculousness, part 1: the ‘80s were a smokin’ time, dude!

Being a forty-something husband and dad in Fishers is a great experience, in a great city at a great stage of my life. There was a time, however, when I was a pre-teen-something kid in Indy. Everyone’s gotta start somewhere.

My somewhere, or sometime really, was the ‘80s and ‘90s. Anyone alive during that time knows that the human experience today is 5 million percent different than it was then. Things that were commonplace would never ever fly now. As a kid, I never realized or even thought about how ridiculous some of the things we considered normal actually were; things I would never let my kids get away with. But it wasn’t anyone’s fault. It was literally just a different time.

So, I present to you, Ridiculous Stuff from the ‘80s and ‘90s that we could never do now: Part 1.

Riding in the back of a truck with the team.

I remember how great it was to play Little League baseball. Being 12, all I cared about was having some fun and getting the piece of baseball gum that said “Home Run” on it. But there was nothing better than that sweet taste of victory, which led to the post game trip to Dairy Queen.

Oh yes, the classic tradition of letting the entire baseball team pile up in the back of the coach’s pickup truck with no parental supervision

COLUMNIST

TIM RATHZ
Forty-something in Fishers

whatsoever and praying he doesn’t hit any bumps on the way. Why would anyone think twice about letting 12 to 15 kids pile on top of each other in the bed of the truck of a man the parents may or may not know, who may or may not have a kid on the team?

The dipped cone tasted so much sweeter because we knew we had survived the journey there.

Facing backward in a station wagon.

Anyone who has seen *National Lampoon’s Vacation* knows the “Family Truckster.” Even right now, I bet you’re picturing the green and brown station wagon driving at night in the rain with a dead Aunt Edna sitting on the roof.

Well, growing up we had our own version of a Rathz Family Truckster. While not as iconic as Clark’s pride and joy, it did serve us well. Being the youngest, I was always the one that got to sit in the far back in the backward seat and look out on the traffic behind us. I can still remember the nervous faces of the drivers behind us, wondering when I would be projectile vomiting on the rear windshield. Ah, the good old days.

And of course, I would ride back there without the one thing that could possibly keep me alive if we wrecked. Which takes me to my next line item...

Not wearing a seat belt.

There was nothing as

uncool in the ‘80s as strapping that restrictive harness across your chest or lap. I mean, why deny yourself that fun flight through the front windshield after a fender bender? I actually heard someone once say they didn’t wear their seatbelt because they thought it would decapitate them in a wreck. This truly was a time of great philosophers – the same genius minds that brought us in-car ashtrays and cigarette lighters.

Speaking of cigarettes...

Smoking anytime and anywhere.

Was there really a difference between the smoking section and the non-smok-

ing section of a restaurant? It’s not like the smoke floated to the end of that section and just stopped. Sometimes there was a booth that was in the smoking section that was right next to a booth in the non-smoking section. Now what?

Restaurants, hotels, airplanes, and hospitals; they were all cigarette playgrounds. My favorite smoking story was when I played eighth-grade football. I was one of the quarterbacks and my coach would call the plays. I remember running a quarterback end-around keeper about 50 yards for a touchdown, but it was called back for a holding penalty.

I knew my coach must have called a timeout because I saw a moving cloud of smoke coming toward me. He took the lit cigarette from his mouth and placed it in the grass. He leaned in an inch or so away from my facemask and muttered with stale tobacco breath, “You run that same play the other f****ng way.” Then he turned, picked the cig off the grass, put it back between his lips, and went back to the sidelines.

After the fog cleared from my face, I did as he said and ran for another touchdown. Oh, the glory days! And finally, speaking of smoking...

Candy cigarettes

I loved these. Especially the ones that had the red tip, so they looked like they were lit. Nothing like marketing and glorifying these beauties to babies, huh? What could go wrong? Genius!

That’s all for now, but don’t worry, I’ll be back with more because the ridiculousness never ends. The moral of the story is ... what doesn’t kill you, makes you stronger. Or maybe just lucky to have survived childhood.

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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16

9:00 SHS TOUR

10:30 HOMECOMING PARADE

12:00 SHS TOUR

1:00 POWDERPUFF

3:00 SHS TOUR

4:00 SHS TOUR

5:00 SHS TOUR

4:00-6:00 EDUCATION FOUNDATION DINNER

5:00-6:30 KID ZONE AND TAILGATES

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Monday night’s Hamilton County GOP Fall Dinner was a rare opportunity to see all five GOP gubernatorial candidates, each of whom was given five minutes to explain why he or she is best suited to serve as the next governor of Indiana. (Above, from left) U.S. Senator Mike Braun, Indiana Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers, Indiana Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch, Fort Wayne businessman Eric Doden with his wife Maci, and former Indiana Attorney General Curtis Hill all made their case to Hamilton County Republicans.

Reporter photos by Stu Clampitt



Hamilton County Republican Party Chairman Mario Massillamany proudly stands among the large crowd of his fellow Republicans at Monday’s dinner.

Reporter photo by Stu Clampitt



Three of the four gentlemen who have declared their candidacy to be the next member of Congress representing the 5th District were at Monday’s dinner. They include State Rep. Chuck Goodrich (above left), Hamilton County Republican Party Treasurer Raju Chinthala (above right), and local entrepreneur Sid Mahant (below).

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Five Indiana Leadership Forum 2023 graduates were at the dinner. (Above, from left) Jonathan Blake, Carson Smith, Lisa Everling, Tiffanie Ditlevson, and Carlton Anker.

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(Above, from left) Noblesville Common Councilman Darren Peterson, Noblesville Deputy Mayor Matt Light, County Councilman Mark Hall and his wife Lisa Hall were all kind enough to smile for The Reporter’s camera at the Fall Dinner.

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Republicans of all stripes were kind enough to pose for The Reporter’s camera at Monday night’s dinner. (Above, from left) County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt, former State Rep. Tony Cook, Carmel City Councilman Tim Griffin and his wife, Teresa Griffin, Judy Buck, wife of State Senator Jim Buck, and Delaware County Councilwoman Jessica Piper. (Below, from left) Congresswoman Victoria Spartz, Realtor and Fishers City Council candidate Tiffanie Ditlevson and her daughter Micayla, Carmel City Councilwoman and mayoral candidate Sue Finkam, and Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen.

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Docs: woman in Carmel police HQ’s lobby threatened to kill officers, employees

By GREGG MONTGOMERY
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A few minutes before 5 p.m. last Friday, Stephanie Abbo stepped into the lobby of the Carmel Police Department headquarters.

A records clerk greeted her. Abbo told him that she wanted to file a complaint.

She also told him she had a gun.

The clerk then asked if Abbo was threatening to use the gun on him.

Abbo replied, “Yes.”

News 8 on Tuesday obtained court documents to learn more about the encounter that led Carmel police to evacuate the police headquarters and cordon off the area from the public late Friday afternoon.

Abbo, 48, of Normal, Ill., appeared to be “emotionally disturbed and frustrated” and “claimed she would shoot Carmel Police Officers and employees with her firearm because of unfavorable interactions with other Police agencies in the past,” the court documents say.

“Furthermore, the accused insisted there be a

shootout between her and Officers all while she was recording the interaction on her phone.”

Other officers then became involved in the situation and helped apprehend Abbo.

The officers learned she had pepper spray, which she tried unsuccessfully to spray upon being taken into custody shortly before 5:30 p.m.

She did not have a gun.

A Carmel police negotiator, a SWAT team, and the “Event Response Group” responded, said a news release from the department spokesman. Court documents noted that Abbo was confined in the police headquarters lobby while the building was evacuated of employees and guests.

Abbo was formally

Abbo

charged Monday in Hamilton Superior Court 5 in Noblesville with three felony counts of intimidation, and one felony count of attempt to commit battery against a public safety official. On Tuesday night, she remained in the Hamilton County jail in Noblesville on \$100,000 bond.

The police department’s headquarters, which is being renovated, is located off Range Line Road between 116th and 126th streets. That’s near City Hall in a commercial area. Carmel police on social media had warned people to avoid the area during the standoff.

Anyone with information has been asked to call the police at (317) 571-2500.

Marilyn’s Place finds new Noblesville home

Submitted

It was a match made in heaven for Marilyn’s Place Non-Food Pantry (MPNFP) and the Bethel Lutheran Church congregation.

The Care Center at Bethel opened recently in a former farmhouse neighboring the church that has been at 206th Street and Cumberland Road for 25 years. Generations had gathered in that house to solve problems, give blessings and gifts, and weather life’s storms. Its first new occupant is Marilyn’s Place, a nonprofit organization that continues the tradition by providing families-in-need with home goods, hygiene products and other essentials.

“Marilyn’s Place was unable to continue its lease and faced having to end its mission last year,” explained the Rev. Dave Hill, Bethel pastor. “We heard of their plight, recognized the need and invited them to use classroom space in the church until our congregation was able to remodel the

house for them.”

Marilyn’s Place is now open Tuesday through Saturday in the Care Center at Bethel, 9810 E. 206th St. Arrangements are being made to occasionally offer social services intake and employment counseling at the center, as well.

“Food pantries bridge the gap between staying alive and eating for health. Non-food pantries eliminate having to choose between warm, clean clothes and a safe place to sleep,” explained Glenn Conn, MPNFP board president and the volunteer clients are most likely to meet at the site when they are in need of clean, used clothing, cleaning supplies or personal hygiene products.

“Food and water are survival necessities,” says Hilary Ricks, MPNFP co-founder and board officer. “Work, weather, and school-appropriate clothing, personal hygiene products, and cleaning supplies are quality-of-life necessities. So are dignity, self-esteem, and self-confi-


dence. Financial insecurity makes it difficult, if not impossible, to have all, some, or any of them.”

Bethel Lutheran Church is a 167-year-old congregation built by local people wanting to share community and God’s word. In addition to adding Marilyn’s Place to the campus, Legacy Christian School opened its satellite preschool program this month in the main building.

“The Care Center at Bethel builds on our history of being an engaged and engaging congregation that works faithfully to meet the needs of our Hamilton County neighbors,” Hill continued. “God has blessed us immeasurably with our church and property. We are humbled to join with Marilyn’s Place and Legacy to use it to help others.”

For more information on Marilyn’s place, visit MarilynsPlaceInc.org or call (317) 219-5449. For more information on Bethel Lutheran Church, visit Bethel-LutheranChurch.com or call (317) 773-4315.

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Ask The Feeding Team anything

We love hearing from all our neighbors, those who donate, take food, pantry hosts, volunteers, sponsors, and yes, even those who criticize what we do. This month's column is an "Ask Us Anything" article, featuring answers to a few recent questions the team has received.

Michelle from Fortville asks: how do you decide where the pantries go?

Great question! Thank you for asking. We research location requests and potential new locations that the team identifies using data from the American Community Survey (part of the Census). Based on area maps of family sizes and income ranges, we do our best to locate pantries within a few miles of neighborhoods with a concentration of what are referred to as gap families. These are families that make too much money to qualify for public assistance but not so much that a large, unexpected bill doesn't hurt their ability to feed their family.

Over the years we have also partnered with civic organizations, churches, schools, and government agencies to locate pantries where families who might one day be in need often frequent.

Suzanne from Sheridan asks: how come we only have one pantry in Sheridan?

We've asked ourselves that same question after failing to connect with the



MARK HALL
The Feeding Team Feature

right neighbors in Sheridan to host pantries. Frankly, it's been a struggle until recently. Just last month we were able to meet with some folks from Sheridan Community Schools and we are beginning the process of building and deploying two more pantries in Sheridan. Stay tuned – more pantries are coming.

Roberta asks: do you allow fresh produce in your pantries?

The answer is yes, but we'd prefer that they be placed on a cardboard box next to a pantry. Fresh produce inside a pantry quickly becomes bad produce. During the warmer months, this happens quite a bit. Great neighbors with big gardens donate lots of extra produce and we are grateful for any donations.

Tom from Noblesville writes that canned and boxed food can go bad if it freezes and thaws or in extreme heat. He wonders how we address this.

Great question. Before deployment, food is securely staged at our facility. Before being stocked in a pantry, food packaging, seals, and expiration dates are checked. Anything potentially compromised is discarded and never makes it into a pantry. Volunteers regularly stock and check their pantries for any issues with food, maintenance, and trash. Volunteers take out food that has remained in a pantry too long. Pantries are vented and en-

closed as added protection to food product.

Admittedly, our team can't be at every pantry every day, so as an additional protection, written warnings are posted inside of the pantries in English and Spanish (Creole where needed) reminding neighbors to check expiration dates, seals, and packaging before consuming food taken from a pantry.

It's also important to realize that hundreds of families stop by one of our pantries regularly. Canned and boxed food seldom stays in a pantry for more than a few days. Over several years of providing food to our neighbors we have had one canned food item go bad because it popped its seal. Attentiveness and high product turnover address the concerns in your question.

Over extended periods of time, high heat or freezing and thawing can compromise food in a pantry. The Feeding Team pantry model is designed to provide a few meals for many families. Especially gap families, those who don't qualify for public assistance or those who are embarrassed about being in need and who don't want any required registration. What may just be a wooden box to some people is a survival lifeline that feeds children to others.

With over 44,000 food-challenged neighbors in Hamilton County, **FeedingTeam.org** is a registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that provides outdoor 24/7/365 no-questions-asked free food pan-

FeedingTeam.org Facts
54 pantries
10,000 meals in June 2023
Over 30 volunteer families

tries throughout the county. The pantries exist to meet the food insecurity needs of gap families, neighbors who may not qualify for public assistance and could use a few meals before payday. The pantries serve as many food-challenged neighbors as possible, and our hearts are with those who, like my family, could not always make ends meet.

Thank you for supporting the pantries. We love serving with so many neighbors across Hamilton County. In future columns, we will share more stories about how your generosity served neighbors in times of need. The face of hunger in Hamilton County is not what you may think.

In practical terms, this straightforward way to help neighbors is having real impact on lives, families, and our communities. Thank you. A few meals can change the course of a person's life. A can of green beans means so much more when you have nothing to feed your kids.

Would you like to get involved? Volunteer opportunities are available. We are evaluating new pantry locations. If you think you have a potential location, please contact us.

Mark and Lisa Hall are the Founders of Feeding Team. They may be reached at lisa@feedingteam.org and mark@feedingteam.org or by calling (317) 832-1123.

Jim Probst appointed to City of Carmel Advisory Committee on Disability

The REPORTER

Jim Probst, vice president and general manager of Carmel-based BraunAbility, has been appointed to the Carmel Advisory Committee on Disability. He was appointed by the City Council to fulfill the term left vacant after Wendy Kiefel stepped down.

Probst will serve until the end of 2023 and will then be eligible for reappointment by the Council.

Probst has been involved in wheelchair accessibility since the early 1990s when he began working for a company that built wheelchair-accessible vans. In 1999, he founded his own manufacturing business in Kalamazoo, Mich., which

was purchased by BraunAbility in 2011.

In his current role, Probst oversees the com-



Probst

mercial business that encompasses wheelchair-accessible vehicles, wheelchair lifts and ramps used in school buses, cutaway shuttles, minivans, motorcoaches, taxis, and autonomous vehicles. He spends significant time engaged in global transportation activities. He moved to Carmel in 2021 with his wife and two children, who are now attending college in Indiana.

BraunAbility's global headquarters moved to Carmel in 2019, followed by the Global Innovation Lab, which was built in 2020.



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September 23-29, Promise Road Elementary School, Noblesville

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Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch welcomes humanitarian aid efforts from Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Submitted
Around 450 people filled the Indiana Statehouse last Friday for a special reception connecting civic and faith leaders with a focus on humanitarian aid.

The “Come and See” reception featured Hoosier members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and the Church’s global Relief Society President Camille Johnson.

Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch delivered a keynote address at the reception after meeting with Johnson personally. After the private meeting, Lt. Gov. Crouch explained why it’s important to connect civic and faith leaders.

“It was the best part of the meeting simply because here is a woman who represents and leads other women, some 7 million women globally, 16,000 here in Indiana whose mission and purpose is to help others in need, and to know that we have faith based organizations like [Latter-day Saints] and we have leaders like Johnson who are actually leading the way and setting the example for us,” Lt. Gov. Crouch said, “because at the end of the day it’s what we do for other people that really is our worth and our legacy and so how we give back and how we take care of others and how the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is doing that and living it every



single day throughout the world and throughout Indiana is incredible.”

Dozens of lawmakers and civic leaders attended the event including State Comptroller Tera Klutz, State Senate Minority Leader Greg Taylor, and a bipartisan gathering of state representatives and senators. Sen. Taylor addressed the gathering, encouraging everyone to break down barriers, unify with others, and serve all in need.

“Start being comfortable with being uncomfortable,” State Sen. Taylor said. “Go into the communities where you know your service is going to be needed. Everybody has the same feeling about themselves: they

want to sustain themselves, their families, they care about each other. Try to put yourself in an uncomfortable position so that later on, you are so comfortable that they call on you when service is needed.”

There are 45,000 members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Indiana. That’s less than 1 percent of the state’s population, but their humanitarian work reaches each Indiana county, hundreds of Indiana nonprofits, and hundreds of thousands of Hoosiers.

“I hope that those that attended today will see the Church as a trusted collaborator,” Johnson said. “We share a common objective and that is to bless the lives

of families here in Indiana. It was delightful to be here with the gracious people of Indiana. I truly felt their Hoosier hospitality.”

The Relief Society is one of the world’s largest women’s organizations with 7 million members and 16,000 in Indiana. Annually, it donates about \$1 billion in humanitarian aid and accomplishes 6 million volunteer hours. Its members are serving right now in Hawaii and Florida for disaster relief.

Lawmakers and guests toured six informational booths about the Church of Jesus Christ’s contributions to Indiana, including humanitarian, interfaith cooperation, disaster relief, and local service efforts.

Carmel Professional Firefighters Local 4444 endorses Sue Finkam for Carmel Mayor

The REPORTER

The Carmel Professional Firefighters Union Local 4444 announced on Monday its support and endorsement of Sue Finkam for Mayor in the upcoming general election on Nov. 7.

“Sue Finkam has displayed an unwavering commitment to the firefighters and paramedics of the city of Carmel during her three terms as city councilor, and we are confident her leadership and experience make her the best choice for Carmel moving forward,” Local 4444 stated in a news released. “Finkam is the

only mayoral candidate to present a public safety plan that addresses the future safety of our citizens and recognizes the need to continue to grow and expand the capabilities of the fire department with the continued growth within our community. Sue Finkam will prioritize the well-being of the citizens of Carmel and those who serve to protect it. The members of Carmel Professional Firefighters Local 4444 ask you to join



Finkam

them on Nov. 7 in voting for Sue Finkam to be our next mayor.”

“This endorsement is a testament to our shared vision of public safety and protecting our community,” Finkam. “As your next mayor, I am committed to prioritizing public safety to continue making Carmel the best place to live, work, raise a family and retire.”

Local 4444 also announced endorsements for Carmel City Council for

the Nov. 7 general election. They are:

- Jeff Worrell – At Large
- Matt Snyder – At Large
- Rich Taylor – At Large
- Adam Aasen – Southeast District
- Tony Green – South Central District
- Ryan Locke – Northwest District
- Shannon Minnaar – Northeast District

“Carmel Firefighters’ number one priority is to keep the citizens of Carmel safe,” Local 4444 said. “These endorsements reflect the candidates for city council that share in that commitment.”

Potential ‘cat-astrophe’ avoided in Zionsville

By HANNA MORDOH
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Zionsville Police came to the rescue and helped avoid a “cat-astrophe” on Monday by performing a purrrfect rescue of kittens stuck in the engine of a car.

The department [posted on Facebook](#), “Something you don’t see everyday... This morning, Officers on dayshift rescued four kittens who found themselves stuck in the engine compartment of a vehicle. Despite the suspects resisting police, no charges were filed.”

Police also posted if that if anyone is interested in adopting a kitten, they can call the Boone County Dispatch at (765) 482-1412 and ask for Officer Mandie Beam.

Meow, this isn’t the first time felines have found themselves in precarious situations needing first responders’ help in central Indiana.



Photos by Zionsville Police

If you’d like to adopt these feisty felines, call Boone County Dispatch at (765) 482-1412 and ask for Officer Mandie Beam.

In July, the Wayne Township Fire Department said they performed some “[delicate rescue work](#)” after they helped rescue a curious kitten that got her head stuck in a cabinet. Firefighters said the kitten was lucky enough not to lose any of her nine lives in the process.

In June, the [Carmel Fire Department](#) pulled a whole family of kittens from a storm drain. [A video](#) of the hair-raising rescue was

shared on social media.

The fire department posted, “Meow this is a cute one! We routinely pull baby ducks out of storm drains, but today we pulled a whole family of kittens out! Not sure how they ended up there, but all were rescued safely and are on their way to the Hamilton County Humane Society!”

Speaking of birds of a feather, in [April the Carmel Fire Department](#) made a gosling rescue with the

help of some high school students.

The Carmel Fire Department said in a [Facebook post](#) that several Carmel High School students witnessed a frantic mother goose before realizing one of its babies had fallen in a storm drain in the school’s parking lot. The students then called for help and the Carmel Fire Department came to the rescue. Shortly after, the baby was safely reunited with its family.

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Hamilton County celebrating women in law enforcement

By AMICIA RAMSEY
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Women in Hamilton County are changing the game in law enforcement, a field traditionally dominated by men.

In recent years, more women are now deciding to join the ranks of law enforcement professionals.

In celebration of National Police Woman Day, the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) is hosting the "Women in Law Enforcement Forum" at 6:30 p.m. this evening, Sept. 13. It's located at 18106 Cumberland Road in Noblesville.

HCSO officials say the event aims to highlight the experiences and perspectives of female law enforcement employees, offering insight into their roles and responsibilities.

At the forum, female law enforcement professionals will discuss their careers, including hiring standards, academy expectations, healthcare benefits, day-to-day duties, and unique challenges they face.

Attendees will also hear from guest speakers from the Cherish Center Child Advocacy Center and a member of the Hamilton County Sexual Assault Response Team.

It's not easy being cheesy: Ford's Garage offers freebie with any burger purchase

Submitted

Cheese, please!

Celebrate National Cheeseburger Day on Sept. 18 with a half-pound gourmet burger from **Ford's Garage**, your neighborhood burger and brew joint inspired by the heritage of the Ford Motor Company.

Located in the Hamilton Town Center at 13193 Levinson Lane No. 10, the restaurant is known for its variety of fresh, never frozen burgers, such as the Ford's Signature, Model "A" and Jiffy Burger, all served to perfection on a Brioche or European pretzel bun.

For National Cheeseburger Day only (Sept. 18), Ford's Garage will offer guests who dine in the restaurant a free Coca-Cola fountain beverage with the purchase of any burger.

Diners can commemorate the foodie holiday and expand their cheeseburger horizons by sampling unique new flavor combinations from the Ford's Garage Burgers of Fame menu, including:

- **The Jiffy Burger** – American cheese, applewood smoked bacon, chopped romaine and creamy peanut butter on a brioche bun.
- **Estate Burger** – Smoked gouda cheese, sweet red onion marmalade, arugula, tomato, crispy onion straws, and white truffle bacon aioli on a brioche bun.
- **High-Octane** – Tillamook pepper jack cheese, guacamole, chipotle ketchup, chopped romaine, tomato, red onion and fresh jalapeño peppers on a brioche bun.

The restaurants' Burgers of Fame are unique to each location and are named after iconic and impactful individuals and organizations in the community, such as the mayor, local influencers, and nonprofits.

Vegetarian but still want to celebrate? Ford's Garage allows guests to substitute the fresh half-pound Black Angus patty for a veggie burger.

Saturation patrol targeting dangerous & impaired drivers resulted in eight arrests

The REPORTER

This past weekend, the Indiana State Police Pendleton District conducted a saturation patrol across the eight counties in the district with the primary focus on impaired driving.

The targeted patrols ran throughout the weekend. Troopers worked on days off and moved their shifts to have an increased presence during the targeted patrol times.

The saturation patrols resulted in the following:

- 313 traffic stops
- 16 criminal cases
- 8 arrests for operating while intoxicated
- 2 warrant arrests
- 1 arrest for resisting law enforcement with a vehicle
- 1 arrest for habitual traffic violator
- 1 arrest for operating while never receiving a license
- 1 arrest for possession of cocaine
- 6 arrests for possession of marijuana
- 2 arrests for possession of paraphernalia

The State Police is committed to making Indiana roadways safer by continuing to conduct saturation patrols to locate and apprehend impaired drivers. Remember, designate a sober driver or use ride-sharing companies.

To report a suspected impaired driver, please call 9-1-1. When you call, be prepared to describe the vehicle, location, and direction of travel.

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The Reporter



Heartland International Film Festival announces *The Lionheart, Rustin* & *The Holdovers* as this year's event films

The REPORTER

Heartland Film has announced its three major event film titles ahead of the 32nd annual Heartland International Film Festival (HIFF), set for Oct. 5 to 15 across five locations in the Indianapolis area.

Named one of *Movie-Maker Magazine's* 2023 "Top 25 Coolest Film Festivals in the World," the Festival has become a major Midwest stop for fall titles on the awards season circuit. Last year's closing night film, *The Whale*, went on to win two Academy Awards, including Best Actor in a Leading Role for Brendan Fraser in addition to Best Makeup and Hairstyling.

Opening Night of HIFF 2023 will showcase *The Lionheart* from HBO and TIME Studios, a documentary about the late two-time Indy 500 winner Dan Wheldon, 10 years after his shocking death. Centerpiece will feature *Rustin* from Netflix, starring Emmy and Heartland Film award-winning actor Colman Domingo as Civil Rights leader Bayard Rustin. Closing Night will spotlight *The Holdovers* from Focus Features, directed by Academy Award-winner Alexander Payne and starring Academy Award-nominee Paul Giamatti.

Both Domingo and Giamatti have been featured on early lists as top contenders for best leading actor heading into awards season. Domingo was honored by Heartland Film with the Pioneering Spirit Award at the 2022 Indy Shorts International Film Festival. His short films, *New Moon* and *North Star*, were official selections at the Festival and went on to win Audience Choice Awards.

Opening Night:
The Lionheart
Presented by The Klapper Family Foundation
Thursday, Oct. 5,
The Toby at Newfields

When Dan Wheldon, two-time Indy 500 Champion, is killed in one of the worst crashes in IndyCar history, it shakes motorsports to its core. Ten years later, Dan's two boys, Sebastian and Oliver, follow in their father's footsteps as they work through their loss the only way they know how: getting behind the wheel to race.

"Indianapolis is the racing capital of the world, and *The Lionheart* is a perfect choice for opening night as a tribute to Dan Wheldon, who became a legend in our city," said Heartland Film Artistic Director Greg Sorvig. "Director Laura Brownson has crafted a moving and intimate tribute about the man, his family, and their legacy."

Executive produced by Ian Orefice, Loren Hammonds, Rebecca Teitel, Connor Schell, Aaron Cohen, Kristen Lappas, Bryn Mooser, Justin Lacob, Andy

Hsieh, and Adrian Sussmann. Produced by Maclain Way, Chapman Way, Laura Brownson, and Carolyn Craddock.

Centerpiece: *Rustin*
Presented by IndyStar/LOCALiQ
Wednesday, Oct. 11,
The Toby at Newfields

The architect of 1963's momentous March on Washington, Bayard Rustin, was one of the greatest activists and organizers the world has ever known. He challenged authority and never apologized for who he was, what he believed, or who he desired – and he did not back down. He made history, and in turn, he was forgotten.

Directed by DGA Award and five-time Tony Award winner George C. Wolfe and starring Emmy Award winner Colman Domingo, *Rustin* shines a long overdue spotlight on the extraordinary man who, alongside giants like the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr., Adam Clayton Powell Jr., and Ella Baker, dared to imagine a different world, and inspired a movement in a march toward freedom. Produced by Academy Award-winner Bruce Cohen, Higher Ground's Tonia Davis and George C. Wolfe, the film features an all-star cast including Chris Rock, Glynn Turman, Aml Ameen, Gus Halper, CCH Pounder, Da'Vine Joy Randolph, Johnny Ramey, Michael Potts, with Jeffrey Wright and Audra McDonald. Written by Julian Breece and Dustin Lance Black. Story by Julian Breece. The film's score was composed by three-time Grammy-winning saxophonist, composer, bandleader, and music historian Branford Marsalis. Multiple Grammy Award-winner Lenny Kravitz contributed an original song, "Road To Freedom."

"Colman Domingo was honored last year by Heartland Film with our Pioneering Spirit Award, an honor bestowed to artists at the top of their craft and in the prime of their career," Sorvig said. "His performance in *Rustin* embodies that honor, and we are thrilled to share this performance and story with audiences as our Centerpiece title."

Closing Night:
The Holdovers
Presented by The Klapper Family Foundation
Sunday, Oct. 15,
The Toby at Newfields

From acclaimed director Alexander Payne, *The Holdovers* follows a curmudgeonly instructor (Paul Giamatti) at a New England prep school who is forced to remain on campus during Christmas break to babysit the handful of students with nowhere to go. Eventually, he forms an unlikely bond with one of them – a damaged, brainy troublemaker (newcomer Dominic Sessa) – and with the school's head cook, who has just lost a son

in Vietnam (Da'Vine Joy Randolph).

Written by David Hemingson. Executive produced by Andrew Golov, Thom Zadra and Chris Stinson. Produced by Mark Johnson, P.G.A., Bill Block and David Hemingson.

"Alexander Payne is a director I have admired for years, and it's a thrill to celebrate his latest project as our Closing Night film," Sorvig said. "Paul Giamatti leads a strong and intimate ensemble that will really connect with our audiences on a high note to end the 32nd edition of the Heartland International Film Festival."

Beyond these three screenings, the 32nd HIFF, with the theme "You Can't Look Away," will feature more than 120 films across 11 days, both in person and virtual. The full lineup, including 18 World/U.S. premiere titles and 44 regional premieres, will be revealed on Friday, Sept. 15 at heartlandfilmfestival.org.

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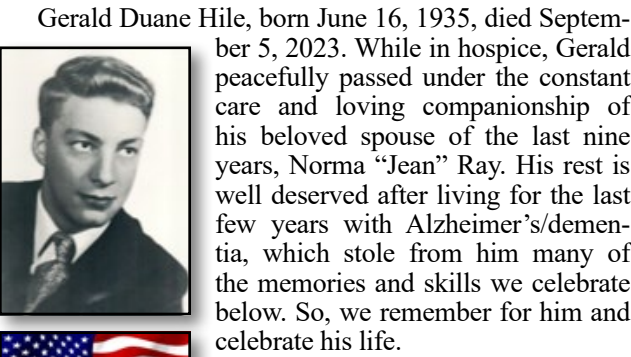
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Gerald Duane Hile

June 16, 1935 – September 5, 2023



Gerald Duane Hile, born June 16, 1935, died September 5, 2023. While in hospice, Gerald peacefully passed under the constant care and loving companionship of his beloved spouse of the last nine years, Norma “Jean” Ray. His rest is well deserved after living for the last few years with Alzheimer’s/dementia, which stole from him many of the memories and skills we celebrate below. So, we remember for him and celebrate his life.

Gerald is preceded in death by his first spouse, Carolyn Jean Hile, who is the mother of his three sons who survive him, Steven R. Watkins (Lorraine) of Denver, Colo., Michael W. Hile (Silverio) of Indianapolis, and Gary S. Hile (Pamela) of Orlando, Fla., and their respective families. He also is survived by Jean’s daughters who became his family, Tammy Juriansz (Robert) of Coventry, R.I., Desiree Harning (Patrick), of Powell, Ohio, and Terrie Chambers (Duane) of Noblesville, and their respective families.

Gerald was born in Columbia City, Ind., the third of three sons to Joseph Merle and Divona Hile. His oldest brother, Warren Hile (Dixie), predeceased him and his second oldest brother, Lowell Hile (Nancy) survives him. He was a loyal member of Jefferson High School class of 1953 and remained close to his friends from there. He was a Journeyman mold maker and an expert tool and die maker who, as a member of the United Rubber Workers, worked in the Northern Indiana rubber parts industry for over 40 years. He took pride in the fact that he was known to all as the man who could make or fix anything and make things work. When he was not telling someone about the project he was working on or contemplating, he would be telling them funny stories about his time spent in the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps as a food safety inspector (1958-59) or his misspent youth catching and trucking chickens to the markets in Chicago and Detroit.

He was a member of the Cicero Seventh-day Adventist Church and was active in church activities and functions during his life, including, at various times, holding the positions of Elder, Deacon and Sabbath School Teacher. He was and is loved.

A memorial service to celebrate Gerald’s life and commemorate his passing will be held at 2:30 p.m. EDT on Saturday, September 23, 2023, at the Cicero Seventh-day Adventist Church, 24445 State Road 19, Cicero. The Church also will host a reception after the service.

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Kenneth Anderson

July 20, 1959 – September 9, 2023



Officer Kenneth Anderson, 64, a beloved and dedicated public servant, passed away on Saturday, September 9, 2023, surrounded by loving family and friends at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born on July 20, 1959, in Noblesville, and leaves behind a legacy of unwavering service and love.

Kenneth’s life was a testament to his commitment to service. He dedicated 19 years of his life to the Indiana State Police, serving with a specialized division and distinguishing himself as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) specialist. His 20-year career in the United States Air Force culminated with the rank of Master Sergeant, earning numerous awards and honors. Kenneth’s diverse roles included K9 training and various assignments with Security Forces, showcasing his versatility and dedication to his duty.

Beyond his impressive professional accomplishments, Kenneth was a multifaceted individual who embraced life’s adventures. He was a true outdoorsman, finding solace in the wild and demonstrating a knack for survival in the wilderness. His love for travel took him to distant corners of the world, and he had a special fondness for camping in the mountains, where he felt connected to nature. Kenneth was also a music enthusiast, with a passion for mastering the bagpipes.

Kenneth’s role as a beloved husband, father, grandfather, son, uncle, and friend brought him the most joy. He is survived by his devoted wife, Jootharat Anderson, who stood by his side through thick and thin. His daughter, Katherine (Richard) Anderson, and grandson, Riley Sindel Anderson, brought immeasurable happiness to his life. Kenneth’s mother, Norma Anderson, sister, Kay (Cheryl) Hodson, sister-in-law, Robin Anderson, and nieces and nephews, Brandon Anderson, Jessica Anderson, Matt (Stephanie) Hodson, and Becky (Lance) Larsen, all held special places in his heart.

Yet, it was Kenneth’s heartwarming personality that endeared him to all. He possessed a unique ability to ignite laughter, with an infectious sense of humor that could brighten any room. Joy radiated from him, illuminated by his calm, gentle, and fun-loving approach to life.

Officer Kenneth Anderson’s legacy of service, love for the outdoors, infectious humor, and boundless love for his family and friends will forever be etched in the hearts of those who knew him. His memory will continue to inspire and uplift us, reminding us to find joy in the simplest of moments and to cherish the bonds we share with one another.

To celebrate Kenneth’s life, friends and family are invited to pay their respects during visitation hours from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, September 15, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. An additional hour of visitation will be from 11 a.m. to noon, followed by a procession and funeral services starting at noon on Saturday, September 16, 2023, at the funeral home. Kenneth will be laid to rest at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

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TODAY’S BIBLE READING
THE THREE VISITORS

The Lord appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

He said, “If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant.”

“Very well,” they answered, “do as you say.”

So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. “Quick,” he said, “get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread.”

Genesis 18:1-6 (NIV)

Jeremy Nelson Hopkins

May 25, 1985 – September 8, 2023



Jeremy Nelson Hopkins, 38, Noblesville, passed away after a battle with cancer on Friday, September 8, 2023, at IU Health Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born on May 25, 1985, to Brett and Laura (Heiny) Hopkins in Heidelberg, Germany.

Jeremy graduated from Noblesville High School in 2004, was summa cum laude at Indiana State University, and received a Doctorate in Chiropractic from Logan University. He was a brave veteran who proudly served the country he loved in the U.S. Army Reserves for nine years. Jeremy was a gentle giant with a big smile who loved everyone fiercely. His faith in God was cornerstone; he knew where he was headed, and he exhibited grace at all times. Jeremy had a compassion for others and dedicated his life to helping others. He loved his daughter, Vivian, who was the light of his life.

Jeremy is survived by his parents, Brett & Laura Hopkins; daughter, Vivian Hopkins; brother, Joshua (Cassandra) Hopkins; nephews, Braydon Hopkins, Braxton Horn, and Ryker Hopkins; uncle, Bryan Hopkins; aunts, Suellen (Mike) Fletcher and Vickie Hopkins; cousins, Megan Hopkins and Matthew Fletcher; great-aunt, Nancy Atterson; Vivian’s mother, Stephanie Weeks Hopkins; and special aunt, Brenda Gonzales.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his grandparents, Jim & Wilma Heiny and Orville & Katherine Hopkins; and uncle, Randall Hopkins.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 28, 2023, at White River Christian Church, 1685 N. 10th St., Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a college fund for Vivian. Vivian H ’s Ugift code: G1V-K9B. To make a gift contribution using Ugift: 1. Go to Ugift529.com. 2. Enter the Ugift code: G1V-K9B. 3. Enter your name and the amount of your gift. 4. Make your gift via electronic funds transfer or check.

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Meeting Notices

The Mt. Vernon Board of School Trustees will meet to discuss the collective bargaining agreement from 6 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 14, 2023, at the Mt. Vernon Administrative Service Center, 1806 W. State Road 234, Fortville.

The Noblesville Economic Development Council Committee meeting scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2023, has been canceled.

Send Meeting Notices to:
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The Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Board will meet in an executive session to discuss land, litigation, and personnel at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 18, 2023.

A regular meeting will follow at 6 p.m. at Osprey Pointe Pavilion, 19777 Morse Park Lane, Noblesville.

The Hamilton County Commissioners will meet at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 21, 2023, at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

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Thomas Godby

August 8, 1936 – September 10, 2023



Thomas Godby, 87, Sheridan, passed away on Sunday, September 10, 2023, at home. He was born the eldest of three sons to Richard and Ruth (Cobb) Godby on August 8, 1936. He was married to Marilyn (Parks) Godby for 51 years prior to her passing in 2010.

After graduating from Sheridan High School in 1954, he earned a Rehabilitation Engineering Technologist (RET) Associate Degree and a BS in Electrical Engineering degree from Valparaiso Technical Institute. He enjoyed a 31-year career in engineering and manufacturing in the field of Integrated Circuits with Delco Electronics, Kokomo, Ind., as manager of Fab III. After retiring in 1992, he finished his career with United Medical Manufacturing in Indianapolis, retiring in 1997 as Director of Operations.

He was a member of the Sheridan Friends Church for over 40 years where he served as Trustee. He also attended the Lord's Church in Winter Haven, Fla. He a member of the Sheridan First United Methodist Church. His retirement activities included traveling, scroll saw art, acrylic painting, wood lathe pen turning, and family caretaking. He enjoyed his later retirement wintering in Winter Haven, Fla., traveling the country and boating on Lake Henry.

He was a long-time member of the Sheridan Rotary Club where he served as President and was a multiple Paul Harris Fellow. He was a member of the Paul Harris Society and the Rotary Bequest Society. A major donor to the Rotary Foundation, he and his wife, Marilyn, established an endowment to provide clean water in third world countries. They also founded an endowment for scholarships for Sheridan High School graduates. He was a member of the Sheridan Historical Society.

Tom is survived by his partner, Jean Jones; sons, Brian Godby (Carol Anne) of Merritt Island, Fla., and Michael Godby of Camby, Ind.; grandchildren, Seth (Nicole) Godby, Erin (Dustin) Russell, Cara Jean (Ryan) Miller, and Luciann Godby; great-grandchildren, Zane Godby, Brett Godby, Justice Godby, Hendrix Godby, Alaina Miller, and Amelia Miller; brother, Ron Godby (Mary) of Kendallville, Ind.; sister-in-law, Marilyn Godby of Papillion, Neb.; and several nieces and nephews. Tom is also survived by Jean's daughters, Susie Browning of Sheridan, and Debbie Peterson of Peru.

He was preceded in death by his brother, John (Marilyn) Godby.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, September 15, 2023, at the Sheridan First United Methodist Church, 207 E. 2nd St., Sheridan. Funeral services will be held on at 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 16, 2023, at the Sheridan First United Methodist Church. Burial will follow at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to either the American Heart Association, or to the Sheridan Rotary Club.

Condolences: kerchevalfuneralhome.com

James Joseph (Joe) Edwards

August 26, 1940 – September 8, 2023



James Joseph (Joe) Edwards, loving and devoted husband, proud father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, faithful friend, and humble public servant entered his eternal heavenly home on Friday, September 8, 2023.

Born on August 26, 1940, to James and Betty Edwards, he was the oldest of seven children. Joe cherished his growing up years filled with many adventures around his beloved Westfield. He graduated from Westfield High School in 1958 and was inducted into the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame in 2011. He attended Butler University where he earned a B.S. in Business Management in 1963.

Joe is known for his commitment to serve Westfield, his strong faith, and his deep love of family. He married Jo Ann in 1961 and they have celebrated almost 62 years of marriage. Together they built a life in Westfield and raised their family. Among his favorite things were cheering on the Shamrocks, enjoying a good laugh, and his family gathering for Sunday dinner. He developed a love of agriculture during his childhood on the farm south of Westfield, so it was in working at Indiana Farm Bureau from 1963 to 1998 that Joe felt at home. His initial position was that of a field representative, but he retired as Treasurer and CFO. He spent much of his life traveling the state of Indiana and developing friendships with the farmers he served. He was also a member of the Steering Committee for the formation of Farm Bureau Bank. He later became a partner/owner of Edwards/Steele Financial Services.

Joe has served on the Hospital Authority of Hamilton County; Hamilton County Economic Development Commission; Westfield Town Council from 1980 to 1991, president six years; Washington Township Advisory Board; Westfield City Council from 2015 to present, president three years; and Board of Directors and Treasurer of Quaker Hill Foundation. Joe was a 50-year member of the Westfield Lions Club, and a lifelong member of Westfield Friends Church. He will be remembered as loyal, dependable, steady, and a man of his word by those who knew him.

Joe is survived by his adoring family: His wife, Jo Ann (King) Edwards and daughter, Jackie Hiatt (husband, Dale), and Meg Edwards; his six grandchildren, Ben Hiatt (wife, Anne), Ryan Hiatt (wife, Kellie), Michael Hiatt (wife, Katy), Levi Hiatt (wife, Allison), Kayla (Edwards) Cross (husband, Seth), and Aaron Heinzman; 13 great-grandchildren, James, Elizabeth, George and Caroline Hiatt; Dale, Duke, and Joseph Hiatt; Ella and Sophia Hiatt; Isaac and Wade Hiatt; and Millie and Edie Cross; and siblings, Tom Edwards, Walter Edwards (wife, Olga), Elaine Hinshaw, Diane Garrett (husband, Don), Les Edwards, and Susannah Santangini (husband, Greg).

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, James Isaac Edwards and Betty Louise (Furnas) Edwards, as well as his son, Joseph Wade (Joey) Edwards.

Visitation for Mr. Edwards will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, September 15 at Westfield Friends Church, 324 S. Union St., Westfield. His funeral will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, September 16 at Westfield Friends Church.

Donations in honor of Joe may be made to Westfield Friends Church, 324 S. Union St., Westfield, IN 46074; or Heart and Soul Free Clinic, 17338 Westfield Park Road, Westfield, IN 46074.

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Traci Leigh Boyd

May 10, 1967 – August 10, 2023



Traci Leigh Boyd, 56, Indianapolis, passed away on August 10, 2023. She was born on May 10, 1967, in South Bend, Ind., to Robert "Bob" and Rebecca "Becky" (Pineda) Boyd.

As a young adult, Traci was full of fire and tenacity. She competed in the junior Olympics as a teenager and played recreationally in her 20s and 30s. She obtained her bachelor's degree in telecommunications in under four years while balancing the responsibility of being a single mother. Traci made a career for herself at State Farm, where she worked for nearly 30 years. She loved spending time with her family and friends more than almost anything, especially her grandkids. Traci was a practical jokester. Always scheming to surprise innocent bystanders, usually with herself as the butt of the joke. She was also a huge fan of live music, often boasting about the time she went to downtown Detroit to see Bob Seger when she was only 14.

To honor her memory and help others who are struggling with the same disease she did, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Community Fairbanks Recovery Center, online at ecommunity.com/give or by mail at Community Fairbanks, 7330 Shadeland Station, Ste. 150, Indianapolis, IN 46256.

Traci is survived by her children, Nicole Haight and Jesse Boyd; parents, Bob and Becky Boyd; grandchildren, Ruby and Dean Haight; and siblings, Mark Boyd, Laureen Edgerton, and Karen Van't Hoff.

A memorial visitation for Traci was held on Saturday, September 9, 2023, at Feeney Hornak Keystone Mortuary, 2126 E. 71st St., Indianapolis, IN 46220. A memorial service immediately followed. Traci always asked for a party at her funeral, so family and friends were invited to wear their party clothes.

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Leroy Clark McKinley

July 26, 1941 – July 18, 2023



Leroy Clark McKinley, 81, Carmel, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, July 18, 2023. He was born on July 26, 1941, in Indianapolis to Loran and Margret (Millikan) McKinley and raised with his brother Loran "Mac" McKinley and his sister Sarah May. A graduate of Sheridan High School's class of 1959, he was class president and continued to enjoy annual gatherings with teammates he played basketball with during the Hobbs era.

He was dedicated to God in all areas of his life, which was evident in his love for the Lord and his family. He was married to his loving wife, Sarah Dian (Hillock) McKinley, for 62 years and was a loving father to his children Michael Leroy (Sheri) McKinley, William Loran (Dawn) McKinley, Christina Marie Kelly, and Kathryn Michele McKinley.

Leroy was a current member of Westfield Friends meeting and served as a pastor with Indiana Friends Yearly Meeting at Cadiz Friends, Morgan Creek Friends, Nettle Creek Friends and Jonesboro Friends meetings. He was a founding member of Brandywine Community Church in Greenfield, Ind., and volunteered with World Renewal, and at Heritage Village, Jonesboro Food Pantry, and Carmel United Methodist Food Pantry.

He was a dedicated employee of General Motors for 36 years. He may not have always had a green thumb, but he delighted in all of God's creation. Leroy never met a stranger, always having time for a conversation, or an encouraging word to everyone he met.

Leroy is survived by his wife and children; his grandchildren, Jennifer McKinley, Jessica (Hayden) Heeb, Kori (Brent) Williamson, D.J. (Michelle) Wood, Jacob (Taylor) McKinley, Erin McKinley, Chelsea (Karolyn) Copenhagen, Noelle (Kodi) Rodriguez, Gordon (Brook) Copenhagen, Ian Copenhagen, and Lauren (Danila) Kelly; and great-grandchildren Jamison, Liam, Evie, Teddy, Christopher, Catherine, and River.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Loran and Margret (Millikan) McKinley; sister, Sara May; and by his brother, Loran "Mac" McKinley.

Leroy was laid to rest during a private graveside service at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. A celebration of life open house was held at the Hunters Glen Condo Clubhouse in Carmel.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Quaker Haven Camp, 111 EMS D16C Lane, Syracuse, IN 46567.

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Dennis Lee Griffin

May 29, 1940 – September 11, 2023



Dennis Lee Griffin, 83, Sheridan, passed away on September 11, 2023, at his home with his family and friends at his side.

He was born on May 29, 1940, in Cicero to Julian Edward and Mary Catherine (Widows) Griffin. He grew up in the Jackson Township area and graduated from Jackson Central High School, a consolidation of Cicero, Arcadia and Atlanta schools.

Dennis had worked for several years at Delco Remy in Anderson, Ind. He also was a police officer in Noblesville and Lapel, plus he had worked security duties at Riverview Hospital in Noblesville.

During leisure time he liked to golf and travel. He also liked to attend and compete in classic car shows. But, most of all he loved his family and enjoyed spending time with them.

Surviving him is a son, Dennis Eugene (Pat) Griffin of Noblesville; daughters, Donna Gay Hall of Anderson, Ind., and Sabrina Michelle Griffin of Alexandria, Ind.; brothers, Lanny Griffin of Tullahoma, Tenn., and Rick Griffin of Cicero; sisters, Joan Stout of Nashville, Ind., and Noreen Ferguson of Cicero; significant other, Patty; plus 17 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

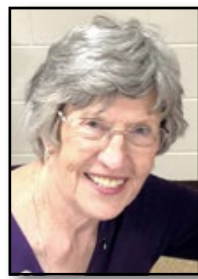
Preceding him in death in addition to his parents is a brother, Larry Griffin, and daughters, Tami Brewster and Beverly Baker.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at Hartley Funeral Home Cicero Chapel, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero, with burial to follow at Cicero Cemetery. A time of visitation will be from 1 p.m. until time of the services.

You may send condolences at hartleyfuneralhomes.com.

Billie Jean Dixon Kimbrell

March 21, 1935 – September 10, 2023



Billie Jean Dixon Kimbrell, 88, Noblesville, died on Sunday, September 10, 2023, surrounded by her loving family.

Billie Jean was born on March 21, 1935, in West Point, Tenn., to Willie and Coral Dixon. She grew up in Collinwood, Tenn., with her siblings, Betty Ruth, Ruby, Mary Tom, Sonny, and Sue. She married Ned Kimbrell on September 2, 1951, in Corinth, Miss. Together they were blessed with four children, Tim, TK, Keith, and Sherri.

Billie Jean was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend, as well as an extraordinary cook and homemaker. Before retiring, Billie Jean worked as a school bus driver in Noblesville, where she lived for 72 years. She was a devout member of the Church of God Worldwide Association. She was a devoted wife to Ned for 72 years, as well as a doting matriarch to her four children, eight grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Billie Jean enjoyed cooking, traveling, sewing, and spending time with family and friends, charming all who crossed her path with her unwavering kindness and bright sense of humor. She was quick to share cherished stories, hilarious quips, home remedies and recipes, and delicious home-cooked meals with those who were fortunate enough to know her.

Billie Jean is survived by her husband, Ned Kimbrell; her brother, Oscar "Sonny" Dixon; her sons, Tim Kimbrell, Terry "TK" Kimbrell, and Keith Kimbrell; her daughter, Sherri Kimbrell Green; her grandchildren, Kelli Kimbrell, Jacob Green, Justin Kimbrell, Hailey Mager, Terah Kimbrell, Brock Green, Kyleigh Kimbrell, and Matthew Steadham; and her beloved great-grandchildren, Makain Short, Cole Carter, River Kimbrell, Dawson Mink, and Landon Mager.

Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with services at 1 p.m., on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Dave Meyer will officiate. Burial will follow at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

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Soccer

Sheridan boys start week with two big wins, Guerin Catholic girls now conference champs

The REPORTER

The Sheridan boys soccer team picked up two exciting wins to begin the week.

On Monday, the Blackhawks beat Taylor in penalty kicks to claim a Hoosier Heartland Conference victory. The final score was 1-1, with Sheridan winning the PK round 4-3.

The Titans scored the game's first goal in the first half, but the Blackhawks came back to tie the game

when Trai Fitzgerald scored off a Carsen Aleman assist. In the penalty kick round, 'Hawks goalkeeper Cayden Spencer blocked Taylor's first kick. Carsen Aleman made Sheridan's first PK, then Jackson Aleman, Evan Krakora and Donovan Aleman-Lewis followed that by making their kicks. The Titans missed a final kick, and that finished the game.

The 'Hawks followed that up with a 4-0 win over North Montgomery on Tuesday. Aleman-Lewis scored the first goal early, with Carsen Aleman putting in the second goal before halftime.

Sheridan's defense tightened up in the second half, and Spencer made eight saves to earn his first career shutout. Meanwhile, senior Tyler Garner scored a goal, then Carsen Aleman put in his second goal of the game.

The 'Hawks are 2-4-1 and host Shortridge on Thursday.

In a Monday all-county girls game, Hamilton Heights traveled to Sheridan and came home with a 2-0 victory.

Ella Hickok scored both goals for the Huskies, with Addyson Ferguson and Lizzy Smith both providing one assist each. Heights goalkeeper Audrey Lang made 14 saves, while Makenzy Terry got six saves for the Blackhawks.

Sheridan rebounded on Tuesday to win 7-0 at North Montgomery. The Blackhawks got their first goal on a corner kick; Emma Alexander drove the ball to the top of the key, and Lucy Hester sent it into the goal.

That would be the only goal of the first half, but

Sheridan scored early and often in the second half. Alexander put in the Blackhawks' second goal 90 seconds into the half, with Hester making the assist. Terry made three saves.

The Huskies beat Frankfort 7-0 last Saturday. Smith and Hickok both scored two goals for Heights, with one each from Savannah Deetz, Sarah Toll and Natalie Marcum. Ferguson and Hickok both made two assists, and Smith had one. Lang collected 10 saves.

The Huskies are 6-3-2 and play next week at the Hoosier Conference tournament. Sheridan is 5-3-1 and hosts Eastern on Monday.

Westfield's boys team also won an all-county battle on Tuesday, beating Hamilton Southeastern 2-1 in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game.

The Shamrocks led 1-0 at halftime, with

Oliver Church scoring the goal. With 4:14 left in the game, Oliver Smith put in the second goal. The Royals responded right away, as Drew McDonald put in a goal about 15 seconds later, with Blake Braden assisting. But Westfield was able to hold on for the win.

Shamrocks coach Kevin Scanlon said this game was one of the better games his team played tonight, putting it up there with the Shamrocks' victory over Zionsville on Aug. 29.

"We played well in both games," said Scanlon. "We got on them quick and they had to try to react to us."

"Hats off to Westfield," said HSE coach Chris White. "They did what they needed to do to get the result. I thought they were the more intelligent team and definitely the team that wanted it more for the first half."

The Shamrocks were coming off a win in their tournament last Saturday, where they defeated South Bend Washington 10-0 in an opening-round game, then beat Culver Academies 3-0. Westfield is now 5-4 for the season, 3-2 in the HCC.

"It was good to people minutes and experiences so we could get ready for this game and then Carmel on Thursday," said Scanlon.

Southeastern won a 2-0



Photo by Dwight Casler

Sheridan's Tyler Garner throws the ball in during the Blackhawks' game with Taylor on Monday. Sheridan won that game and followed that up with a victory over North Montgomery on Tuesday.

game over Oak Hill last Saturday. Logan Puls scored both of the Royals' goals, with McDonald making one assist. Southeastern is 6-3-2, 1-1-2 in the conference, and plays another HCC game Thursday at Noblesville.

Guerin Catholic's girls team clinched an undefeated Circle City Conference championship on Monday, beating Heritage Christian 3-0.

Alex Soucie, Kylie Harrison and Annabel Wright all scored one goal for the Golden Eagles, with Madigan Canavan, Cora McGee and Mia Gatz all making one assist. Olivia Eaton (three saves) and Taylor Beard (two saves) combined for the shutout.

Guerin Catholic finished conference play 5-0 and is 7-3 overall. The Golden Eagles play Saturday at Evansville Memorial.

Fishers was victorious Tuesday, beating Brownsburg 4-1 in an HCC contest.

Reid Spittler, Caleb Hernandez and Evan McEl-downey all were among the Tigers' goal scorers. Fishers was following up a 2-0 win last Saturday over Columbus East on Senior Day; Will Sandlin and Kyle Clay-

ton each scored one goal, with Clayton assisting Sandlin's score.

The Tigers are 4-1-1 in the conference and 7-2-2 overall, and host North Central on Thursday.

Carmel's girls moved back into the No. 1 spot in the Class 3A coaches' poll on Monday, and the Greyhounds celebrated with an 8-0 win at North Central that night.

Adalyn Cameron scored three goals for Carmel, followed by one each for Megan Hamm, Emma Ehret, Vaughn Rohrbacher, Olivia Cebalo and Anne Keleher. Hamm and Kate Klingensmith both delivered two assists, with one each from Janie Bartling, Rosie Martin, Cebalo and Cameron. Chloe Fouts and Mary Grace Knapp teamed up for a goalkeeper shutout.

The Greyhounds beat Chesterton 1-0 last Saturday at Murray Stadium. Ehret scored the goal, with Olivia Joyce making the assist.

The 'Hounds are 10-0-2 and play Saturday at Castle.

Noblesville's girls cruised past Harrison 4-0 last Saturday.

Meredith Tippner scored two goals for the Millers,

Indiana H.S. soccer polls

BOYS CLASS 3A

1. Carmel
2. Noblesville
3. Center Grove
4. Pike
5. Zionsville
6. Lake Central
7. Columbus North
8. Northridge
9. Fishers
10. Bloomington South
11. Hamilton Southeastern
12. Castle
13. Cathedral
14. Harrison
15. Brownsburg
16. Goshen
17. Warsaw
18. Munster
19. Fort Wayne Carroll
20. Fort Wayne Northrop

BOYS CLASS 2A

1. Mishawaka Marian
2. Heritage Christian
3. Speedway
4. Brebeuf Jesuit
5. Providence
6. Evansville Memorial
7. West Lafayette
8. Bishop Dwenger
9. Illiana Christian
10. Cascade
11. Guerin Catholic
12. Hamilton Heights
13. Bishop Noll
14. Heritage Hills
15. Northwood
16. Bishop Luers
17. Culver Academies
18. Evansville Mater Dei
19. South Bend St. Joseph
20. Greencastle

BOYS CLASS 1A

1. Westview
2. Faith Christian
3. Covenant Christian
4. Bethany Christian
5. Wheeler
6. Oldenburg Academy
7. Park Tudor
8. Greenwood Christian
9. Carroll
10. Southwestern Shelby
11. Forest Park
12. Blackhawk Christian
13. North Putnam
14. Covington
15. Switzerland County
16. University
17. Muncie Burris
18. International
19. Northeast Dubois
20. Elkhart Christian

GIRLS CLASS 3A

1. Carmel
2. Castle
3. Hamilton Southeastern
4. Penn
5. Noblesville
6. Westfield
7. Fort Wayne Carroll
8. Evansville Reitz
9. Crown Point
10. Cathedral
11. East Central
12. Bloomington South
13. Brownsburg
14. Chesterton
15. Northridge
16. Zionsville
17. Avon
18. Floyd Central
19. Munster
20. Homestead
20. Mt. Vernon

GIRLS CLASS 2A

1. Leo
2. Brebeuf Jesuit
3. Guerin Catholic
4. Bishop Chatard
5. West Lafayette
6. Evansville Memorial
7. Belmont
8. Monrovia
9. Bishop Dwenger
10. Lawrenceburg
11. Mishawaka Marian
12. Hanover Central
13. Northwood
14. Batesville
15. Northwestern
16. Gibson Southern
17. Silver Creek
18. Tri West
19. Jasper
20. Speedway

GIRLS CLASS 1A

1. Providence
2. Evansville Christian
3. Heritage Christian
4. Park Tudor
5. Fort Wayne Canterbury
6. Evansville Mater Dei
7. Trinity Lutheran
8. Forest Park
9. Faith Christian
10. Westview
11. Greencastle
12. Andean
13. Wheeler
14. Argos
15. Bethany Christian
16. Cascade
17. Muncie Burris
18. Eastbrook
19. LaVille
20. Switzerland County

with Sydney Elliott and Stella Scroggin both scoring one. Lily Ault and Eva Montgomery each handed out one assist. Delaney Martin made two saves.

Noblesville is 6-1-2 and hosts Zionsville tonight in an HCC contest.

Hamilton Heights' boys team fell in the Hoosier Conference championship game to West Lafayette last Saturday.

The game was tied at 0-0 after regulation, and the Red Devils won a penalty kick shootout 4-1.

In a Tuesday game, the Huskies tied with Bishop Chatard 1-1. Heights is 7-1-3 and hosts Northwestern on Thursday.

Hamilton Southeastern's girls split a pair of games last Saturday.

The Royals beat Crown Point 1-0, then fell to Fort Wayne Carroll 1-0. Ayla Conn scored Southeastern's goal in the victory, with Riley Boyd making the assist.

The Royals are 11-1-1 and host Westfield tonight in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game.

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IHSGCA Coaches Girls Golf Poll

This is the final poll of the season

Rank	Team	Points
1	Carmel (5)	157
2	Homestead (3)	151
3	Center Grove	143
4	Westfield	141
5	Noblesville	126
6	Zionsville	113
7	Floyd Central	111
8	Hamilton Southeastern	99
9	Franklin Community	98
T10	Batesville	86
T10	Fort Wayne Carroll	86
12	Penn	76
13	Northridge	63
14	Bedford North Lawrence	43
15	Brownsburg	41
16	DeKalb	32
17	Culver Academies	30
18	Warsaw	27
19	Terre Haute South	20
20	Avon	10

First place votes are in parentheses.

Honorable Mention

Plainfield, **Guerin Catholic**, Corydon Central, Munster, Bloomington South, West Lafayette.



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7:30 pm Zionsville vs **Noblesville** | Varsity | HCTV Sports

Thur Sept 14 - Boys Soccer
6:00 pm **Hamilton Southeastern** vs **Noblesville** | Junior Varsity | HCTV Sports
7:30 pm **Hamilton Southeastern** vs **Noblesville** | Varsity | HCTV Sports

Fri Sept 15 - IHSA Football
6:45 pm Secina vs Heritage Christian | Indiana SRN
6:45 pm Delta vs Mt Vernon | Indiana SRN
6:45 pm Tindley vs Covenant Christian | Indiana SRN
6:45 pm **Westfield** vs **Hamilton Southeastern** | Southeastern Sports Network
7:15 pm Harrison vs Evansville Memorial | Indiana SRN
7:30 pm Zionsville at **Noblesville** | HCTV Sports

Sat Sept 16
12:45 pm Greenville vs Manchester University | College D3 Football | Indiana SRN
4:00 pm Castle vs **Noblesville** | Boys Soccer | Noblesville Sports Network
6:00 pm **Carmel Pups** at **Westfield Rocks** | IEFA Youth Football | HCTV Sports
7:00 pm Clinton Prairie vs **Sheridan** | IHSA Football | Bragg Sports Media

Mon Sept 18
6:00 pm Muncie Burris vs **Noblesville** | Junior Varsity Volleyball | HCTV Sports
7:00 pm Muncie Burris vs **Noblesville** | Varsity Volleyball | HCTV Sports



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Volleyball

Millers make comeback, Hounds edge Shamrocks

The REPORTER

Noblesville made a big comeback at Hamilton Heights on Tuesday, winning after dropping the first two sets.

The set scores were 19-25, 23-25, 25-16, 25-13, 16-14. Stats were not available after the game and will appear in a future edition. Macie Smith and Kennedy Cherry both had strong games for the Huskies, with Cherry playing well on defense.

The Millers are 12-2 and host Delta tonight. Heights is 12-5 and plays next Wednesday, Sept. 20 at Lapel.

Carmel also picked up a five-set county win on Monday, beating Westfield 29-27, 23-25, 23-25, 27-25, 15-8.

Lauren Evans put down 23 kills for the Greyhounds, with Avery Carroll hitting 19 and Noema Philistin-Lynch hitting 15. Carroll. Sarah Neglia and Lexi Kedvesh all served four aces. Neglia dished out 26 assists and Amanda Ailes handed out 24. On defense, Kedvesh collected 16 digs, followed by 12 for Evans and 11 for Neglia. Philistin-Lynch had four blocks and Lila Bruszewski made three.

Chloe Sutake had 11 kills for the Shamrocks, with Lilly Stanton and Isabelle Jackson both serving three aces. Stanton delivered 23 assists and Jackson handed out 15. Clara Nonte made 13 digs and Stella Neale had 12. Carsyn Comer had six blocks and Sutake five.

Carmel dropped a straight-set match to Lawrence North on Tuesday, 25-13, 25-15, 25-19. The Greyhounds are 8-11 and play at North Central next Tuesday, Sept. 19. Westfield is 8-9 and hosts Hamilton Southeastern tonight.

Sheridan dropped a three-set match to Tipton Monday, 25-16, 25-21, 26-24.

Kenzie Garner served two aces, with Ali Pickard hitting one. Trinity Parkin put down 11 kills, followed by Shelby Eaton, Beth Adams and Garner with three each. Nova Cross dished out 15 assists. On defense, Garner made three solo blocks and one block assist, followed by Parkin with two block assists and Eaton with one solo block and one block assist. Meredith Krupp made 13 digs, Garner collected 12, Parkin had seven and Cross made six.



Photo by Dwight Casler

Sheridan's Valerie Adams scored eight service points during the first set of the Blackhawks' Tuesday match at Frankfort.

The Blackhawks fell in four sets at Frankfort on Tuesday, 25-18, 25-18, 20-

25, 25-21. Sheridan is 11-8 and plays tonight at Clinton Prairie.

Cross Country

Heights girls take Maconaquah Invitational

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights girls cross country team won the Maconaquah Invitational last Saturday.

The Huskies scored 72 points, comfortably ahead of runner-up Western's 102 points. Senior Juliana Springman led the way for

Heights, placing eighth in a time of 20 minutes, 18.3 seconds.

The Huskies had all of their top seven runners finish in the top 25. After Springman, the Heights runners were: 12. Anna Monnin 20:34.3, 16. Kendall Moe 21:00.0, 17. Mary Ella

Bichey 21:03.0, 19. Allie Bushey 21:10.8, 21. Ayla Madara 21:22.2, 24. Amira Leer 21:41.2, 37. Hattie Graham 22:39.9, 62. Madison Shively 24:11.5.

In the boys race, the Huskies placed 10th with a score of 217 points. Sophomore Isaiah Heuer led

Heights by finishing in 13th with a time of 17:16.7. Other Huskies runners were: 40. Max Bowman 18:37.0, 45. Hudson Holt 18:49.4, 51. Charles Wedmore 19:08.8, 70. Jackson Cantlon 20:04.4, 79. Winston McDonald 20:41.2, 92. Jack Powell 21:16.7.

Basketball

Aliyah Boston, Grace Berger earn Associated Press honors

The REPORTER

Indiana Fever center Aliyah Boston was named the 2023 Associated Press Rookie of the Year, it was announced today. Fever guard Grace Berger joined Boston as well earning AP All-Rookie Team recognition.

Boston ended the regular season as the first

rookie in WNBA history to lead the league in field goal percentage, shooting 57.8 percent (233-of-403) from the floor through the first 40 games of her career. The WNBA All-Star led all 2023 rookies in scoring (14.4 ppg), rebounds (8.4 rpg), steals (1.3 spg), blocked shots (1.3 bpg) and minutes played (31.2 mpg)

per game.

Boston finished second in WNBA history for most rebounds in a rookie season with 335 rebounds, while finishing third all-time for field goals made as a rookie with 233. Boston also set franchise records for most blocks (50) in a rookie season. In addition, Boston also ended the season second in franchise history for points scored in a rookie season (578) and steals in a rookie season (53).

Berger earned All-Rookie recognition after averaging 4.2 points, 1.6 rebounds, 1.9 assists and 14.6 minutes per contest in 36 games played. Among rookies, Berger led all players in 3-point field goal percentage shooting 47.1 percent (16-of-34) and was sixth in assists per game. Berger also shot 84.0 percent from the free throw line and scored at least 10 points in five games this season.

The 2023 AP All-Rookie Team was comprised of Boston, Berger, Dorka Juhasz (MIN), Diamond Miller (MIN), Jordan Horston (SEA) and Haley Jones (ATL).

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Sept. 13 GIRLS SOCCER

Westfield at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:15 p.m.
Fishers at Brownsburg, 7:30 p.m.
Zionsville at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.

GOLF

Noblesville vs. Brownsburg, 4:30 p.m. at Harbour Trees
Westfield vs. Carmel, 4:30 p.m. at The Bridgewater

TENNIS

Carmel at Brebeuf Jesuit, 5 p.m.
Cathedral at Guerin Catholic, 5 p.m.
Park Tudor at Hamilton Southeastern, 5 p.m.
University at Cardinal Ritter, 5 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Delta at Noblesville, 7 p.m.
Guerin Catholic at Lafayette Central Catholic, 7 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Westfield, 7 p.m.
Sheridan at Clinton Prairie, 7 p.m.

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