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## TODAY'S WEATHER



Today: Patchy morning fog.  
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# Matt Kegley appointed to replace Stokes as interim superintendent of Hamilton Southeastern Schools

## The REPORTER

Hamilton Southeastern Schools board members have accepted the resignation of superintendent Dr. Yvonne Stokes.

The school board unanimously approved the resignation and separation agreement during an emergency meeting at 7 a.m. Wednesday.

"I am grateful to HSE and the Fishers and Noblesville communities for my time here," Dr. Stokes said in a written statement released by the district. "The opportunity to serve as superintendent was one I never took lightly. As this shift in leadership commences, I am committed to sup-



Stokes



Kegley



Lang

porting the district and feel confident that our staff, students, and families will be in capable hands. The future is bright for HSE."

The school board attorney announced that Dr. Stokes' attorney approached the district

approximately two weeks ago to discuss her resignation.

The district agreed to pay Dr. Stokes the full amount of her salary for this year, the final year of her contract with the district.

Dr. Stokes will also receive

payment for unused sick time and has agreed to not sue the district.

"I want to express our profound thanks to Dr. Stokes and her leadership during this time," Lang said in a statement read at the end of the meeting. "This is a crucial time during our district's history and we are so grateful for her service and dedication to our district."

Two board members who voted to approve the resignation and separation agreement said they did not agree with the process, but voted yes to respect Dr. Stokes' wishes to step down.

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# Come to my wedding

My mother told me the following stories about her childhood.

My friend is 84 years old. She lives many miles away, so we sometimes communicate by letter. On rare occasions she uses her "beer and cigarette" money to telephone me just to chat. I am always delighted to hear her voice.

Recently she called and reminded me that many years ago, I invited her to a wedding at my house. We have both forgotten names of the bride and groom, but both of us remember her joy at being invited to the first wedding she ever attended.

Weddings were ordinary events in my home, yet each one was special. I had special permission from my father, or I would not have dared invite my friend to the wedding. Does it sound odd to you that there were many weddings in my home? To me it was a normal happening. That may be because I grew up during Depression years. Most people could not afford church weddings. Some brides and grooms could not even afford new clothes.

Dad was 42 when I was born, so while I still lived at home, he was old enough to marry children of couples he had married years before.

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## COLUMNIST



RAY ADLER  
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# Noblesville Lions Club & Elevance help keep kids Fueled for School

## The REPORTER

The Noblesville Lions Club recently received a grant from the Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) to assist Fueled for School in fighting food insecurity for Noblesville Schools students.

The Club was awarded the grant in conjunction with Elevance (formerly Anthem) Health Volunteer Days, an annual project of Elevance Health to support hunger related service projects. The LCIF grant was used to purchase new pallet

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Elevance Health volunteers with Lion Julia Kozicki and Fueled for School volunteer Christine (Guyer) McCormick.

# Westfield High School's Save a Life Walk promotes mental health awareness

## By AMY ADAMS

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Westfield High School played host to the annual Save a Life Walk in conjunction with WHS Robbie's Hope Club and the Westfield Wellbeing Coalition on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 9, at Asa Bales Park with more than 250 people of all ages gathering to support mental health awareness.

Volunteers offered attendees colored beads to wear: purple



Reporter photo by Amy Adams

Senior Grace Vartee spoke openly to the crowd about her own mental health struggles.

for supporting mental health, green for those who suffer from mental health challenges, silver representing a family member

who has struggled, blue supporting suicide prevention, and gold for anyone who has lost a loved one to suicide.

WHS senior Grace Vartee spoke vulnerably with the crowd

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# Groundbreaking set for major county sewer & water utility

## By FRED SWIFT

The County Line

Groundbreaking is scheduled Oct. 4 for the Hamilton County Regional Utility District's wastewater treatment plant, the first step in providing sewers and municipal water service to a large rural area of northern Hamilton County.

Generally referred to as the Bakers Corner utility project, it will provide water and sewer service to an area from 216th Street to 276th Street, both east and west of U.S. 31 for varying distances of up to a mile or more to the east of 31.

Future expansion of the service area is anticipated, according to the Commissioners' Director of Administration Lee Buckingham. He said the estimated \$64 million cost will come largely from state and federal funds, including COVID relief money given to the county over 2023-24.

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# Northern Hamilton County Academy gives students second chance

## By MARY ROBERSON

For The Reporter

A collaboration between Westfield, Sheridan, and Hamilton Heights high schools is giving students a second chance at academic success through the Northern Hamilton County Academy (NHCA).

Sheridan Principal Rick Davis explained, "NHCA gives students who have fallen behind in credits due to any number of reasons the opportunity to focus on their work in a small, controlled, and exceptionally support-

ive environment in order to return to their home school and/or graduate on time."

The project is made possible through many partnerships. Hamilton Heights Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood describes it as "the brainchild" of Sheridan's Dr. Dave Mundy. A host of founders believed in the concept and stepped forward with financial support, including the Hamilton County Council, Hamilton County Commissioners, Beck's Hybrids, Waitt Grain, Reynolds Farm Equipment, Biddle

Memorial Foundation, and Duke Energy. Arrowood expressed gratitude for initial funding and explained that the long-term goal is to create a sustainable financial model utilizing state tuition support, along with alternative school grant funding.

Even the location represents a collaboration and immense support from the community.

"NHCA is housed in a Sheridan building that was obtained through a local vendor who had space available and was able to

rent us the facility at a very affordable rate," Mundy said. This building allows students to have their own space and specialized support that would be unobtainable in a traditional classroom setting.

Hamilton Heights High School Principal Jarrod Mason explained, "Life happens to students in ways that it didn't used to happen. We have provided the flexibility for students who need it given whatever their situation is."

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The Northern Hamilton County Academy is housed in a building in Sheridan that's located off-campus.



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Sheridan veteran teacher Jeff Guenther is the lead teacher for the program. Because the program is set up differently – off campus, with a different type of curriculum, and a different schedule, Guenther explained, “Students get back on track and continue their education in a separate, supportive environment while still being a part of their home school.” Guenther went on to praise the connection between the two schools as a reason that solutions for challenges have been dealt with easily.

In addition to the location being off-campus, Guenther explained how the schedule is set up to promote student success. He explained how they build each student’s schedule to best create the possibility for success. They divide the year into learning blocks that are derived from the classes needed and the given time frame. Some students may be working on four-week blocks, while others are nine weeks or a semester. He went on to say, “We have both daily and weekly goal meetings with students. This allows them to take ownership of their learning.”

With just one month into

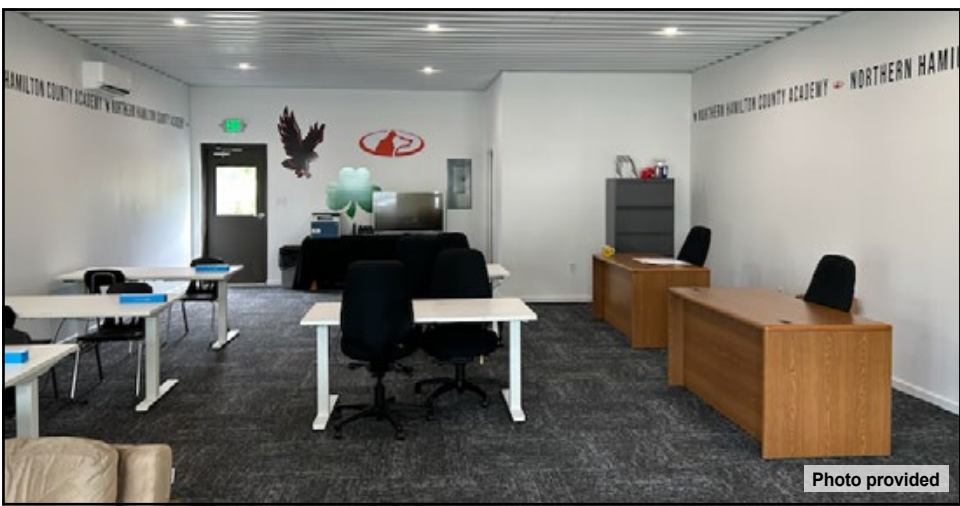


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the school year, students are already finding success.

“All of our students are finding their version of success,” Guenther said. “We have three seniors. One has completed the courses needed to graduate while the other two are making significant progress towards completing the required courses to graduate on time in May.”

Students are also expressing their excitement about the program as they enjoy learning and making significant progress. Through community support, innovative founders, and the dedication of everyone involved, NHCA is truly giving students a second chance.



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Locally issued bonds of an estimated \$10 million may also be employed if needed. The county receives about \$65 million in COVID relief, of which around half will be dedicated to the Bakers Corner project.

Final financing arrangements will be made once construction bids are received.

It is the first time the county government has become involved in providing utility services. Construction is expected to go rapidly in two phases. One target date is December 2024 when service is planned for the new National Guard Armory being built at 276th Street and U.S. 31.

County commissioners,

who serve as the regional utility board of directors, said last year that hundreds of future customers are already seeking connection to the service. The utility is considered a separate entity from Hamilton County although officers are county officials.

The project will aid greatly in economic development for the northern part of the county, says Mark Heirbrandt, who will serve as president for the district. Buckingham will serve as acting general manager, Conner Sullivan will serve as the district's attorney, Bondry Consulting will be financial officers, and Wessler Engineering will be district engineer.

HSE

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The HSE board’s work in 2023 has been dominated by contentious discussions about the role of diversity, equity and inclusion in schools, a grant for mental health services, and the non-renewal of several administrator contracts.

One parent at the meeting criticized the role of newly elected board members in the superintendent’s resignation.

“The truth is Dr. Stokes was not wanted by you before you were elected,” Stephanie Hunt said in her comments. “You even shamed her by moving her to the end of the table and essentially silenced her and disrespected her. We saw it. It wasn’t some sly move on your part.”

Board members appointed Matt Kegley, assistant superintendent for teaching and learning, as the school district’s interim superintendent. The district also approved a two-year contract extension for Kegley, who has 17 years of experience within the district.

Dr. Kegley, who will be appointed as interim superintendent, joined HSE in 2006 as an assistant principal at HSE High School. Over the next several years, he assumed roles as a high school principal and the executive director for secondary education before assuming the assistant superintendent role in January 2021.

“The last few years have

presented several challenges for our school community,” said Dr. Kegley. “However, with challenge comes the opportunity to learn and grow. I’m humbled by HSE’s trust in me to lead in this interim period and am looking forward to having open conversations with our board, administration, staff, students and families to identify a path that will bring us all together.”

As Kegley takes the interim helm, the school board and district leadership will begin preparations to implement a comprehensive search for a permanent superintendent within the next several months.

Stokes joined the Fishers-based school district in April 2021 after serving as assistant superintendent for Munster schools. She replaced Superintendent Allen Bourff, who retired at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

**More than 1,000 community members had signed a petition** calling for Bourff to step down after he sent a letter to faculty in February 2021 outlining how to address the Black Lives Matter movement in district classrooms.

**At the time of her hiring,** Stokes said, “Please don’t fret about academic excellence. We’re here to make sure that our students have academic excellence.”

**WISH-TV’s Brady Gibson contributed to this story.**

ORDER OF EVENTS

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

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15

2:15 SCHOOL PEP SESSION

8:00 HOMECOMING DANCE

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5:00-6:30 KID ZONE AND TAILGATES

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LIFE

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Reporter photos by Amy Adams

(Above left) A crowd of about 250 gathered at Asa Bales Park for the WHS Save A Life Walk to promote mental health awareness. (Above right) Volunteers, students, parents, school staff, and community members listen as senior WHS football player Zeke Richardson talks about the importance of connecting with others to find support for mental health struggles. (Below) Strands of colored beads allowed attendees to offer support for different aspects of mental health.

about her personal struggles.

“Anyone can cry. Anyone can be sad. Anyone can not be okay,” Vartee said. “And it’s okay to not be okay,” repeating a mantra of Robbie’s Hope.

Robbie’s Hope was founded in Colorado in 2018 by Kari and Jason Eckert following the death of their 15-year-old son to suicide. The word HOPE stands for “Hold On Pain Ends,” and the organization’s goal is to empower the next generation to cope with the pressure and stress they face today and to cut teen suicide rates in half by 2028.

A few years ago, students Zoe Milewski, Analiece Emigh, and Nora Flickinger, who are now seniors, began a Robbie’s Hope Club as there was no mental health club

at WHS at the time.

On Aug. 30, First Lady Dr. Jill Biden and Surgeon General Vivek Murthy visited Westfield High School to speak with Robbie’s Hope Club members and other WHS students about the mental health struggles facing young people today.

Westfield Washington Schools Director of Student Support and Counseling Services Kyle Miller and WHS Dean of Wellness, Connections, and Growth Jake Gilbert were on hand at the event. Miller and Gilbert also serve as interim president and past president, respectively, of the Westfield Well-being Coalition. WHS Principal Alicia Denniston and WHS Assistant Principal Kurt Frederick attended as well.



Both Coach Gilbert and senior Rocks football player Zeke Richardson spoke to the crowd about the importance of connecting with others and finding

support through sports teams and school clubs.

“Be bold about mental health,” Gilbert said. “Be bold about getting the help you need. Be bold about helping your friends get the help they need.”

In addition to the contemplative walk along the park paths, tables set up at the event provided participants hands-on activities, information, and opportunities to support and prioritize mental health.

One such opportunity, the Direct Your Hearts Film Contest is being piloted this year with WHS students through a partnership between the Hamilton County Community Foundation, Aspire Indiana Health, and the Hamilton County Council. The contest

aims to break down barriers associated with mental health stigmas and inspire people to seek support by inviting students to create 60-second videos or 30-second animations about mental health topics.

The deadline for this year’s contest is Wednesday, Nov. 8, and the winner will receive \$500 to put toward the school mental health program or mental health organization of the filmmaker’s choice. To enter the contest or learn more, go to [directyourhearts.com](https://directyourhearts.com). Next year, the competition will be open to all Hamilton County high school students and individuals up to age 25.

To support or learn more about Robbie’s Hope, visit [robbies-hope.com](https://robbies-hope.com).

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Let me tell you of one such couple.

It happened one year in May when I had gone home to visit Dad. We were sound asleep when there was a tap, tap on Dad’s bedroom window. The town cop yelled, “Charlie, Charlie, are you awake? Will you get up and marry these young folks?”

By then dad was wide awake. “Who are they?” he wanted to know. Upon hearing the names, he replied, “Of course I will.”

With all the commotion I was awake and getting into some clothes. Dad was an old man; he would need help. Did I neglect to tell you it was about 2 a.m. when all this was happening?

I got the bridal party settled in the living room. They had brought another couple for witnesses. That was a great thing because a wedding requires two witnesses besides the pastor.

These young folks all seem nervous, so I tried to keep the small talk flowing while Dad finished his preparations. I learned they just had to have Rev. Howard because he had married their parents years before. I didn’t find out why they neglected to let him know they were coming.

I did discover the reason for the late hour and the police escort. The group had started hours before from their home in Illinois. They even allowed extra time, but not enough for the automobile having a breakdown. Fortunately, they found a mechanic willing and able to make the needed repairs.

And yes, they could still get there at a decent hour.

Several miles later the unthinkable happened again. The car stopped again! It took more searching, but another mechanic got them moving again. Much time had passed.

Also needed dollars had been spent on repairs. They just couldn’t afford to go back home and come another day.

Veedersburg is a very small town, and the only person they could see who could give directions was the night policeman. He felt it best to escort them to Dad’s house.

You can imagine that I didn’t look my best at that early morning hours. So it wasn’t surprising when the bride-to-be looked shocked when I told them I had also been married in May. She blurted out, “Not this May?!”

“Oh, my goodness, no. I have two children asleep in the next room.” That seemed to make things acceptable.

As they drove happily on their way, I couldn’t help wondering if they had money for a motel and/or another car breakdown.

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Pearl’s desk was next to mine in the office where we both worked. She was about 19 and quite attractive Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Monday and Tuesday she looked like a different person. Acted different, too.

Pearl was engaged. She and her boyfriend had even bought furniture for their fu-

ture home. Then one weekend a lovers’ quarrel ended the whole affair.

Soon there was a new boyfriend and not much later another engagement.

By this time, I had heard on quite a few Monday mornings, “I’m NEVER, NEVER going to drink another drop.” And she didn’t – until the weekend.

On Monday, she asked, “Will your dad marry me?” I got the date and time. Later, having checked with Dad, I answered her question in the affirmative. The day came. I went home for the weekend and Dad was ready. Mom had the house in apple pie order. The appointed hour arrived, but no Pearl. Dad was a patient man. We waited. Waited. Waited.

Finally, Dad asked, “Do you realize what day this is? We’ve been fooled.”

Yes, it was April 1.

We laughed at ourselves for being so naïve and Dad changed into overalls so he could get some work done. As he was making his exit, Pearl and her fiancé drove in. Dad hastily changed into a suit, the wedding was performed, and so far as I know, Pearl lived happily ever after.

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One couple came when I was about 10 years old. They were alone and Mom was the only adult available for witness. Dad looked at me and announced, “I guess you’re old enough to sign your name on a marriage license.” That made me feel quite important. I wish I’d kept a record of all the times I served as witness.

FUELED

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rack shelving for the new Fueled For School facility on Pleasant Street.

Last Saturday, Sept. 9, Elevance Health supplied volunteers who constructed the shelving and sorted food donations. Members of the Noblesville Lions collected food donations at area grocery stores that morning, totaling approximately 700 pounds of food.

Fueled For School provides 400 weekend meal packs each week to students in all 10 Noblesville schools. The Noblesville Lions have regularly supported Fueled For School since 2019.



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(From left) Christine McCormick and Lions Julia Kozicki and Gene Beck. Those not pictured who also helped include Lions Josh Kozicki, Jeff Kozicki, Julie Davis, Dave Marsh, and Kim Luckey.



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Letter to the Editor

Shaffer: is it time yet for Carmel to reverse course?

Dear Editor:

Carmel has reported to the Indiana Department of Local Government (by law) a series of data points that paint a very bleak picture.

Since 2011, when the state began requiring the data, these are the trends:

- Carmel’s population grew 25 percent.
- Carmel property tax revenue grew 138 percent.
- Carmel’s city budget grew 97 percent.
- Carmel’s principal debt borrowed grew 95 percent.
- At the same time, Carmel’s municipal receipts grew 210 percent.

This is the trend voters will face when the November municipal elections roll around.

Seems like it’s time to reverse course.

**Bill Shaffer**  
Carmel

Letter to the Editor

Carmel reader: time to fight rising costs of healthcare

Dear Editor:

As someone who deals with numbers for a living, it really bothers me when I see things that do not add up as they should, especially when it comes to billing.

Healthcare costs are something that always seem to rise for unnecessary reasons. I hear horror stories from friends and business owners about how expensive healthcare costs have become and the difficulty of providing health insurance for their employees as healthcare costs continue to rise.

Indiana has made some progress in the past few years. Earlier this year, Indiana enshrined into law HB 1004, which will end one of the most predatory billing practices going on today. The bill bans “dishonest billing,” which occurs when hospitals bill patients for services and procedures provided at a doctor’s offices in their network as if the services were provided at the hospital’s main campus. Banning this underhanded revenue-inflating practice will lower medical bills for everyone with commercial insurance by protecting patients from receiving unnecessary facility fees on service they did not receive.

But there is still a lot more that can be done at both the state and federal level to protect Hoosier patients from being taken advantage of in their times of need. U.S. Senator Mike Braun and my Congresswoman Victoria Spartz have both spent their time in Washington and introduced bills to increase transparency surrounding healthcare prices and promote hospital competition in order to lower our costs. We need more politicians on both sides at every level to take up these fights because every person at some point in their lives will require medical attention regardless of their political affiliation.

Transparency in pricing is key to lowering healthcare costs as it increases accountability while driving competition and empowering patients to have all the information necessary to make the best decisions about their health. I have never met anyone who goes to the doctor knowing how much it will cost them, but I have too many friends and family members coming back home shocked about how much a necessary procedure will cost them.

Federal legislation similar to Rep. Spartz’s previously introduced “Transparency of Hospital Billing Act” could fix this major issue facing Americans across the country.

As of 2021, only three out of 10 of the nation’s physicians are practicing in independent medical practices, leaving nearly 70 percent of U.S. physicians employed by monopoly hospitals or other corporate entities. When these major hospitals are able to enter a local market and buy up all of competing hospitals and physician practices, they can start charging egregious price markups to abuse their market dominance since in many areas there are no other hospital systems for Hoosiers to turn to.

I have been encouraged to hear elected officials, such as Senator Braun and Rep. Spartz, speak about the danger of monopoly hospitals, along with the lack of competition currently in the marketplace, and hope all our politicians follow their lead to fix these issues.

This is not an unfixable issue and there is still much more to be done. We must continue the fight to lower healthcare costs across the state and the country.

I urge all our elected officials at the state and federal level, regardless of party affiliation to continue fighting for us to have the highest quality healthcare possible at the lowest possible cost.

**David Goldberg**  
Carmel

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# 72 donors “Meating The Need” with Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank

**The REPORTER**

Dozens of organizations, businesses, and individual supporters came together in a big way for the eighth year of Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank’s (HCH) Meating The Need program.

With everyone’s contributions, the meat from animals from 19 local 4-H’ers resulted in 4,749 pounds of pork and beef distributed to 25 pantries served in Hamilton County. That’s equal to 18,996 servings of protein for the community!

Long time sponsors include:

St. Christopher’s Episcopal Church, Biddle Memorial Foundation, Hamilton County Farm Bureau, David and Brenda Day, Gary and Barbie Vaught, Tim and Deborah Foley, Indy Prep – Gary and Alisha Baird, Carmel Culinary Arts, Mark and Pam Heisler, George Kristo, Jan and Paul Labbe Family Fund, Doug and Sunali Sweet, Hank and Kit Prohm, Kiwanis Club of Fishers, Paul Guyer, Leah Johnson, Gary Richter, Pat Wendland, Al Huda Food Pantry, Atlanta Christian Church, Bread of Life Pantry at Venture Christian Church, Fishers United Methodist – Come to Me Food Pantry, Arcadia Christian Church with Angels Attic and HHELP, Delaware Township Trustee, Excel Center of Noblesville, Green Valley Church of Christ, Noblesville Township Trustee, Bethel Lutheran Church, Carmel Friends Church, Carmel United Methodist Church, Shepherds Gate Pantry at St. Maria Goretti Church, Open Arms Pan-



Photos provided by Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank

(Above) Many volunteers took part in the distribution of the processed meat to 25 food pantries in Hamilton County. (Below) More than 4,700 pounds of meat was donated and processed.

try at Aroma Methodist, Sheridan Lunch Club and Sunflower Pantry at Sheridan First United Methodist, Open Doors Pantry of Westfield, MAMA’s Cupboard Food Pantry, Third Phase Christian Center, Fall Creek Township Trustee, Wayne Township Trustee, White River Christian Church.

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Finally, thank you to volunteers from St. Christopher’s Episcopal Men’s Group and Mike McCloughan, Brad Lewis, Randy Hagen, and Tim and Deborah Foley for transportation, coordination, and distribution of the processed meat to the food pantries.

HCH welcomes donations year-round for this initiative. Please send any donations to: HCH Food Bank, P.O. Box 881, Noblesville, IN 46061; or visit [HCHFoodBank.org](http://HCHFoodBank.org) and designate your donation towards “Meating The Need.”

## Girl Named Tom set to perform Dec. 2 at the Palladium in Carmel

**The REPORTER**

Known for soaring harmonies and classic cover tunes, rising-star vocal group Girl Named Tom will make its debut appearance on Dec. 2 at the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel.

Hailing from rural Pettisville, Ohio, siblings Bekah, Joshua, and Caleb Liechty made history in 2021 as the first trio ever to win NBC’s *The Voice*. They have generated more than 25 million streams with their renditions of rock and singer-songwriter gems like Joni Mitchell’s “River,” Fleetwood Mac’s “The Chain,” and Kansas’ “Dust in the Wind.”

The group’s recordings have included the independent EP *Another World* and a Republic Records holiday EP, *One More Christmas*, which reached No. 1 on the iTunes album chart. Since rising to fame, the trio has been on the road consistently, performing at the 2022 Indy 500, appearing on *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*, and supporting Pentatonix on a massive holiday arena tour.

Currently headlining



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Hailing for the small community of Pettisville, Ohio, Girl Named Tom boast more than 25 millions streams with their rendition of rock classics.

their own One More Christmas Tour, Girl Named Tom will play the Palladium at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2. Tickets starting at \$40 will go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 15, online at [TheCenterPresents.org](http://TheCenterPresents.org), by phone at (317) 843-3800, or in person at the Palladium’s Fifth Third Bank Box Office, 1 Carter Green, Carmel.

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# Visit Conner Prairie for free this Saturday

## The REPORTER

Thanks to support from the Hamilton County Community Foundation, Conner Prairie will welcome all guests to the museum, located at 13400 Allisonville Road, Fishers, for free this Saturday, Sept. 16.

Advanced ticketing is not required on Saturday as tickets will be available on site throughout the day. For a speedy entry into the museum, please reserve the

number of tickets you will need on the [Conner Prairie website](#) and follow the steps to complete your transaction. Members do not need to reserve tickets and will check-in as normal.

Please note that other activities, such as the Corn Maze and 1859 Balloon Voyage, are not included with admission. Tickets for these experiences will be available on site and are weather dependent.

## Correction

In a story published in Wednesday’s edition titled “[Hamilton County celebrating women in law enforcement](#),” the date of the event was incorrectly listed at Wednesday, Sept. 13.

The event took place on Tuesday, Sept. 12.

The Reporter regrets the error.

# Hamilton County celebrates women in law enforcement

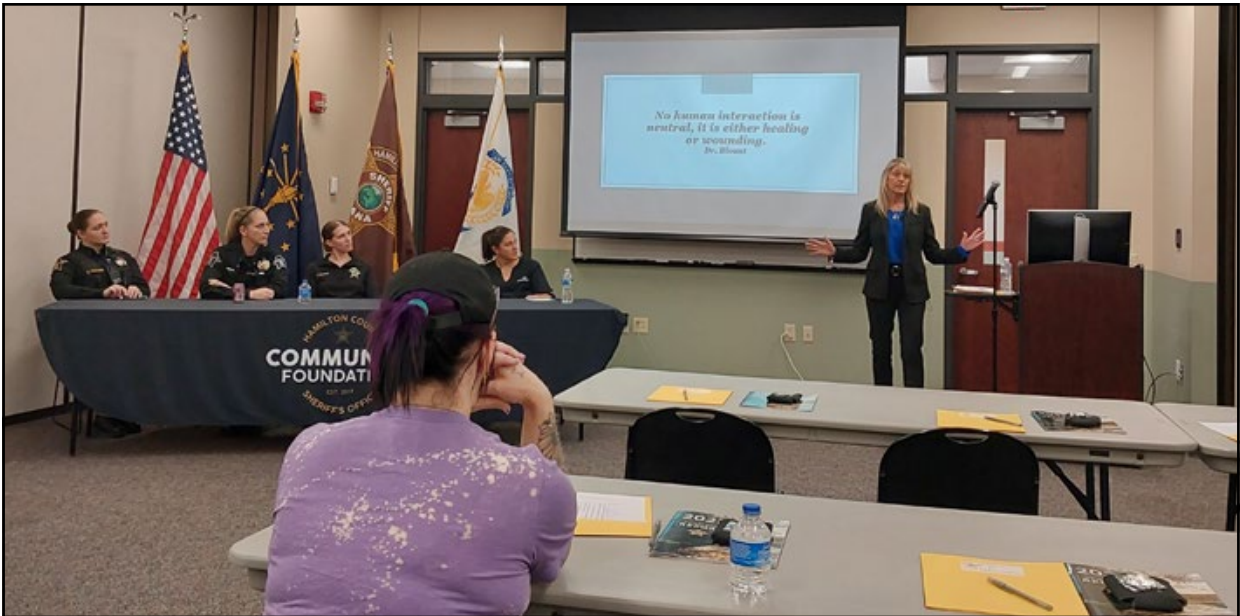


Photo provided by Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office

The Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office celebrated National Police Women Day by holding a “Women in Law Enforcement Forum” on Tuesday evening. At the forum, female law enforcement professionals discussed their careers, including hiring standards, academy expectations, healthcare benefits, day-to-day duties, and unique challenges they face. Attendees also heard from guest speakers from the Cherish Center Child Advocacy Center and a member of the Hamilton County Sexual Assault Response Team. [See more photos at ReadTheReporter.com.](#)

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF HAMILTON COUNTY

LWV voter forums offer resources & election info

The REPORTER

The League of Women Voters of Hamilton County (LWVHC) will play host to several voter forums this fall to explain the voting process, from finding your voting location to ensuring that you are registered to learning the requirements for early voting.

Area libraries will host the sessions, which are free and open to the public. Members of the league will present basic procedures, introduce voter resources, and answer questions.

“We’ve heard from our members who work the polls that some voters find the process intimidating, especially if they’re new voters or have moved to Indiana from a state with different voting practices,” LWVHC President Lisa Dick said.

Indiana processes have changed a bit, too – another reason the local league devised these sessions to help voters, Dick said. For example, some changes to the process of applying for an absentee ballot are new this voting season.

Sessions will cover registration, such as when and how to register, age limits and deadlines, and ways to access information about candidates. Members will

demonstrate how to use the [Indiana Voters Portal](#), where users can complete a variety of tasks, and will introduce Vote411, the league’s website that features candidates’ statements and positions.

The Voter Forums schedule so far is:

• 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 18, Westfield Washington Public Library, 300 W. Hoover Road

• 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, Hamilton East Public Library, 1 Library Plaza, Noblesville

• 3 pm. Saturday, Sept. 23, Hamilton East Public Library, 5 Municipal Drive, Fishers

• 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28, Carmel Clay Public Library, 425 E. Main St.

• 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, Sheridan Public Library, 103 W. First St.

While the league has focused on candidate forums in the past, Dick said the voter forums are a way to engage directly with voters about the election process. She met with Hamilton County election officials this summer to learn how the league could help.

“They encouraged us to promote doing everything early – registration, applying for absentee ballots if necessary, and voting early,”

Dick said. “But as we hear from poll workers and from voters when we are out in the community, people have a lot of questions.”

The League will continue to gather candidate surveys for its [Vote411.org](#) guide, which allows users to plug in their addresses to see all the information they need about their precincts and voting locations. They also may read about candidates running in their areas who completed the survey.

“[Vote411.org](#) remains a critical tool for voters, with resources all in one place, tailored for each individual,” Dick said. “Coupled with these voter forums, young voters, new voters and anyone who wants to better understand the steps involved in this basic right of citizenship will have all the information they need.”

**About LWV**

The League of Women Voters, formed in 1920, is a nonpartisan organization that encourages participation in government and works to increase understanding of public policy issues. If you have questions, contact the League of Women Voters of Hamilton County at [lwhc@gmail.com](mailto:lwhc@gmail.com), learn more at [lwhc.in.org](http://lwhc.in.org), or follow the group’s [Facebook page](#).

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# Tipton goes hog wild at Pork Festival

The Tipton County Pork Festival is billed as one of Indiana's original festivals, and the crowds at last weekend's festival prove it's still one of the most popular. The festival was complete with live music, rides (including a Ferris wheel), one-inch-thick pork chops, a pageant, vendors, and lots of great food – some of which (gasp!) didn't even include pork. We do hope the French fries were deep-fried in real lard. Either way, Tipton County certainly knows how celebrate the end of summer. Heck, this festival is such a big deal it needs TWO parades! (Photos provided by Bill Miller)





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New owner Jake Burgess said not much will change at Bonge's Tavern, which has been a staple in Perkinsville since 1934. And no need to worry – the tailgating tradition will continue.

## Tradition will live on Perkinsville's iconic Bonge's Tavern ownership change is a return to roots

By DREW BLAIR  
WISH-TV | [wistv.com](http://wistv.com)

Just shy of its 90th anniversary of starting restaurant operation, Bonge's Tavern begins a new era.

The restaurant, considered iconic for simultaneously feeling reclusive and exclusive, has changed ownership for the first time in 24 years.

The nearly 200-year-old building is located off the beaten path and winding roads in Madison County. Its present-day attraction boasts an upscale menu jotted on a chalkboard and a cult-following experience of tailgating before fine dining.

The tailgating, by the way, will remain an honored tradition. It became somewhat of a spectacle when the small tavern was first-come-first-served and would require hours-long waits for a table. Following the COVID-19 pandemic, the restaurant transitioned to a reservation system, but tailgating continued.

"I LOVE the tailgating," new owner Jake Burgess wrote to News 8.

"It has such a core memory for some, and at the same time gives such an allure to your experience. EVERYONE loves to be able to say 'I tailgated at Bonge's.' I have tossed the idea around of tailgate parties with live

music, even a possible car show," Burgess wrote.

These are some of the earliest brainstorming by the longtime figure on central Indiana's dining scene. Burgess was two days removed from closing on the acquisition of his restaurant group's latest endeavor when he offered enthusiasm for the tavern's future.

"The main question I have heard is 'What are you changing,' and my answer is 'not much.' The technique, attention to detail, quality of ingredients, and service quality is second to none," Burgess wrote in an announcement on Facebook.

The new venture is rooted in both the past and present for its owner.

Burgess recalled his father introducing his then 20-year-old son to the tavern and its owner at the time, Tony Huestler. They met after Burgess had ended his college path to become a chef. The senior Burgess had worked as a delivery driver and delivered his son to the back door of Bonge's Tavern with instructions to introduce himself in a move to what Burgess today describes as the best of the best.

"I think it was his way of showing me how it 'should be done.' One of those lessons your parents teach you that doesn't fully make



Photo by Drew Blair, WISH-TV

sense until it does," Burgess told News 8.

Following 12 years of training and running some of the area's most reputable kitchens, Burgess opened FoxGardin Kitchen and Ale in Fortville which he says he loosely based off Bonge's Tavern. That was in 2015.

The conversation about purchasing Bonge's from Huestler started in 2019, four years prior to the eventual deal closing. Burgess was told the business was not for sale, though the two kept in touch and would ultimately conclude a year of

negotiating on Sept. 11.

"When Bonge's came calling, I felt like it just spoke to me in a way that re-inspired my passion that long ago my dad had instilled in me," Burgess said.

Learn more at [BongesTavern.com](http://BongesTavern.com).

Located along the border of Hamilton and Madison counties, Perkinsville is situated where State Road 13 crosses the White River, about a mile and a half south of the intersection with State Road 37. The address for Bonge's Tavern is 9830 W. County Road 280 North, Anderson.

## Westfield Farmers Market is back, baby!

### Submitted

The Westfield Farmers Market continues from 5 to 8 p.m. today and every Thursday at Grand Junction Plaza, 225 S. Union St.

### Sept. 14 Market vendors

The following is a list of vendors that have confirmed their participation for today's Market. The list is subject to change without notice.

- A Couple Kids Family Farm
- Artisan Luuma
- Babydoll Boutique
- Baked, A Cookie Company, LLC
- Becky the Bakerster
- Chef Karyn LLC
- Chez Pauline homemade French bakery
- Countryside Orchard
- Courtney Ann Designz
- Cr8 By Jennifer
- Creolicious Bakery
- Downs Farm
- Eagle Creek Apiary
- Etta's Goody Goodies
- GlauX Co.

- Happy Mutt Pet Bakery
- Hidden Acres
- June Ellen Clothing
- Kim's Key Lime Cookies, Inc.
- Lazy Labs Bakery
- Lucky Lemon Bakery
- Mari's Fashion Boutique
- Mary D Jellies and Preserves, LLC
- Middlefork Meadows LLC
- My Dad's Sweetcorn
- Old Major Market
- PipKing Creations with Soule
- Poppin' Sweet Confections
- Revolt CBD LLC
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- Sheilacakes Sweets and Treats
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### About the Market

The Westfield Summer Farmers Market and Winter Market are managed and operated by the Downtown Westfield Association. Interested in volunteering at the Market or have an idea or

question? You can reach the Market Manager Nick Stepaniak at [markets@westfieldchamberindy.com](mailto:markets@westfieldchamberindy.com).

The Market would not be possible without the support of the City of Westfield, the Westfield Welcome Department, and the Parks & Trails Department – especially the city staff from those departments who help support the weekly market.

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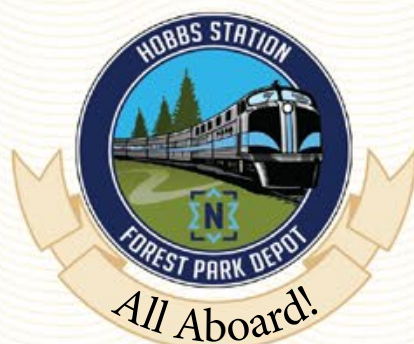
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July 18 - 28, 2024

# Riverview Health Physicians welcomes new gastroenterologist

**The REPORTER**

Riverview Health Physicians welcomes Timothy Imler, MD to Riverview Health Physicians Gastroenterology.

As a second-generation physician with family ties in Indiana, Dr. Imler is a board-certified gastroenterologist. His clinical interests include colorectal cancer prevention and treatment of digestive diseases. He is committed to treating each individual patient with the best quality of care and service for his/her unique needs. He aims to spend as much time with each patient as needed to make sure all questions are answered and a treatment plan is in place.

Dr. Imler graduated from Case Western Reserve University and completed his fellowship training in gastroenterology and hepa-

tology at Indiana University School of Medicine. He enjoys traveling with his wife and three daughters and spending time outdoors.

For more information, visit [riverview.org](http://riverview.org). To schedule an appointment, please call (317) 214-5468

**About Riverview Health**

Riverview Health is comprised of a full-service, 156-bed hospital in Noblesville, a 16-bed hospital in Westfield, as well as free-standing combined ER and urgent care facilities. Also included are more than 25 primary, immediate and specialty-care facilities in Hamilton County. Riverview Health provides comprehensive inpatient and outpatient services in more than 35 healthcare specialties and has been frequently recognized for its clinical and service excellence.



Imler

# Don't miss these performances at Center for the Performing Arts

**The REPORTER**

Tickets are still available for these upcoming arts and education events at The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. Just go to [TheCenterPresents.org](http://TheCenterPresents.org) or call (317) 843-3800.

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

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

**Click here** for tickets.

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

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

**Click here** for tickets.

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

To celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, make joyful connections through the universal language of music with Musical Conexion.

This fun-filled, bilingual cultural experience is designed for both Spanish-speaking and non-Spanish-speaking families alike, with songs, movements and finger plays in Spanish and English accompanied by real instruments like guitar and cajón peruano. Cote Godoy of Chile and Kelsi Lee of Indiana are active musicians and experienced educators who create a fun, accepting, encouraging and inclusive atmosphere for everyone!

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

**Click here** for tickets.

# Indiana working to expand 24-hour suicide and crisis lifeline to Hoosiers

By CAMILA FERNANDEZ  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

Indiana is taking strides

to help people deal with a mental health crisis, with state leaders working to expand the 24-hour 988 suicide and crisis lifeline.

State leaders are pushing to end suicide by encouraging those in distress to just dial or text 988. Since the launch last year of the shortened lifeline number, they've seen up to 3,800 calls per month from Hoosiers in crisis.

"At times you can feel a little bit hopeless as you see the numbers and all of the data increasing and you start to ask yourself what can we do about this," said Dr. Dan Rusyniak, the chief medical officer of the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration.

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) says thanks to their five call centers, there's been an increase in calls answered in the state. They say the sustained in-state answer rate of more than 90 percent since November is nation-leading.

Calls are answered by trained crisis specialists who are available 24/7.

"What we didn't want to do is to find out that now we're getting a lot of calls and we can't answer them, so we have asked and been working closely with all of our centers to staff up in preparation really for what we really fully expect to be an increase in demand, so I think right now we're in pretty good shape," Rusyniak said.

The support is available for anyone experiencing thoughts of suicide, mental health, or substance use crisis.

"This is about meeting the individual where they are and ensuring that we support them regardless of what that might look like and ensuring autonomy as well as collaboration to reach the support that they need," said Kara Biro, the state director of Behavioral Health Crisis Care.

Thanks to the \$100 million (\$50 million each year in state fiscal year 2024 and 2025) provided through Senate Enrolled Act 1 and the biennium budget, FSSA can work to grow the new system.

Indiana also received \$133.6 million in one-time



federal funds to begin the development of the state's crisis system.

State leaders are asking call centers to help them expand their reach and also say there is still a long way to go before they can reach all community members.

"We know there's a lot of other folks that just don't know that it is available and so the more that we can collectively do to raise awareness the more that we'll see calls go up and that'll actually for a lot of people be a good thing," Rusyniak said.

"The folks on our front-line here are absolute heroes, and we need to celebrate them as such," said Jay Chaudhary, the Director of FSSA's Division of Mental Health and Addiction.



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# Sen. Young introduces JUDGES Act to address judicial emergencies

**The REPORTER**

U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.), Chris Coons (D-Del.), James Lankford (R-Okla.), and Alex Padilla (D-Calif.) reintroduced bipartisan legislation to address the judicial emergencies occurring in district courts across America in a non-partisan manner.

The Judicial Understaffing Delays Getting Emergencies Solved (JUDGES) Act would address these judicial shortages by increasing the number of federal district judges in the most overworked regions of the country, including

the Southern District of Indiana –whose jurisdiction includes Hamilton County.

Courts across the country are overburdened and facing a shortage of federal judges. As of March 31, 2023, there were 686,797 pending cases in federal district courts across the country, averaging 491 filings per judgeship over a 12-month period. Earlier this year, the Judicial Conference of the United States, a nonpartisan policy-making body for federal courts,



Young

recommended that Congress create 66 new district court judgeships, including one in the Southern District of Indiana, to help alleviate this crisis.

This bipartisan bill would act on the findings in the 2023 Judicial Conference of the United States report by creating the recommended judgeships after future presidential elections – half on Jan. 21, 2025, and half on Jan. 21, 2029.

**Click here** to read the full text of the bill.

# Indiana WIC changing baby formula

By JAY ADKINS  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

The Indiana Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program contracted formula brand will transition from Gerber products to Enfamil products for infant formula issued to WIC participants.

According to a news release, clients who are currently issued a Gerber formula will receive a similar Enfamil formula for benefits beginning on or after Oct. 1. More than 24,000 clients will be affected by the change.

Because WIC benefits

periods are on different timeframes, some clients may still have Gerber benefits through the end of October. Any WIC client who has questions about their family's benefits are advised to check the IN-WIC mobile app or ask their local WIC clinic.

"Our WIC team is prepared to help all impacted families through this transition with support, guidance, and resources," said Laura Chavez, director of Indiana WIC, which is administered by the Indiana Department of Health. "WIC Nutritionists in our clinics will ensure that all babies whose infant

formula is transitioning will still receive the same level of benefits and nutrition."

State WIC staff will continue to partner directly with grocery and pharmacy vendors to ensure that stock levels support demand for benefits issued for both Gerber and Enfamil through the transition period from Oct. 1 through Oct. 30.

Clients can access more information about this change at [wic.in.gov](http://wic.in.gov). The Hamilton County WIC clinic is located at 942 N. 10th St., Noblesville, but other locations across Indiana can be found at [this link](#).



# Postal Service to hold job fair Sunday

## Submitted

The United States Postal Service (USPS) will hold a job fair for motivated job seekers from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 17 at 8765 Guion Road, Indianapolis.

USPS is looking to hire up to 700 people across the state of Indiana in advance of the holiday mailing season. Positions pay up to \$22.13 per hour.

USPS personnel will be on site to provide detailed information about the positions and answer questions. Assistance will also

be provided to applicants in creating a profile and applying for positions on the day of the event. Applications are accepted online only at [about.usps.com/careers](http://about.usps.com/careers). Applicants must be available to work weekends and holidays and have an acceptable driving record. See online job postings for full details.

USPS is looking for committed and motivated individuals to join the company in its mission of service to the local community and the nation. The Postal Service offers competitive

wages, benefits, and career advancement opportunities. As part of its innovative and 10-year plan, Delivering for America, the Postal Service is focused on building a more stable and empowered workforce. USPS is investing in new employees by providing robust training and on-the-job support.

USPS is an equal opportunity employer offering a fast-paced, rewarding work environment with competitive compensation packages, on-the-job training, and opportunities for advancement.

# PNC Bank commits \$2.5M to support Intend Indiana's affordable housing initiatives

## The REPORTER

Intend Indiana (Intend) and PNC Bank (PNC) have announced an agreement for a \$2.5 million investment that will support Intend Indiana's multifamily housing initiative for the state's most vulnerable residents.

PNC's support includes a \$1 million equity equivalent investment (EQ2) and a \$1.5 million line of credit. The financing will be leveraged to address the statewide deficit of over 120,000 housing units needed for individuals and families in low- and moderate-income areas that have historically been undervalued and overlooked.

"As a national main street bank, PNC is focused on making a real impact in communities throughout Indiana," said Patricia Gamble-Moore, PNC Community Development Banking market manager for Indiana. "This EQ2 investment enables us to provide low-cost capital solutions to solve for Indiana's affordable housing shortage and reinforces our commitment to work with leading organizations like Intend Indiana to address the housing affordability gap and economic vitality of the communities we serve."

The \$1 million EQ2 is PNC Bank's first equity equivalent investment in Indiana created to increase affordable housing options, and the first for Intend. An EQ2 is a deeply subordinated loan product with features that allow it to work like revolving equity and help investors like Intend to support longer-term lending activities of Community Development Financial Institutions.

PNC's investment will help accelerate Intend's community development-related initiatives, in particular housing for those experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness.

"Intend Indiana is incredibly thankful to PNC for making this substantial investment into our organization so we can deliver on our mission of connecting people to opportunity," Intend Indiana CEO Steven Meyer said. "PNC's commitment will help expand our ability to make a long-term impact in our communities by providing security and stability



for those who need it most."

One of the first projects PNC's investment will help fund is The Passage, a multifamily development supported by Intend's Edge Fund. Edge Fund is a mission-driven community development financial institution (CDFI) that helps increase affordable housing options in Indianapolis by providing mortgages, construction loans and bridge loans for both single and multi-family housing.

The Passage will provide 39 affordable housing units for low-income individuals and those with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Indianapolis. Eight units will be set aside for permanent supportive housing units integrated throughout the property.

"Market rents and homeownership are often beyond what many individuals and families can afford in Indiana," Gamble-Moore said. "At PNC, we are proud of the work we are doing with local developers and fund investors to increase and preserve the supply of affordable housing."

PNC's investment stems from its \$88 billion Community Benefits Plan, which provides loans, investments, and other financial support to bolster economic opportunity for low- and moderate-income (LMI) individuals, communities, and people of color over a four-year period that began Jan. 1, 2022. As part of the allotted \$88 billion, PNC has committed to provide at least \$14.5 billion in community development loans and investments across all markets, including at least \$400 million for Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) that help meet the banking and financial service needs of traditionally underserved communities.

## About Intend Indiana

Intend Indiana, Inc. is a nonprofit that advances comprehensive community development through innovative financing and development solutions that create and preserve affordable housing, support neighborhood revitalization efforts, and foster small business development. Incorporated in 1987 to serve the near northside neighborhoods of Indianapolis, Intend has grown to provide community solutions across the state. Learn more about Intend Indiana by visiting [IntendIndiana.org](http://IntendIndiana.org).

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## Meeting Notices

The Carmel Historic Preservation Commission will meet at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 14, 2023, in the Caucus Room on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.

The Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2023, in the second floor courtroom at the Hamilton County Courthouse, 33 N. 9th St., Noblesville. Please enter through the doors on the west side.

The Noblesville Parks Board meeting has been rescheduled for 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2023, at the Forest Park Inn.

The Mt. Vernon Community School Corporation Board of Trustees will meet for a work session from 5:15 to 6:45 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 18, 2023, at the Mt. Vernon Administrative Service Center, 1806 W. State Road 234, Fortville. A regular board meeting will follow from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the same location.

## — ARCADIA —

### NOTICE

The Arcadia Town Council will meet in an Executive Session on September 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. located at the Arcadia Town Hall 208 W. Main Street Arcadia, IN 46030 to discuss IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B) initiation of litigation of litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specially in writing.

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# Red Cross facing blood shortage

## Donors needed as hospital demand outpaces donations

### The REPORTER

The American Red Cross is experiencing a national blood shortage.

Fewer donors than needed gave this summer, drawing down the national blood supply and reducing distributions of some of the most needed blood types to hospitals. Hurricane Idalia further strained the blood supply with blood drive cancellations and reduced blood and donations in affected areas.

Donors of all blood types are urgently needed, and there is an **emergency need for platelet donors and type O blood donors** to make an appointment to give now to ensure patients across the country continue to receive critical medical care.

When Idalia slammed into the Southeast – leading to widespread power outages, travel hazards and flooding – the storm also forced the cancellation of over a dozen blood drives and caused hundreds of blood and platelet donations to go uncollected. This compounded a shortfall of about 30,000 donations in August. Right now, blood product distributions to hospitals are outpacing the number of blood donations coming in.

The Red Cross needs blood and platelet donors now. Schedule an appointment to give by downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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Sept. 15, 2 to 6 p.m.  
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Sept. 28, noon to 5 p.m.  
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### September is Sickle Cell Awareness Month

One in three African American blood donors is a match for people with sickle cell disease. To help ensure patients have the blood products they need, the Red Cross launched the Sickle Cell Initiative in 2021 to grow the number of blood donors who are Black and improve health outcomes for patients. Together, long-time and first-time blood donors are helping patients with sickle cell manage their symptoms and showing support for their community.

Joined by Blood is the initiative's focus during Sickle Cell Awareness Month in September and continues through October. This year, the Red Cross is proud to partner with organizations focused on mentorship, including 100 Black Men of America, Inc.; Kier's Hope Foundation, Inc.; historically Black colleges

and universities and member organizations of the National Pan-Hellenic Council; as well as the Black Radio Hall of Fame and others, who are all showing up for patients with sickle cell by hosting blood drives.

To learn more, visit [RedCrossBlood.org/Our-Blood](http://RedCrossBlood.org/Our-Blood).

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### Amplify your impact: volunteer

A stable blood and platelet supply is critical to national preparedness. Additionally, it's still early in what is expected to be another active hurricane season, so the Red Cross urges everyone to get ready now and consider becoming a volunteer to help people affected by the growing number of natural disasters.

Support impacted communities by assisting at Red Cross shelters, using your professional skills as a licensed health care provider, or becoming a member of the Red Cross Disaster Action Team.

To learn more, visit [redcross.org/volunteertoday](http://redcross.org/volunteertoday).



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### TODAY'S BIBLE READING

#### THE THREE VISITORS

Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

"Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him.

"There, in the tent," he said.

Then one of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son."

Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?"

Then the Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son."

Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, "I did not laugh."

But he said, "Yes, you did laugh."

Genesis 18:7-15 (NIV)

## Westfield Chamber Calendar of Events

### SEPTEMBER

#### Dinner Party on Union

6 to 11 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 16

Location: Union Street in Downtown Westfield

#### State of the Schools Luncheon

11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 21

Location: Prairie Waters Event Center

#### Showcase & Taste

3 to 7 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 27

Location: Grand Park Events Center

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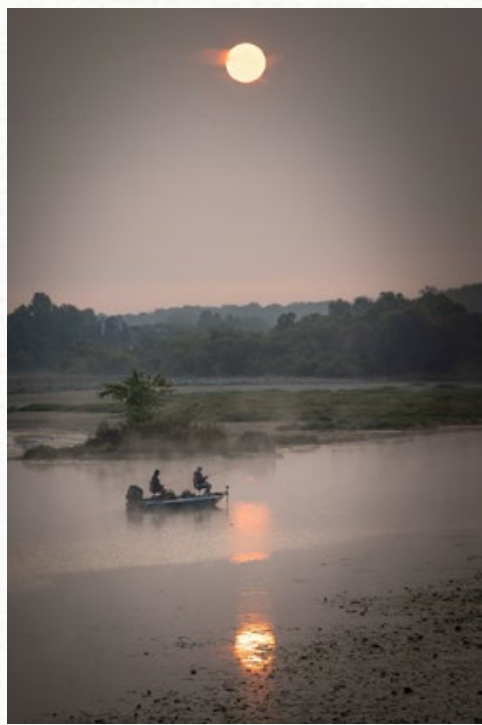


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Sign up on the library website: [hepl.lib.in.us](https://hepl.lib.in.us).

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Soccer

# Southeastern coaches take the plunge

## Girls team brings in nearly \$2,500 at Pink Out fundraising game

By **RICHIE HALL**  
[sports@readthereporter.com](mailto:sports@readthereporter.com)

**FISHERS** — After Wednesday night’s Hamilton Southeastern-Westfield girls soccer game finished, Royals coach Greg Davidson got a cold one.

A cold plunge, that is. Davidson and his son, Southeastern assistant coach Chayton Davidson, agreed to take a 90-second bath in a 45-degree tub from Cold Plunge Studios, a new “contrast therapy” location on 146th Street in Carmel.

Wednesday’s game was the Royals’ Pink Out game to honor cancer patients, and the team asked for donations during the game. If \$750 were raised during the game, then Chayton would take the plunge. If the donations totaled over \$1,500, then head coach Greg would get into the tub.

The Southeastern team raised nearly \$2,500. Once he got out of the cold tub, Greg Davidson mentioned that there are “a lot of families that are affected by cancer in our Royal family,” and called the donations an “amazing way to show our love by financial support from our community. So, I’m really proud of the Royals tonight.”

The game between the Class 3A No. 3 Royals and 3A No. 6 Westfield finished in a 0-0 tie. Both teams had opportunities throughout the game, but neither team’s defense yielded for one second.

“We’ve got an amazing defense,” said Greg Davidson. “Not just our goalie and our backline, but our team defense. We have been very stingy with giving up goals, as had Westfield. You knew that both defenses were going to be tough to get a goal in.”

“Tonight, our backline played really well,” said Shamrocks coach Hannah Eggert. “HSE has really good forwards and our backs stepped up. We also had a lot of good chances.”

Westfield is 6-0-4 this season, by far the school’s best-ever soccer start. The Shamrocks’ defense has been very strong, with senior goalkeeper Kate Pallante leading the way.

“Kate has been outstanding,” said Eggert. “She’s

had a really great season. We’ve only given up two goals all season and a lot of that is credit to her and also our backline.”

Pallente has a 0.125 goals against average through Westfield’s first nine games, and believes that confidence plays a big part in having such success – especially against the Shamrocks’ schedule, which includes the Hoosier Crossroads Conference. The ‘Rocks are 2-0-3 in HCC play.

“I think confidence is key when you’re playing in those big games,” said Pallente.

Southeastern’s goalkeepers have also been solid. Senior Hailey Wade played all 80 minutes to collect her seventh shutout of the season. Junior Addy Ash and senior Marisa Reinhard have also played several solid minutes for the Royals.

Ash said the Royals have “gotten to a point where we’re consistently



Reporter photo by Richie Hall  
**Hamilton Southeastern girls soccer coach Greg Davidson took the plunge Wednesday night after the Royals’ game with Westfield. Southeastern raised \$2,500 during its annual Pink Out game to honor cancer patients; Davidson said he would go into the cold tub if the Royals raised \$1,500.**

getting better,” and while a tie wasn’t what they wanted, she said it was “it was a good performance by our defense.”

Southeastern is 5-0-1 in the conference and clinched the HCC title with Wednesday’s tie. The Royals are 11-1-2 overall and finish-es up conference play next Wednesday at Zionsville. Westfield plays at Brebeuf Jesuit Saturday morning for its next game.

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Up at Hallmark Orthodontics Soccer Complex, Noblesville’s girls team was an HCC winner on Wednesday, beating 3A No. 16 Zionsville 2-0.

Meredith Tippner scored both of the 3A No. 5 Millers’ goals. Tippner put in the first goal in the 13th minute, then scored the second goal in the 45th minute, off an assist by Lily Ault.

The Millers are 1-1-2 in conference play and 7-1-2 overall. Noblesville

hosts Brownsburg Saturday morning in another HCC contest.

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Fishers’ girls went on the road and upset 3A No. 13 Brownsburg 1-0 for an HCC victory.

Emerson Huneck scored the Tigers’ goal, with Lauren Faulkner making the assist.

Fishers is 2-3-1 in conference play and 3-7-1 overall. The Tigers travel to Harrison Saturday for an 11:30 a.m. game.

# Golden Eagles secure soccer conference championship

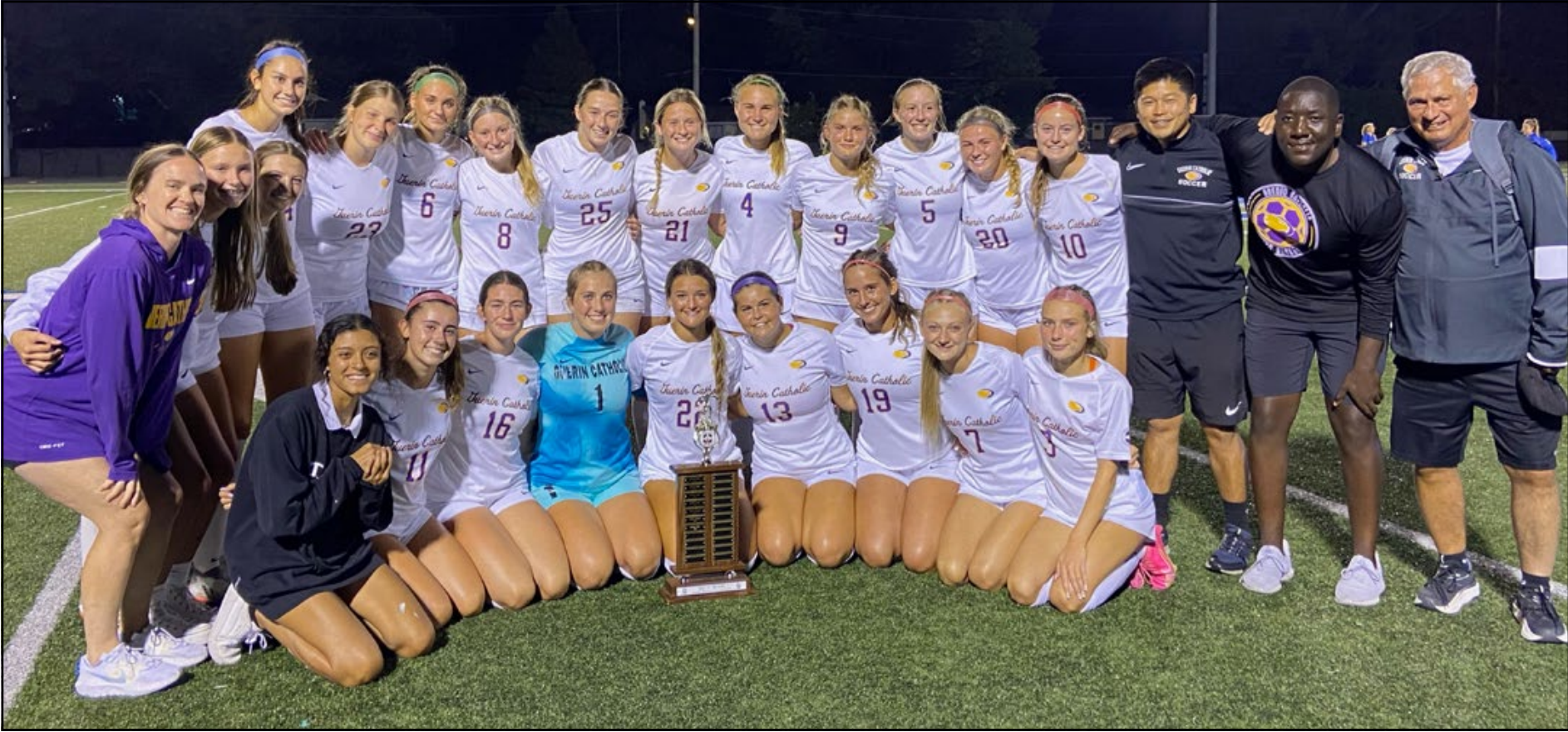


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**The Guerin Catholic girls soccer team clinched an undefeated Circle City Conference championship on Monday. The Golden Eagles went 5-0 in conference play, outscoring its opponents 20-3. Guerin Catholic beat Brebeuf Jesuit 3-1, Covenant Christian 9-0, Bishop Chatard in penalty kicks (after a 1-1 tie), Roncalli 4-1 and Heritage Christian on Monday 3-0.**



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## HSE's Upchurch swings big win at fall series event



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Hamilton Southeastern sophomore Mattingly Upchurch picked up a big win at the Kokomo Country Club last weekend in an Indiana Golf Association Fall Series Event. Last Saturday, Upchurch carded a six-under par 64 for his first round, then followed that with a four-under 66 in his second round last Sunday. Upchurch won the event by 10 strokes over Center Grove's Nathan Springer. Upchurch finished the tournament with 12 birdies and only two 2 bogeys.

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

### Thursday, Sept. 14

#### BOYS SOCCER

University vs. Liberty Christian, 5:30 p.m. at Davis Park, Anderson

Shorridge at Sheridan, 6 p.m.

North Central at Fishers, 7 p.m.

Westfield at Carmel, 7 p.m.

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

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

#### CROSS COUNTRY

University at Lebanon Tiger Invitational, 5 p.m.

#### GIRLS SOCCER

Tipton at University, 6 p.m.

#### GOLF

Hamilton Heights vs. Lebanon, 4:30 p.m. at Bear Slide

#### TENNIS

Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet, 4 p.m. at Noblesville

Hoosier Conference meet, 5 p.m. at Twin Lakes

#### VOLLEYBALL

Delphi at Sheridan, 7 p.m.

Liberty Christian at University, 7 p.m.

Noblesville at Zionsville, 7 p.m.

Brownsville at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.

Please email schedule changes or corrections to [sports@readthereporter.com](mailto:sports@readthereporter.com).

## Volleyball

# Noblesville sweeps Delta, Southeastern bests Westfield

### The REPORTER

The Noblesville volleyball team picked up another win on Wednesday, sweeping Delta 25-14, 25-17, 25-22 at The Mill.

With the victory, the Millers are 13-2 for the season. Noblesville plays a Hoosier Crossroads Conference match tonight at Zionsville; the Millers are 2-1 in the conference.

On Tuesday, the Millers beat Hamilton Heights in a five-set match on the road. Sophomore Reese Resmer hit 21 kills for Noblesville, with senior Aubrey Stichter hitting 12 kills and serving three aces. Senior Maddie

Coates hit two aces.

Coates led the defense with 16 digs, while Stichter and sophomore Madison Brown both collected 13 digs and senior Anna Elkin had 12. Brown handed out 50 assists. Junior Chloe Macias had five blocks, with senior Riley Resmer and Reese Resmer both making three blocks.

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Hamilton Southeastern won an all-county and HCC match at Westfield on Wednesday, 25-10, 25-16, 25-15.

The Royals remain unbeaten at 17-0 and are 4-0 in conference play. South-

eastern stats will appear in a later edition.

The Shamrocks' offense was led by Carsyn Comer's eight kills, followed by Georgia Bresnahan with five. Izzy Jackson handed out 11 assists, while Lilly Stanton dished out 10.

The Royals host Roncalli on Tuesday. Westfield is 1-3 in conference play and 8-10 overall, and hosts Delta on Saturday.

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Sheridan dropped a four-set Hoosier Heartland Conference match at Clinton Prairie on Wednesday, 25-27, 25-22, 25-22, 26-24.

The Blackhawks are 3-2

in conference play and 11-9 overall, and hosts Delphi tonight for Senior Night.

Sheridan fell to Frankfort on Tuesday. Val Adams served five aces for the Blackhawks and scored 16 service points. Nova Cross and Meredith Krupp both had two aces. Trinity Parkin put down 13 kills, followed by Kenzie Garner with five. Cross handed out 16 assists. Garner and Cross both made one solo block.

Garner collected 20 digs, followed by Cross with 18, Parkin with 11, Krupp with seven and Ali Pickard with six.



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7:00 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 - IHSAA Football

6:45 pm Sccecina 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

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# Football: Week 5 preview; midway through the regular season

By **CRAIG ADKINS**  
*For The Reporter*

**Carmel**

The Greyhounds (2-2) hope their trend of wins and losses through four games is what occurs this Friday, translating into another win. That trend has started with opening at Homestead with a win, losing at home to Christian Brothers (Mo.), dominating at home against Detroit Martin Luther King (Mich.) and last week losing on the road at Trinity in Louisville (41-14).

Even though it is no longer a member of the Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference, Carmel has kept a majority of the MIC on its schedule. Class 6A No. 10 Lawrence North (4-0) is the first that the ‘Hounds will see on the gridiron this season. This is the Wildcats’ best start since 2005 when they were coached by current Guerin Catholic head coach Tom Dilley.

No. 13 in the IFCA poll, Carmel will look to get back to its winning ways when the undefeated Wildcats visit on Friday. Head coach John Hebert is 7-1 against LN with six straight wins and the Greyhounds hold a commanding 24-3 lead in the overall series.

**Fishers**

Last week’s Mudsock game provided the City of Fishers with an epic finish that sent the Tigers to overtime with rival Hamilton Southeastern. The thousands in attendance were on

their feet. Unfortunately for the Tigers, they fell short in overtime to the Royals, 35-34.

The sixth-rated Tigers’ (3-1, 1-1 HCC) slate gets even harder as they face AP No. 1 and IFCA third-ranked Brownsburg (4-0, 2-0 HCC) on the road. The Tigers have dropped seven in a row in the series and trail overall 10-7 to Brownsburg. Head coach Curt Funk is looking for his first win against the Bulldogs.

Fishers leads all three offensive stat categories in the county. Khobie Martin has 715 yards on the ground with 11 scores, JonAnthony Hall with 389 yards receiving on 29 catches and Bennett Gorak has completed 65 percent of his passes for 823 yards and six touchdowns.

**Guerin Catholic**

The Golden Eagles got their toughest test thus far last week on the road in their first Circle City Conference game at Brebeuf Jesuit. Able to outlast the host Braves, Tom Dilley’s squad escaped the west side of Indianapolis with a 34-29 victory.

Guerin (4-0, 1-0 CCC) has kept its ranking steady from week-to-week for the first month at No. 2 in 3A. It will face yet another tough opponent in Circle City action on Friday when they host the Roncalli Royals (2-2, 0-1 CCC). Roncalli owns a 7-0 record in the series.

Peter Rooney ranks third in the county with 511 rushing yards on 85 carries with three scores. Alex Gibbs has

caught 16 passes for 253 yards and a pair of touchdowns, while Jack Cherry has scored three touchdowns in his 12 receptions and 126 yards. Aaron Keller is fourth in the county with 40 tackles, 27 of those being solo.

**Hamilton Heights**

The Huskies have pitched two consecutive shutouts and the reasons seem to be two-fold. Two weeks ago, they played stellar defense in a 15-0 home win over perennial power Lafayette Central Catholic. Last week, its defense balanced out the offense on their way to a 42-0 road win at Northwestern.

Heights (4-0, 1-0 Hoosier Conference) went up in the AP poll to No. 8 and sit at 14th in the Coaches poll this week. The Huskies will try to stay unblemished again this week as they hit the road again and face the Western Panthers (2-2, 0-0 HC) in an East Division showdown. Western has won three in a row in the series, but the Huskies hold a slight 13-12 edge overall.

Hamilton Heights quarterback Bodie Derrer is third in the county with six TD passes and 662 yards, while completing 62 percent of his passes. Owen VanHaaren is sixth with 402 yards on 90 rushes and two touchdowns. Tyler Champion has caught the fourth most passes (17) for 243 yards and a score, while Keaton Weaver has snagged 10 for 197 yards and three

touchdowns. Ethan Millsaps leads the Husky defense with 36 tackles (22 solo), with Michael Cain (5) and Dean Mason (4) being first and second among county sack leaders.

**Hamilton Southeastern**

The Royals are proving that they are a force to be reckoned with. Last Friday, HSE took home the Mudsock for the fourth straight year with a 35-34 road win at Fishers in overtime.

Hamilton Southeastern (4-0, 2-0 HCC) is another team that’s cemented their ranking in both polls at No. 4 in 6A. The Royals face another undefeated team in league play this week when it will host No. 5 Westfield (4-0, 2-0 HCC). The regular season has been split 5-5 in the last 10 years, but the Royals have won two of the last three playoff matchups.

Chandler Weston is tied for first in the county with seven touchdown passes, but leads with 67.9 percent completions and 561 yards. Jalen Alexander is second with 50 carries and 535 yards and seven scores. Donovan Hamilton is third in receiving with 18 and 331 yards and three touchdowns. Judah Parker heads up the HSE defense with 37 tackles (2.5 for a loss). Sacks by Jack Osiecki (4) and Brody Carlson (3) also help pace the defense.

**Noblesville**

The Millers would love nothing more than to get a Homecoming win this week. After losing late on the road

at Westfield last week (28-21) and a big home loss two weeks ago to Fishers (48-22), Noblesville is hungry to get back to winning.

Noblesville (2-2, 0-2 HCC) faces the Zionsville Eagles (3-1, 1-1 HCC), who are now ranked 14th in 6A. The Millers have lost six regular season matchups in a row in the series, but were able to grab a sectional win last year over the Eagles. Zionsville leads the overall series 19-4.

Jacob Baker has thrown for 511 yards and five touchdowns. Logan Shoffner is fourth in the county with 480 yards on 43 carries and six scores. Shoffner has also caught seven for 167 and two touchdowns. Gage Gulley provides good depth with 205 yards rushing and three touchdowns. Austin Hastings is second in the county to lead the defense with 46 tackles (21 solo).

**Sheridan**

The Blackhawks have burst into Hoosier Heartland Conference play with vengeance, shutting out both opponents by a combined 85-0 the past two weeks. Wins at Tri-Central (28-0) and at home against Clinton Central (57-0) have Sheridan rolling to three victories in a row now.

Sheridan (3-1, 2-0 HHC) is ranked No. 7 in both the AP and IFCA polls in Class 1A. The Blackhawks host the Clinton Prairie Gophers (4-0, 2-0 HHC) in a big top 10 matchup on Saturday. The Gophers are No. 8 in

the IFCA and ninth in the AP poll. This will be Sheridan’s 100th football homecoming on Sept. 16.

Eli Kolb ranks fifth in the county in rushing with 43 totes for 414 yards and seven touchdowns. Parker Williams is third in tackles with 41 (23 solo), while Zach Bales is fifth with 39 (24 solo) and three sacks.

**Westfield**

The ‘Rocks are clicking on all cylinders and have rolled out to four straight. After two consecutive one-point wins over Lawrence Central (59-58 OT) and Zionsville (28-27), Westfield took down Noblesville 28-21 last week.

The Shamrocks (4-0, 2-0 HCC) are ranked No. 5 in both the AP and IFCA polls. In a top five matchup on the road at No. 4 HSE, Westfield is looking to turn the winning trend back its way in the series. Going 5-5 against the Royals in the last 10 years in the regular season just shows the grit and toughness of this HCC battle.

Jackson Gilbert has completed 64 percent of his passes for 714 yards and seven touchdowns. Kendall Garnett has 388 yards on 83 carries and four scores in the backfield. Gabe Arambolles is second in the county with 18 receptions for 295 yards and two TDs. Mikeah Webster leads the way on defense to lead the county with 48 tackles (4.5 for a loss), while Anthony Feltrinelli has 39 stops (33 assists).

## Week 4 Rushing Stats (min. 50 yards)

Name	School	Grade	Carries	Total Yards	Average Yards	Touchdowns
Martin	Fishers	Senior	91	715	7.8	11
Alexander	Southeastern	Senior	50	535	10.7	7
Rooney	Guerin Catholic	Senior	85	511	6.0	3
Shoffner	Noblesville	Senior	43	480	11.2	6
Kolb	Sheridan	Senior	43	414	9.6	7
VanHaaren	Heights	Senior	90	402	4.5	2
Garnett	Westfield	Junior	83	388	4.7	4
Gulley	Noblesville	Senior	38	205	5.4	3
Wallace	Southeastern	Junior	31	156	5.8	2
Johnson	Carmel	Junior	40	155	3.9	0
Bellan	Noblesville	Senior	35	137	3.9	2
Bogle	Fishers	Senior	20	120	6.0	3
Linden	Guerin Catholic	Sophomore	21	119	5.7	2
Gibbs	Guern Catholic	Senior	16	116	7.3	3
Weston	Southeastern	Junior	10	100	10.0	1
Bales	Sheridan	Senior	22	91	4.1	3
Gilbert	Westfield	Senior	33	86	2.6	7
Coellner	Carmel	Sophomore	17	77	4.5	1
Knudsen	Carmel	Junior	19	75	3.9	0
Baker	Noblesville	Senior	16	72	4.5	0
Gump	Noblesville	Junior	5	70	14.0	1
Alfayyad	Carmel	Senior	15	68	4.5	0
Widget	Noblesville	Senior	1	67	67.0	0
Williams	Sheridan	Senior	19	65	3.4	0
Balcom	Heights	Senior	6	62	10.3	1
Baker	Southeastern	Junior	20	59	3.0	0
Tucker	Carmel	Junior	18	56	3.1	0
Cherry	Guerin Catholic	Senior	11	54	4.9	0
Derrer	Heights	Senior	34	53	1.6	2

## Week 4 Receiving Stats (min. 5 receptions)

Name	School	Grade	Receptions	Total Yards	Touchdowns
Hall	Fishers	Junior	29	389	1
Hamilton	Southeastern	Senior	18	331	3
Aramboles	Westfield	Junior	18	295	2
Champion	Heights	Junior	17	243	1
Gibbs	Guerin Catholic	Senior	16	253	2
Syrus	Fishers	Senior	13	169	2
Cherry	Guerin Catholic	Senior	12	126	3
Nosler	Westfield	Senior	11	125	1
Miller	Guerin Catholic	Senior	11	116	1
Weaver	Heights	Junior	10	197	3
McPeck	Fishers	Senior	10	135	2
Garnett III	Westfield	Junior	8	32	1
Shoffner	Noblesville	Senior	7	167	2
Brewer	Noblesville	Junior	7	147	2
Braun, B.	Westfield	Junior	7	130	1
Gates	Fishers	Senior	6	104	1
Knott	Westfield	Junior	6	97	1
Pugh	Heights	Senior	6	87	0
DeCraene	Sheridan	Senior	6	73	2
Baumann	Heights	Senior	6	40	1
Ferry	Guerin Catholic	Sophomore	5	36	0
Pollard	Carmel	Junior	5	33	0
VanHaaren	Heights	Senior	5	17	0

## Week 4 Passing Stats (minimum .500%)

Name	School	Grade	Completions	Attempts	Percentage	Total Yards	Touchdowns
Gorak	Fishers	Senior	61	94	0.649	823	6
Gilbert	Westfield	Senior	55	86	0.640	714	7
Derrer	Heights	Senior	49	79	0.620	664	6
Zimmerman	Guerin Catholic	Senior	54	97	0.557	637	6
Weston	Southeastern	Junior	38	56	0.679	561	7
Baker	Noblesville	Senior	23	45	0.511	455	5
Coellner	Carmel	Sophomore	31	51	0.608	292	2
Alexander	Sheridan	Junior	4	8	0.500	63	2

## Week 4 Tackling Stats (min. 25 tackles)

Name	School	Grade	Solo	Ast.	Total	TFL
Webster	Westfield	Junior	9	39	48	4.5
Hastings	Noblesville	Senior	21	25	46	0
Williams	Sheridan	Senior	23	18	41	6
Keller	Guerin Catholic	Senior	27	13	40	1
Bales	Sheridan	Senior	24	15	39	3
Feltrinelli	Westfield	Senior	6	33	39	1
Bryant	Carmel	Senior	26	11	37	1
Parker	Southeastern	Senior	11	26	37	2.5
Millsaps	Heights	Senior	22	14	36	5
Lieske	Westfield	Senior	7	27	34	0.5
Franco	Sheridan	Senior	17	16	33	7
Balcom	Heights	Senior	16	15	31	1
Marsh	Carmel	Senior	17	13	30	0
Vargas	Guerin Catholic	Junior	12	18	30	3
Page	Sheridan	Senior	14	15	29	1
Stella	Guerin Catholic	Senior	12	16	28	2
Flanders	Heights	Junior	14	14	28	4
Winbush	Carmel	Junior	15	12	27	3
King	Westfield	Sophomore	4	23	27	0
Cain	Heights	Junior	12	14	26	6
Ingalls	Southeastern	Senior	6	20	26	1.5
Kolb	Sheridan	Senior	19	7	26	4
Imes	Fishers	Senior	19	6	25	6
Street	Guerin Catholic	Senior	18	7	25	1
Reed	Guerin Catholic	Senior	13	12	25	2
Hornickel	Noblesville	Junior	11	14	25	2.5
Mackintosh	Sheridan	Senior	14	11	25	2

## Week 4 Sack Stats (min. 2 sacks)

Name	School	Grade	Total
Cain	Heights	Junior	5
Mason	Heights	Senior	4
Osiecki	Southeastern	Senior	4
Bola	Westfield	Senior	3.5
Wolf	Fishers	Senior	3
Imes	Fishers	Senior	3
Carlson	Southeastern	Senior	3
Williams	Sheridan	Senior	3
Ojata	Carmel	Junior	2
Reed	Guerin Catholic	Senior	2
Flanders	Heights	Junior	2
Seyferth	Southeastern	Senior	2
Webster	Westfield	Junior	2

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