

New Earth Festival September 23-24

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HamCo Harvest Food Bank enjoys fruits of HCCF's labor

Reducing the mental load at home: finances

Submitted

The Hamilton County Community Foundation (HCCF) recognizes the importance of having an engaged board and therefore holds a board retreat every year, which creates a sense of community, collegiality, and teamwork that can be felt throughout the coming year in board and committee meetings.

On Tuesday, board members spent most of the day volunteering, packing food boxes, and learning about Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank and the good work it does for so many in the area.

HCCF knows firsthand that when truly engaged, board members become the organization's best ambassadors, advocates, strategists, and all-around supporters. This year, HCCF changed the board retreat to provide space and time for personal engagement in mission work through hands-on volunteer opportunities with various not-for-profit partners in Hamilton County.



(From left) Hamilton County Community Foundation Board members who participated include County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt, Tonya Harvey, Eddie Rivers, Kristy Murphy, and Danielle Stiles-Polke. They were joined by Janet Gafkjen (right), who serves as the Meals for Kids & Special Projects coordinator for Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank.

The goal with this approach is to encourage HCCF board members to increase

their commitment to the group's mission as well as highlight opportunities for

them to use their time, talent, and treasure to benefit Hamilton County.

We ended last week talking about how to lighten your mental load when it comes to taxes. Today we'll talk about daily or weekly financial tasks.

I'm a big fan of using technology for all our budgeting and bill paying tasks. But I know not everyone is comfortable with this. At the very least, I would encourage you to pay your bills online either through the provider or your bank's online bill payment system. Just be careful with the former because sometimes they charge convenience fees.

I pay all my bills online through my bank and it is a Godsend. It's great to set up different payee addresses just one time and create automatic payments for those bills with amounts that don't change from month-to-month. You can even pay people through this system if you don't use Venmo or other money transfer apps. And most banks also allow you to deposit checks by simply taking a photo of them on your phone.

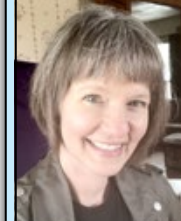
I like being able to view transactions on my computer or phone each day and to easily transfer money between accounts by tapping just a few keys. I've caught some unauthorized transactions in the past by keeping an eye on my account this way, which obviously saves a lot of headaches and aggravation.

Of course, when doing any sort of financial transactions online, you need to take precautions to make certain you have a secure connection. I never do any bill paying or viewing of my bank account when I am away from home. Even when I am taking care of online banking in my dining room, I quickly log out when I am finished.

Watch out for the email scam when you receive a message that looks like it's from your bank. If it truly appears that you have an email from your bank, log on to that institution's site and get your message there.

Taking care of our family's banking and bill payments online saves me at least an hour a week. I remember sitting down every week or every other week decades ago and writing checks/envelopes by hand and "licking and sticking" multiple stamps. I had to carve out 45 minutes or more for

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Perfectly Imperfect

Let Nickel Plate Express take you to Atlanta New Earth Festival

The REPORTER

Get ready to embark on a delightful adventure as Nickel Plate Express (NPX) announces its special train rides to the popular Atlanta New Earth Festival on Sept. 23 and 24. This exciting opportunity allows passengers to enjoy a hassle-free trip to the festival, immersing themselves in a day filled with shopping, music, food, and celebrations.

Passengers will step aboard the historic 1950s train for a scenic one-hour ride from Noblesville to Atlanta. Upon arrival,

they will disembark and have the chance to explore the festival's vibrant atmosphere, featuring an array of vendors selling handmade crafts, boutique clothing, jewelry, outdoor and indoor décor, children's items, and much more.

Food lovers can indulge in delicious treats and classic festival foods from the various food truck vendors lining Main Street. Additionally, Broadway Street offers a selection of fresh canned goods, baked items from local farms and greenhouses,



and a treasure trove of other enticing goodies.

The Atlanta New Earth Festival, celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, attracts an impressive crowd of 60,000 to 100,000 visitors during the two days of the festivities. This one-weekend event has become

a beloved tradition, drawing people from near and far to experience its unique charm.

In addition to the shopping extravaganza, festivalgoers can enjoy live performances by talented artists on the free

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Noblesville & Zionsville Lions continue vision acuity testing at Hinkle Creek Elementary



The Noblesville and Zionsville Lions recently performed vision acuity testing on over 300 third- and fifth-grade students at Hinkle Creek Elementary School in Noblesville. 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. (From left) Lions Bill Kurtz, Walt Scheid, Dan Dumbauld, Steve Stage, Lee Ann Balta, Gary Hipes, Julia Kozicki, Ron Williamson, and Steve Shaw.

First "That's What She Said" show in Indiana inspires women

By AMY ADAMS
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Katie Vigil called herself the "woman with a million ideas" at the first That's What She Said event in the state of Indiana presented to a full house at the Booth Tarkington Civic Theater on Friday evening, Sept. 8.

Vigil grew up in Champaign-Urbana, Ill., where That's What She Said began as a one-night event in 2013. In 10 years, that one show has grown to multiple productions throughout the Midwest. One of Vigil's "million ideas" was to bring That's What She Said with her when she moved to the Indianapolis area in 2019.

Though Vigil said she would rather watch the Indy 500 on the hottest possible day than to speak in front of people, she can now add



Reporter photo by Amy Adams

The speakers and producers are all smiles after the show: Michelle Derleth, Brandi Bruemmer, Jennifer Johnson, Heather Huguet, Katie Vigil, Becca Goldsberry, Myra Levine, Lisa Brandenburg, Cara Dalton, Jenette Jurczyk, and Kelli Caughman.

speaker and producer to her LinkedIn profile. A mother to three with a full-time job, Vigil began planning the event about a year ago in conjunction with Jenette Jurczyk, national director of She Said Project.

"One thing that really resonated with me when I experienced the show

in Champaign was that it provides a platform for ordinary, everyday women to share their stories," Vigil said.

The "ordinary, everyday" speakers Friday evening included Vigil and nine other women from

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across the area. Each spoke for around 15 minutes, sharing diverse experiences with humor and sincerity.

Heather Hughet and Brandi Bruemmer had the crowd rolling with laughter. Becca Goldsberry and Lisa Brandenburg shared faith-filled messages. Myra Levine spoke without glancing at her script and Cara Dalton quoted Jesse Spano from *Saved By the Bell* as both women told of their journeys to motherhood.

Michelle Derleth of Noblesville talked about developing Guillain-Barré syndrome following spinal surgery and becoming paralyzed from the neck down. Having relearned how to do everyday activities that most take for granted, Derleth walked onto the stage with a cane and stood with a small table for support as her feet still can't feel the floor.

"Through the power of optimism, we can conquer even the most daunting of circumstances," Derleth said.

In her talk entitled "Advocate Like a Mother," Kelli Caughman of Fishers shared about how she stepped into the life she asked for as the mother of a son with Down Syndrome. Caughman co-founded the Black Down Syndrome Association.

"Though it has not been easy, I have a purpose," Caughman said. "I'm walking in it right now."

Jennifer Johnson of Cicero closed the show by singing "Make Your Own Kind of Music" by Cass Elliot, echoing the words of her own story.

Vigil spoke last about the rough road of recovery that has led her to sobriety and ended her inspiring message with words of praise and encouragement for each of the other speakers.

"Without struggles, there can be no victory," Vigil said.

The audience responded throughout the show with applause, laughter, hoots and hollers of support, and yes, some tears, and gave Vigil, Jurczyk, and the rest of the speakers a standing ovation.

"The whole show felt like a warm hug from an old friend, or a brand new one," said one audience member. "I hope they bring this show to every city in the U.S. It was so inspiring."

That's What She Said Indianapolis was sponsored by CIBM Bank, and proceeds support Kids' Voice of Indiana. According to President and CEO Lindsay Scott, Kids' Voice of Indiana serves and protects 5,000 children across the state every year and advocates for a child-centered legal system.

Vigil is already putting together a small team and planning for next year. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor or speaker, email katiev@shesaidproject.com.

If you missed the event or want to find more stories like those shared by the speakers, check out The She Said Project Podcast whenever you listen to podcasts or order a copy of *That's What She Said: From the Stage to the Page* at shesaidproject.com. You can also visit the website to register for The Power of Storytelling Conference set for Oct. 8 and 9 in Champaign.

Photo provided

At the end of the show, the speakers join Jennifer Johnson in singing "Make Your Own Kind of Music."

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entertainment stage located in the park. Antique tractor and equipment displays add a touch of nostalgia to the festivities, while the free Kids Zone near the stage provides a safe and entertaining space for children to play.

"The Atlanta New Earth Festival holds a special place in the hearts of locals and visitors alike, and we are thrilled to offer a convenient and enjoyable transportation option for those who want to join in the celebrations," NPX Executive Director Emily Reynolds said. "Our train rides provide a nostalgic experience, allowing passengers to savor the journey while anticipating the festivities that await them."

The train will remain at the Atlanta New Earth Festival for two hours each ride, giving passengers ample time to soak up the vibrant atmosphere before returning by train to their vehicle in Forest Park in Noblesville. This unique experience eliminates the hassle of finding parking, making it the perfect way to enjoy the festivities stress-free.

Tickets for the Atlanta New Earth Festival train rides are available for purchase now. Prices start at \$20 per person, offering an affordable and convenient transportation solution. Tickets are sold in advance only and can be purchased online. The train will depart Hobbs Station in Noblesville at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23 and 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 24.

For more information and to reserve your tickets, visit NickelPlateExpress.com. Join Nickel Plate Express on this remarkable journey to the Atlanta New Earth Festival and create unforgettable memories with family and friends.

About Nickel Plate Express

Nickel Plate Express is a premier train excursion provider based in Noblesville. With a focus on delivering unforgettable experiences, NPX offers a range of themed train rides and events, combining scenic beauty with entertainment for all ages. From special excursions to popular festivals, Nickel Plate Express aims to provide an enchanting and hassle-free journey for passengers.

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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

7:00 2023 HOMECOMING GAME

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2:15 SCHOOL PEP SESSION

8:00 HOMECOMING DANCE

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*For questions contact Dave@theGordonTeam.com

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From the desk of Heights Superintendent Dr. Arrowood

Update No. 113

We believe a safe school culture should be a way of life at Hamilton Heights. Safety is a shared responsibility that encompasses the physical, emotional, and academic safety and wellbeing of our children.

We have created protocols and best practices designed to protect lives and support all aspects of the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff while on campus. Our comprehensive and multitiered corporation-wide safety plan and coordinated support system addresses facilities, school climate, the social and emotional domain, behavioral and mental health and wellness, emergency preparedness, and crisis intervention and response. It includes collaboration



DR. DEREK ARROWOOD
Heights Superintendent

with community, county, and state organizations; conducting behavioral threat assessments; and the implementation of a multi-hazard approach to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergency/crisis situations.

We have inhouse trained safety specialists, created individual building plans and safety committees, have strong partnerships with local law enforcement, first responders, fire departments, hospitals, and other agencies who will respond to emergencies within our schools.

Hamilton Heights is not immune from incidents and threats of violence via notes, calls, and social media posts, or discriminatory and hateful actions. Statements and threats made to-

wards a school cause a high level of fear for everyone, students, parents, administrators, and staff, regardless of the intention behind the threat; it is this level of fear that disrupts our learning environments and causes undue stress on students, staff, and families.

When we are informed about a possible threat of danger, we take it seriously.

We are fortunate to have outstanding partnerships with our local police and fire departments. We investigate all claims that we are made aware of in coordination with our local law enforcement partners. If those threats are deemed credible, we will take the appropriate action. However, if it is found that the person making the comments is doing it as a prank, a joke, or for some other reason, we will also take the appropriate action.

We work cooperatively with our law enforcement

partners to use every means available to locate any individual who is responsible for these types of false claims or unsubstantiated threatening comments. Making these types of comments brings with them serious consequences and criminal prosecution.

The very best way to keep our schools safe and prevent acts of violence from occurring is to build relationships and keep an open line of communication. Be kind. Be alert. If you see something that doesn't look or feel right, say something.

Thank you for entrusting us with teaching, protecting, and supporting your students. This is a privilege and a responsibility we uphold daily with great diligence and care. Thank you for working with us, proactively, to support student safety and wellbeing every day.

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the process. Then there was the hour each month of getting a hard copy of our bank statement and balancing our checkbook.

Now I just look at our monthly budget, which is a simple Word document that breaks down our income and what is typically due on what week of the month and pay that week's bills every Friday online through our bank.

I keep any paper copies of bills all together in a file in order by due date and do the same for any email bills on my computer. The rest is taken care of by automated bill payment or withdrawal from our account. I also take a minute at the start of every weekday to check our account online and do some quick balancing.

Finally, if you're like I

was a couple of years ago and still using a paper check register, I would encourage you to get a free app on your phone to track everything instead. I use My Register. It saves me probably 15 to 20 minutes a week!

Being smart with your finances and getting organized in managing them is an important first step in reducing the mental labor of taking care of your home. By using some or all these tips, you can decrease your financial mental load by up to 75 percent.

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Fish fry will benefit Fishers UMC food pantry & missions

The REPORTER

Fishers United Methodist Church will hold a Dan's Fish Fry from 4:15 to 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 3.

The menu includes all-you-can-eat fish and chicken strips, with side dishes of baked beans, coleslaw or applesauce, bread, and pie. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$7

for children five and above. (Children under age 5 are free.) Tickets can be purchased at the church office, 9691 E. 116th St., Fishers, and also will be available at the door.

Dine-in, carryout, and drive-thru will be available. Proceeds from the event will support the Come to Me

Food Pantry, as well as adult and youth mission trips.

The Come to Me Food Pantry serves families in all of Hamilton County, as well as the McCordsville and Fortville areas. Each week, between 5,000 and 8,000 pounds of food is distributed from 1 to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays.

The adult and youth mis-

sion teams serve deprived areas in the U.S. each summer, doing repairs, cleaning, and building in areas of need.

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Hayden Parsons, now a Noblesville Lion

Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club

On Wednesday, the Noblesville Lions inducted Hayden Parsons into the club. A associate attorney at Adler Attorneys in Noblesville, he is new to the area and was welcomed by the club. He is sponsored by Lion Walt Scheid. (From left) Lion Jeff Kozicki inducted Hayden Parsons, along with Sponsor Lion Walt Scheid.

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All ages invited and pre-registration is not required.



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Start your autumn with Barktoberfest in Westfield

The REPORTER

Westfield Welcome has announced that Barktoberfest, presented by Community First Bank, will return to Asa Bales Park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7.

Bring your furry friend for an amazing dog-themed afternoon. Let your pup take on the agility course, shop the pet-related vendors, and the pet costume contests run at 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 1:30 p.m. You can take advantage of professional pet portraits, caricatures, and adopt adorable pets from the Humane Society booth. You can also design your own collar bow with the Westfield High School Animal Club.

This year, the Humane Society of Hamilton County will collect items frequently needed in the shelter, such as Easy Cheese, canned dog and cat food, 55-gallon trash bags, and plush dog toys. These donations will help ensure the daily operations of the shelter. Donating earns attendees a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of

three gift baskets worth over \$100 each. Raffle tickets from the Humane Society will also be available for \$5 per ticket.

“Everyone loves Barktoberfest; it is by far one of our most popular events. It’s a great way to kick off the fall season with the entire family,” Westfield Welcome Director Kayla Arnold said.

Tickets are \$5 per person, and ages three and under must reserve a free ticket. Dogs will not need a separate ticket. Tickets for Barktoberfest are available now at [this link](#).

Free public parking will be available at Westfield High School, 18250 N. Union St.

More information can be found at [westfieldwelcome.com/barktoberfest](#).

Westfield Welcome focuses on community engagement and hospitality for residents, businesses, and visitors. As a city department, Westfield Welcome hosts more than 50 annual events and provides hundreds of volunteer opportunities yearly.



Photo provided
Your dog doesn’t have to be happy about it ... he just has to be cute enough to win the costume contest.

Eat spaghetti & support Cicero’s first responders

The REPORTER

The Cicero Friends of the Park invite you to a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 17 at Red Bridge Park, 697 W. Jackson St., Cicero.

This is a community event with the food being donated by DeLullo’s Trattoria, The Boathouse Kitchen and Swan Dive, and Cicero Market.

The dinner is free but

donations will be taken and all proceeds will be split between the Cicero Police Department and the Cicero Fire Department.

There will also be a Jeep Cruise-In and a concert on the pier featuring the Big 80’s Tribute Band from 6 to 9 p.m.

Come out for some food and fun and help support Cicero’s first responders.

Learn more at [CFOTP.org](#).

INDOT seeks applicants for Engineering Scholarship Program

The REPORTER

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) is seeking applicants for its Engineering Scholarship Program, available for undergraduate and graduate students. Recipients receive financial assistance, as well as opportunities for paid employment during summer breaks and upon graduation.

Students must be accepted or enrolled full-time in one of Indiana’s accredited Civil Engineering schools. The program must also be certified by Indiana’s Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). Eligible universities with ABET-certified Civil Engineering programs include Purdue University, Purdue University Fort Wayne, Purdue University Northwest, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Trine University, University of Evansville, University of Notre Dame, University of

Southern Indiana, Indiana State University and Valparaiso University.

INDOT’s scholarship program offers \$3,125 per semester or \$2,083 per trimester for up to five years of post-secondary Civil Engineering education. Scholarship funds may be applied to educational expenses, fees, and books. In return, recipients have the opportunity to work at INDOT in full-time, paid positions during summer breaks and upon graduation.

Learn more about the INDOT Engineering Scholarship Program and the application process at [indotscholarship.in.gov](#). Applications for the 2024-2025 school year must be emailed or postmarked by Sunday, Dec. 31, 2023.

Those with questions may contact Adam Beasley at [A.Beasley2@indot.in.gov](#) or visit the website listed above.



Clay Terrace invites families to Boo ‘n Brew Fall Festival

The REPORTER

Clay Terrace will celebrate the fall season and an early Halloween by holding a free community event from 2 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 21.

The 11th annual Boo ‘n Brew Fall Festival offers a variety of activities for everyone in the family, such as horse-drawn hayrides, live music and performances, Silly Safari Animal Shows, face painters, a beer garden, and more. Plus, families (and their fur-friends) are invited to arrive in costume and trick-or-treat from store to store while supplies last. Enter to win the Pet Costume Contest with prizes awarded for Spookiest, Silliest, and Most Creative pet outfits.

Adults can enjoy the “Brew” of Boo ‘n Brew in the family-friendly beer garden featuring four local breweries: Field Brewing, Bier Brewery, Upland Brewing Company, and

Boo ‘n Brew Schedule

All day . . .

- Mall-wide trick-or-treating (while supplies last)
- Visit with vendors and food trucks on Clay Terrace Boulevard
- Beer Garden featuring four breweries
- Face painting and balloon artists
- Aerialists
- Pumpkin Patch and decorating station (while supplies last)

2 to 3:30 p.m.: Live performance on main stage by Stella Luna & The Satellites

2:30 to 5:30 p.m.: Horse-drawn Hayrides

2:30 & 4 p.m.: Silly Safari Animal Shows

3 p.m.: Pet Costume Contest Judging (sign up your pet prior to 3 p.m.)

4 to 6 p.m.: Live performance on the main stage by Toy Factory

Grand Junction Brewing Company. While sipping your brew, enjoy live music from Toy Factory and Stella Luna & The Satellites.

Take home a signature Boo ‘n Brew Cup and T-Shirt, while supplies last. (Cup provided with beer purchase and T-shirt available for purchase at the Clay Terrace Booth; proceeds benefit Carmel Education Foundation.)

Valid ID must be presented, and only people

aged 21 and over can purchase beer. No outside alcohol will be permitted.

Thank you to this year’s sponsors: DC Construction, Centier Bank, Ryan Homes, Woodland Animal Hospital, Current Publishing, Bier Brewery, Field Brewing, Grand Junction Brewing Company, Upland Brewing Company, and Metronet.

For more information on this free event, visit the [Event Website](#).

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ReCenter Indiana PAC endorses Sue Finkam for Carmel mayor

Submitted

The political action committee of ReCenter Indiana has announced its endorsement of Sue Finkam in this fall's general election for mayor of Carmel.

Finkam is wrapping up her third term on the Carmel City Council.

"Her hands-on experience should equip her well to manage government at a level that affects citizens every day," said Adrienne Slash, a Republican and

co-chair of the ReCenter Indiana PAC. "We are heartened by her pledge to seek broader input and engagement from Carmel's fast-growing and increasingly diverse population."

ReCenter Indiana expects that Finkam will leverage her collaborative leadership approach to build on Carmel's success and that she will seek broader input and engagement from Carmel's increasingly diverse residents.



Finkam

The REPORTER

Girl Scouts has released The Indiana Girl Report.

The groundbreaking report was commissioned through the Indiana Youth Institute in collaboration with Girl Scout councils from across the state and the Girl Coalition of Indiana. The report is the very first of its kind and was developed through qualitative and quantitative research to provide insight into critical challenges girls are experiencing and the variances

across the state.

The report's findings create a foundation for understanding key issues impacting the quality of life for girls. It also offers a roadmap for cultivating supportive environments and developing resources for girls to help them navigate through topics often considered taboo including mental health, sexual dating violence, gender bias, bullying, and more.

"The Indiana Girl Report data shows that we are not prioritizing their well-being as well as we need to be," Girl Scouts of Central Indiana CEO Danielle Shockey said.

Key findings from the research include:

- 1. Among seventh- to 12th-grade girls in Indiana, 47.1 percent experienced depression in 2022 and nearly one in four girls seriously considered suicide.
- 2. Girls in Indiana are more likely than boys to become victims of bullying. They are twice as likely to become victims of tra-



Photo provided by Girl Scouts of Central Indiana

ditional bullying and three times as likely to become victims of cyberbullying compared to boys.

3. From 2015 to 2021, the rate of physical and sexual dating violence among girls in Indiana has increased, while the prevalence among boys has decreased. Seventeen percent of high school girls reported having experienced sexual dating violence in 2021 – five times the rate of boys.

4. In 2021, girls were admitted for inpatient care at a hospital more than three times the rate of boys.

"At Girl Scouts we have more than 100 years

of experience in championing girls and their unique needs," Shockey said. "This report reflects our ongoing commitment to elevating the social, emotional, and academic well-being of girls, along with recommendations for how we as girl serving organizations, educators, caregivers, and policy makers need to join together with intentional focus on the unique challenges that our girls face. Just like in the Girl Scout mission, together we can make HER world a better place."

A full copy of the report can be found at gsci.me/indianagirlreport.

Indiana's largest kids consignment sale returns to Grand Park in Westfield

By **HERNAN GUTIERREZ**
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](https://www.wishtv.com)

Indiana's biggest kids consignment sale is back and there will be plenty of items for shoppers to choose from.

The fall edition of **Whale of a Sale** runs through Sunday at the Grand Park Events Center in Westfield.

Whale of a Sale features over 100,000 items, from kids' clothes and books to sporting goods, strollers, and furniture. Many items for sale can be marked off up to 90 percent of their retail price.

Event organizers say they sold out of vending spaces with more than 800 families from across central Indiana expected to sell items. One seller, Laura Holt, has been selling at Whale of a Sale since 2010.

She says it's a perfect way to get rid of clothes her kids grew out of while finding something new.

"My oldest was born in 2009 and I just learned about consignment sales then," Holt said. "Since then, I've been buying and selling at the sale twice a year."

Organizers say the average seller can expect to earn about \$500 throughout the weekend.

Another seller, Jennifer Maas, says she often shops for the whole year during both events.

"Go straight to what you need first," Maas said. "So if you want to be shopping for Christmas or you want to shop for some clothes or some Halloween costumes, go straight to what you want. Make a list and know what you're going to get."

Both Maas and Holt rec-

ommend getting there early and heading straight to the kinds of goods a shopper is looking for first.

Interested shoppers **can reserve a shopping time online** for Friday. \$10 gets them in for early access at 9 a.m., while \$5 grants access at noon. The event opens to the public for free at 4 p.m. Teachers, frontline workers, and new parents can also get early access on Friday for free.

Whale of a Sale will offer free shopping hours and half-price early access tickets on Saturday. The sale runs through Sunday at 2 p.m. when many of the remaining items will be half off.

Sellers can opt to donate their unsold items to the sale's charity partner, **Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County**.

Another similar event, the **Indy Kids Sale** in Noblesville goes through Saturday. Many other **consignment sales** are set for the rest of September into October.

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Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch visits LittleStar ABA Center of Carmel

The REPORTER

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch visited LittleStar ABA Therapy in Carmel on Thursday to highlight the importance of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy for those with autism. This is one of several visits Lt. Gov. Crouch has made to ABA therapy centers around the state.

“ABA therapies can have transformational outcomes for people with autism and their families,” Crouch said. “It was an honor to visit LittleStar and meet with the professionals who make this therapy possible and are changing the quality of life for Hoosiers with disabilities across Indiana.”

LittleStar ABA Therapy serves individuals and families across the state who affected by autism. Its services include testing and diagnosis, social skills training, and other Board Certified Behavior Analyst monitored ABA therapy methods. LittleStar serves clients from 18 months old to adulthood with specialized age group

intervention trainings. “LittleStar was the first ABA center in Indiana, and over the past 21 years we have seen firsthand how important ABA therapy is to families every day,” said Mary Rosswurm, CEO of LittleStar ABA Therapy. “This is especially true as autism rates continue to climb. We were honored and privileged to host the lieutenant governor today and truly appreciate her support of the autism community.”

Also on the tour was Kim Dodson, CEO of The Arc of Indiana, an Indiana nonprofit committed to helping all Hoosiers with intellectual and developmental disabilities realize their goals of living, learning, working, and fully participating in the community.

“The Arc of Indiana thanks Lieutenant Governor Crouch for taking the time to learn about the difference applied behavior analysis (ABA) can make in the lives of people with autism and other developmental



Photo provided

disabilities,” Dodson said. “At a time when the state is proposing a rate change that could negatively impact the availability of this important therapy, we appreciate that our lieutenant governor wants to understand how therapists, ABA centers and people with disabilities could be affected.”

Lt. Gov. Crouch is currently meeting with business leaders across the state, along with The Arc of Indiana, who employ Hoosiers

with disabilities, including those with autism. Her letter to FSSA regarding ABA reimbursement rates can be found at this link.

The Lieutenant Governor serves as President of the Indiana Senate, Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development, chairs the Indiana Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Task Force & Indiana Roundtable on Mental Health, and oversees four state agencies.

Mike Braun endorses Jim Banks to succeed him in U.S. Senate

Submitted

On Wednesday, Senator Mike Braun endorsed Congressman Jim Banks to succeed him in the United States Senate representing Indiana. Braun joins over 350 conservative leaders who are backing Jim Banks for Senate.

“Jim Banks is a proven conservative leader who has a strong track record of fighting for Hoosier values as a former member of the Indiana Statehouse, a veteran of Afghanistan, and a member of the US House,” Sen. Braun tweeted. “I am confident Jim will continue to put America First and fight for conservative values in the US Senate. I give Jim Banks my full and complete

endorsement for the United States Senate because he knows America is worth fighting for.”



Banks

Banks said he is grateful to have the endorsement.

“Senator Mike Braun has been a strong pro-life and fiscal conservative in the U.S. Senate, and I’m proud to have his endorsement to replace him,”

Rep. Banks said. Banks currently serves Indiana’s Third Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives. Born and raised in Indiana, he and his wife Amanda are the proud parents to three young daughters, and they are honored to serve Northeast Indiana in Washington.

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Fishers physician Andrew Trobridge named new ISMA officer

The REPORTER

The Indiana State Medical Association (ISMA) elected its officers and American Medical Association (AMA) delegation members at its 174th annual convention, held Sept. 8 to 10.

David R. Diaz, MD, Indianapolis, was sworn in as ISMA president for 2023-2024, while William Pond, MD, Fort Wayne, was chosen by acclamation as ISMA president-elect.

Dr. Diaz is a psychiatrist with IU Health in Indianap-

olis and an associate professor of clinical psychiatry at the Indiana University School of Medicine, where he earned his medical degree. Dr. Diaz earned his bachelor’s degree in biology from the University of Evansville. In addition to his practice in Indianapolis, he also serves patients in Jasper, Ind. Dr. Diaz, an ISMA member since 1989, has chaired the ISMA Board of Trustees, and served as a member of the ISMA Commission on Legislation. Dr. Diaz is the associate medi-

cal director of the Division of Mental Health and Addiction in Indiana’s Family and Social Services Administration.

Dr. Pond will become ISMA’s next president in September 2024. Dr. Pond is an anesthesiologist with Associated Anesthesiologists of Fort Wayne. Dr. Pond earned his bachelor’s degree in chemistry and zoology from Butler University, and his medical degree from the Indiana University School of Medicine. Dr. Pond, an ISMA member

since 1991, has served as ISMA treasurer and assistant treasurer, and as a member of the ISMA Commission on Legislation. Dr. Pond is a colonel in the Indiana Air National Guard.

Other ISMA officers sworn in for one-year terms include the following: **speaker of the House of Delegates, Andrew Trobridge, MD, Fishers;** vice speaker of the House of Delegates, Alexander Choi, MD, Zionsville; treasurer, Shalin Arnett, DO, Vincennes; and assistant trea-

surer, Seung Sim, MD, Indianapolis.

Six members of ISMA’s delegation to the AMA were also sworn in. Elected as AMA delegates are Heidi M. Dunniway, MD, Evansville; William Mohr, MD, Kokomo; and David Welsh, MD, Batesville. Alternate delegates are Deepak Azad, MD, Floyd’s Knobs; Stacie Wenk, DO, Evansville; and Thomas Vidic, MD, Elkhart. AMA delegation members serve two-year terms and are elected on a staggered basis.

About ISMA

The Indiana State Medical Association is a federation of county and district medical societies across Indiana. With more than 9,500 physician and medical student members, the ISMA seeks to maximize the leadership and impact of physicians, make Indiana one of the best states in which to practice medicine, and make Hoosiers among the healthiest people in the country. Learn more about the ISMA’s mission and history at ismanet.org.



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Fishers native serving his country aboard USS Boxer



U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Connor Burns
Logistics Specialist 3rd Class Dat Phan, a native of Fishers, conducts an inventory assessment in a locker aboard USS Boxer (LHD 4), on Aug. 30. Boxer is a Wasp-class amphibious assault ship currently underway in the U.S. 3rd Fleet area of operations.

Sen. Young & colleagues hold first AI Insight Forum with tech leaders

The REPORTER

On Wednesday, U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) joined with Senators Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.), Mike Rounds (R-S.D.), and Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.) to hold the first bipartisan “AI Insight Forum” focused on key policy issues, opportunities, and threats related to artificial intelligence.

The all-day event was open to the entire Senate and featured CEOs of leading tech companies, including X’s Elon Musk, Meta’s Mark Zuckerberg, Google’s Sundar Pichai, NVIDIA’s Jensen Huang, and OpenAI’s Sam Altman, as well as leaders in defense, research, education, and civil society.

“I want to thank all of our experts for participating in our AI Insight Forum’s kickoff event,” Sen. Young said. “The breadth of expertise across a range of disciplines that gathered today was immense, and my colleagues and I learned a great deal during the event. An AI-enabled society holds



Photo provided

Elon Musk speaks with Senator Todd Young at the first AI Insight Forum.

incredible promise, but AI’s potential benefits are accompanied by potential risks. As Congress explores key policy issues related to AI, we should identify areas where existing law does not address potential AI-specific vulnerabilities, but we also must ensure policymakers don’t overregulate and limit AI’s benefits to our society, economy, and national security. I look forward to working with my colleagues on these issues over the next few months.”

Wednesday event is the first in a series of AI Insight Forums organized by the senators that will take place throughout the fall. With the help of experts and stakeholders, the forums will examine a wide range of topics while keeping Senate committees of jurisdiction and their members in the driver’s seat when it comes to the legislative outcomes.

Average home price in Hamiton County tops \$500K

The REPORTER

The central Indiana residential real estate market remained steady in August, with inventory increasing in several counties and price increases slowing.

According to F.C. Tucker Company, part of the Howard Hanna family of companies, in August 2023, available housing inventory decreased 1.7 percent and home sale prices decreased 9.4 percent, yet year-to-date home sale prices remain strong increasing by 5.5 percent.

- The average August 2023 home sale price for the 16-county central Indiana region was \$292,062, a decrease of 9.4 percent compared to August 2022.
- Available housing inventory decreased 1.7 percent compared to August 2022.
- Pended home sales decreased, down 20.6 percent compared to this time last year.

In August 2023, 2,947

central Indiana homes were purchased, down 20.6 percent from the 3,712 sold in August 2022. No counties experienced an increase in pended home sales; however:

- Boone County experienced the smallest decrease in pended home sales in August 2023, down 6.7 percent compared to this time last year.
- Putnam County pended sales had the greatest decrease with 40.3 percent fewer homes sold in August 2023 compared to August 2022.
- Central Indiana year-to-date home sale prices increased, up 5.5 percent overall:
- Brown County recorded the highest average year-to-date home sale price increase at 23.3 percent.
- **Hamilton County had the highest average year-to-date home sale price in the region at \$504,698.**
- Homes sold in 33 days on average, remaining on

Let's Talk

the market 16 days, or 94.1 percent, longer than in 2022. All homes in central Indiana remained on the market longer than in August 2022 except Decatur County, which saw homes selling in the same amount of time, 33 days, as in 2022.

Central Indiana experienced a 1.7 percent decrease in overall available home inventory in August 2023, compared to August 2022, with 71 fewer homes available for sale.

- Shelby County had the largest inventory increase – up 30.4 percent compared to August 2022.
- Hancock County experienced the largest decrease in inventory – down 37.4 percent compared to this time last year.

“As the residential real

estate market continued to moderate in August, we saw available inventory slowly increase throughout central Indiana,” said Jim Litten, president of F.C. Tucker Company. “Despite a slight increase in home sale prices last month, central Indiana remains one of the most affordable housing markets in the Midwest and the entire United States.”

Of the pended home sales in the region last month, four were priced \$2,000,000 or higher; 43 were priced \$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999; 305 were priced \$500,000 to \$999,999; 963 were priced \$300,000 to \$499,999; 849 were priced \$200,000 to \$299,999; 620 were priced \$100,000 to \$199,999; and 163 were priced at \$99,999 or less.

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Local landowners invited to provide input on Farm Bill

The REPORTER

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

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

Anyone who has interest in land located in Hamilton County is welcome to

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attend. If you wish to join virtually, please email soil.water@hamiltoncounty.in.gov for a link to participate via Microsoft Teams.

If you wish to have input on program ranking, have questions regarding

this matter, or cannot attend, please email Angie Garrison at angela.garrison@usda.gov or call the office at (317) 773-2181 for a ranking sheet. All input is due by Wednesday, Sept. 20.

Come taste & see some of the best that Westfield has to offer

Purchase your tickets in advance for a discounted price

The REPORTER

The Westfield Chamber's first Showcase & Taste of Westfield will take place from 3 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 27 at Grand Park Events Center. Guests will have the opportunity to enjoy the best of what Westfield has to offer all in one place.

The Showcase & Taste will be open to all residents. Advance tickets (\$7) are available online at westfield-chamberindy.com. Tickets will be \$10 at the door.

Exhibitors at the Showcase & Taste of Westfield will have the opportunity to put their businesses on display and connect with businesses and potential customers at one of the Chamber's largest networking events of the year.

All types of businesses can participate in the event, including restaurants, service and healthcare providers, legal professionals, entertainment venues, food

providers, and more. Restaurants, caterers, wineries, breweries, and other food service establishments are invited to provide menu tastings as well.

Become an exhibitor

Exhibitor Booth (member, \$300): Includes full booth 10-by-10-foot package (eight-foot table with full-length linen, eight-foot back drape, three-foot side rails, two chairs, wastebasket, and ID sign; two complimentary admission tickets

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The deadline for exhibitor registration is Sept. 18. Businesses can purchase a booth online at westfield-chamberindy.com. If you have difficulty registering or you're interested in sponsorship opportunities, contact Courtney Albright at calbright@westfieldchamberindy.com or call (317) 804-3030.

The Title Sponsors for this first Showcase & Taste include Community First Bank of Indiana, JRF Construction, Church Church Hittle & Antrim, City of Westfield, Riverview Health, Citizens Energy Group, Ascension St. Vincent, Carrington Mortgage Services, The Farmers Bank, and Westfield Washington Schools.



Man wanted for murder in Alabama hit with more charges in Hamilton County

The REPORTER

On Aug. 31, Carmel police officers were made aware of a stolen vehicle, that occurred earlier that week in Huntsville, Ala.

Officers located the vehicle on Willowmere Drive in Carmel at approximately 9:10 p.m. Officers observed a subject, later determined to be Damon A. Blinks, 28, leaving the area while operating the stolen vehicle.

When officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop, the suspect initiated a pursuit attempting to evade officers, sometimes at high speed. The suspect eventually stopped the vehicle and fled on foot on Aqueduct Way. A short time later, Blinks was apprehended by Carmel police officers.

Blinks was transported

to the Hamilton County Jail on local charges. Additionally, he will await extradition to Huntsville, Ala., for a capital murder charge.

Local Charges include:

- Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Serious Violent Felon
- Unlawful Carrying of a Handgun
- Resisting Law Enforcement Using a Vehicle
- Resisting Law Enforcement
- Theft: Possession of Stolen Property

If anyone has further information regarding this case, please call the Carmel Police Department at (317) 571-2500.

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Raymond Eugene Seaman

December 5, 1943 – September 12, 2023



Raymond Eugene Seaman, a beloved member of the Carmel community, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at the age of 79. Born on December 5, 1943, in Newark, Ohio, Ray was the cherished son of Raymond and Thelma Seaman.

Ray led a remarkable life, leaving an indelible mark on those who had the privilege of knowing him. His career as a sales manager with Standard Register Company spanned many years and was marked by dedication and professionalism. Beyond his professional life, Ray was a man of deep faith, finding his spiritual home at Northside Baptist Church.

Among his many passions, Ray had an extraordinary talent for music. His love for singing was evident to all who heard him, and he generously shared his gift with others through various singing groups, including The Mariners, His Voice Through Us, Calvary Quartet, Noblemen, and Trinity Singers. He used his remarkable voice to serve the Lord, bringing solace and joy to those who heard him.

Ray was not only a man of remarkable talent but also a loving family man. He is survived by his devoted wife, Janet Seaman; his son, Rodney (Angie) Seaman; daughter, Rhonda Hamaker; grandchildren, Alec (Monica) Hamaker and Alicia (Adam) Hamaker Brown; great-grandchild, Simon Hamaker; step-grandchildren, Katie Ebersole, Chris Ebersole, and Heather Armstrong-Mendoza; brother, Ken (Sharon) Seaman; and sister-in-law, Sylvia Seaman. He was preceded in death by his sister, Sue Martin, and brother, Ronald Seaman.

Beyond his family and professional life, Ray's generosity extended to those around him. He made it a point to visit every person in his assisted living residence, traveling via his electric scooter with oxygen tanks in tow, spreading warmth and kindness to all. He made it a point to learn everyone's name and something about them. His caring nature was a testament to his character.

Ray was not only a talented musician but also a dedicated leader in the world of gospel music. He served as the president of the Indiana Gospel Music Association, leaving a lasting legacy within the organization and fostering the growth of gospel music in his community.

Services to celebrate Ray's life will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, September 24, 2023, at Northside Baptist Church, 3021 E. 71st St., Indianapolis, with Pastor Jeremy Couture officiating. Visitation will be held from 2 p.m. until the time of the service at the church. Burial will take place at 11 a.m. on Monday, September 25, 2023, at Hamilton Memorial Park Cemetery in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that memorial contributions be made to the Northside Baptist Church music program at shelbygiving.com/app/giving/nort3021298. (Select "Other" on the "Fund" drop down menu.)

Ray's legacy lives on through his music, his kindness, and the love he shared with those fortunate enough to know him. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who had the privilege of hearing his angelic voice and experiencing his loving spirit. Ray's memory will forever be a source of inspiration and joy to those whose lives he touched.

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Wayne George Sheridan

January 6, 1946 – September 13, 2023



Wayne George Sheridan, 77, Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis. He was born on January 6, 1946, to George and Oriole (Domres) Sheridan in Chicago, Ill.

Wayne proudly served in the United States Air Force. Before retirement, he was a Mill-Rite for International Harvester and since retirement, he has been a Noblesville Schools Bus Driver. Wayne was a wonderful cook, enjoyed golfing, and was a big Chicago Bears and White Sox fan. He was the official chauffeur for all his grandchildren and loved watching them play sports.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Sheridan; daughters, Dawn (Jonathan) Cumston and Pamela Crandall; grandchildren, Cassie (Sean) Tucker, Alyssa Crandall, Samantha Cumston, and Mackenzie Cumston; and great-grandchildren, Keagan and Sophia.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son-in-law, Matt Crandall; and sister, Judy Gory.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 17, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 681405, Indianapolis, IN 46268-1405 (cancer.org/about-us/local/indiana.html).

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Cadence Ashlyn Eaton

April 1, 2003 – September 10, 2023

Cadence Ashlyn Eaton, 20, Alexandria, passed away on Sunday, September 10, 2023, at her home. She was born on April 1, 2003, in Noblesville.

Cadence was a student at Ball State University, loved drawing, and caring for animals. She spent most of her life living in Salt Lake City, Utah. Cadence loved her four dogs, especially Lucille.

She is survived by her father, Donald (Toni) Eaton; grandmothers, Karen Bowyer and Annette Eaton; significant other, Maxx Libler; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Kathleen Campbell; and sister, Brayden Eaton.

Services will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, September 18, 2023, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to the time of service at the funeral home.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

ABRAHAM PLEADS FOR SODOM

When the men got up to leave, they looked down toward Sodom, and Abraham walked along with them to see them on their way. Then the Lord said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do? Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and all nations on earth will be blessed through him. For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing what is right and just, so that the Lord will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him."

Then the Lord said, "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know."

Genesis 18:16-21 (NIV)

Meeting Notices

The Carmel Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2023, in the Council Chambers at Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square, Carmel.

The Clay Township Board and Trustee will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2023, at the John W. Hensel Government Center, 10701 N. College Ave., Carmel.

The Hamilton Heights School Corporation Board of Trustees will meet at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2023, at Hamilton Heights High School, 25802 State Road 19, Arcadia.

The Hamilton Heights Classroom Teachers Association and Hamilton Heights School Corporation will hold a public hearing at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2023, at Hamilton Heights High School, 25802 State Road 19, Arcadia. Public testimony will be taken at this hearing pursuant to Indiana Code 20-29-6-1(a).

The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2023, in the Board Room at the Noblesville Schools Educational Services Center, 18025 River Road, Noblesville.

Send Meeting Notices to:
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Meeting Date Change
The Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District has changed its scheduled 09-25-2023 meeting to 09-21-2023. The meeting is being held at the Government and Judicial Center in Noblesville at 12:00 pm.
R3105 9/15/23, 9/18/23

Meeting Date Change
The Hamilton County Airport Authority has changed its scheduled 10-11-2023 meeting to 10-09-2023. The meeting is being held at the Indianapolis Executive Airport at 6:30 pm.
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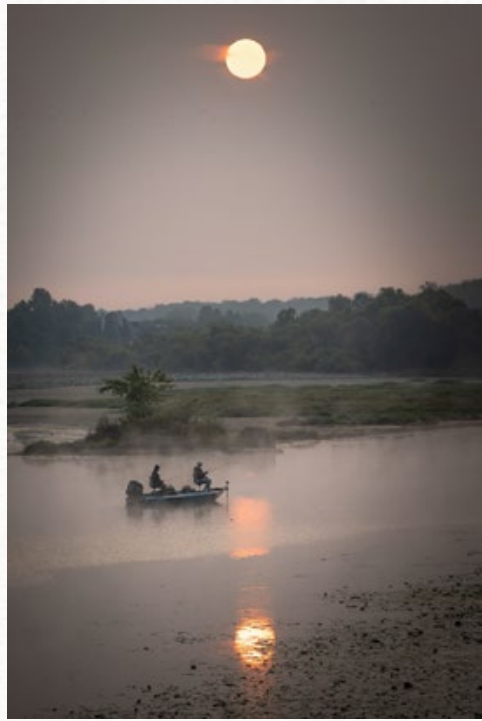


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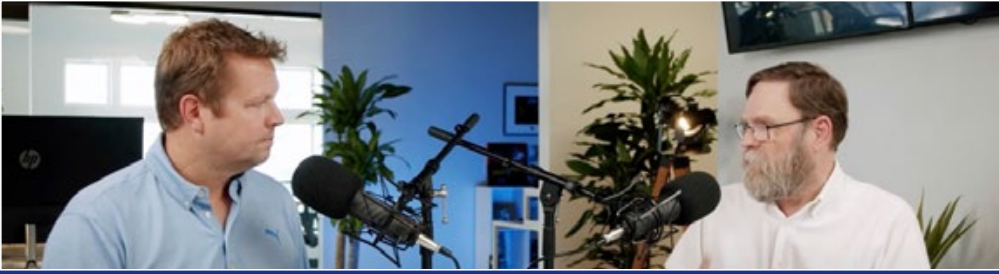
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Boys Soccer

Huskies aim to right the ship this Saturday, Millers & Greyhounds get wins over rivals

By RICHIE HALL

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ARCADIA — Sometimes it takes a little bit of time for a sports team to get past a tough defeat.

The Hamilton Heights boys soccer team is in the midst of trying to recover from being dealt a difficult loss in last Saturday's Hoosier Conference championship game. The Class 2A No. 12 Huskies were playing very well against 2A No. 7 West Lafayette, but the game ended in a 0-0 tie. As a result, the championship was decided by penalty kicks, and the Red Devils won the PK round 4-1.

"They were really pulled down from the championship, because we outplayed West Lafayette pretty heavily, and so it felt like we were going to win," said Heights coach Drew Colvin.

It was the first loss of the year for the Huskies, who came into the title game with a 7-0-2 record. This week, Heights has played two games already, which both finished in 1-1 draws.

"Emotionally, it's been up and down," said Colvin. "We've had good days and

bad days."

The Huskies tied with Bishop Chatard on Tuesday, then hosted Northwestern on Thursday. After a scoreless first half, the Tigers put in their goal in the 43rd minute. But Heights rebounded after sophomore Bryce Hutcherson scored in the 60th minute. It was his first-ever varsity goal.

So, that means the Huskies now have a 7-1-4 record, which is still pretty good. Heights achieved those seven wins against a decent slate of opponents, including a team that is presently ranked in Class 1A: No. 7 Park Tudor. The Huskies beat the Panthers 4-2 on Aug. 22.

One of Heights' draws came against 1A No. 17 Muncie Burris, a 2-2 tie on Aug. 19. The Huskies have also held their own against 3A teams, with wins over Yorktown 3-2, Kokomo 4-2 and Anderson 6-2, and a 1-1 tie with Pendleton Heights. The Huskies also claimed a 2-0 win over 2A New Castle, then beat Benton Central 5-0 and Twin Lakes 3-1 in the conference tournament.

"It's still not bad," said Colvin. "We've got one loss, and technically no



Hutcherson



Reporter photo by Richie Hall
Hamilton Heights senior Cameron Wheat takes the ball down the field during the Huskies' Thursday game with Northwestern. The game ended in a 1-1 tie.

one has beat us on the field of play. We got beaten in a shootout, but it was a tie game on the field of play, so no one's been able to beat us on the soccer field of play during regulation. Just keep

trying to tell them that, keep the positivity up."

Heights will get a chance to right the ship on Saturday when it hosts its Husky Invitational. The Huskies play Lapel in a 9

a.m. semifinal, with Tippecanoe Valley and Secцина playing the other semifinal. The winners meet at 3 p.m. for the championship.

"I think if we can pull out a win in our invitation-

al, get our own trophy, then I think it could turn the season back towards where we were before."

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Sheridan's Bud Wright named Colts/NFL Coach of the Week

The REPORTER

Sheridan football coach Larry "Bud" Wright was named the Indianapolis Colts/NFL Coach of the Week on Tuesday.

Wright received the honor after his Blackhawks team beat Clinton Central 57-0 in a home game last Friday. The victory was the 450th for Wright, who is already the winningest coach in Indiana high school football.

The Coach of the Week award is given to an Indiana high school football coach during the season. Each coach will receive a commemorative plaque at the end of the season, along with a \$1,000 donation from the NFL Foundation. Corteva Agriscience, the presenting sponsor of the Coach of the Week award, will also contribute another \$1,000 to the school's athletic fund.



Photo courtesy Sheridan Athletics

Sheridan volleyball sweeps Delphi on Senior Night

The REPORTER

The Sheridan volleyball team picked up a Senior Night sweep on Thursday.

The Blackhawks beat Delphi 25-21, 25-20, 25-20 in a Hoosier Heartland Conference match. Kenzie Garner had a strong service game, totaling 22 points, including five aces. Meredith Krupp hit three aces. Garner also put down nine kills, with Trinity Parkin hitting seven, Shelby Eaton five and Nova Cross four. Cross dished out 19 assists.

On defense, Garner

made three solo blocks and one assist, with Eaton getting three block assists and one solo. Parkin had one solo and one block assist. Cross made two block assists, and Claudia Headlee had one block assist.

Garner and Krupp both made 10 digs, Parkin collected eight and Cross had five.

Sheridan is 4-2 in conference play and 12-9 overall. The 'Hawks play at Indiana School for the Deaf on Tuesday and host Lapel on Thursday.

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FOOTBALL
Fishers at Brownsburg, 7 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at Western, 7 p.m.
Lawrence North at Carmel, 7 p.m.
Roncalli at Guerin Catholic, 7 p.m.
Westfield at Hamilton Southeastern, 7 p.m.
Zionsville at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.
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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** | IHSAA Football | Bragg Sports Media

Mon Sept 18
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Tennis

Noblesville plays host to first round of Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet

The REPORTER
Noblesville hosted the first round of the Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet Thursday at the Millers’ tennis courts.
In first-round play, Fishers won matches in all five of its flights. That included a 6-0, 6-0 victory by Aiden

Foley at No. 1 singles. Gavin Conrad (No. 2 singles), Jack Butler and Thomas Bender (No. 1 doubles) and Johnny Mills and Vaughan Curtis (No. 2 doubles) were all straight-set winners, with No. 3 singles Cooper Vallance winning a third-set super tiebreak to advance.
Westfield got victories in four flights, starting with No. 1 singles Alex Sagarra. No. 2 singles Parker Paramoure also advanced, as did the Westfield No. 1 doubles team of Jack Dietz and Gavin Dietz, and the No. 2 doubles squad of Parker Gibbs and Jay Hostetter.
Hamilton Southeastern’s No. 3 singles Alex White advanced in a third-set super tiebreak over Noblesville’s Zane Panning. The Millers also got a battle from No. 1 doubles Rory Bushong and Liam Sheppard, who took the Avon team to 10-7 in the third-set super tiebreak before falling.

The tournament continues at 9 a.m. Saturday. Here is a list of results.
No. 1 singles
McIntyre (Avon) def. Tyler Rich (Hamilton Southeastern) 6-0, 6-0
DeAndrade (Zionsville) def. Hedge (Franklin Central) 6-0, 6-2
Alex Sagarra (Westfield) def. Ethan Feliciano (Noblesville) 6-0, 6-2
Aiden Foley (Fishers) def. Garland (Brownsburg) 6-0, 6-0
No. 2 singles
Kroon (Z) def. Parker Stallings (N) 6-0, 6-0
Gavin Conrad (F) def. Mueller (FC) 6-4, 6-3
Kersey (A) def. Leo McVeigh (HSE) 6-1, 6-4
Parker Paramoure (W) def. Giles (B) 6-1, 6-4
No. 3 singles
Reed (Z) def. Jake Jungten (W) 6-0, 6-1
Alex White (HSE) def. Zane Panning (N) 6-2, 3-6, (10-4)

Cooper Vallance (F) def. Price (B) n/a
Nograles (A) def. Anness (FC) 6-0, 6-2
No. 1 doubles
Everson/Herrman (Z) def. Mahoney/Engle (FC) 6-0, 6-1
Jack Dietz/Gavin Dietz (W) def. Logan Bill/Cox (HSE) 7-6, 6-3
Tolentino/Hersam (A) def. Rory Bushong/Liam Shepard (N) 5-7, 6-3, (10-7)
Jack Butler/Thomas Bender (F) def. Pletz/Cougill (B) 6-2, 6-4
No. 2 doubles
Smith/Reymann (A) def. Rigler/Scott (FC) 6-0, 6-1
Parker Gibbs/Jay Hostetter (W) def. Coleman Kratz/Jack Brenneman (N) 6-4, 6-4
Johnny Mills/Vaughan Curtis (F) def. Amay Kulkarni/Brady Stump (HSE) 6-3, 6-3
Rushton/Kolman (Z) def. Perisammy/Certain (B) 6-1, 6-0

Girls Golf

Hamilton Heights falls to Lebanon to end regular season

The REPORTER
The Hamilton Heights girls golf team dropped its regular-season finale to Lebanon 174-216 Thursday at Bear Slide.
Presley Cherry led the Huskies with a 50, followed by Camryn Runner 51, Tay-

lor Morrison 56, Sammie Powers 59, Tanner Penwell 60, Alayna Kauffman 68 and MacKenzie Heinzman 69.
In a Monday match, Heights fell to Frankton 179-189 at Meadowbrook Golf Course. The Huskies achieved six personal bests: Presley

Cherry 40, Penwell 51, Emma Trees 57, Powers 58, Kauffman 60 and Heinzman 65. Other Heights scores were: Morrison 45, Runner 53 and Hadleigh Cherry 57.
The Huskies play in the Noblesville sectional Monday at Harbour Trees.

SOCCER

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Noblesville’s boys team skipped to the front of the Hoosier Crossroads Conference this week with two wins over league opponents.
On Wednesday, the 3A No. 2 Millers beat 3A No. 5 Zionsville 1-0 at the Eagles’ new soccer facility. The game was scoreless at halftime, but Noblesville got on the board six minutes into the second half when Ben Hewitt volleyed home the winning goal. The Millers’ defense then held off Zionsville, which got one last chance with 10 seconds left, but goalkeeper Cole Thompson stopped it.
Noblesville returned home to Hallmark Orthodontics Soccer Complex on Thursday and beat county rival and 3A No. 11 Hamilton Southeastern 2-1. Ben Hewitt scored both of the Millers’ goals in the first half. He kicked in the first goal during the 13th minute, then added the second goal with 2:45 left before the break.
The Royals got their goal in the second half. Owen Wilkins kicked a cross that Drew MacDonald headed into the net during the 48th minute.
After those two victories, the Millers lead the HCC standings with a 4-0-2 record. They are one point ahead of Fishers, which is 4-1-1 in the conference. Noblesville’s final conference game of the season is also its regular-season finale, on Sept. 26 when the Millers host Franklin Central. Noblesville is 8-0-5 overall and

hosts Castle on Saturday.
Southeastern is 1-3-2 in the conference and 6-4-2 overall. The Royals play at Perry Meridian Saturday.

Carmel, ranked No. 1 in 3A, beat Westfield 2-0 Thursday in another all-county game and the Greyhounds’ Cancer Awareness game.
Carmel scored its first goal with six and a half minutes left in the first half, with Tyler Schilt putting the ball in the net. Jackson Jones added a second-half goal, with Johnny Gourley making the assist.
Carmel is 7-1-1 for the season and plays tonight at Homestead. Westfield is 5-5 and plays a Tuesday HCC game at Brownsburg.

The Sheridan boys team tied with Shortridge 3-3 on Thursday.
The Blue Devils led 2-0 at halftime. The Blackhawks came back determined in the second half and got their first goal 17 minutes into the half when Carsen Aleman headed in a corner kick by Evan Krakora.
Shortridge answered the goal two minutes later, going up 3-1. Sheridan scored again minutes later, when Aleman headed in another goal, this one off a throw-in by Tyler Garner. The Blackhawks then scored the tying goal with 44 seconds left, with Krakora putting in a ball after a breakaway.
Sheridan is 2-4-2 and plays Monday at Tipton.

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IMSA fans encouraged to ‘Plan Ahead’ with IMS.com

The REPORTER

Fans attending the TireRack.com Battle on the Bricks at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, which features the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship and the Michelin Pilot Challenge, are encouraged to “Plan Ahead” through [IMS.com/PlanAhead](https://www.imsa.com/PlanAhead), an interactive web page that serves as a home base for fans heading to the track this weekend.

The “Plan Ahead” page features detailed information about the entire fan experience at IMS, including directions, parking, schedule, gate regulations, digital ticket and parking guides, ADA accessibility and much more.

More Fan Information

All Speedway patrons should be aware of the following to ensure a successful day at the track:

Tickets

Tickets for the TireRack.com Battle on the Bricks are available for purchase at [IMS.com](https://www.imsa.com).

• **Friday, Sept. 15:** \$20 for General Admission seating for the grandstands and infield viewing mounds. Children 15 and under are admitted free with a paying adult. Reserved seats in the Hulman Terrace Club, which include private club access, are \$100.

• **Saturday, Sept. 16:** \$50 for General Admission seating for the grandstands and infield viewing mounds. Children 15 and under are admitted free with a paying adult. Reserved seats in the Hulman Terrace Club, which include private club access and gate admission, are \$175.

• **Sunday, Sept. 17:** \$60 for General Admission seating for the grandstands and infield viewing mounds. Children 15 and under are admitted free with a paying adult. Reserved seats in the Hulman Terrace Club, which include private club access and gate admission, are \$300.

Multiday tickets also are available for this event:

• **Friday-Sunday General Admission:** \$120. Children 15 and under are admitted free with a paying adult.

• **Saturday-Sunday General Admission:** \$105. Children 15 and under are admitted free with a paying adult.

• **Friday-Sunday Hulman Terrace Club Reserved:** \$515. Includes private club access and gate admission.

Camping

A variety of overnight camping options are available for the TireRack.com Battle on the Bricks, including infield camping. Visit [IMS.com](https://www.imsa.com) for options.

Public Parking

Parking for the TireRack.com Battle on the Bricks is available in a variety of locations inside and around the track. Parking can be purchased on site or in advance. Race fans can visit [IMS.com](https://www.imsa.com) to purchase available parking passes.

Friday Parking

Free parking (including ADA and motorcycle) is available in the Hulman Lot off Georgetown Road. Availability is limited.

Paid parking is available in Lot 2 and Main Gate for \$10 and Gate 1 (Parcel B) for \$25. Paid ADA parking is available in Lot 2 for \$10. Paid motorcycle parking is \$25 in Gate 1 (Parcel B).

Saturday Parking

Free parking (including ADA and motorcycle) is available in the Hulman Lot off Georgetown Road. Availability is limited.

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Sunday Parking

Free parking (including ADA and motorcycle) is available in the Hulman Lot off Georgetown Road. Availability is limited.

Paid parking is available in Lot 2 and Main Gate for \$20 and Gate 1 (Parcel B) for \$75. Paid ADA parking is available in Lot 2 for \$20. Paid motorcycle parking is \$75 in Gate 1 (Parcel B).

Cashless Operations

IMS concession stands and merchandise locations are cashless. Tap-to-pay phone payments will be accepted, as will credit and debit transactions. However, for gate admission and parking, both cash and credit will be accepted.

Pedestrian Gate Entry

Gate hours: Friday, 9:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.; Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.; Sunday, 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Public pedestrian gates open (all three days): Gate 1, Gate 2, Gate 4, Gate 6S, Gate 7S

Fans attending IMS for the TireRack.com Battle on the Bricks will pass through magnetometers as part of the gate entry process.

IMS Museum

The Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum, located inside Gate 2 of Indianapolis Motor Speedway, will be open Friday 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$14 for guests over the age of 62 and \$8 for guests ages 6-15. Children 5 and under and Museum members are free. Race fans can walk to the Museum from within the Speedway’s infield.

Museum visitors must possess an event ticket or credential as well as purchase a general admission Museum ticket to enter the Museum. Gate 2 will not be open for parking at the Museum.

Weekend Street Parking

Three-hour parking on Main Street in Speedway, between 10th Street and 16th Street, will be monitored and enforced from Sept. 15-17 during the TireRack.com Battle on the Bricks.

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For more information regarding access to IMS, visit [IMS.com](https://www.imsa.com). For additional information, follow on X the Indiana State Police [@IndStatePolice](https://twitter.com/IndStatePolice), the Speedway Police Department [@SpeedwayPD](https://twitter.com/SpeedwayPD) or listen to radio stations WFNI-FM 107.5/WFNI-AM 1070 or WIBC-FM 93.1.

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IMSA features unique, class-based challenge of ‘Race within a Race’

The REPORTER

Sports car racing returns to Indianapolis Motor Speedway for the TireRack.com Battle on the Bricks on Sept. 15-17, with the unique, “race within a race” format of class racing in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship and Michelin Pilot Challenge series.

Just one type of race car competes either on the 2.5-mile oval or the 14-turn, 2.439-mile road course at the Racing Capital of the World during NTT INDYCAR SERIES and NASCAR Cup Series and NASCAR Xfinity Series competition. The length of those series’ races also is measured by laps.

IMSA is different. Five different classes of cars will race simultaneously when the featured WeatherTech SportsCar Championship race starts at 1:10 p.m. ET Sunday on the 14-turn, 2.439-mile road course. And the race is not measured by laps; it’s measured by time – two hours and 40 minutes, in this case.

Drivers from all over the world compete for overall victory but also for first place within their respective class. That unique format always keeps the racing interesting, and the varying speeds of the five classes of machines creates intense racing within classes and plenty of traffic for the fastest classes to navigate for most of the race.

The five classes of cars in the series are comprised of two styles of cars – prototype, which showcases the latest automotive technology and are designed uniquely for the racetrack; and GT, based on road-going production models.

So, let’s take a look at the five classes of the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship:

Grand Touring Prototype (GTP): The newest and most technologically advanced Prototype race car debuted in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship this season, featuring a common hybrid powertrain for all entries that takes kinetic energy gained in braking and stores it in batteries for later use when needed. Four global automotive manufacturers – Acura, BMW, Cadillac and Porsche – are entered in the class. Each manufacturer developed its unique internal combustion engine and bodywork styling.

Le Mans Prototype 2 (LMP2): The Le Mans

Prototype 2 (LMP2) is a closed-cockpit car developed by four approved constructors. In addition to the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship, LMP2 cars are eligible to compete in other global series such as the FIA World Endurance Championship, which includes the prestigious 24 Hours of Le Mans.

Le Mans Prototype 3 (LMP3): The Le Mans Prototype 3 (LMP3) is an entry-level closed-cockpit car developed by four approved constructors. In addition to the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship, LMP3 cars are also eligible to compete in the IMSA VP Racing SportsCar Challenge – one of IMSA’s driver development series – as well as other international series such as the European Le Mans Series (ELMS).

GT Daytona Pro (GTD PRO): GTD PRO, which debuted in 2022, includes race cars built to FIA GT3 technical regulations and offers the opportunity for factory teams and driver lineups to compete in the class. Manufacturers competing in this class in 2023 include Aston Martin, Chevrolet, Ferrari, Lamborghini, Lexus, Mercedes-AMG and Porsche.

GT Daytona (GTD): The GT Daytona cars are enhanced – not defined by – technology and use the global FIA GT3 specification. The GTD class consists of cars from leading manufacturers such as Acura, Aston Martin, BMW, Ferrari, Lamborghini, Lexus, McLaren, Mercedes-AMG and Porsche.

The Michelin Pilot Challenge also is racing this weekend at IMS. That series also features a “race within a race,” but with just two classes of production-based sports cars and touring cars.

There will be two unique aspects of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway 240 race Saturday at IMS.

First, it’s the longest race of the weekend – four hours. Second, since the race starts at 4:30 p.m. ET, it will finish at 8:30 p.m. under the cloak of darkness with the cars’ headlights illuminating the track. That doesn’t happen with the NTT INDYCAR SERIES or NASCAR.

A look at the two classes:

Grand Sport (GS): The Grand Sport class consists of SRO GT4-homologated cars with engines tuned to produce between 400 and 450 horsepower. Competi-



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Friday, Sept. 15

10-10:30 a.m.: Porsche Deluxe Carrera Cup Practice 1
10:45-11:30 a.m.: Lamborghini Super Trofeo North America Practice 1
11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Michelin Pilot Challenge Practice 1
1:45-2:25 p.m.: Porsche Deluxe Carrera Cup Practice 2
2:40-4:10 p.m. WeatherTech SportsCar Championship Practice 1 (all classes)
4:30-5:15 p.m.: Lamborghini Super Trofeo North America Practice 2
5:30-6 p.m.: Porsche Deluxe Carrera Cup Qualifying
7:15-8:30 p.m. Michelin Pilot Challenge Practice 2

Saturday, Sept. 16

8-8:15 a.m.: Lamborghini Super Trofeo North America Qualifying 1
8:20-8:35 a.m.: Lamborghini Super Trofeo North America Qualifying 2
8:55-10:25 a.m. WeatherTech SportsCar Championship Practice 1 (GTD, LMP2, LMP3)
9:10-10:40 a.m. WeatherTech SportsCar Championship Practice 1 (GTP, GTD PRO)
11-11:15 a.m. Michelin Pilot Challenge Qualifying (TCR)
11:20-11:35 a.m. Michelin Pilot Challenge Qualifying (GS)
11:50 a.m.-12:40 p.m. Lamborghini Super Trofeo North America Race 1
1-1:15 p.m. WeatherTech SportsCar Championship Qualifying (GTD PRO, GTD)
1:25-1:40 p.m. WeatherTech SportsCar Championship Qualifying (LMP2, LMP3)
1:50-2:10 p.m. WeatherTech SportsCar Championship Qualifying (GTP)
2:30-3:10 p.m. Porsche Deluxe Carrera Cup Race 1
4:30-8:30 p.m. Indianapolis Motor Speedway 240 Michelin Pilot Challenge Race

Sunday, Sept. 17

9:40-10:20 a.m. Porsche Deluxe Carrera Cup Race 2
10:40-11:30 a.m. Lamborghini Super Trofeo North America Race 2
1:10-3:50 p.m. TireRack.com Battle on the Bricks WeatherTech SportsCar Championship Race

tion is equalized by adjustments to fuel-tank capacities, ride height, power and weight. Eligible cars include the Aston Martin Vantage GT4, Audi R8 GT4, BMW M4 GT4, Chevrolet Camaro GT4.R, Ford Mustang GT4, McLaren 570S GT4, Mercedes-AMG GT GT4, Porsche 718 Cayman GT4 Clubsport and Toyota Supra GT4.

Touring Car (TCR): The Touring Car class consists of WSC TCR-homologated cars with engines tuned to produce between 300 and 350 horsepower. Competition is equalized by adjustments to fuel-tank capacities, ride height, power and weight. Eligible cars include the Alfa Romeo Giulietta Veloce TCR, Audi RS3 LMS DSG, Audi RS3 LMS SEQ, Honda Civic FK7 TCR, Hyundai Elantra N TCR and Hyundai Veloster N TCR.

This exciting event weekend also will feature two single-make series in which competitors race the same brand of car, placing the skill of the driver in the spotlight.

The Lamborghini Super Trofeo North America features a 50-minute race at 11:50 a.m. Saturday and another 50-minute event at 10:40 a.m. Sunday. Drivers compete in machines from the exotic Italian marque.

Porsche enthusiasts also can see the evocative German machines compete in identical 911 GT3 Cup race cars in two Porsche Deluxe Carrera Cup North America races this weekend. Both races are 40 minutes each. Race 1 is at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, with Race 2 at 9:40 a.m. Sunday.

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