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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Becoming mostly sunny and breezy. Clouds return by late afternoon.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy. A few showers in the late evening and overnight.
HIGH: 67 **LOW:** 42



Couple has a \$10K day & another \$10K to give away



Reporter photos by Nik Roberts

Noblesville resident Kathleen Guiliam (above left) is the most recent winner of the #Get10Give10 campaign from TCC, a wireless retailer with Round Room, one of the nation's largest Verizon Authorized Retailers that's based in Fishers. Each quarter, one TCC customer is chosen to win \$20,000, which includes \$10,000 to use on themselves and another \$10,000 to be given to a nonprofit of their choice. Guiliam will donate \$10,000 to the Indiana Parkinson Foundation (IPF). Kathleen's husband, John, has Parkinson's disease, and she credits IPF with being instrumental to her husband's wellbeing, as he's very involved with the CLIMB exercise program, a critical part of IPF. She says this program is the only thing that slows down Parkinson's, and when she learned she won #Get10Give10, the choice to donate to IPF was a no-brainer. She is incredibly thankful to TCC for this humbling honor.

Reducing the mental load at home: housecleaning

This week we're continuing our discussion about how to reduce the mental load of housecleaning. I mentioned that I've hired someone to do a deep clean of our home once a month and my reasons for doing so.

Paying someone to clean your home may not be as costly as you think. If you go out to eat a little less often or give up some material goods, you may be able to create some room in your budget. And it's worth it. According to research from Ashley Whillans, assistant professor at Harvard Business School, people who spend money to save time are happier than those who spend it on material goods – significantly happier.

Even with cutting out certain things in our budget, we certainly haven't always been able to afford this option. When my sons were little, I would occasionally hire a "mother's helper" – a teenage girl from our neighborhood who would spend three or four hours entertaining Jonathon and Jacob while I cleaned. Since I was still at home, technically it wasn't babysitting, so it wasn't as expensive as a night out. And the kids enjoyed someone new to play with.

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COLUMNIST



AMY SHANKLAND
Perfectly Imperfect



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(ABOVE LEFT) HHMS seventh-grade volleyball team coaches and members. (Front row, from left) Chloe Stuart, Klaeh Griffith, Olivia Mackey, Megan Waldron, Reagan Van Kirk, and Lovaiyah Miller. (Back row, from left) Coach Shay Garrison, Camille Powell, Elena Tebbe, Mila Mann, Riley Suarez, Olivia Murphy, and Coach Sami Rash. (ABOVE RIGHT) HHMS eighth-grade volleyball team coaches and members. (From left) Coach Kelly Smith, Maddie Jewell, Katie Uhrick, Peyton King, Lillian Frahn, Audriella Cento, Celeste Wiegman, Illiana Boyer, Kylie Hilton, Caitlin Dougherty, Grace Knoll, and Aleaha Trump.

Heights 7th & 8th grade volleyball teams win MIC championship

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights Middle School's seventh- and eighth-grade volleyball teams rose to the challenge of tournament competition to each capture and bring home their first Mid-Indiana Conference (MIC) Championship title.

The Lady Huskies seventh-grade team beat North-western in two sets 25-10 and 25-8 and Kokomo 25-4 and 25-3 to reach the final bracket. The Huskies went on to beat Western 25-9 and 25-14.

"The girls played aggressively and most importantly,

had fun while playing," said Coach Shalyn Garrison.

The Lady Huskies eighth-grade team beat Northwestern in two sets 25-16 and 25-13. The second game of the day they bested Kokomo in two close sets 25-21 and 25-21. The team fought hard to take down

Western in three sets 16-25, 25 to 21. They started off the third set down 2 – 8 with rallying for a comeback win 15-11.

"The eighth-grade team fought back several times during the day to get the win," said Coach Kelly Smith. "The girls never gave up!"

Noblesville teacher earns national STEM honor

The REPORTER

Noblesville Schools announced Thursday that Noblesville High School (NHS) teacher Andrew Wilkins has been nationally recognized with an Outstanding Teacher Award from Project Lead the Way (PLTW).

The science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) organization awarded the distinction to only 38 educators in the United States in recognition of the teachers' transformative college and career classroom learning experiences.



Wilkins

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Nickel Plate Express purchases iconic diesel engine

The REPORTER

Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad (NPHRR) announced Tuesday the purchase of Erie Mining Company F9 diesel locomotive number 4214.

For the past five years, NPHRR has leased the locomotive from Indiana Boxcar Corporation. Now part of the railroad's permanent collection, the iconic diesel engine will continue to haul Nickel Plate Express passenger trains, providing magical experiences for riders.

Built in 1956 by General Motors Electro-Motive Division, the F9 4214 is painted in Nickel Plate's historic black, silver, and yellow scheme. The

locomotive has been meticulously maintained and restored to provide a vintage experience for passengers.

"The 4214 is an important part of our history and vision," NPHRR Executive Director Emily Reynolds said. "We are thrilled to officially add this locomotive to our fleet permanently so it can continue creating cherished memories for years to come."

The purchase of the 4214 reaffirms NPHRR's commitment to preserving railroad history and offering visitors an authentic experience. In 2018, NPHRR began operating excursion rail service on a historic rail line, with the goal of edu-



Photo provided

This photo from years past shows Erie Mining Company F9 diesel locomotive number 4214 active on the rails.

cating people about the importance of railroads in Hamilton County's history and growth. The rail line was original-

ly built in 1882 as part of the Nickel Plate Road system.

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Go Purple with Prevail!

During October, The Reporter is recognizing Domestic Violence Prevention Month by Going Purple with Prevail, Inc. As a Hamilton County-based nonprofit, Prevail advocates for victims of crime and abuse. Everyone is invited to take part in the "Go Purple" campaign by wearing purple and letting victims know they aren't alone.

Today's Fact
Intimate partner violence accounts for 15 percent of all violent crime.

Learn how you can Go Purple with Prevail at prevailinc.org.

HOUSECLEANING

Alyssa’s wonderful service is a huge help nowadays. However, there’s still plenty of cleaning left. There’s always the picking up and straightening that I need to do the night before she arrives. My husband laughs and calls it the “cleaning before the cleaning.” But, to put it simply, housecleaners can’t do an effective job for you if they can’t reach what needs to be cleaned.

Of course, I do small touch-up cleaning jobs between sessions such as

scrubbing toilets and wiping down the kitchen sink, stove, and counters. And there’s no escaping the everyday jobs like laundry, dishes, etc.

Some people can’t afford or simply won’t pay someone to clean or help clean their house. I’m sure some of you are shaking your head thinking about my situation wondering why I haven’t asked my husband and kids to pitch in. The crazy answer is that years ago I never even thought about it. It goes

back to what I discussed earlier in this series.

My mother managed and implemented almost all the household tasks. I know her mother did the same thing, as my grandpa both worked on his farm and ran a barbershop in downtown South Bend, Ind.

So, when I first married John, I just automatically filled that same role. And even with working a full-time job outside the home at the time, I think I handled things well. I’m an organized, energetic person,

which helps. When the boys came along, I was fortunate to find a part-time job working from home for a local nonprofit. John worked a lot of hours at the time, including evenings and weekends, so it just made sense for me to continue to be in charge of the home front.

I did have a lightbulb moment when my sons reached kindergarten and first grade. I read an article in a magazine talking about how you could teach your toddlers and preschoolers to always put away one toy before getting out another one to. Unfortunately, my

kids were past that stage at the time, but I remember thinking it was a brilliant concept.

Don’t get me wrong, I did start to give the boys some simple chores back then. And when I found a full-time job at City Hall and John became a stay-at-home dad around this time, he had them doing even more things such as feeding our pets, putting away their own laundry and helping him with yard work.

But when John went back to work full-time, most of the mental labor for housecleaning and other du-

ties fell back on me. But it doesn’t have to be that way – and lately I’ve been realizing it *shouldn’t* be that way. A lot of people are with me!

So how do we lighten the burden of the mental labor of housecleaning, which typically falls on one person, without paying somebody? We’ll tackle that subject next week!

Amy Shankland is a writer and fundraising professional living in Noblesville with her husband John, two sons, two dogs and a cat. You can reach her via email at amys@greenavenue.info.

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WILKINS

Wilkins has been an NHS educator for over 18 years and is currently an engineering teacher and chair of the NHS Applied STEM department. Under his leadership, PLTW student enrollment has grown by 140 percent, and NHS has been recognized for six consecutive years as a national PLTW distinguished school.

Wilkins is also responsible for earning NHS over \$400,000 in funding to expand STEM pathways and has developed strong relationships with area STEM businesses and organiza-

tions in support of students.

“Andy is a strong education leader who is passionate about growing students’ abilities to succeed in the careers of today and tomorrow,” said Dr. Craig McCaffrey, principal of Noblesville High School. “We are so fortunate that he chooses to share his gifts with our students and are proud to see him recognized in this way.”

In addition to dozens of traditional math and science courses, Noblesville Schools offers 17 different PLTW courses across all grade levels K-12 with stu-

dents exploring robotics, biomedical, cybersecurity, aerospace engineering, construction, energy, weather and much more.

All 10 of the district’s schools are recognized as PLTW Distinguished Schools, with Noblesville High School and Noblesville East Middle School receiving the top national honor for six years in a row.

Wilkins holds a bachelor’s degree in mathematics education from Taylor University and a master’s in education from Indiana Wesleyan University.

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DIESEL

“There is something magical about the sights, sounds and sensations of riding behind a historic diesel locomotive like the 4214,” NPHRR Operations Manager Jake Garvey said. “We are dedicated to the preservation and operation of this iconic engine to share a glimpse into America’s railroading past with riders.”

The 4214 will continue to be a cornerstone of the Nickel Plate Express experience, hauling various themed event trains throughout the year. To learn more or book your journey into history, visit NickelPlateExpress.com.

About Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad
Nickel Plate Heritage

Railroad has been offering unique travel experiences since 2018. As a leader in the industry, NPHRR strives to create unforgettable journeys for passengers, providing them with unparalleled service, comfort, and entertainment. NPHRR’s mission is to deliver magical moments and memories that will be cherished for years to come.

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Compass Rose Academy breaks ground on therapeutic farm & facility

Submitted by Josiah White's

Compass Rose Academy (CRA) held a groundbreaking ceremony on Thursday, Oct. 5 to commemorate the start of construction on a new building which will serve as a multi-use center for agricultural learning and wellness.

Scott and Shantel Beck of Atlanta, along with FBI Buildings and The Beck Foundation, are providing the financial support for the building project, in honor of their daughter, Jadyn, who was a student at Compass Rose from March 2020 to April 2021. Jadyn is now in her senior year of high school, is working part-time at Starbucks, and is engaged in her lifelong passion of barrel racing.

Jadyn's Hope Barn, named in honor of Jadyn's journey of growth and healing, is a way that Scott, Shantel, and Jadyn feel they can partner with CRA to provide hope and healing for

many other girls like Jadyn in the future. Animals have been a significant part of Jadyn's life and help to keep her grounded and positive.

Jadyn's Hope Barn will include animal stalls, classrooms, group therapy rooms, a greenhouse, and a large space for recreational activities, trainings, and family conferences. The planning and construction of this project will be led by FBI Buildings of Remington, Ind.

The programming connected to Jadyn's Hope Barn will bring academic, clinical, spiritual, vocational, and nutritional components together to create opportunities for holistic treatment centered around the use of plants, animals, and other natural elements.

"Some of the ideas and the vision around the therapeutic farm have been ruminating in the back of our minds since the time Compass Rose launched in 2012," Executive Director



Mike Haarer said. "For this vision to come to life in the form of Jadyn's Hope Barn with the help and support of this special family is not only incredibly exciting, but it is also a reflection of God's love, grace, and healing."

CRA is looking forward to how this project will equip them to better serve teen girls and their families.

About Compass Rose Academy

Since 2012, Compass Rose Academy has been providing residential treatment services for teen girls and families in crisis. Their

parent organization, Josiah White's is a Christian family services ministry that creates new possibilities for children, teens, and families through residential treatment, foster care, and family preservation services. Together, these organizations will continue their missions of providing a place that provides access to quality treatment and helps to rebuild and restore families. To learn more about Josiah White's, visit josiahwhites.org and to learn more about Compass Rose Academy, visit CompassRoseAcademy.org.

Breast surgeon joins Franciscan Physician Network Breast & Melanoma Specialists

The REPORTER

Breast Surgeon Jamie Murphy, MD, has joined the cancer care team at Franciscan Physician Network Breast & Melanoma Specialists.

Dr. Murphy received her training at St. George's University School of Medicine in Grenada. She completed her residency in general surgery at Ascension St. Vincent in Indianapolis and her fellowship in breast surgery at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago. She is a member of the American Society of Breast Surgeons and American College of

Surgeons.

Dr. Murphy provides all services related to the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer, benign breast diseases and breast cancer risk assessment. Dr. Murphy also offers access to cutting-edge clinical trials.



Murphy

Franciscan Physician Network Breast & Melanoma Specialists is located at the Franciscan Health Cancer Center Indianapolis, 8111 S. Emerson Ave., Suite 104; and at 12188-B N. Meridian St., Carmel.

For more information or to make an appointment, call (317) 781-7391.

Not too late to watch Carmel mayoral debate

The REPORTER

The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel played host to a debate Monday night at the Palladium between the two candidates for mayor: Republican Sue Finkam and

Democrat Miles Nelson, presented by Current Publishing.

More than 900 people attended, and others viewed online, but if you're not one of them, you can watch the action on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...).

Heartland International Film Festival now open

By AMICIA RAMSEY WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Movie lovers are headed to Indianapolis for the 32nd Heartland International Film Festival, which opens Thursday and runs through Sunday, Oct. 15.

The 11-day festival was named one of the **25 Coolest Film Festivals in the World** by *MovieMaker Magazine* earlier this year.

The theme of the 2023 event is "You can't look away."

Festival hosts **Heartland Film** will show over 120 movies from all around

the world. You can see big, exciting movies, special Indiana-related films, brand new releases, and even talk to the moviemakers after some of the showings.

The movies play in five theaters around Indianapolis. **The Kan-Kan Cinema & Restaurant** is considered one of the best.

Kan-Kan, located at 1258 Windsor St., is a special place with movies and food. People love the food there so much that it was honored as one of the best new restaurants in 2022.

They're showing five films from the Cannes Film Festival at the Kan-Kan, along with a special documentary, *Black Barbie*, the story of the first-ever Black Barbie doll.

Folks can also see a special showing of the movie *Foe*, starring Oscar nominees Saoirse Ronan and Paul Mescal.

The 32nd Heartland International Film Festival began Thursday with a special presentation of the documentary *The Lionheart* at Newfields.

[Click here](#) to find out more about the festival and purchase tickets.

Letter to the Editor

Carmel reader calls on political leaders to protect patients

Dear Editor:

The rising cost of healthcare in America is well-documented, with countless families negatively impacted by the financial strain, often while simultaneously navigating worrisome and heartbreaking illness and injury. Adding to their stress is the uncertainty of not only the physical outcomes, but the ultimate cost of paying for life-saving treatments and medication.

All too often, these costs are unknown and hidden due to unfair billing practices at hospitals. The national trend of consolidation in the healthcare industry has led to hospital systems purchasing private practices, with bills arriving in patient mailboxes with costs charged at the higher hospital rates and "facility fees" for hospitals where no treatment ever took place. Financial hardship befalls families impacted by this behavior in all our communities, whether in our larger cities or rural towns.

Thankfully, Indiana has taken steps to address this by earlier this year passing HB 1004 which restricts "dishonest billing" so that hospitals cannot bill patients for services and procedures provided at a doctor's office as if the services were provided at the hospital. The intent of this legislation is to lower medical bills for everyone by eliminating unnecessary fees for their medical treatment.

At the federal level, too, steps are being taken by members of Indiana's congressional delegation to further protect Indiana families from inflated and unnecessary costs, with bills designed to increase price transparency and fair billing practices. Senator Mike Braun and Representative Victoria Spartz both carried legislation to end dishonest billing with support from other members like Representative Jim Baird.

The issue is certainly complicated, but patients and their families should not be burdened with unnecessary costs when the financial stakes are already high, and health and well-being is at risk.

Leaders in the healthcare industry and at all levels of government must collaborate to find reasonable solutions to protect patients, and charge them only for services they receive, and not require them to shoulder the burden of business decisions made by the healthcare industry.

Ryan Allio
Carmel

Letter to the Editor

Weingarten: who cares if Rep. Spartz resigns?

Dear Editor:

A headline in Wednesday's edition reads, "**Rep. Spartz may resign if Congress doesn't create debt commission.**" Does anyone care?

She has already told all of us she is a short-timer by stating she will not run for reelection. Now she threatens to resign. Hopefully she resigns now so we can get a representative in Congress who cares about their district and does not "threaten" – and by the way, who is she threatening? I can't figure that out. You? Me? No, it's another idle statement from Rep. Spartz.

She calls Congress a "circus," and currently it appears she is right, but what has she done to work with others to turn the circus into a Congress that works for the people of the United States of America? It appears not much.

So Rep. Spartz, go ahead and resign. After all, you promised to leave next year – or was that also a false statement?

Joe Weingarten
Fishers

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Young Rocks take walk through local history

Maple Glen Elementary School recently partnered with Westfield Parks and the Westfield Historical Society to create a field trip especially for second-grade students. As part of the social studies curriculum, students learned about the city’s local history and how it has changed over the years. Working together with other community organizations was an exciting way to bring Westfield’s rich history to a new generation. (Photos provided by Westfield Washington Schools)



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US Capitol and White House Tour Requests

My office can help arrange tours throughout our nation’s capital.

Westfield mayor-elect Scott Willis announces Danielle Carey Tolan as his Chief of Staff

The REPORTER

Scott Willis, mayor-elect of Westfield, has selected Danielle Carey Tolan to be his chief of staff when he takes office as mayor Jan. 1, 2024.

“Danielle Carey Tolan is a respected, strategic leader with deep roots in Westfield and a vision for what our community can become,” Willis said. “She will bring talent, successful relationships and strong leadership skills to this critical role. She has experience bridging the gap between governmental services and non-profit efforts to strengthen our community. Danielle is the perfect fit for this position, and I’m excited to have her working alongside me.”

Carey Tolan, who is leading Willis’ transition team, is a fifth-generation Westfield resident and is currently serving her third term as the Westfield Washington Township Trustee.

“I’m honored to be selected to serve the community I love,” Carey Tolan said. “We are at an important point in Westfield’s

history, and I am uniquely positioned to help with our next stage, as a steward of our past with a vision for our future.”

Carey Tolan has been focused on operational excellence and process improvement, customer and client success, and people operations and talent development. She is passionate about building high-performing teams while maintaining a supportive and inclusive culture.

Carey Tolan has more than 20 years of experience working in the government and nonprofit sectors. She has served on numerous boards and committees throughout Westfield, Hamilton County, and Indiana. She was named as the 2021 Trustee of the Year by the Indiana Township Association.

The City of Westfield has a staff of 272, including public safety, and an annual budget of \$60.3 million.

Willis’ focus will be on economic development, public safety, infrastructure, and community engagement.



Willis



Carey Tolan

Hamilton County Prosecutor’s Office launches Special Victims’ Team

Team will seek justice for victims of sexual assault, domestic violence & child abuse

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Prosecutor’s Office has launched a Special Victims’ Team (SVT) in an effort to provide justice for victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, child abuse, and other related crimes.

The SVT is comprised of a highly trained and specialized team of prosecutors and support staff who will collaborate to address the unique needs of victims in these sensitive cases. The initiative underscores the Hamilton County Prosecutor’s commitment to prioritize the safety and well-being of its community members.

“The creation of the Special Victims’ Team is a significant step forward in our ongoing efforts to provide the highest level of care and support to survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and child abuse in our community,” Hamilton County Prosecutor Greg Garrison said. “This specialized unit will enable us to better investigate, prosecute, and support victims, ensuring they receive the justice they deserve.”

Hamilton County’s SVT is made up of three sex crimes deputy prosecutors, two domestic violence deputy prosecutors, a victim assistant, and a secretary. Its members have undergone specialized training to effectively handle the unique challenges presented by cases like these.

“Our team is here to ensure survivors receive the support they need throughout the legal process, from reporting the crime to the resolution of their cases,” says Rachel Jefferson, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney and supervisor of the SVT. “These crimes often go unreported due to the sensitive nature of the cases and the fear and trauma experienced by survivors. We hope the creation of this team will better educate the public, encourage reporting, and



Photo provided

(Center front) Rachel Jefferson (sex crimes deputy prosecutor and SVT supervisor). (Back row, from left) Mary Hutchison (sex crimes deputy prosecutor), Elizabeth Pagel (sex crimes deputy prosecutor), Shari Blessing (domestic violence deputy prosecutor), and Jana Teter (domestic violence deputy prosecutor).

improve case outcomes so survivors and better hold offenders accountable.”

McNally shares promise to work together for Carmel & Westfield communities

Submitted

On Thursday, Matt McNally, candidate for Indiana House District 39, shared his vision for the Carmel and Westfield communities after longtime State Representative Jerry Torr announced his retirement.

“I want to thank State Representative Torr for his 28 years of service in the statehouse,” McNally said. “Over the last year, I have had the honor of meeting with 30,000 members of our communities at their door hearing first hand the values they want represented in the Statehouse. I look forward to continuing those conversations in my campaign to be the first Democratic State Representative in Carmel and Westfield.”

Matt McNally, a 22-year military veteran, first

ran for the seat in 2022, narrowly losing the newly redrawn district by only 1,300 votes. McNally, a Vice-Commander at the VFW Local 10003 and Westfield Kiwanis Club board member, announced his intention to run again in May.

Danny Lopez, a sports executive and longtime Republican operative who worked for the Mike Pence gubernatorial administration, has also announced his intention to run for the seat.

“Next year, Carmel voters can send Matt McNally to the Statehouse instead,” said Indiana Democratic Party Chair Mike Schmul. “Matt is a champion of working families and is standing up for the future of



McNally

Carmel’s amazing school system in the face of Republican cuts to public education and right-wing extremist groups like Moms For Liberty.”

“Matt’s passion for public service and his commitment to speaking directly to residents of his district drew me to volunteer for his campaign in 2022,” said Erin Retif, McNally’s campaign manager. Retif is the current President of the Carmel Democratic City Committee and was previously an elected New York State Democratic District Leader and Chair of the Pelham (N.Y.) Democratic Committee.

Retif continued, “I’m proud to be alongside him again in 2024 as he works to

serve the people of Carmel and Westfield.”

McNally said he ready to get to work.

“Carmel and Westfield residents value the freedom to achieve the American Dream,” McNally said. “They want to live in a place where they can easily start a small business, buy a first home, and give their kids a world-class education. As a retired military officer, I understand the importance of working for a common goal, and I am ready to continue working together for Indiana.”

McNally for Indiana can be found at [McNallyForIndiana.com](https://mattmcnallyforindiana.com). Anyone with questions or who wants to reach out to the campaign can email hello@mcnallyforindiana.com or call the campaign headquarters at (317) 218-7679.

Carmel announces updated Palladiscope viewing hours

The REPORTER

Starting Friday, Oct. 6, Palladiscope in Carmel will have its first show time of *Eos: The First Dawn* at 8:30 p.m. and will run every half hour with the final show beginning at 11 p.m.

A new Palladiscope projection will debut soon and will play throughout the holiday season.

Palladiscope is a one-of-a-kind, custom-made viewing system designed to play architectural cinema.

Created specifically for the Palladium. It consists of 12 projectors, customized software and components that make visual experiences like *Eos: The First Dawn* possible. Just as CinemaScope was an enhanced way to view movies, projecting them at a larger size, Palladiscope takes that idea even further by moving beyond the screen and onto the architecture of the Palladium.

Learn about palladiscope.com.

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Pioneer Fall Fest

Morris Homestead Barn

Taylor Center of Natural History

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Join the Taylor Center of Natural History staff at our historic red barn for a day of pioneer fun! Join our “quilting bee,” make a corn husk doll and fresh butter, and learn all about pioneer plants with community herbalist, Greg Monzel. Also, this year we are excited to welcome the musical stylings of Hamilton County’s favorite band, The Pickle Stompers! Hope to see you there!







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Get your tickets now for Carmel Christkindlmarkt’s Glühwein Gallop

The REPORTER

Get ready to gallop ... the third annual Glühwein Gallop 5K Run/Walk is coming up on Dec. 2 at the Carmel Christkindlmarkt. This event is presented by Tuxedo Brothers and is sponsored by Runners Forum, Bier Brewery, Rose & Lois, and Winzerwald Winery.

New this year, participants can pre-purchase a 2023 Carmel Christkindlmarkt boot mug – one of the most beloved collectibles of the Market. This is the first time the mugs have ever been available for purchase in advance, or online. Those who purchase a mug can pick it up after the race, on-site at the Market.

In addition to the race, there will also be a costume contest, and prizes will be

awarded to the judges’ favorite entries. Upon completing the race, participants will receive a ticket for a complimentary serving of Glühwein or beer (ages 21 and over), or complimentary hot chocolate. The first 1,000 finishers will receive a commemorative medal, and participants who register by Nov. 23 are guaranteed a long-sleeve shirt (sizing may be limited after this date). Additionally, age-group and overall awards are available.

“This is quickly becoming one of our favorite events at the Market,” said Maria Murphy, CEO of the Carmel Christkindlmarkt. “Its popularity grows every year, and we love seeing everyone showcase their holiday spirit through creative costumes during the race.

We are thrilled to partner with Tuxedo Brothers again, as we know they ensure all participants have a great experience. We are also grateful for our sponsors – Runners Forum, Bier Brewery, Rose & Lois, and Winzerwald Winery – for making this all possible.”

The Glühwein Gallop will start at 9 a.m. on Dec. 2. This 5K course will start and finish at the Christkindlmarkt, taking runners and walkers on a scenic route through Carmel.

Registration is currently \$30 per entry, but prices will increase on Oct. 16 and again on Dec. 1.

This event is open to all ages and abilities. To register and learn more, go to carmelchristkindlmarkt.com/ghuewein-gallop.



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Hamilton County marks National Recovery Month with anniversary of C.O.P.E.

Interagency program helps guide three dozen residents to recovery

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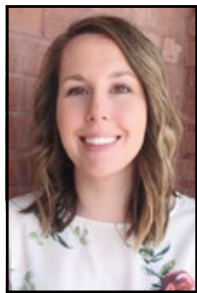
On the heels of National Recovery Month in September, the Hamilton County Council on Alcohol and Other Drugs has a lot to celebrate. The county’s Community Overdose Prevention Effort (C.O.P.E.) coalition identified and helped 35 residents battling substance use disorders get the treatment they needed in its first year being funded by a Division of Mental Health and Addiction grant.

“Our Quick Response Team is dispatched to the home of someone who has survived an overdose within 24 to 72 hours after the event,” said Program Coordinator Kelly Gunn. “The non-emergency, multidisciplinary team is made up of a law enforcement officer for safety, a medical first

responder for vitals, and a peer recovery specialist who is in active recovery themselves. Together they offer to set up treatment for the person.”

Last year, 170 people were referred to C.O.P.E., the Quick Response Team made 121 home visits, and 35 people enrolled in the program.

One of those participants, 70-year-old Marsha (name changed to protect privacy), contemplated suicide after she was arrested for drunk driving. “I’ve been an alcoholic my entire life,” she said. “I thought it was incurable and I would eventually die from the disease. I just didn’t want to live like that anymore.”



Gunn

Help came in the form of a Quick Response Team.

“I looked out my window and there stood a police officer, a firefighter, and a woman,” Marsha said. “I thought they were coming back to get me, but it turns out they were there to help. If it weren’t for them, I wouldn’t be here now.”

The Quick Response Team helped Marsha find online treatment at Aspire Indiana Health. She has been sober since November. Marsha now has a network of tight-knit friends, goes to support meetings several times a week, and is working to repair a fractured relationship with her daughter.

“If this team shows up at your front door, please let them in,” Marsha implored. “Listen to what they have to say. You don’t have to fight for your sobriety alone. Isn’t it worth your life to give it a try?”

More than 115 members representing more than 50 agencies and businesses now support Hamilton County’s C.O.P.E. program. Peer recovery coach Jennifer Bellah says it’s that kind of support that makes it possible for individuals to recover.

“The days following an overdose are very dark days and to have a hand to reach out to and offer support can be just the help you need,” Bellah said. “I know it was for me. There is a better way and together we can offer love and support to those lost in addiction.”

Enjoy an evening of Art-Inspired Words at Carmel Clay Public Library

The REPORTER

“The Party” piqued Robin Spyker’s attention. Jim Thompson found his muse in “Organ Pipes.” “Daydreaming” captured the attention of Lora Butcher.

These members of Carmel Creative Writers, Inc., are among 14 that will present several genres of writing based on works by Indiana artists at Art-Inspired Words from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 19 in Community Room A of the Carmel Clay Public Library, 425 E. Main St.

This is the second year that the group of authors and people interested in creative

writing has collaborated with Indiana Artisan to present a special evening of writing inspired by some of the state’s most exceptional art. It is the first year the evening will be open to the public.

“Art-Inspired Words is a celebration of creativity and expression, where artists and writers come together to share their work and inspire one another,” Indiana Artisan Director Rosalyn Dema-



ree said. “It is a unique evening where art and words intertwine.”

The Art-Inspired Words program evolved from the meetings to give writers and the artists the opportunity to grow their audiences. A slideshow of the works of Indiana Artisan artists that stirred the writers’ emotions will be shown as writers read each original piece. Free tickets are available on [Eventbrite](#). Seating

is limited.

“For five years, Carmel Creative Writers has published an annual anthology of our writing,” said John Schleeter, co-organizer of the event. “This year’s edition will be available for sale in November at All Things Carmel and include the pieces written for Art-Inspired Words.”

Interested writers are welcome to join Carmel Creative Writers, which meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at Indiana Artisan Gifts & Gallery, 22 N. Range Line Road, Carmel.

Documents: Teacher at Fishers Christian Academy faces charges after dating student

By MICHAELA SPRINGER

WISH-TV | [wistv.com](#)

A Fishers Christian Academy teacher is facing several charges after officers say he dated an underage student while at the school.

Stephen Ayon, 34, started working at the academy in 2019. Court documents say Ayon is currently on administrative leave.

A probable cause affidavit obtained by News 8 says an anonymous tip sent to the Fishers Police Department on Sept. 26 informed them of Ayon’s relationship with the student and his behavior with female students.

Officers also learned that on Sept. 24, Ayon was allegedly confronted by people at his church regarding inappropriate online conversations with a 13-year-old. Ayon was also accused of being inappropriate with students when teaching in

California, court documents say.

Investigators spoke with Ayon at his home in Noblesville on Sept. 27. Court documents say during the conversation, Ayon admitted to the relationship with the student at the academy. He also confessed to having inappropriate conversations over the anonymous social media app, Whisper, but “knew the person wasn’t really a 13-year-old.”

Ayon told detectives that he had been in a relationship with a 15-year-old student for 12 to 18 months. He was the student’s direct teacher and volleyball coach, court documents say.

Investigators learned that Ayon would speak with the student over WhatsApp, text messages, and FaceTime. He also said that the student would allegedly send him inappropriate pictures “but not nudes,” and

they would touch each other “discreetly” in public.

Court documents say Ayon told officers that someone at his church confronted him regarding the relationship with the student sometime in 2021 and told him to stop.

After the interview, officers confiscated Ayon’s electronic devices and asked Ayon to cease all communication with the student.

Later, investigators spoke with the student, who confirmed the relationship with Ayon.

According to court documents, the student told detectives that Ayon was her English teacher during his first year of teaching at Fishers Christian Academy in 2019. She was in the 6th grade at the time.

She said during Ayon’s third year of teaching in 2021, he began flirting with her and texting her private-ly. The student also told

officers that though she did not consent to his behavior, Ayon “threatened” her and told her that “he (would) place the blame on her if she didn’t ‘comply.’”

Investigators also learned from the student that Ayon would send her inappropriate photos of himself and told her to “not believe anything she was told” when allegations regarding their relationship arose.

Ayon was being held at the Hamilton County jail with a \$250,000 bond. He is facing the following felony charges.

- Dissemination of harmful material to minors
- Child solicitation
- Child seduction
- Sexual misconduct with a minor
- Promotion of child sex trafficking
- Vicarious sexual gratification

A court date is set for Dec. 14.

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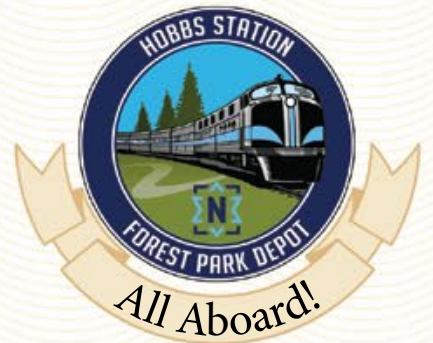
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AG Rokita secures \$49.5M multistate settlement with Blackbaud for data breach

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Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita continued his leadership in the fight to hold tech companies accountable for consumer privacy, announcing on Thursday a \$49.5 million multistate settlement with the software company, Blackbaud.



Rokita

“Nonprofits doing their great work rely and depend on vendors like Blackbaud to protect sensitive and private information,” AG Rokita said. “This type of leak is unacceptable, and we fought back on behalf of Hoosiers.”

AG Rokita, with the Attorney General of Vermont, led a coalition of 50 attorneys general to investigate the incident and negotiate a settlement after its deficient data security practices and response to a 2020 data breach that exposed the personal information of millions of consumers. Under the settlement, Blackbaud has agreed to overhaul its data security and breach notification practices and also make a \$49.5 million payment to states.

As lead state, Indiana will receive nearly \$3.6 million from the settlement, more than any other state.

“While it doesn’t make up for Blackbaud’s negligence, I am glad we have held them accountable for their actions,” AG Rokita said.

Blackbaud provides software to various nonprofit organizations, including charities, schools, churches, and healthcare organizations. Blackbaud’s customers use

their software to connect with donors and manage data about their constituents, including demographic information. Social Security numbers, driver’s license numbers, financial information, donation history, and protected health information were also given to the company.

This type of highly sensitive information was exposed during the 2020 data breach, which impacted over 13,000 Blackbaud customers and their respective consumer constituents.

The settlement resolves allegations that Blackbaud violated state consumer protection laws, breach notification laws, and HIPAA by failing to implement reasonable data security, which allowed hackers to gain access to the network.

Blackbaud also failed to provide its customers with timely, complete, or accurate information regarding the breach, which is required by law.

As a result of their actions, the proper notification to consumers, whose personal information was exposed, was significantly delayed or never occurred at all. Blackbaud downplayed the incident and led its customers to believe that notification was not required.

Under the settlement led by Attorney General Rokita and his office, Blackbaud has agreed to strengthen its data security and breach notification practices going forward.

TODAY’S BIBLE READING

ABRAHAM TESTED

Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he replied.

Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”

Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.”

Genesis 22:1-5 (NIV)

Julia A. Whitley

August 31, 1955 – October 2, 2023

Julia A. Whitley, Fishers, passed away on October 2, 2023. She was born on August 31, 1955, in Indianapolis to the late Frank and Betty Rabb.

Julia graduated from Ladywood – St. Agnes in 1974. She then followed up her education with a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Indianapolis. She was a dedicated student throughout her time in college.

One of Julia’s greatest joys came from spending time with her husband of many years, Terry Whitley. Together they created a joyful home filled with laughter and love.

She was also exceptionally proud of her daughter Amy Sheller, and granddaughters, Annie, Abby, and Alayna. Julia loved nothing more than showering them with affection and creating beautiful memories together, especially while doing all sorts of crafts.

In addition to being dedicated to her family, Julia pursued various hobbies, such as crocheting, sewing, playing Bunco, and swimming. In her younger days, she had a passion for softball.

Julia brightened any room she was in and never failed to put a smile on someone’s face. She was a devoted mother and grandmother, and was always kind, generous, and willing to drop anything to help others.

Julia is survived by her loving husband, Terry; daughter, Amy (Adam) Sheller; and granddaughters, Annie, Abby, and Alayna.

A visitation will be held from noon to 2 p.m. on October 12, 2023, with a Funeral Service to follow at 2 p.m., both at Hamilton Memorial Park (Prairie Waters) in Westfield. Julia’s Final Resting Place will be at Hamilton Memorial Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make a memorial contribution in Julia’s name to the Hamilton County Humane Society. Condolences: flannerbuchanan.com

Kevin W. Emmert

March 6, 1949 – September 30, 2023

Kevin W. Emmert of Cicero passed away Saturday evening, September 30, 2023, after an extended battle with cancer. He left this world peacefully, surrounded by his family and in his own home, free from pain.

Kevin was born on March 6, 1949, in Noblesville to Bonnie L. and William “Bill” F. Emmert and was a lifelong resident of Hamilton County. He graduated from Noblesville High School in 1967 and followed in his father’s footsteps, becoming a carpenter and working in various commercial and residential construction jobs. From 1974 through 1979 he worked for Conner Prairie Pioneer Settlement, helping to build “the Village.” He loved this job and learned much about historic preservation and construction methods which he used throughout his career. He later became a contractor and built custom homes in Hamilton and surrounding counties. There are many beautiful homes throughout the area that stand as a legacy to his skills and talent.

Kevin was an adventurer. He loved to travel, ride motorcycles, and find unique, out of the way spots no matter where he went. He had a lifetime of stories about a around the world backpacking trip with his wife, his solo motorcycle trips to Mexico, Guatemala, and around the U.S. and so much more. Many trips became an “adventure,” even if it was a quick trip to a state park.

Other than his family, perhaps Kevin’s greatest legacy is the number and quality of friendships he had. He made friends easily and maintained his friendships well. He had many lifelong friendships. Since retiring in 2019, he has played pickle ball, often five days a week and developed a great circle of friends whom he cherished and who cherished him. He always had a joke or a story to tell. The world is a little less funny without Kevin.

Kevin is survived by his wife of 44 years, Denise; sons, Dylan of Cicero and Logan of Portland, Ore.; sisters, Linda Stern of Noblesville and Kim LeCount of Chandler, Texas; sister-in-law, Diana Schmid of Carmel; an exchange student sister, Judith (John) Stewart of Auckland, New Zealand; nephew, Bill Stern (Laura) of Keller, Texas; niece, Amanda Williams (Norm) of Noblesville; niece, Brooke LeCount of Shreveport, La.; and nephew, Cory LeCount (Erin) of Tyler, Texas; as well as multiple cousins with whom he shared many childhood memories.

A celebration of Kevin’s life is planned for mid-December. Information will be provided as plans are made. Arrangements entrusted to Aaron Ruben Nelson Mortuary. Friends may leave a memory or message of condolence by visiting the online obituary at armmortuary.com.

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Girls Soccer

Millers & Tigers to go head-to-head for Sectional 8 trophy, several other county teams seeking sectional titles

By **RICHIE HALL**
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FISHERS - Early goals sent the Noblesville and Fishers girls soccer teams into the Sectional 8 championship on Thursday.

The No. 3-ranked and defending Class 3A state champion Millers used the momentum from their early score to get past No. 2-ranked and sectional host Hamilton Southeastern in the first semifinal game. In the second contest, the Tigers scored early, and then often, to beat Pendleton Heights 3-0.

Noblesville and Fishers play at 6 p.m. Saturday for the Sectional 8 trophy.

Less than a minute

The Millers got on the board in the first minute of play when junior Meredith Tippner put in a short goal. Noblesville played with the lead for the other 79 minutes, holding that 1-0 lead at halftime.

Freshman Delaney Stone scored the Millers' second goal during the 56th minute.

"We just had to work together as a unit and we were able to get the second goal," said Stone.

The Royals continued to push during the later minutes of the game, and broke through with less than three minutes left when Abby Straus got a goal. Southeastern kept the intensity until the end with one last corner kick, but Noblesville was able to hang on.

The Royals won the regular-season game, and Millers coach Mike Brady said that being aggressive was the key to win the rematch.

"We talked about it, knowing that it was going to be HSE," said Brady. "If we weren't aggressive, there's no way we win this game tonight."

Noblesville is now 12-1-3 for the season, while Southeastern finished with a 13-2-3 record.

The Tigers also got a goal during the first minute, with Madeline Meier breaking through. McKinley Boland added a second goal in the 16th minute, and Fishers held a 2-0 lead. Delaney Allgeier opened the second half with a goal, and the Tigers cruised from there.

"I was really happy we scored in the first minute, because scoring goals has been an issue for us," said Fishers coach Harold Spooner. "We knew we have talent, we've just been struggling to put it in the back of the net." The coach said his team was focused on "playing hard and making sure we get early goals to take a little bit of the pressure off."

The Tigers are 4-9-3 for the season.

Carmel, the top-ranked team in 3A, beat No. 5 Westfield 5-1 Thursday at Murray Stadium to advance to the final of Sectional 10.



Photo provided by Julie Brown
Noblesville's Sydney Elliott (2) gets control of the ball while being defended by Hamilton Southeastern's Blair Satterfield (10) during the Millers-Royals sectional semifinal game Thursday. Noblesville won 2-1 and advanced to Saturday's Sectional 8 championship game.



Photo by Joshua Herd
(Above left) Carmel's Rosie Martin (14) takes the ball down the field with Westfield's Ava Smith (22) and Talia Edwards (40) playing defense. The Greyhounds won 5-1 to reach the Sectional 10 championship game. (Above right) McKinley Boland (17), Madeline Meier (8) and Delaney Allgeier (4) scored goals for Fishers during its sectional win over Pendleton Heights on Thursday. The Tigers won 3-0 and will play in the Sectional 8 championship game.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

The Greyhounds scored first, with Adalyn Cameron getting Carmel on the board. The Shamrocks' Ava Smith tied it up in the 12th minute, with Kate Malin making the assist.

After that, it was all Greyhounds. Megan Hamm added a goal before halftime to give Carmel a 2-1 lead. Claire Simmonds opened the second-half scoring, Olivia Cebalo put in a goal with 29 minutes left, then Ashlyn Anderson completed the scoring with the Greyhounds' fifth goal.

Carmel is 15-0-3 and hosts Zionsville at 7 p.m. Saturday for the sectional title. Westfield finished its season 10-3-5.

Hamilton Heights took care of Delta 5-0 on Thursday to reach the championship game of Class 2A Sectional 24 at Yorktown.

The Huskies led 2-0 at

halftime. Sarah Toll and Ella Hickok both scored two goals, with Natalie Marcum adding one goal. Marcum also handed out two assists, with Savannah Deetz, Lizzy

Smith and Shelby Peterson all making one assist. Audrey Lang had 14 saves as goalkeeper.

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Carmel boys win Nike XC Town Twilight

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Last Saturday, the Carmel boys team won the Nike XC Town Twilight meet at Terre Haute’s LaVern Gibson Championship Cross Country Course. The Greyhounds won with a team score of 192 points. Anthony Provenzano led Camel with an eighth-place finish in 15:08.3, while Kyle Grove took 14th in 15:17.8. Thomas Biltimier was 42nd in 15:40.4. Noblesville finished sixth as a team with 305 points. The Millers had three runners place in the top 50: Caden Click was 34th (15:33.0), Jack Strong took 36th (15:36.4) and Sam Rinker placed 45th (15:42.1). Fishers scored 363 points to place 10th. Sam Quagliaroli was the individual runner-up, taking second in a time of 14:52.8. Matthew Kim finished 11th in 15:09.5. Hamilton Southeastern placed 20th with 523 points; Andrew Smith was the Royals’ leading runner, placing 98th in 16:12.7. Westfield took 44th with 1,149 points. Jack Loisel led the Shamrocks in a time

of 16:29.7, placing 156th out of 421 runners. In the girls race, Noblesville placed second by scoring 133 points. The Millers had four runners finish in the top 50: Summer Rempe took 20th (18:20.4), Nadia Perez was 22nd (18:24.9), Ansley Applegate was 26th (18:30.0) and Kennedy Applegate placed 43rd (19:01.9). Hamilton Southeastern took sixth with 202 points, followed by Carmel in seventh place with 207 points. Elizabeth Butler placed 21st to lead the Royals, clocking in at 18:23.4. The Greyhounds had three top 50 runners: Annabel Pollert (37th, 18:57.3), Nola Elling (42nd, 19:01.8) and Larkin Taylor (50th, 19:05.3). Westfield was 10th with 345 points and had two top 50 runners. Liz Smith finished 18th in a time of 18:16.9, while Alivia Lozier took 36th in 18:57.2. Guerin Catholic took 12th with 423 points; Bailey Freese led the Golden Eagles by placing 53rd in a time of 19:09.8. Fishers was 30th with 826 points; Abby Lotter led the Tigers with a time of 19:56.5, placing her 127th out of 397 runners.

Heights to hold boys basketball shooting camp

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The Hamilton Heights boys basketball team will host its 2023 Boys Shooting Camp beginning later this month. The camp will focus on fundamentals, drills and games surrounding shooting. It will operate in three sessions: Session 1 is for boys in grades 4-5 and takes place Oct. 16, 17 and 19. Sessions 2 is for boys in grades 2-3, and is set for Oct. 23, 24 and 26. Session 3 is for boys in kindergarten and first grade, and is scheduled for Oct. 30 and Nov. 2.

All sessions will take place in the new Hamilton Heights Elementary School gym, start after school and last until 4:30 p.m. (Fifth graders will be walked over by a coach.) The cost is \$30, and walk-ups are welcome. Parents/guardians will need to send a note to their child’s teacher that their son will be attending this camp and will not be going home in the normal manner. For more information, contact Heights boys basketball head coach Chad Ballenger at cballenger@hhschuskies.org.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, Oct. 6
FOOTBALL
Brownsburg at Noblesville, 7 p.m.
Fishers at Westfield, 7 p.m.
Franklin Central at Hamilton Southeastern, 7 p.m.
Sheridan at Eastern, 7 p.m.
Warren Central at Carmel, 7 p.m.
South Bend Washington at Hamilton Heights, 7:30 p.m.
Terre Haute North at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER
Sectional 37 at Sheridan
Tri-Central vs. Eastern, 5 p.m.

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7:00 pm Brownsburg at Noblesville | Varsity | HCTV Sports
7:00 pm Westfield vs Fishers | Fishers Sports Network | **Paid-Per-View**
7:20 pm Vincennes vs Evansville Memorial | Indiana SRN

Sat Oct 7 - Freshman Football | EFA Youth Football | College Football
10 am Brownsburg at Noblesville | Freshman Football | HCTV Sports
1:20 pm Rose-Hulman vs Manchester University | College D3 | Indiana SRN
5:00 pm Carmel Pups vs Center Grove Junior Trojans | IEFA Youth Football
7:00 pm Brownsburg Bulldogs vs Noblesville Grinders | IEFA Youth Football

Sat Oct 7 - Boys Soccer Sectional #8 Championship
2:00 pm Fishers vs Noblesville | HCTV Sports
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TITLES

Heights is 11-4-3 and plays the host Tigers at 7 p.m. Saturday for the sectional title. * * * Guerin Catholic, the No. 3 team in 2A, got past No. 1-ranked Brebeuf Jesuit in penalty kicks on Thursday to make the championship game of Sectional 26 at Speedway. Both teams scored one goal in the first half and one goal in the second half, thus ending regulation in a 2-2 tie. Neither team scored in overtime, so the game went to PKs, where the Golden Eagles won 4-2. Guerin Catholic is 11-4-1 and plays No. 2-ranked Bishop Chatard at 7 p.m. Saturday for the sectional trophy. * * *

Sheridan, the host of Class 1A Sectional 37, advanced to the championship game with a 1-0 win over Tipton Thursday. Lucy Hester scored the game’s only goal during the third minute. The Blackhawks continued fighting in the second half and gained control at the end to advance to the final. Sheridan is 11-5-1 and plays the sectional championship game at 7 p.m. Saturday. The ‘Hawks take on the winner of tonight’s semifinal between Tri-Central and Eastern.



Photo provided by Julie Brown
Noblesville’s Kaydence Fleck and Hamilton Southeastern’s Kate Noel battle for the ball.



Photos provided by Julie Brown
(ABOVE LEFT) Hamilton Southeastern’s Abby Straus (left) and Noblesville Meredith Tippner each scored goals for their respective teams. (ABOVE RIGHT) Noblesville’s Hannah Struve (15) and Hamilton Southeastern’s Sloane May (12) dealt with the rainy weather during the game. (BELOW) Hamilton Southeastern’s Addison McClain (left) and Noblesville’s Kendall Kramer were two freshmen on the field for the sectional game.



Photos by Joshua Herd
(ABOVE LEFT) Carmel’s Rosie Martin (14) takes the ball down field while being defended by Westfield’s Reese Sargent. (ABOVE RIGHT) Carmel’s Vaughn Rohrbacher gets control of the ball while being defended by Westfield’s Ava Smith.

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Volleyball

Shamrocks beat Tigers, Huskies take down Blackhawks, ‘Blazers & ‘Hounds win on Senior Night, Millers beat Bulldogs

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The Westfield volleyball team won an all-county and Hoosier Crossroads Conference match over Fishers on Thursday, 16-25, 25-17, 25-19, 25-23.

Freshman Paige Rudolph led the way with 12 kills, eight digs, two aces and a 2.3 serve receive rating. Chloe Sutake and Carsyn Comer both hit 10 kills. Lilly Tucker served three aces, Stella Neale made 11 digs, and Lilly Stanton dished out 36 assists; Stanton reached her 1,000th career assist during the match.

Fishers stats were not available at press time.

Westfield completed its HCC season 2-5 and is 13-15 overall. The Shamrocks host Wapahani on Saturday for their regular-season finale. The Tigers finished conference play 3-4 and regular-season action 15-16. Fishers plays Noblesville next Thursday in the first

round of Sectional 8 at Zionsville.

Hamilton Heights swept Sheridan 25-14, 25-9, 25-9 in a Thursday all-county game.

Trinity Parkin hit seven kills for the Blackhawks, followed by three for Kenzie Garner and two for Shelby Eaton. Nova Cross handed out nine assists.

Cross and Meredith Krupp both had six digs each, with Garner and Parkin collecting five each. Parkin had one solo block and one block assist, while Claudia Headlee had one block assist.

Heights stats were not available at press time.

The Huskies are 20-6 and play Monday at Park Tudor. Sheridan is 15-12 and completed its regular season with Thursday’s match. The ‘Hawks host Sectional 43 next week, and take on the Cascade-Park Tudor winner Oct. 14 in the semifinals.

University won a hard-fought, four-set Senior Night match over Bethesda Christian on Thursday, 27-25, 28-30, 25-20, 25-20.

Annabelle Simpson hit 15 kills for the Trailblazers, with Leyla Ercan hitting 10 kills. University had 42 kills as a team and served 13 aces as a team. Addy Pritchard made three blocks.

The ‘Blazers are 10-10 and play Saturday at Tri-Central.

Carmel also won a Senior Night match, sweeping Kokomo 25-5, 25-12, 25-22 on Thursday.

The Greyhounds are 10-16 and host their own Invitational on Saturday.

Noblesville picked up a four-set HCC win Thursday, beating Brownsburg 25-22, 21-25, 32-30, 25-18.

The Millers finished conference play 4-3 and are 20-7 overall. Noblesville



Photo provided

The University volleyball team won a four-set Senior Night match over Bethesda Christian on Thursday.

plays Saturday at the Lawrence North Wildcat Invitational.

Hamilton Southeastern

beat Franklin Central to clinch an undefeated HCC championship on Thursday. The score and stats were not available at press time.

The Royals finished conference play 7-0 and are 27-0 overall. They will play next Saturday, Oct. 14 at the Zionsville sectional.

eSports athletes make competitive debut on IU Kokomo campus

The REPORTER

Competitions for Indiana University Kokomo’s latest sports team are coming soon to a screen near you.

The co-ed eSports team plans to stream its competitions to screens around campus, allowing Cougar fans an inside look at their skills.

“We’re hoping to get a ton of support,” Coach Nick Liegey said. “We compete just like any other sport, but with video games. It will be intense, but fun for anyone watching or participating.”

So, what is eSports?

Short for electronic sports, it’s a team-based video game competition with athletes in uniform, led by coaches, and cheered on by fans. Teams play against each other through leagues, tournaments, and events. The Cougars play in the NECC, an eSports conference that sponsors regular season competition and championships and includes more than 300 colleges and universities, including Bethel University, Butler University, DePauw

University, Huntington University, IU Bloomington, Indiana Tech, Purdue University, Purdue University – Fort Wayne, and Valparaiso University.

IU Kokomo’s team includes 20 players, competing in Rocket League, Overwatch2, and Super Smash Bros. Ultimate.

For Jackson McCullough, a freshman from Arcadia, joining the team gave him a chance to continue competitive sports after 15 years in soccer.

“Playing eSports fulfilled my desire to be part of a team, and gave me a community to be part of,” said McCullough, a team captain in Rocket League.

Gavin McCrosson of Portland, Ind., and Sean Sonnenberg of Kokomo are co-captains for Overwatch 2. Sonnenberg previously played eSports at Western High School.

“I thought it was pretty fun, and decided I wanted to do that in college too,” he said, adding that it gave him a community to belong to as a new student.

McCrosson said like in other sports, they practice, watch film, and prepare for future matches.

“Most of the time it’s solo practice, trying to get the muscle memory down,” he said. “We also scrimmage with other schools and play competitive matches to get your rank higher to match what you will go up against.”

He’s found people are surprised that eSports is a varsity sport.

“Some are really confused by it, or excited for it, and think it’s cool to get to play at the collegiate level instead of just gaming at home by yourself,” he said.

The Cougars are currently 8-4 for the season, with wins over Anna Maria College, University of Missouri, Robert Morris University, University of North Dakota, and Stevenson University, Missouri State University, Bradley University, and Concordia University.

For now, competition is virtual, and some athletes are playing from home.

Liegey said they plan to set up play in the Student Activities and Events Center until the new eSports arena, part of the Innovation Hall construction in the Kelley Student Center, is ready.

“Hopefully we will get everything set up soon so people can come watch us play,” said Liegey. “We’re going to build something that’s going to be really special for these students and the school.”

Liegey said games will be streamed on Twitch, a game streaming platform, with a streamer and two commentators providing color commentary and play-by-play information, helping viewers understand what they see.

He hopes to grow the



Photo illustration provided by IU Kokomo

The 2023 eSports team at Indiana University Kokomo.

team to 30 or 40 students in the next year or two and add more games. He also anticipates adding a developmental team for those newer to gaming.

“We’re going to do this right, and we’re going to do something special for IUK,”

he said. “This is a dream for me. I’ve been gaming since I was 4 or 5, so to be able to coach it as a career is awesome.”

For more information about IU Kokomo’s eSports team, go to iukcougars.com/sports/esports.

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