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He is Sheridan football

Bud Wright enters 60th season of head coaching

By **ANGELA MORYAN**
 WISH-TV | wishtv.com

"Special." "Enigma." Those are just two words used to describe Sheridan's Bud Wright.

The high school football icon enters his 60th season as a head football coach in the state of Indiana – 59 of those with the Blackhawks.

"He is Sheridan football," Sheridan senior lineman Owen Trietsch said.

Wright not just a legend in the Hoosier State, but the entire country. His 457 career wins ranks sixth nationally. That includes nine state championships that span across three decades.

Coaching high school football for 60 years was not Wright's original plan.

"I did not dream of that at all to start with," Wright said. "My first reaction was that I'd coach football for 10 years, and then I'd thought maybe I'd go into law school. But that never happened. I just kept growing, kept coaching, and here I am."

Now, Wright's coached himself – and the Blackhawks – into the history books by building a program that's been successful over multiple generations. Wright has coached more grandsons of former players than he can count.

"One of the main differences is society itself," Wright said. "I mean, well, air conditioning. That was a big factor on how you could practice. You used to, you didn't even need to worry about heat. You could go out in 100-degree weather and practice. Now, the kids can't take it and you're not allowed to do it." Sheridan looks a lot dif-



Coach Bud Wright enjoys the boundless appreciation of the entire Sheridan community.

ferent than it did when Wright was a player back in the 1950s. There's a new turf field and new field house. But still the same sheer determination to be the best football team in the state of Indiana. This year's team has a strong chance to get Wright his 10th state title.

"Without him, none of this exists," Trietsch said. "All the wins, the state championships. It's a culture here, and we're due. We need to get back there, and I think as a unit, we're wanting that one goal – and we're looking to get back. We got close last year, but we got to seal it."

The Blackhawks are already contenders – just like every year. Sheridan lost in last year's semi-state game to the eventual 1A state champions, the Lutheran Saints. Lutheran moves up to 2A this season, making Sheridan the favorite for another state title.

The secret to Sheridan's success isn't easy to nail down. Wright says it's the athletes and his coaches. Everyone else says

it's him. "There's something he sees in kids that ... he almost can see the future," said Jacob Chesney, one of Wright's assistant coaches and former players. "He knows how they're going to develop. He knows how to develop them, then Friday nights, they show up. Something clicks in his mind that I wish I knew."

Wright puts in the time to make sure the wins keep coming.

"During the season, maybe five, six hours he goes home to sleep. Other than that, he's here, watching film, preparing stuff for practice, games, getting us ready for Friday nights," senior quarterback Owen Bell said.

"He's the most devoted individual, coach, person to football that I've ever known," said Noel Urban, Wright's former high school teammate. "He lives it. He studies it. He improves each year. He changes. He's a student of the game. But more than that, he's a student of people."

Wright's thought about re-

tiring, but not recently. The last time was 20 years ago when his wife Jayne became sick, but she had other plans.

"She absolutely said she didn't want me to retire," Wright said. "She wanted me to keep coaching, and then she passed in 2004, then I sort of got rejuvenated again."

The next four years, he led the Blackhawks to the Dome, winning three straight state championships. He hasn't thought about hanging it up since.

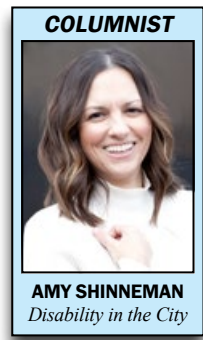
"I think that he'll quit when he's ready, and whenever that is, and maybe he won't. Maybe he'll just keep going, and keep going, and keep going," Sheridan Athletic Director Beth DeVinney said.

Ready to coach the fourth generation next.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/sports/high-school-the-zone/sheridans-bud-wright-enters-60th-season-as-head-coach.

Quietly kind

Middle school ... to many, some of the most miserable and tormented years of one's life. It is often a challenging, transitional period of life when so many changes are happening. It is hard to keep up with all the newness coming at you at once.



COLUMNIST

AMY SHINNEMAN
 Disability in the City

Throwing a disability into the mix, my insecurities felt unbearable at times. If ever there was a time I wanted to be invisible and just disappear, it was then.

It was the first time that I had to manage a timed requirement to make it from one class to the next. I was forced out of the comfort of my elementary school, where my classmates were familiar with my disability. Middle school was a whole new set of kids, which was like starting from square one. Plus, a new building to get familiar with. Sixth grade was doable because it was in a more confined area of the school with no stairs. Seventh grade was a different story. It was a much bigger area of the school, my classes spread in all areas, and there were stairs. We had about seven minutes to go to our locker, restroom and make it to the next class. That was difficult for me.

I had a teacher who saw I was struggling and quietly approached me. Not drawing attention to me. He was not even known as one of the nicest teachers in the building, but to me, he was top notch.

I did not yet know how to speak up for myself or how to ask for accommodations. Things were much different in the '80s vs. now, as how someone with a disability like mine was accommodated at school. At the same time, I would have been resistant to "special" accommodations because that just puts a brighter spotlight on something that is already lit up. A lot of silent suffering and anxiety because I did not know how to express my needs. That, combined with I did not really want to, even though it is what I needed. I did not really know how to voice that in a way where I could get my needs met and still "fit in" as kids that age so desperately want to do.

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Elks help Scouts. Scouts help Elks. It's like the circle of life writ small

The REPORTER

Noblesville Elks #576 showed their support of youth in the community Monday by donating funds to Scouting America troops 222 and 183 to assist scouts attending camps. The relationship between the Elks and Troop 222 for girls began in 2022, when Troop 183 Scoutmaster Mike Wyatt offered the opportunity for the girls' new troop to lead the Elks' Flag Day ceremony.

"I wanted to give [them] a chance to get out in the community," Wyatt said Monday.

Troop 222 has led the ceremonies for the last three years on June 14. Several of Wyatt's scouts are relatives of members of 222 and have attended Flag Day ceremonies as well. So when the Elks offered financial support to help Scouts attend camp, they offered gifts to both troops, inviting representatives from the troops to the check presentation on Monday.

"I appreciate the connection we have with the Elks," Troop 222 Scoutmaster Jenny Sherrill



Scouts from BSA Troops 222 and 183 gather with members of Elks #576 to accept donations to help Scouts attend camp. Exalted Ruler Steve Vallier (front row right) and past Exalted Ruler Martin Weiss (left, kneeling) worked with the troops to partner for Flag Day ceremonies and financial support.

said. "This is one of the first organizations in the community that we have partnered with. We're grateful for the financial

support that will allow scouts to experience more adventure, more leadership opportunities, and more growth in Scouting."

Elks Exalted Ruler Steve Vallier and past Exalted Ruler

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Random thoughts on alcohol

Here's another story from my mom.

June 1984. Every news media blasted out the story. Young man (early 20s) killed on motorcycle. Driver of other vehicle drunk.

December 1984. Young man killed in one car accident. Drunk.

It isn't always a young man. One day it was my friend – a woman my age. Morning, bright sunny day. A day to live. It took a long time to cut her car away from the tree. Drunk.

My dear friend was sick. The doctor had found no remedy to help her. Day after day she grew weaker. One day he prescribed beer. I don't remember the amount, but whatever, she drank it. She hated beer, but day after day she drank it. Then one day she died.

Our neighbor made wine (a great many people did) even during Prohibition. I never saw him drunk or even tipsy. He taught his son to drink "responsibly." The last time I saw the son he was playing Santa Claus. He didn't need any pillows for stuffing. The room was warm and "Santa" made some remark about the heat. The fumes from his breath reeked with more than wine. I was not the only one who was glad when he could get out into some fresh air. I heard stories of his frequent bouts with the bottle. 'Til one day he died. Not young. Not really old either – in his 50s.

It was lunchtime when I had to stop at a neighbor's house. Food was on the table along with a tall bottle (over a quart but I don't know sizes) of wine. "This will last me a long time," he said. Later we went to a party at their house. The women sat in one room and even the ones I knew drank did not that evening. But the pitchers of beer that went into another room for the men? Well, I wondered what kind of party we were all "enjoying." Not too long after our neighbor became an alcoholic. I remember how sad his mother was. Some way he eventually got straightened out. I've heard an alcoholic cannot drink at all. I do not know whether he does or not.

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Noblesville Schools shares survey results

Submitted
 Noblesville Schools has shared highlights from the community survey conducted this past spring.

The survey, which was administered by a professional data analytics firm, had over 3,000 adult respondents including district parents, employees, and Noblesville residents. Approximately 2,600 students in grades 6

through 12 also provided their feedback.

On the role of educating students for the world of tomorrow, 94 percent of respondents said that the district was meeting or exceeding their expectations. This is up from 86 percent who were asked the same question in 2022.

Other survey highlights included:

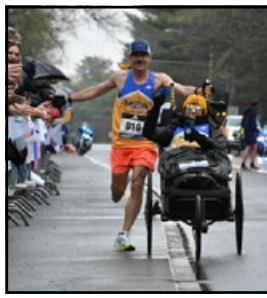
- Academic achievement, safety, and partnering with the community were cited as top strengths for Noblesville Schools.
- Real-world learning and quality educators were noted as most important for student academic success, with standardized test scores rated as least important.



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• Respondents indicated that the main improvement

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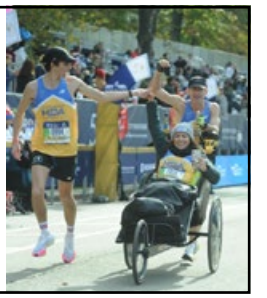
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Martin Weiss have worked with the Scouts to direct giving that will have an impact on youth in the community.

Scouting America, which has been well-known for decades as the Boy Scouts, has units for boys and girls throughout the community. Troop 222 (girls) and Troop 183 (boys) are chartered by Bethel Lutheran Church of Noblesville and provide scouting experiences for youth ages 11 to 17.

For more information on joining a troop, contact Scoutmaster Jenny Sherrill at jennysherrill@gmail.com. The Elks, the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks, is a fraternal organization built on patriotism and service to the community, with Lodges throughout the country. Noblesville Elks #576 is on South Ninth Street downtown.



Photo provided
Troop 222 Eagle Scout Abby V. (right) thanks Martin Weiss, Noblesville Elks Past Exalted Ruler, for his lodge's support of scouting her and her brother's troops. The Elks present checks to Scouting America's Troops 222 and 183 to support their Scouts' camp experiences. Scouts Evelyn and Robbin joined other Scouts from the two troops to accept the gift.

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area for the district was in attracting and retaining quality staff.

- A quarter of adult respondents aged 55 and older expressed concern about the district's money management.

- Survey respondents also shared input on a variety of topics, with teacher quality, curriculum, and staff retention being the most mentioned.

"On behalf of our school board and district leaders I want to thank those who participated in the survey for taking the time to share their feedback," Superintendent Dr. Dan Hile said. "We are committed to academic excellence for our students and the responsible use of the community's resources. We appreciate that the survey feedback highlight-

ed some areas, like money management and community partnerships, where we can provide more education and communication to increase understanding. Survey input overall will provide important guidance for the board as they move forward on strategic planning for the future of Noblesville Schools."

As a continuation of the survey process, the district will also be holding listening sessions later this month that will give participants an opportunity to share more comprehensive feedback on topics related to the district's strategic planning. Residents interested in participating should go [here](#) to learn more and RSVP.

For more information on the survey, the public can access [the board video here](#).

QUIET

Some advice from where I sit: if you are a teacher and have a student with a disability, please know that at a young age, they do not always know how to voice their needs. They are just trying to make sense of it themselves and maybe have not even moved into the problem-solving mode. While not always intentional, I have been singled out as the kid with the disability that has "different" needs so many times.

I have heard many times in my life that people with disabilities are trying to get "special" attention. How hurtful that is to hear when it is so untrue. Having to think outside of the box for someone because existing accommodations do not fit their needs is not "special." It is necessary to function as a human in society. **A human need, not a special need.**

It is the absolute worst thing when you need a space

or circumstance to be altered to accommodate your needs and a big hoopla is made of it. It is embarrassing, degrading, and completely unnecessary. That happens to me very often. It is like people go into a panic or something, and everything just becomes chaotic when, for example, at a restaurant and needing to make space for my wheelchair to come through or make a space at a table. Many times, an entire restaurant is disrupted, and all eyes are on me, which is the last thing in the world that I want. I am afraid to make any eye contact during that time because I am afraid, I will be met with disapproving looks. I speak from experience.

Shoutout to my seventh-grade English teacher, Mr. S, for intuitively knowing just how to approach me, and in turn help me without anyone ever knowing. I did not have to feel like the kid who was different for need-

ing a little extra time, or a little extra grace. He continued to quietly check in on me throughout that year to see if anything needed to be adjusted.

Asking for help as a child with a disability takes humble courage for sure. I was not the best at it, so I am grateful to all the teachers I had along the way that were able to help me without making me feel different. There were a handful of gems along the way, and I will never forget them for the kindness they took the time to show me, despite their heavy load. They will never know just how much that meant to me.

Until next time ...

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ALCOHOL

A few mornings ago we met a friend in a restaurant. There were the usual greetings. How are you, etc. He said he felt rotten. "Ever have a hangover?" he asked, then answered his own question: "No, you're too young." We laughed. He's considerably younger than we. Not so bad – he felt rotten but was sober. At least to all outward appearances. However, just a few days before I had read about a late study in hangovers and driving. People who have hangovers make many more driving errors and cause many more accidents than they do under normal conditions.

Wish I had saved the clipping.

If I had not been a teetotaler in 1955 (or was it '54?), I would have become one. We are alive (four of us) (mom, dad, Verna, and Raymond) be-

cause dad was sober, no hangover, and a good driver. On a Sunday morning, we headed north on 27. I recall wearing a beige wool suit and a matching transparent velvet hat, so it was a cool day. As we came up the hill at Willow Run, dad saw someone headed south and driving erratically. With no signal and not enough time, he cut in front of us, making a left-hand turn. We were headed, so it appeared we would smash into the right side of his car. The man had no passengers. Dad and I were in front.

Instinct would probably have caused me to pull to the right if I had been at the wheel. Still a certain crash. Dad pulled sharply to the left and got completely off the highway.

A third car was headed south. The driver got excited, although by the time he got there, he had

two clear lanes on the highway. He pulled off the pavement and struck our car on the right side.

Two children in the back seat were shaken and scared. Dad had a bruise or two. I had a small cut which had to be sewed up and a knee which bothered me for a few days.

(Mom's head was cut on a window that was halfway down and to this day I will not drive a car with a window part way down.)

The man who caused the accident still smelled of liquor. The man at the filling station would not testify because the two of them were drinking buddies. Not so long afterward the filling station man was driving after drinking. In a one-car accident he killed himself. He left behind mother, a wife, a teenage son, and his son not yet in his teens.

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From the desk of Hamilton Heights Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood

Update No. 133

Our campus is buzzing with excitement as everyone settles into the business of teaching and learning and settling back into the rhythm of school life. The first couple of weeks always brings with it a sense of renewal and possibility, new opportunities, and challenges ahead. It's good to be back.

Hamilton Heights Elementary, Middle, and High Schools went for the gold and got it!

All three buildings successfully completed Indiana's Carrying the Torch to Student Success GOLD STAR program. Receiving this status demonstrates that we have a comprehensive and accountable school counseling and guidance program, aligned to Indiana School Counselor and Student Standards and American School Counselor Association (ASCA) standards.

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DR. DEREK ARROWOOD
Hamilton Heights Superintendent

of six states in the nation to earn reciprocity with ASCA's Recognized ASCA Program (RAMP) for the state's Carrying the Torch to Student Success Comprehensive School Counseling Initiative, our Gold Level status also qualifies each building for RAMP recognition!

Kudos to our district's counseling team (Nikki Wert, Tricia Rudy, Chelsea Pacheco, Sabrina Duncan, April Baugher, Jessi Cantlon, and Lori Watson) and HHMS teacher Connor James for a job well done!

At the high school, there's a cool opportunity for juniors and seniors interested in a career in education. Heights, in conjunction with Indiana University Kokomo's Tomorrow's Teachers: Growing Our Own program, helps expose students to the profession, and challenges their prior conceptions about teaching

and learning. This program, under the leadership of Lori Hippensteel, is designed to cultivate future educators by offering high school students a blend of on-campus and school-based learning experiences.

Participants can earn up to 12 college credits in education, engage in hands-on field experiences in PK-8 classrooms, and build professional networks through on-campus activities. This program not only provides early exposure to college-level coursework but also supports students with a robust network of instructors and peers, ensuring a smooth transition to college life while helping to create a pipeline of well-prepared future educators. I call that a win-win!

I would like to give a shout out to the Hamilton County Health Department for hosting an Immunization Clinic as part of the MS Husky Connect Day in July. We appreciate the families who took advantage of this opportunity to see that

their child was current with their state-mandated vaccinations ahead of the new school year.

As a reminder, as per Indiana State Law, students are required to be up to date with their immunizations (for all grades, but specifically in grades Kindergarten, 6th, and 12th grades) by the 20th day of school (Sept. 3) to avoid exclusion on day 21 (Sept. 4).

If you are looking for something fun to do this Saturday, look no further than the Cicero Street Festival from 4 to 9 p.m. in downtown Cicero. There will be food, games, Kids Zone, artisans, contests, live music, and much more. More details on the festival can be found here.

Thank you to the sponsors who have generously given some of our school sports teams complimentary booths to help raise funds for their teams and to Our Town Cicero for hosting this annual fun-filled, family event for our community.

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Carmel pursuing investment advisor representative

The REPORTER

The City of Carmel has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for an investment advisor representative to support its 403(b) deferred compensation plan for employees, former employees, and retirees.

The effort is part of the city's comprehensive review of all financial contracts in support of Mayor Sue Finkam's commitment to ensure the financial well-being of the city and its workforce.

The mayor said the RFP process is designed to identify the most qualified and innovative partner to guide employee investment decisions, with an empha-

sis on fiscal responsibility, enhanced services to employees, and technological advancements.

The representative chosen will work with the city's plan recordkeeper, One America.

"This search further demonstrates our broader commitment to continually improve the services

and benefits we offer to our dedicated city employees," Mayor Finkam said. "Our financial well-being is a priority for this administration, and we look forward to further enhancing services for our employees."

The RFP is available on the city's website at [this link](#) through 2 p.m. Sept. 5.



Finkam

Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt reappointed to NACo Transportation Steering Committee

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt was recently reappointed as a member of the National Association of Counties (NACo) Transportation Steering Committee. He previously served a four-year term and was selected to serve another.

The Transportation Steering Committee is responsible for all matters pertaining to federal transportation legislation, funding and regulation and its impacts on county government.¹

Heirbrandt reflected on this reappointment: "I am grateful and excited to continue being a member of the NACo Transportation Steering Committee. This has served as a great catalyst for brainstorming and collaboration to learn what other counties are doing across America. I look forward to continuing to work and

learn alongside my fellow committee members to bring back solutions that best serve the residents of Hamilton County."

Heirbrandt is one of only two members of the committee hailing from Indiana.

Through NACo, counties unite to advocate for county priorities in federal policymaking,

promote exemplary county policies and practices, nurture leadership skills and expand knowledge networks, optimize county and taxpayer resources and cost savings, and enrich the public's understanding of county government. Across America, there are 3,069 county governments, 40,000 county elected officials, and 3.6 million county employees.²

¹ naco.org/committee/transportation-policy-steering-committee

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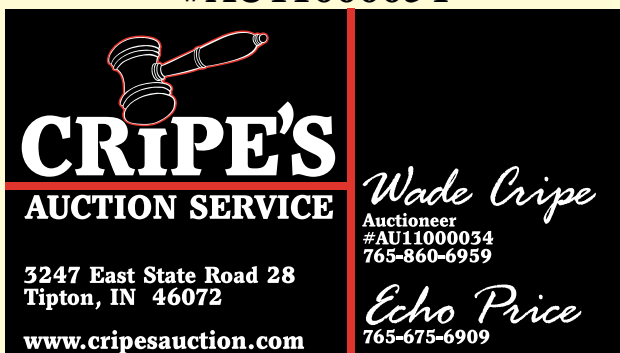
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Find the best route to your destination thanks to Hamilton County Tourism

The REPORTER

With construction season in full swing, thus making it ever more challenging to travel around Hamilton County, our friends at Hamilton County Tourism have compiled this handy guide.

Below you will find links to road projects in each of the four major cities in the county, as well as county projects like the Streamline 146th plan. Even a link to state projects through INDOT is included. Thank you, Hamilton County Tourism!

Carmel road projects
Fishers road projects
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Reconstructing SR 32
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INDOT projects across the state



Get your tickets for Mayor's Breakfast to Benefit YMI of Fishers

The REPORTER

Fishers-based Youth Mentoring Initiative (YMI) will hold its annual Mayor's Breakfast to Benefit YMI, presented by Heartland Church, on Thursday, Aug. 29. The fundraising event directly benefits YMI's mission to connect Hamilton Southeastern School District students with a volunteer mentor once a week.

The event will feature a fireside chat between Mayor Scott Fadness and Marissa Andretti, Vice President of Andretti Global and Managing Director for Andretti Technologies.

Andretti is currently spearheading the build of the new Andretti Global Headquarters in Fishers, a state-of-the-art 575,000 square-foot facility that will house Andretti Global's current racing teams and serve as a key destination for the greater Indianapolis area. She also leads the team's sustainability initiatives as well as the team's philanthropic

endeavors via The Michael Andretti Foundation.

"On behalf of the entire Board and staff, we are excited to hear from Marissa and learn more about the impact Andretti Global is and will continue to have on our community," YMI Executive Director Britany Rayburn said. "With Andretti Global's long history of growth, success, and community support, we know she and Mayor Fadness will inspire many in our audience to get involved and make their own impact."

The event will also feature a panel of school personnel, mentors, and family members directly impacted by YMI's recent program expansion to elementary schools within HSE Schools.

The ninth annual Mayor's Breakfast to Benefit YMI will be held from 7 to 9 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 29 at the new theater at Fishers City Hall. As one of the

largest annual fundraisers for YMI, all money raised directly support connecting more Hamilton Southeastern students to a caring adult mentor. Tickets and sponsorships are still available [here](#).

Individuals interested in becoming a mentor for YMI may visit ymionline.org/mentor for more information.

About YMI

Youth Mentoring Initiative is a Fishers-based nonprofit that serves the Hamilton Southeastern Schools community through school-based mentor programs for students that inspire future generations and build a better community. YMI provides mentoring for students by building and sustaining a mentoring community with the highest level of empathy, dependability, inspiration, inclusivity, and integrity. Learn more about becoming a mentor or recommending a prospective mentee at ymionline.org.

Democratic gubernatorial candidate pushes property tax caps, larger deductions

By GARRETT BERGQUIST
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Democratic governor candidate Jennifer McCormick on Thursday said her tax plan would ensure everyone gets some sort of relief without jeopardizing local revenues.

McCormick is the last of the three governor candidates whose names appear on November's ballot to release a property tax plan. It comes nearly three weeks after Republican Mike Braun released his plan and about a month and a half after Libertarian candidate Donald Rainwater released his.

McCormick's plan would cap annual property tax rate increases at 10 percent, increase the maximum homeowner property tax deduction from \$2,500 to \$3,500, and expand deductions for seniors and for disabled veterans.

The plan incorporates several unsuccessful proposals filed by both Democratic and Republican lawmakers during the 2024 legislative session. McCormick says she did that on purpose because the non-partisan Legislative Services Agency has already provided estimates of the cost to state revenues for each, making it easier to judge her plan's economic impact. She says, based on LSA estimates, her plan would cost the state \$600 million in lost revenue. In addition, she said she wanted a plan that would have bipartisan support.

"A lot of times, I think we steer away from giving credit to those folks across the aisle when you're running a political campaign," she said. "Anytime you have good ideas, shame on us if we don't utilize them."

McCormick says she deliberately structured her tax plan so that most of

the \$600 million price tag would fall on the state rather than on local governments. Her campaign estimates about \$175 million of that loss would be spread out among local governments across the states. She said that's a contrast with Braun's plan, which she has characterized as a threat to local services. McCormick says the state could easily recoup the losses by reprioritizing spending elsewhere, including investing public school voucher funding back into traditional public schools.

Justin Ross, a professor of public finance at the Indiana University O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs, said it's certainly within the legislature's power to do that. He says McCormick's, Braun's, and Rainwater's plans represent three different approaches to the same goal of reducing property tax burdens. Ross says the main difference is Braun's and Rainwater's plans focus more on limiting local



McCormick

governments' property tax authority while McCormick's turns more of it into a budget line item.

Ross says, no matter who wins the election, it's up to taxpayers to make sure they claim any new tax breaks that are offered.

Braun's campaign dismissed McCormick's proposal as a tax-and-spend plan in a brief statement.

"Democrat Jennifer McCormick is a tax-and-spend liberal, and her plan does nothing to tackle the property tax pain Hoosiers are feeling from the inflation crisis created by Democrats that McCormick endorsed: Joe Biden and Kamala Harris," Braun said. "My bold property tax plan will give Hoosier homeowners immediate property tax relief by resetting bills to 2021 pre-Biden/Harris inflation levels."

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/democratic-governor-candidate-jennifer-mccormick-pushes-property-tax-caps-larger-deductions.

Meeting Notices

The Westfield Plat Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, Aug. 26, 2024, has been canceled. Business items will be carried over to a future Plat Committee meeting.

The Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District Board will meet at noon Monday, Aug. 26, 2024, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Hamilton County Commissioners will meet in an executive session at 12:15 p.m. Monday, Aug. 26, 2024. A regular meeting will follow at 1 p.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Carmel Clay School Board will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 26, 2024, at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St.

The Jackson Township Advisory Board will meet to discuss general township business at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 29, 2024, at the Trustee's Office, 506 W. Main St., Arcadia.

The Carmel Mayor's Housing Task Force will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29, 2024, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square.

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Non-Profit Veteran Orgs

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Resources You Might Need

The Fishers Department of Health website lists many resources for our whole community - <https://fishers.crediblemind.com/> You can access Mental Health, Anxiety and self care assistance, and or go to the Community Resource page to connect to the resource you need.

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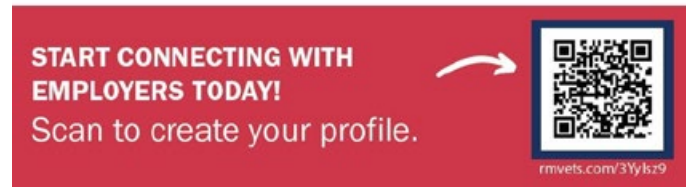
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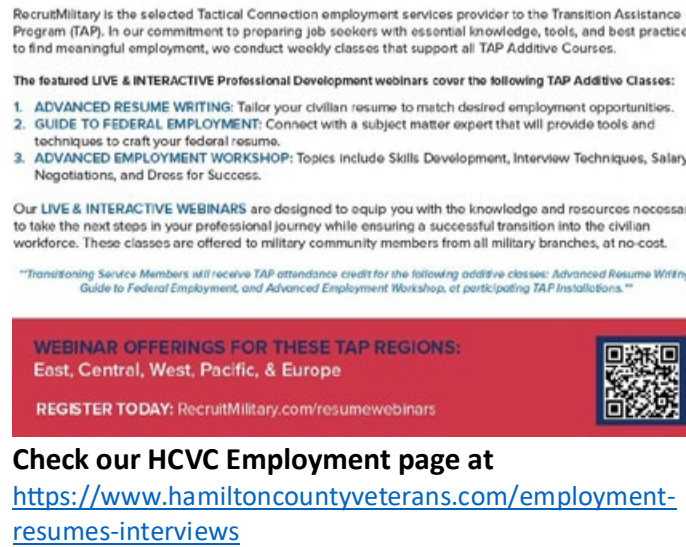
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<https://www.mfri.purdue.edu/battlemind/>

Network With Your Community

Joining Community Forces Indiana (JCFI)

Marion and it's donut counties have formed a JCFI through Easterseals Crossroads which is chaired by Buzz Smith and they meet online the third Thursday monthly at 10am. It is one of the best networking meetings for our Military Veteran community (MVC) which usually has up to 40 resources online each month discussing activities and what each resource does for our community. Buzz has a distribution list of over 500 resources and if you are interested in helping our MVC, reach out to Buzz at btsmith@eastersealscrossroads.org.

Good Samaritan Network

Resources and non-profits who help our Hamilton County families and our Military Veteran community, we'd love for you to join us as we connect and discuss some critical topics that can help Hamilton County families including our Veteran community. Your input is valuable to us, and we believe that together we can come up with some meaningful ways to make a difference here in Hamilton County.

We meet online the second Tuesday monthly at 3:45pm and if you are interested in helping your community, please click here to register.

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Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam endorses Danny Lopez for State Representative

Submitted by Lopez for Indiana

Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam has endorsed Danny Lopez in his campaign for Indiana State House District 39, the Lopez For Indiana campaign announced Wednesday.

Finkam and Westfield Mayor Scott Willis serve as co-chairs for the campaign as Lopez looks to replace retiring State Representative Jerry Torr in the district that includes portions of Carmel and Westfield.

“Having strong, experienced partners in the General Assembly is critical to ensuring Carmel’s priorities are represented, and I am excited to support Danny Lopez’s campaign and the solutions-oriented, collaborative leadership

he will bring to the Statehouse,” Finkam said.

Since winning her first mayoral election last October, Mayor Finkam has received praise for her thoughtful approach to keeping Carmel one of America’s most attractive magnets for investment, talent, and jobs. Her resounding victory, which followed three impactful terms on the Carmel City Council, was a testament to her broad experience and ability to bring people together to strengthen the community.

“Mayor Finkam is an exceptional leader whose conviction, pragmatism, and ability to create consensus is already yielding big results for Carmel and Hamilton County,” said Lopez. “I



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am so grateful to her for her support, and I look forward to working alongside her to make Carmel stronger than

it has ever been.”

Learn more about the candidate at LopezForIndiana.com.

Statewide high school poetry competition offers \$50,000 in awards

The REPORTER

Join Indiana Humanities and bring the experience of Poetry Out Loud to students throughout Indiana this school year.

This national arts education program from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and the Poetry Foundation encourages the study of great poetry by offering free educational materials and a dynamic recitation competition for high school students. The program helps students master public speaking skills and build self-confidence while also learning more about both classical and contemporary poetry.

This will be the second year Indiana Humanities is administering the Poetry Out Loud program. Poetry Out Loud is a partnership of the National Endowment for the Arts, Poetry Foundation, and the state and jurisdictional arts agencies. The Indiana Arts Commission, which previously administered the program, has enlisted Indiana Humanities to deliver the program.

“Poetry Out Loud is a powerful program that can completely transform a student’s way of thinking,” Indiana Humanities President & CEO Keira Amstutz said. “Thanks to the Indiana Arts Commission, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Poetry Foundation, we have the ability to empower the next generation to find enrichment through the recitation and study of poetry – an essential part of the humanities.”

During the fall, schools are invited to hold classroom and school-wide contests, with students advancing to a state competition.

Non-school organizations, such as after-school clubs, libraries, or nonprofit organizations, may also participate in Poetry Out Loud. For students who do not have access to a school or organizational contest, Indiana Humanities offers an independent competition for students from across the state.

As part of Poetry Out Loud, the National Endowment for the Arts and Poetry Foundation also offer free, standards-based curriculum materials – all available online – which teachers may choose to use in their classrooms. These include an online poetry anthology containing more than 1,200 classic and contemporary poems, a teacher’s guide, lesson plans, posters, and videos on the art of poetry recitation. These materials are all free to access at PoetryOutLoud.org.

State champions will advance to the national finals, which are planned to take place in Washington D.C., in spring of 2025, where \$50,000 in awards and school stipends will be distributed. More information will be announced in the future.

How to get involved in Poetry Out Loud

High schools and organizations that wish to be part of the official Poetry Out Loud program must contact Indiana Humanities by Dec. 6, 2024, to notify organizers of your intent to participate. Indiana Humanities will work with interested schools and organizations to include them in the official Poetry Out Loud program.

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United Way of Central Indiana seeking volunteers for ReadUP literacy program

The REPORTER

United Way of Central Indiana is looking for volunteers for its ReadUP program, a literacy initiative that sends volunteers into elementary schools across the region to read with third graders who are behind on their reading skills.

Registration is open for those interested in volunteering for the coming school year, with the program set to begin after Labor Day.

During the 2023-2024 school year, 263 volunteers worked with 276 students at 20 schools in six counties.

This year, United Way is looking to recruit 350 volunteers in Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Marion, Morgan, and Put-

nam counties.

For more than 16 years, ReadUP has helped students get on track with grade-level literacy. The program focuses on third grade, when students shift from learning to read to reading to learn.

The lingering effects of the coronavirus pandemic continue to be seen in students’ foundational reading skills, said Julie Kilger, United Way’s early care and learning director. And earlier this year, state lawmakers passed legislation that will hold back third graders who do not pass Indiana’s reading test, IREAD.

“Now more than ever we need to be supporting third grade readers who



United Way of Central Indiana

are behind catch up to their peers,” she said.

Last year, 92 percent of participating students saw increases in reading and comprehension skills. And tutors provided more than 4,800 hours of reading support.

Volunteers spend one hour a week reading with

two students throughout the school year. Some volunteers choose to join the program with a partner, splitting the time commitment.

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If you'd like to learn more about Poetry Out Loud, Indiana Humanities will offer an informational webinar at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 5. For more information and to register, visit indianahumanities.org/poetryoutloud. Contact Hailey DeWolf with questions at hdewolf@indianahumanities.org or visit PoetryOutLoud.org.

Poetry Out Loud awards

Each state champion will receive \$200 and will advance to the national championship, where \$50,000 in awards and school stipends will be distributed, including a \$20,000 award for the Poetry Out Loud National Champion. The state champions representing a school or organization will receive a

\$500 stipend for the purchase of poetry materials. The first runner-up in each state will receive \$100, with \$200 for their school/organization.

The Poetry Foundation provides and administers all aspects of the monetary prizes awarded and travel arrangements for the Poetry Out Loud National Finals. For further information, visit PoetryOutLoud.org.

Noblesville Meijer invites customers to Wellness Expo

The REPORTER

As a one-stop shop for health and wellness needs, Meijer will hold its Wellness Expo from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24 at the Noblesville location on Promenade Shops Boulevard.

During this event, customers can connect with Meijer pharmacy team members to discuss wellness and health services,

including vaccines, nutrition coaching and blood pressure readings. In addition, health and wellness vendors like Align Probiotics, Ensure, and Taylor Farms, will be available to explore and enjoy samples. Special mPerks offers will also be available.

Meijer offers a variety of health and wellness support year-round, including savings on wellness basics, like

first aid supplies and over-the-counter medications, and services to keep your family healthy and safe, like flu vaccinations and prescription refills.

No matter what your health and wellness needs are, Meijer pharmacy team members are available to help.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the Wellness Expo.

Enjoy upcoming 'Summer Nights' with tributes to two classics: Grease & the great Frank Sinatra

The REPORTER

Even though fall looms right around the corner, the summer nights continue on the stage at Feinstein's. Crossroads Entertainment's Don Farrell presents two terrific cabaret's - *Summer Nights: The Music of Grease* and *Frank Sinatra: The Tribute*.

On Thursday, Sept. 19, it's high school again at Feinstein's at Hotel Carmichael with *Summer Nights: The Music of Grease*. Crossroads Entertainment launches its newest cabaret of the "Don Farrell presents ..." series. Get your fine dining and fine performance experience with a healthy serving of teen angst as four of Indy's finest musical theatre performers join Don Far-

rell and the Terry Woods Band as they sing about peer pressure, hormones, teenage rebellion, and love while sharing behind-the-scenes stories of the musical that brought rock and roll to Broadway.

Come dressed in your nostalgic letter sweaters and dungarees, poodle skirts and Bobbi socks, and best retro attire and maybe win the award for best dressed. Join the cast as they lead you in the Hand Jive and some fun sing-a-longs.

Then on Friday, Sept. 20 Don Farrell returns with *Frank Sinatra: The Tribute*.

Join Don Farrell and the Terry Woods Orchestra for a swinging, seductive, and handsomely produced show as they pay homage to the

"Chairman of the Board" with a tasteful celebration of Sinatra's life and work. What you won't get is a crass impersonation of Sinatra. Instead, you will be crooned to with song after stylish song like "Summer Wind," "One for My Baby," "In The Wee Small Hours of the Morning," "Fly Me to the Moon," and many others.

You'll be tapping your toes to these full and lush songs with choice arrangements while anecdotes and fun stories of Ol' Blue Eyes are interspersed throughout. So, come to Feinstein's and live again the urbanity, grace, and style of the man who dared to do it his way.

You can get your tickets for both shows online at Eventbrite.

Fighting food insecurity with decadent cooking competition

The REPORTER

The World Food Championships (WFC) recently selected Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana as its Official Charity Partner for an

upcoming event aiming to combat food insecurity in Hoosier communities.

The World Food Championships will take place Nov. 9 to 12 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

Ten percent of ticket revenue from premium experiences, including the VIP Experience and Taste of WFC activities, will be donated to Gleaners. These funds will aid Gleaners Food Bank in providing food assistance to those in need while highlighting WFC's commitment to supporting local communities.

"Joining the Indianapolis market is a significant milestone for us, and we deeply appreciate the warm Hoosier hospitality we've received," WFC CEO Michael Eaton said. "It's an honor to play a role in supporting the community through Gleaners, and we look forward to making a meaningful impact together."

During the largest food sport competition, more than 300 competitive cooking teams from around the globe will battle it out in 12 categories for the coveted title of World Food Champion and share of the \$450,000 prize purse. Spectators can expect various activities and experiences to satisfy food enthusiasts of all ages. Attendees will be able to taste samples from more than 30 vendors, watch live cooking demonstrations by celebrity chefs and participate in interactive food-related games such as "Cake or Fake."

Tickets for the 2024 World Food Championships start at \$15 and are [available online](#). Specialty tickets included as part of the donation are:

• **Taste of World Food Championships:** A Champion-inspired Experience: Hosted by celebrity chef

Eric Greenspan, this experience features global dishes crafted by former WFC champions. It includes a passport for 12 category samples and five drink samples from award-winning mixologists. Available on Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., attendees can meet champions, watch culinary demos, and receive prizes, including a curated gift bag. Single-day tickets are \$125, and two-day tickets are \$225.

• **The World Food Championships VIP Experience:** This exclusive area offers a retreat from Kitchen Arena, featuring various food and drink samples, mixology demonstrations, meet and greets with celebrity chefs, and a commemorative 2024 WFC Indianapolis print. Available Saturday and Sunday (10 a.m. to 7 p.m.) and Monday (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Single-day tickets are \$175, two-day tickets are \$325, and three-day tickets are \$450.

"We warmly welcome the World Food Championships to Indianapolis and are delighted to support a shared vision of battling food insecurity," Gleaners President & CEO Fred Glass said. "This partnership strengthens our community and brings us closer to ensuring everyone has access to nutritious food."

Gates will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with free admission before 10 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 8 and Saturday, Nov. 9 and free admission all day Tuesday, Nov. 12 for the finals and awards ceremony held from 6 to 8 p.m.

Tickets to the 2024 World Food Championships can be [purchased online](#). For more information about the World Food Championships, visit WorldFoodChampionships.com.

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Large residential community opens in Carmel next month

The REPORTER

Onyx+East, a full-service home builder based in Indianapolis, will deliver the first build phase of **Flora** in September, furthering its mission of bringing the urban experience to suburban living.

The \$61 million community in Carmel is its largest to date and will feature 121 homes, including single-family residences, rooftop-deck townhomes, pitched-roof townhomes and courtyard duet homes upon completion. The first build phase includes constructed, three-bedroom townhomes available for sale at a starting price in the mid-\$400,000s.

Located at the roundabout of Illinois Street and Spring Mill Road just north of Interstate 465 and set on 17 acres, Flora will offer outdoor spaces perfect for pets and families, including walking paths, a dog park, pond, courtyard, fire pits, scenic overlooks and more. The community is also located within the prestigious Carmel Clay School District and close to everything West Carmel has to offer, including restaurants, shopping and entertainment.

“The vibrant Flora community will have something for everyone who chooses to call it home, with a variety of home types and amenities to suit individual tastes, budgets and lifestyles,” Onyx+East CEO Kelli Lawrence said. “We’re excited to bring the type of urban build project for which we are



Photo provided by Onyx+East

Flora will be located just west of the Spring Mill Road/Illinois Street roundabout in Carmel. That’s north of Interstate 465.



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known to the suburbs of West Carmel and create an environment for residents to live a life on trend. A home isn’t just where you live – it’s who you are, so we make sure all our communities are well built and undeniably sophisticated.”



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Flora is a low-maintenance community designed for homebuyers looking for a comfortable and stylish lifestyle. All

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The Westfield Young Professionals welcomes individual applicants with relevant skills and experience to help meet the needs of the organization in order to serve a growing community.



The Westfield Young Professionals Council connects ambitious, visionary young professionals with a robust and diverse network of peers, mentors, and regional business and civic leaders. Serving on the Board of Directors is an important way to give back to the young professionals community, develop friendships and working relationships, meet personal leadership goals, and advance your career.

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Graduates of unique nursing education program receive statewide recognition

The REPORTER

American Senior Communities (ASC) and Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County (HHC) recognized 16 graduates of the Opportunities to Nursing Excellence (O2NE) Program at a luncheon on Aug. 14 at The Bridgewater Club.

The O2NE program is presented by ASC and HHC, which together comprise the largest senior care provider in Indiana. Their commitment to promoting the professional growth of their employees and the long-term care profession resulted in the creation of this innovative scholarship program for employees who seek to advance their career in nursing.

The 2024 graduates are: Kendra Wallace, RN – Allisonville Meadows Assisted Living, Jennifer Fedeler, RN – Beech Grove Meadows, Hayley Langhorne, RN – Bethlehem Woods, Kyle Smith, RN – Cardinal Nursing and Rehabilitation, Julie Hamilton, RN – Countryside Meadows, Bethany Nitschke, LPN – Danville Regional Rehabilitation,



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Ivan Lemucha, RN – Maple Park Village, Lindsay Arthur, RN – Meadow Lakes, Hannah Patton, RN – Meadow Lakes, Precious Highbaugh, LPN – Meadow Lakes, Maria Willman, RN – Riverwalk Village, Lindsay Roberts, RN – Rosegate, Jeremy Kelnhofer, RN – Rosewalk Village of Lafayette, Sierra Ferry, RN – Rosewalk Village of Lafayette, Amanda Fancher, RN – Springs Valley, and Melissa Campbell, RN – Westview Nursing & Reha-

bilitation Center.

The O2NE program assists caregiver staff in becoming LPNs and RNs via direct funding to accredited nursing schools while maintaining their current jobs. HHC helps cover students' tuition and book fees, while providing participants with the flexibility to complete their education without being penalized financially with a commitment to work for an HHC facility for an agreed upon period post-graduation.

To date, this program has fueled opportunities for 240 graduates, many of whom are working in clinical management positions. Over half of the program's participants are on track to become RNs.

"We are incredibly fortunate to have a wealth of clinical talent across the state here at American Senior

Communities, and our recent O2NE graduates are no exception," Chief Nursing Officer Alicia Sims said. "Supporting our team members in advancing their careers is an important endeavor that we prioritize at ASC. We offer our warmest congratulations to the 2024 graduates of the O2NE program."

"The O2NE Program offers exactly the kind of clinical career development that has a system-wide impact on our ability to provide quality healthcare to Hoosier seniors," said Julie L. White, VP of Long Term Care at Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County. "By making it possible for staff members to continue earning credentials while maintaining their current jobs, we are increasing the number of Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) and Registered Nurses (RNs) here in Indiana."

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

THE PLAGUE OF LOCUSTS

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go to Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart and the hearts of his officials so that I may perform these signs of mine among them that you may tell your children and grandchildren how I dealt harshly with the Egyptians and how I performed my signs among them, and that you may know that I am the Lord."
Exodus 10:1-2 (NIV)

Robert William Keck

January 2, 1941 – August 16, 2024

Robert William Keck, 83, passed away peacefully on August 16, 2024, after a courageous battle with Acute Myeloid Leukemia.



Born January 2, 1941, his spirit was strengthened by his love for hard work, teaching, farming, political debate, sunrises and sunsets, dark beer, all sports, and cheering for his beloved Iowa Hawkeyes. Dr. Keck valued his academic life as a professor in the IUPUI School of Science, where he taught Biology and Plant Physiology and spent some years in the Dean's office. But above all, his greatest love was for his family.

His sense of humor remained undiminished throughout his illness. During every encounter with his oncology team, palliative care team, or hospice team, Bob was known for lightening the mood by stating, "I'm only here for the beer!" It was his resilience, grace, and acceptance of his situation that will be remembered by all who had the privilege to know him.

When asked if there were any unfulfilled dreams, Robert wished for an Oktoberfest, and loved ones rallied to make it happen. In May, fun times were had by all with beer, brats, pretzels, and homemade German potato salad. This gave Bob a chance to interact with those he loved the most.

Robert is survived by his loving wife, Juanita. They would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on the 30th of August. He was cherished by his children, Robert Keck and his wife Beth, and Julie Keck and her husband John Champley. He was loved by his grandchildren, John and his wife Julia Keck, Katie Keck, Nathan Champley, and Bethany Champley. He delighted in his great-grandchild, Robert James Keck, who was born on his birthday. He appreciated the friendship with his brother, William Keck, and his husband, Jeff McCowan.

He was truly a special man who will be profoundly missed.

In lieu of flowers, please honor Robert's legacy through kind gestures, love for your family, and a passion for life's simple wonders. In addition, donations to Bethlehem Lutheran Church are welcome. Church address: 526 E. 52nd St., Indianapolis, IN 46205.

A celebration of life will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Sunday, August 25 from noon to 2 p.m. Please wear purple, his favorite color, or a Hawaiian print shirt, his wardrobe staple.

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Girls Soccer

Blackhawks get two dominant wins; Fishers, HSE take conference openers

The REPORTER

The Sheridan girls soccer team is off to a strong start in 2024 after its historic 2023 season.

The Blackhawks began their season Monday with a 4-0 win at Lebanon. Sheridan got on the board quickly, with Avery Hills scoring her first career goal four minutes into the game. Sadie Timme made the assist.

Later in the first half, Cecilia Timme got a penalty kick. She missed the kick, but after the ball came loose, Timme followed it and put the ball in the net to give the Hawks a 2-0 lead. Sadie Timme scored before halftime with a long kick that dropped over the goalkeeper's head.

Sheridan got one more goal in the second half, with Cecilia Timme scoring to make it 4-0. Blackhawks coach Brian Prange said his team controlled the majority of the game "with good play from Mac Smith" from the defensive mid area.

Makenzy Terry made five saves as Sheridan goalkeeper.

On Wednesday, the Hawks hosted Northwestern on their new turf field and ran away with a 5-0 victory.

Sheridan was in control from the beginning and got its first goal 15 minutes into the game. Makaley Terry crossed the ball to Brielle Garner, who sent it into the net. Cecilia Timme scored the Blackhawks' second goal minutes later, then Makenzy Terry put in the third goal, which finished the first-half scoring.

Cecilia Timme scored her second goal of the night in the second half to give Sheridan a 4-0 lead, then Sadie Timme completed the scoring with



Photo by Mike Navarro

(ABOVE) Seniors Gabby Deer (3) and Kylie Harrison (9) both return to the Guerin Catholic girls soccer team after the Golden Eagles won the Class 2A state championship last season. (RIGHT) Sheridan senior Cecilia Timme has already scored four goals for the Blackhawks this season. Timme had two goals in Sheridan's Monday win at Lebanon, and two more during the Hawks' Wednesday victory over Northwestern.

another goal. Meanwhile, the Hawks recorded their second shutout of the week, with Hills in goal.

"Avery Hills started in goal tonight and was able to control everything that came her way," said Prange. "She was a valuable asset in distributing the ball to her teammates to help start the attack on the opponent's goal."

Sheridan plays at Frankfort tonight, with a 5:30 p.m. start.

Fishers got a pair of big wins early this week.

On Monday, the Tigers beat defending Class 1A state champion Park Tudor 4-1 in a home game. Elise May scored two goals, with Georgia Scott and Jena Love each adding one goal. Iris Martin, Emerson Huneck and Mallory Slabaugh each made one assist.

Fishers followed that up with an upset win over

3A No. 4 Westfield 2-0 on Wednesday to begin Hoosier Crossroads Conference play. May and Rena Sawada both scored one goal, while goalkeeper Sarah Maudlin recorded the shutout.

The Tigers are 3-0 and return to action next Wednesday at Zionsville in a conference game.

Carmel cruised to a 4-1 win over South Bend St. Joseph on Tuesday.

Elsie Flanders scored two goals for the Greyhounds and also had one assist. Emma Ehret and Halle Wellman both got one goal and one assist, with Olivia Evans and Olivia Cebalo both making one assist. Senior goalkeeper Mary Grace Knapp made five saves.

Carmel is 1-1 and plays at Guerin Catholic on Saturday morning.

Hamilton Southeastern

breezed to a 5-0 win over Franklin Central Wednesday to begin HCC play.

Sydney May and Kate Noel both scored one goal in the first half to give the Royals a 2-0 halftime lead. Abby Straus assisted on both goals. May scored her second goal of the game in the second half unassisted, then Cole Lance and Rylie Brydges made a double assist to freshman Margaux Henning, who put in her first-ever goal. Sloane May both scored Southeastern's fifth goal, off another Brydges assist.

Southeastern is 2-0 and plays games this weekend at Newton Park in Lakeville, taking on Penn on Friday and Homestead on Saturday.

Noblesville beat Pendleton Heights 6-0 on Wednesday.

Stats from the game will appear in a later edition.



Photo by Dwight Casler

The Millers are 2-0 and host Avon next Wednesday to start HCC play.

Guerin Catholic, the defending Class 2A state champion, played to a 0-0 tie with 3A No. 17 Zionsville Wednesday in a home game.

"Zionsville always, historically, is a formidable opponent," said Golden Eagles coach Sean Yau. "We always have traditionally played them either the first or second game because they always set a tone for us to see where we're at."

Senior goalkeeper Olivia Eaton got the shutout for Guerin Catholic, which

plays Carmel Saturday morning. That will be the Golden Eagles' tough 3A opponent in a row.

But Yau said playing a tough schedule teaches his team "resiliency, that yes, we are a smaller school, but we're always going to make sure that we have to compete with the highest programs," and that the Golden Eagles are ready for any for type of game and competition during the state tournament.

Hamilton Heights dropped its season opener Tuesday at Heritage Christian 3-0.

The Huskies play tonight at Pike.

Boys Soccer

Greyhounds, Huskies, Golden Eagles, Shamrocks score victories

The REPORTER

The Carmel boys soccer team got a victory on Monday, beating Pike 2-1.

All of the goals were scored in the second half. Chasen Cunningham and Matthew Schilt both scored one goal for the Greyhounds, with Cunningham assisting Schilt's goal. Sophomore goalkeeper Gray Morgan made nine saves.

Carmel is 2-0 for the season. The Greyhounds' next game is Tuesday against Greenfield-Central.

Hamilton Heights began its season Tuesday with a 5-2 victory over Yorktown.

The game was tied 2-2 at halftime before the Huskies took over in the second half. Carson Felger and Noah Cordero both scored two goals, with Bryce Hutcherson adding one goal. Felger was named the Player of the

Match by first-year coach Collin Luckey.

Heights plays at home tonight against Pendleton Heights.

Guerin Catholic cruised to a 4-0 win over Park Tudor on Tuesday.

Robbie Burt put in three goals for the Golden Eagles, with Gavin Rieck scoring one goal. Rieck also had an assist, along with Cameron Parker, Cade Tyson and Connor Klein.

Guerin Catholic is 1-1 for the season; the Golden Eagles dropped their opener 3-1 last Saturday to Pendleton Heights. Guerin Catholic plays tonight at Heritage Christian.

Westfield beat Fishers 2-1 on Tuesday in an all-county and Hoosier Crossroads Conference game. It was also the season opener for the Shamrocks.

Oliver Church and Alec Schurman scored one goal each for Westfield, while Adam Maddi scored the Tigers' goal off an assist by Cole Anderson. Austin Butler had seven goalkeeper saves for the Rocks.

The Shamrocks play Pike on Saturday. Fishers is 1-1 and will compete in the Noblesville Midwest Showcase this weekend, playing Detroit Catholic Central on Friday and Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller on Saturday.

Noblesville played to a 1-1 tie with Perry Meridian on Tuesday.

The game was scoreless at halftime, with Millers goalkeeper Alex Eberhart saving a penalty kick attempt. Noblesville converted its own PK attempt in the second half, with Caden Rice putting the ball in the net. The Falcons tied the

game with 22 minutes left, and the score stayed 1-1 from there.

The Millers are 1-0-1 and host the NHS Midwest Showcase this weekend. Noblesville played Louisville St. Xavier on Friday and Okemos (Mich.) on Saturday.

Hamilton Southeastern played to a 0-0 tie with Cathedral on Tuesday.

Senior Cam Joniec had four saves as the Royals' goalkeeper. Southeastern is 1-0-1 and plays at Guerin Catholic on Saturday afternoon.

Sheridan dropped its season opener to Southmont Monday, 3-2.

Daniel Idrovo and Jackson Aleman both scored one goal for the Blackhawks. Sheridan plays Delphi tonight to begin Hoosier Heartland Conference play.

Girls Golf

Westfield falls to Zionsville, HSE prevails over Pendleton Heights

The REPORTER

The Westfield girls golf team dropped a close nine-hole match with Zionsville Wednesday at Holliday Farms.

The Eagles scored 162 to the Shamrocks' 165. Westfield's Addi Kooi was the medalist with a 39; other Rocks scores were Kelsey Haverluck 41, Sophie Raines 42, Sami Hanavan 43, Anna McKeown 47 and Sadie Edwards 49.

Hamilton Southeastern

sailed to a dual meet victory over Pendleton Heights Wednesday at Stony Creek.

The Royals won the nine-hole match 152-190. Janelle Garcia won medalist honors with an even par 36. Laci Hart scored 38, followed by Sophie Roberts with 39 and Paige O'Hara with 39.

Southeastern won the Mudsoc match 159-209 Monday at Purgatory Golf Club. Garcia was the medalist with 38, followed by Roberts 39, Karolina Franssen 41 and Hart 41.

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SPORTS SCHEDULE Longtime IMS Media Center manager York dies at 91

Thursday, Aug. 22

BOYS SOCCER
 Covenant Christian at University, 5 p.m.
 Sheridan at Delphi, 6 p.m.
 Guerin Catholic at Heritage Christian, 7 p.m.
 Pendleton Heights at Hamilton Heights, 7 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER
 Sheridan at Frankfort, 5:30 p.m.
 Hamilton Heights at Pike, 7 p.m.

GOLF
 Fishers at Carmel (with Center Grove), 4:30 p.m. at Plum Creek
 University at Western Boone, 4:30 p.m.
 Westfield at Tipton, 4:30 p.m.

TENNIS
 Hamilton Heights at Pendleton Heights, 4:30 p.m.
 Brownsburg at Hamilton Southeastern, 5 p.m.
 Cathedral at Carmel, 5 p.m.
 Avon at Noblesville, 5:30 p.m.
 Fishers at Zionsville, 5:30 p.m.
 Franklin Central at Westfield, 5:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL
 Sheridan at Park Tudor, 6 p.m.
 Guerin Catholic at New Palestine, 6:30 p.m.
 Alexandria Monroe at University, 7 p.m.
 Pendleton Heights at Westfield, 7 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 23

BOYS SOCCER
 Fishers vs. Detroit Catholic, 4 p.m. at Noblesville
 Cincinnati St. Xavier at Noblesville, 6 p.m.

FOOTBALL
 Fishers at North Central, 7 p.m.
 Hamilton Heights at Lapel, 7 p.m.
 McCutcheon at Guerin Catholic, 7 p.m.
 Mount Vernon at Noblesville, 7 p.m.
 Western Boone at Sheridan, 7 p.m.
 Westfield at Center Grove, 7 p.m.
 Hamilton Southeastern at Fort Wayne Carroll, 7:30 p.m.
 Homestead at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER
 Hamilton Southeastern vs. Penn, 6 p.m. at Newton Park

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Submitted by IMS

Bill York, who worked in and managed the media center at Indianapolis Motor Speedway for more than 50 years, died Aug. 20 near Nashville, Tenn. He was 91.

York, a proud native of Peru, Ind., served and befriended journalists from around the globe and drivers and race team officials in his roles in the media center at the Racing Capital of the World from the late 1950s to the mid-2010s. His contributions spanned every event at IMS during that time, including the Indianapolis 500, Brickyard 400, United States Grand Prix Formula One race, Red Bull Indianapolis GP MotoGP race and more.

The colorful, genial York ran the IMS media center with a fair, firm hand, mixing a no-nonsense approach with a hearty laugh that earned admiration and respect from all journalists and officials.

York and longtime IMS media official Bob Laycock created handwritten Indianapolis 500 qualifying cards – complete with driver and primary sponsor name, and time and speed for each of the four laps of every qualified driver, written in color-coded markers to match sponsor colors – that be-



Photo courtesy IMS

came legendary fixtures on the walls of the old media center located adjacent to Gasoline Alley and the current media center adjacent to the Pagoda. Drivers often sought their qualifying cards as keepsakes, especially from their rookie year in the “500.”

He also was instrumental in helping to increase the recognition of the Stark & Wetzel Indy 500 Rookie of the Year Award in the 1950s when he was a sales representative for the Indianapolis-based meat company.

York began working in the IMS press room in 1958 as a statistician, eventually taking over management duties in the media center through 2008. He then continued to serve as a media center liaison into the mid-2010s. Working at IMS was a part-time job for York – he was a very successful salesman during his professional career – but a role he fulfilled with full-time passion and skill.

He earned a variety of auto racing awards for his work, including the 2010 Bob Russo Founders Award for lifelong contributions to the sport, the 2011 Jim Chapman Award for excellence in motorsports public relations and the STP Unsung Hero Award.

While York was a renowned figure among global racing media, he also was respected and admired by National Football League and professional basketball journalists due to his longtime work in the media rooms of the Indianapolis Colts and Indiana Pacers.

York was the first leader of the statistics crew for the Pacers in 1967, a role he maintained for five decades and more than 2,000 games as the franchise moved from the American Basketball Association to the National Basketball Association. The Pacers’ media room in Gainbridge Fieldhouse is named in his honor.

He also led the stat crew and worked in the media room for the Colts from their arrival in Indianapolis in 1984 through the 2010s, working at both their original home at the RCA Dome and their current home, Lucas Oil Stadium.

York was predeceased by his wife, Jay, and son Rick. He is survived by a daughter, Marla.

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Fri August 23 - Boys Soccer 2024 Midwest Showcase (at NHS)

6:00 pm Noblesville (IN) vs. St. Xavier (KY) | NHS Sports
 6:00 pm WL Harrison (IN) vs. Paul Laurence Dunbar (KY) | NHS Sports
 8:00 pm Okemos (MI) vs. Archbishop Moeller (OH) | NHS Sports
 8:00 pm New Albany (OH) vs. Rockford (MI) | NHS Sports

Fri August 23 - High School Football

6:50 pm Heritage Christian vs Covenant Christian | Indiana SRN
 6:50 pm Greenfield Central vs Beech Grove | Indiana SRN
 6:50 pm Batesville vs Triton Central | Indiana SRN
 7:00 pm Mount Vernon vs Noblesville | HCTV Sports
 7:00 pm Western Boone v Sheridan | Bragg Sports Media
 7:20 pm Evansville Memorial vs Jasper | Indiana SRN

Sat August 24 - High School & 5th-6th Grade Football

9:30 am North Central vs Fishers | Freshman Football | Fishers Sports Network
 5:00 pm Westfield at Noblesville | IEFA Youth Football | HCTV Sports

Sat August 23 - Boys Soccer 2024 Midwest Showcase (at NHS) continues
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Kroger supporting high school football with Spirit Nights & Games of the Week

The REPORTER

The Kroger Co. has announced the launch of a 12-week High School Football program.

The new concept aims to support and celebrate the game in several central Indiana school districts and others around the country, while also giving back to the community through a generous donation of \$200,000.

The Kroger High School Football program will feature a range of exciting events designed to engage fans, players, and their families. These activities include “Spirit Night” fan rallies at key stores, Friday Night “Games of the Week,” weekly “Player of the Week” awards, an engaging high school football website, exclusive digital coupons for high school parents and supporters, and in-store savings on popular brands such as Campbell’s Soup, Premier Protein, PRIME, Goldfish, Velveeta, McCormick, and many more.

“We salute everyone who makes high school sports such a special ex-

perience for students,” Kroger Central Division President Colleen Juergensen said. “My sons were involved in high school sports, so I’ve seen what students can learn about hard work and dedication, both on and off the field. Now, we look forward to cheering for our young Hoosier athletes in the new season.”

One of the highlights of the program, featuring Hoosier schools from Fishers to Franklin, is the opportunity to receive donations through the purchase of partner products. A portion of the proceeds from such sales will be presented to the participating high schools, helping them enhance their athletics programs and provide better opportunities for their student-athletes.

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The Kroger High School Football program will kick off Friday, Aug. 23, and run for 12 weeks in school districts all over the United States.




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