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Sheridan veterans keeping history alive at local library

The REPORTER

American Legion KV Elliott Post 67 Commander Tom Deshon and Shirley Kinkead recently presented Sheridan Public Library Director Kim Riley a check for \$1,500 from the Legion's Veteran Memorial Fund.

In 1969, veteran Jim Kinkead created the fund by recycling cans to raise money to purchase war and historical books in memory of local veterans. The Sheridan Public Library has purchased numerous books throughout the years from the monies received from the memorial fund.

The American Legion's mission statement is to enhance the well-being of America's veterans, their families, our military, and local communities through its devotion to mutual helpfulness. The American Legion's vision statement is "The American Legion: Veterans Strengthening America."



Photo provided

(From left) Sheridan Library Director Kim Riley, Shirley Kinkead, and American Legion KV Elliott Post 67 Commander Tom Deshon.



Photo provided by Tim Rathz Papa Pirate and Pat the Pirate!

A pirate looks at Forty-something

One of my favorite all-time artists is the late, great Jimmy Buffett. He wrote and performed songs for Parrotheads, like me, for decades.

I've always been able to take his lyrics and make it relevant to whatever is going on in my life at that time.



"Changes in Latitudes, Changes in Attitudes" was a song that spoke to me when I was graduating high school. "It's Five O'Clock Somewhere" and "Cheeseburger in Paradise" definitely related to my college days. And don't even get me started on "Margaritaville."

Being a Forty-something myself, I've recently been reflecting on "A Pirate Looks at Forty." The song is actually about a real-life drug smuggler that Buffett knew. Since I'm not friends with any drug smugglers (that I know of) I take the words and use them for some self-reflection.

I'll start with the definition of a pirate. Merriam-Webster defines a pirate as one who commits or practices piracy. My high school English teacher Mr. Matheny always told us to never use the word to be defined in the definition. So, be better Merriam-Webster!

Dictionary.com defines pirate as a person who robs or commits illegal violence at sea or on the shores of the sea. That's better!

Being that I don't rob people at sea or know anyone who would do that, this song doesn't really seem to apply to me. However, pop culture has glorified pirates through books and movies, and made them out to all be more like Captain Jack Sparrow than what they truly were. So, we'll go with that. Larger-than-life characters who are adventurous and 10-feet-tall and bullet-proof. Now that is definitely how I saw myself in my late teens and twenties. Now we're getting somewhere!

Then my thirties hit, and the 10 feet shrank to six.

Now I'm in my forties and definitely no longer bullet-proof. How do I know?

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Dancing through the decades



Reporter photo by Amy Adams

The 10th annual Dancing With Our Stars took place Sept. 5 to benefit Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County. This year's theme was "Decades," wherein dancers showcased styles and fashions from the 1930s through the 2010s. You can learn more about Noblesville-based Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County at MealsOnWheelsHC.org. See more photos on Page 5 and at ReadTheReporter.com.

Calling members of Carmel High School Class of '65 ...



Photo provided by Mari Briggs

The Carmel High School Class of 1965 recently gathered together in planning their 60th class reunion. If you are a member of this class, please contact Committee Chair Steve Brown at thehawk65@embarqmail.com for more information. As the committee said, "We invite all class members to attend as we are not getting any younger (ha) and we would love to see you again." Share this notice with other classmates and persons who may know of them. (ABOVE, upper left, back to front) Mari Briggs, Harold Lowry, Steve Brown, and Steve Roberts; (upper right, back to front) Bill Cruse, Mindy Cruse, Helen Fillipow, and Pam Mills.

Vets, get ready to hit the open road for a late-summer ride

The REPORTER

The Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association (CVMA) Chapter 14-1 is partnering with Harley-Davidson of Kokomo and Uranus Fudge Factory, 1423 W. 53rd St., Anderson for, the annual Vets Helping Vets Motorcycle Ride on Saturday, Sep. 21.

Registration will be from 8:30 to 10 a.m. with kickstands up at 10:30.

This is CVMA's biggest event of the year and is open to all bikes and riders. The ride will begin at Harley-Davidson, 335 S. 00 EW / State Road 931, Kokomo, with a police escort to Uranus, then returning to Harley Davidson of Kokomo.

CVMA will have tons of fabulous raffle prizes up for grabs, 50/50 drawing, vendors, live music, food and a silent auction with all proceeds benefiting the organization's mission to support local Veterans. CVMA's motto is "Vets helping Vets" and that's exactly what they're

"We don't just help Veterans with financial issues,"



Photo provided by CMVA Chapter 14-1 The Vets Helping Vets ride is open to anyone, so break out the gear and get some miles in.

said Scott "Radar" Dykes of CVMA." We've had members mow lawns, set up flagpoles and help build ramps for disabled vets. We visit veterans at nursing facilities and hospitals and

provide veteran centered resources to the veteran and loved ones."

This will be an amazing event with CVMA chapters

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Riders will make a stop at Uranus for some tasty fudge during CVMA's Vets Helping Vets ride Sept. 21.

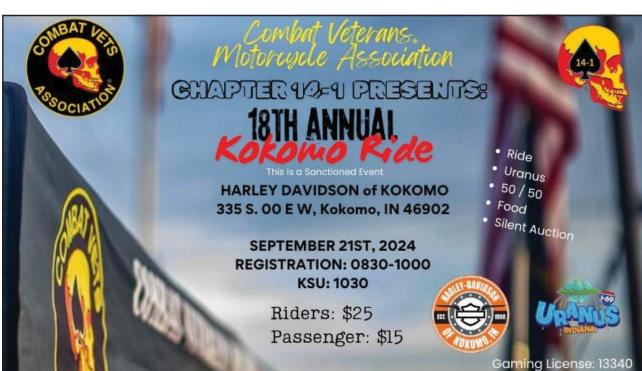
from all over, but this is cles as a hobby. As a regisalso open to the public. So, if you want to hang out, get some miles in, and support Veterans in need, this is the place to be.

About CMVA

Motorcycle Association is an association of combat Veterans from all branches of the United States Armed Forces who ride motorcy-

tered 501(c)(19) Veterans' charity, CVMA's mission is to support and protect those who have defended our country and our freedoms. CVMA's focus is to provide The Combat Veterans assistance and help to individual Veterans, Veteran care facilities, other Veteran organizations and registered charities. Learn more at combatvet.us.





Indiana Center for PREVENTION of Youth Abuse & Suicide

Raising a glass to raise awareness

Register now for Indiana Center for Prevention of Youth Abuse & Suicide fundraiser

The REPORTER

September is suicide awareness month, and The Indiana Center for Prevention of Youth Abuse & Suicide (ICPYAS) will hold a crucial fundraiser this Thursday, Sept. 12 to help fund prevention education efforts in local schools.

Located at Daniel's Vineyard, 9061 N. County Road 700 West, McCordsville, which is renowned for its serene atmosphere and community spirit, the event will feature an exciting trivia competition hosted by the popular Hambone's Trivia, alongside a variety of engaging activities and opportunities to support this vital cause. While the event is to support a serious issue, the evening will be a perfect blend of fun and philanthropy with a focus on the hope that there is a brighter future when the community comes together.

"While this work can be heavy, I never lose sight of hope," ICPYAS Executive Director Melissa Peregrin said. "We have data that says our work matters, and we also have a steadfast belief that zero suicide is not too lofty to reach for."

Last year, ICPYAS provided Signs of Suicide training to seven area schools, nearly 70 kids to caring, qualified care. Likewise, the center offers suicide prevention education to adults through the OPR program. In 2024 over 250 individuals took advantage of this

free program.

In addition to the trivia competition, the evening will feature a silent auction with a variety of exciting items, light appetizers, and a special selection of Daniel's Vineyard wines. Attendees will have the opportunity to connect with community members, learn more about all the prevention work done at the Indiana Center for prevention, and support an important cause while enjoying a memorable night out.

Tickets are available now and can be purchased icpyas.wedoauctions. **com**. For more information about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Erin Leraris at erin@indianaprevention.org or by calling (317) 840-4875.

About the Indiana Center for Prevention of Youth Abuse and Suicide

The Indiana Center for Prevention of Youth Abuse and Suicide is a dedicated organization based in Carmel, Indiana, with a mission to end child sexual abuse and youth suicide through prevention education programs. Serving schools, youth-serving organizations, and the community statewide, the organization provides crucial programs resulting in connecting to empower individuals with the knowledge and skills to protect our youth.

For more information about the Indiana Center for Prevention of Youth Abuse and Suicide, please visit indianaprevention.org.

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> 8:46am Wednesday, September 11, 2024

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PIRATE:

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Little bumps and bruises have become a much bigger deal. Here are some of my forty-something issues:

A few months ago, I was going to the bathroom (onesie) and had to cough. When this happened, all hell broke loose. I could feel that the cough was inevitable while I was standing there doing what I came to do. Since I didn't want to hose down the entire area while having a violent coughing fit, I braced myself. I tried to hold it back (mistake), but when the cough broke through, it reverberated throughout my entire body and shot pain everywhere. Next thing I knew, I was limping for two days. You heard that right. I didn't pull a stomach or chest muscle. Oh no, that would have made too much sense. I somehow injured my leg ... from a cough. And I wasn't even successful in saving that area of the bathroom from a tidal wave that I'd rather not discuss.

A couple weeks after the cough-a-sploosh incident, there was a series of stupid injuries that I can only blame on age. After buck-

into her booster seat, I bent down to pick up her kitty toy. In doing so, I hit my shin on the car door so hard I can still hear the scream echoes in my garage.

The next day, I shook open a trash bag and hurt my wrist.

I later jumped on the bed while wrestling my little boy, Pat, and had collar bone pain for a week.

I then washed my hands

and re-injured my wrist. Finally, I sneezed and hurt my neck to bring it all full circle. This all happened within a two-month period. I'm almost starting to wonder if it's safer to go back to my pirating days.

It's always good to reflect on where you've been in life. But never at the expense of where you are now. Enjoy the little things and laugh at the stupid little injuries. They make for great column ideas!

The moral of the story is ... It's fun to be a modern day, adventurous pirate. Just be careful that you don't pee all over the walls.

Tim Rathz can be reached at 40somethinginfishers@gmail.com. Follow ling my little girl, Mary, on Facebook or Instagram.

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Murphy tapped to lead Carmel human resources

Murphy

Deadline extended for New

Works project submissions

artists

The REPORTER

A seasoned human reence in municipal services continue to build a team that

will serve as human resources director for the City of Carmel, Zac Jackson, chief financial officer and controller, an-

nounced Monday. Nicole Murphy will oversee talent management, compensa-

and development, as well as compliance and workplace safety.

Touting extensive experience in leading teams and career development efforts, Murphy served in human resources leadership roles in banking, higher education and technology, as well as with the cities of Lawrence and Bedford.

"We are pleased to have Nicole serve the city in this important role," Jackson said. "Her experiences in

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Indiana-based

and arts organizations are

invited to submit proposals

for New Works, an annual

commission program now

in its fourth season at the Center for the Performing

line for submissions was ex-

tended to Friday, Sept. 20 at

tive to promote and sustain

local artists and arts com-

munities by supporting the

creation of new works in

various disciplines. A pan-

el of judges will select one

winner in the visual arts

and three winners in the

performing arts, which can

include music, dance, the-

ater and other fields. The

four winning proposals will

receive \$2,500 each to cre-

ate and premiere the works

during a livestreamed pub-

lic event May 31 in the Cen-

winning visual arts piece,

which can be 2D or 3D, will

dium concert hall.

11:59 p.m.

On Monday, the dead-

New Works is an initia-

identifying and nurturing talent in both the private and sources leader with experi- public sectors will help us

> enhances our services to residents and business."

Murphy will assume duties Monday, Sept. 16, with Interim Director Kim Woodward supporting the transition of the role as she continues to as-

tion and benefits, training sist the Human Resources department on several proj-

> "I am privileged to join the City of Carmel," Murphy said. "A valued and empowered team is extremely important and I look forward to contributing to the success of such a vibrant and dynamic city."

> Murphy earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Evansville and a master's in business administration from Indiana Wesleyan University.

> > The theme of any pro-

posed work must align with

one or more of the Center's

organizational Core Values:

excellence, innovation, in-

tegrity, collaboration, and

inclusion. The work cannot

have been created prior to

September 2024 and must

not be performed publicly

prior to the May 31 pre-

miere. Artists of all back-

grounds are encouraged to

apply. There is no applica-

is 11:59 p.m. Sept. 20. Fur-

ther details and application

instructions are available at

TheCenterPresents.org/

NewWorks. Questions can

be emailed to NewWorks@

TheCenterPresents.org.

Awards will be announced

and Jared Thompson. Vid-

eo of the June 1 premiere

YouTube channel.

Last season's New

The submission deadline

tion fee.

in February.



News

Mayor Finkam, Carmel City Councilors and members of the Carmel Fire Department joined Chief Thacker on stage. (Front row, from left) Deputy Fire Marshal Will Mueller; Fire Fighter/Paramedic Chris Walker; Councilor Shannon Minnaar; Councilor Dr. Anita Joshi; Chief Joel Thacker; Mayor Sue Finkam; Councilor Adam Aasen; Councilor Teresa Ayers; Fire Fighter and County Councilman Tim Griffin. (Second row, from left) Fire Fighter Andrew Scott; Fire Fighter Jordan Painter; Fire Fighter Andrew Butts; Councilor Rich Taylor; Councilor Jeff Worrell; Council President Tony Green; Councilor Matt Snyder; and Battalion Chief J.C. Mitchell.

Joel Thacker sworn in as Carmel's new Fire Chief

The REPORTER

Joel Thacker was officially sworn in as Carmel Fire Chief Monday evening in a public ceremony at The Tarkington Theater. The event was led by Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam and open to all members of the Carmel community.

Thacker is set to lead the Carmel Fire Department in delivering top-tier fire prevention, emergency medical and response services to the community.

"Joel Thacker brings a wealth of experience and leadership to our fire department," Mayor Finkam said. "His dedication to public service and deep understanding of public safety make him the ideal choice to lead our firefighters and first responders. I am confident that under his leadership, Carmel will continue to be a safe and resilient community."

Thacker was appointed Works commissions were to the position in August awarded to painter Valerie 2024, following his role Eickmeier, choreographer as executive director of Iris Rosa Santiago and com- the Indiana Department of Homeland Security under Governor Eric J. Holcomb in 2022. He also previously served as the state fire marshal and director of the state's Fire and Building Safety Division.

> to serve as the city's fire chief," Thacker said. "I look forward to working alongside the dedicated men and women of the Car-



Photo provided by City of Carmel

(ABOVE) Sworn in by the Honorable Judge Michael A. Casati, Chief Joel Thacker is joined by his wife Julie. (BELOW) Kiaan Neelay Bhatt led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

mel Fire Department to uphold the highest standards of service and safety for our community."

With more than 30 years of public service, Thacker's experience includes serving as fire chief of the Plainfield Fire Territory and beginning his career as a volunteer firefighter and emergency medical technician in Johnson County. He has overseen various critical functions such as firefighting and emergency medical services training, fire inves-"I am deeply honored tigations, cybersecurity preparedness, and emergency management response and

recovery.

bachelor's degree in Busi-

Indiana Wesleyan University and a master's degree in Thacker is a licensed Criminal Justice and Public the ceremony on the City of paramedic and holds a Safety from Indiana Uni-

versity. Thacker is married ness Administration from to Julie and they have two children, Elaina and Aidan.

See more photos from Carmel's Facebook page.



ter's Tarkington theater. The posers Hippocrates Cheng

be displayed for one year in event at the Tarkington is

the main lobby of the Palla- viewable on the Center's

The Town of Arcadia is currently accepting applications for the position of

Full-Time Street Superintendent Pay will be based on experience

Applications and job description are available during office hours at

> **Arcadia Town Hall. 208 W. Main St.** Arcadia, IN 46030



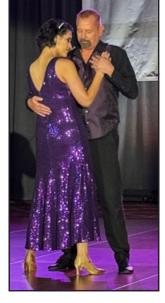
Applications can be emailed to

jennifer.pickett@arcadia.in.gov dropped off at the Town office at 208 W. Main St. during office hours or faxed to (317) 984-9510



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Hamilton County Councilman Mark Hall's August Timesheet

Welcome to Timesheet. This column is a report of work done on behalf of the people of Hamilton County. It's to be informative, too – a place to learn about projects and how our county gov-

MARK HALL ernment works. As your employee, it's

important to me that you know what is being worked on as transparently as possible in government. You hired me as your County Councilman, and my hope is that you'll choose to be informed by regularly reading this column, getting involved, and by asking questions. Council meetings are at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the Judicial Center in downtown Noblesville. Meetings are also available to watch online for those unable to attend in person.

Here is where my time this past month has been spent.

In addition to County Council public, finance committee, and personnel committee meetings, August work included, a public safety 2025 compensation meeting, a Board of Commissioners public meeting, a Carmel City Council meeting, a Cicero Town Council meeting, a Noblesville City Council meeting, a 911 Communications department budget presentation, a budget preparation meeting with Emergency Management Services, and a meeting with Noblesville City Councilor Aaron

August is our 2025 budget preparation month. Personally, for me to be adequately prepared for budget meetings requires multiple readings of the budget book. Hat tip to the Auditor's department for compiling all this data for the council to review. With nearly 30 departments, a thorough review of each department's submitted narrative and budget financials took many hours and lots of coffee.

personnel August's committee meeting included a Parks Department personnel reclassification approval and a continuation of lengthy examination and discussions regarding 2025 compensation for the Sheriff's Command Staff, Deputies, and Corrections Officers. Personnel requests are voted on as they occur: first, in the personnel committee and then at the next regular council meeting using a recommendation from the committee.

August's work included my analysis of the County's public safety compensation in preparation for September budget meetings. This work has been exhaustive and exhausting. Leadership identified several compensation anomalies that resulted in salary parity issues within the department. We needed a solution that allowed the Sheriff to correct these issues.

In addition, the consulting firm engaged by the county proposed adjusting compensation well beyond what, in my assessment, was both affordable to the budget and reasonable to taxpayers. The pressure to match a competing agency's 2025 compensation was a pressure point. The tension of big increases in the cost of living was another pressure point. The

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budgeted revenue and expenses was a third pressure point. Correcting point. The unknown but anticipated changes to local government funding was a

fifth pressure point.

Balancing affordability, the increased costs of living, competitive agency plans, and the stewardship of taxpayer dollars played out in real time. I spent nearly 20 hours of investigation, assessment, and analysis of compensation plan options to arrive at what ultimately was approved in personnel as the recommended 2025 public safety compensation budget. Two of my fellow County Councilors and Commissioner Dillinger invested time into addressing this challenge, too. The County's HR department invested many hours to prepare and review plan options. The Auditor's and Sherriff's departments created and recreated four different budget scenarios. In short, compensation is the largest reoccurring expense to county taxpayers. We don't take public safety lightly and we take care of the folks who take care of us. This was a hard, complex challenge. I am happy with the result.

August's Finance Committee meeting included a budget presentation on the expected 2025 revenue and expenses from the county financial consultant. The meeting included a spirited discussion regarding expected property tax and local income tax reform coming from the statehouse next year. I expect to see reform bills originating from the Governor, Senate, and Hon

Presently, the County Council sets the tax rate with the oversight and ultimate approval of the Indiana Department of Local Government and Finance. Reconciling and compromising into a law that provides property tax relief and adequately funds local government will be tricky.

Regarding Hamilton County budgeting, my approach is to hold the line on spending as much as possible, save money in the rainy-day fund and watch closely to see what new law gets passed and understand its fiscal impact on county revenues. I don't want to be surprised by big changes, rather, let's prepare for them. Changing local government funding is a very big deal and worth speaking with our state legislators about.

This month there was one taxpayer request. Generally, requests require research with a county department, securing the correct answer, and then following up with the taxpayer.

August's request was from a constituent in Atlanta asking about annexation into Cicero. After our conversation, it was not a county issue. Rather, the letter that they received along with a subsequent meeting was regarding reorganization within Jackson Township, Cicero, Arcadia, and Atlanta. Like the folks in Adams Township and the Town of Sheridan, discussions continue amongst residents and elected officials in the four Jackson Townorganizing into a new public entity.

This month, it was an pay issues was a honor to represent you at fourth pressure the Hamilton County Sports Authority Colts Training Camp, at the Connor Prairie Golf Fundraiser, at the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce Women in Noblesville awards dinner, and at a tour of a county-supported affordable housing initiative, Cumberland Cottages in Fishers.

> Of special interest this month was a half-day tour of the Marion County Community Justice Campus with several judges, Commissioner Heirbrandt, the chief deputy prosecutor, and county Information Services team members. We spent an afternoon learning about best practices, state-of-the-art court technologies, and lessons they learned on what not to do, all in anticipation of the expansion of our Hamilton

ship jurisdictions about re- County Judicial Center. Their project was almost a billion-dollar investment, and we took away many lessons to apply on our project. The expansion of our county government building will be one of the most expensive projects in Hamilton County history. That said, with court caseloads exploding and an anticipated population beyond 500,000 by 2050, we must catch up with current demand and get prepared for future increased demands in civil and criminal court cases.

> This is my timesheet. This is where my time went during August 2024. This was an especially busy month headed into 2025 budget review. My job is primarily the financial oversight of the county budget. It is important to understand the Board of Commissioners' priorities and balance them with the stewardship of taxpayer dollars. That is for you and although you



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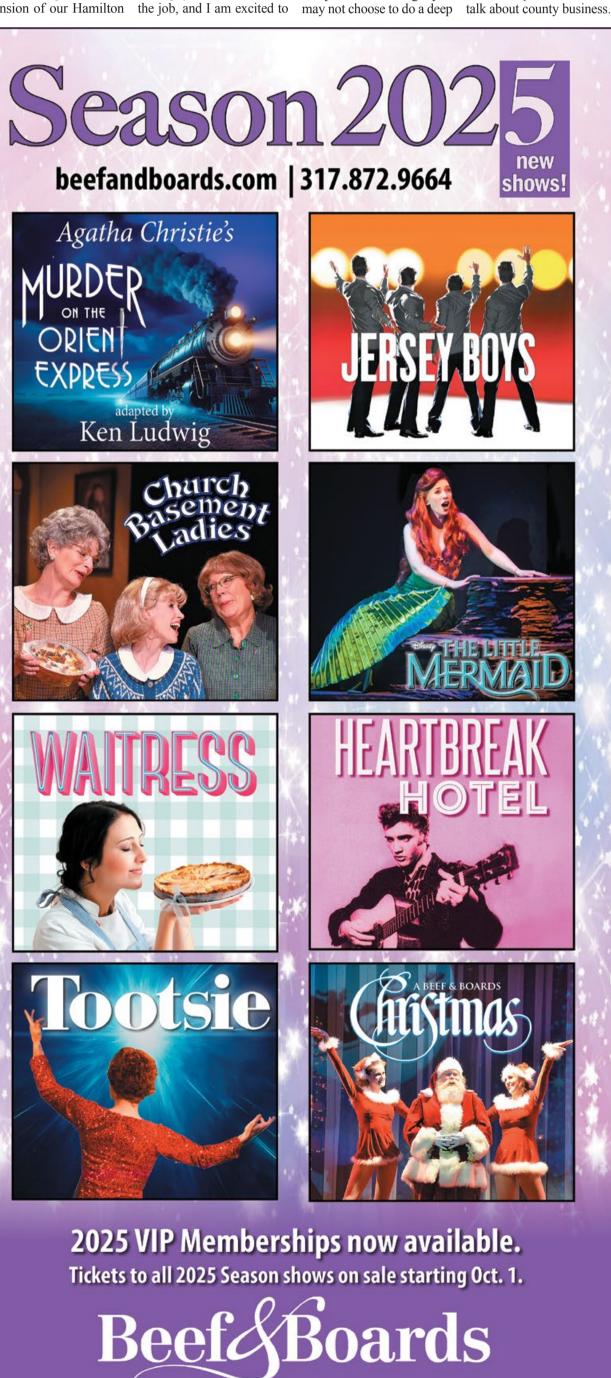
The county budget book for 2025.

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dive into what your County Council does, it's important that you can always do so.

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Sports? Yes, but so much more planned for new Fishers Event Center opening this November

The Fishers Event Center, a new state-of-the-art arena in the Indianapolis region set to open its doors in November 2024, will be home to three professional sports teams: the Indy Fuel Hockey Club of the ECHL, Indy Ignite of the Professional Volleyball Federation, and Fishers Freight of the Indoor Football League.

But the 7,500-seat capacity entertainment venue will serve as a home to much more than just athletics, offering a uniquely intimate setting for the community to experience shows and concerts, local events, and much more.

• Private event space - the largest in Hamilton County. Private event bookings can be reserved now for event dates Nov. 22 or after. A great space Nov. 30), AEW profession-

for corporate meetings, al wrestling (Wednesday, non-profit fundraisers, outdoor festivals, graduation ceremonies, private concerts, and more. To reserve a space for a private event at Fishers Event Center, please visit fisherseventcenter.com/private-events or email privateevents@ asmfishers.com.

• A wide variety of shows and concerts spanning genres including theater, comedy, family, country, rock, and more. The venue's size allows it to accommodate legendary shows in an intimate setting, as well as newer artists on the brink of big success. Upcoming shows include country band Turnpike Troubadours (Friday, Nov. 22), viral violinist Lindsey Stirling (Friday, Nov. 29), comedian Leanne Morgan (Saturday,

Dec. 4), legendary country rock band Alabama (Monday, Dec. 9), and Cirque du Soleil's acrobatic ice experience Crystal (Jan. 23 to 26, 2025), with much more to be announced soon.

· Graduation ceremonies for Hamilton Southeastern High School, Fishers High School, Cathedral High School and more. For more information on hosting a graduation ceremony at Fishers Event Center, please visit fisherseventcenter.com/private-events or email privateevents@asmfishers.com.

• A 65,000-square-foot, 6,000-capacity open-air plaza featuring a combination of grass and concrete surfaces, providing a versatile outdoor space to host a variety of events including company picnics, pre-funcnights, sports watch parties, cornhole tournaments, trivia nights, yoga sessions. art festivals, and more.

Beyond programming

- The Fishers Event Center boasts extraordinary sightlines offering a great view from the front row to the back of the house.
- Premier amenities and gluten free, vegetarian and vegan options will be available, with full details on the venue's food and beverage selections coming soon.
- A cashless parking system and approximately 2,000 parking spaces adjacent to the venue.

For a full list of upcoming events and ticket information, FishersEventCenter. **com**. Fans can sign up for the venue newsletter to stay informed of event announcements and presale options.

Ascension St. Vincent & Indianapolis Colts announce partnership

The REPORTER

Ascension St. Vincent and Peyton Manning Children's Hospital are now the official healthcare partners of the NFL franchise Indianapolis Colts under the terms of a new long-term partnership between the longtime Indiana institutions.

The agreement provides a variety of opportunities for Ascension St. Vincent and Peyton Manning Children's Hospital to reach new audiences, raise awareness about wellness, and help improve the health of Colts fans of all

Highlighting the unparalleled family-centered care provided to children and adolescents in Indiana and beyond, Ascension St. Vincent has chosen two young patients from Peyton Manning Children's Hospital who will serve as the "Coin Toss Kid" and "Kick Off Kid" at the start of each home game. Their stories will be shared in the pages of Scout, the Colts game-day program.

'Ascension St. Vincent and our world-champion Indianapolis Colts share the same values of service to our community, especially for those who are most in need," said Kevin Speer, JD, Chief Executive Officer of Ascension St. Vincent and Senior Vice President Ascension. "Today's announcement of this new and exciting partnership is only the beginning of what we can do together to sustain and improve the health of our communities served by our 19 hospitals

and comprehensive network of care sites throughout the state of Indiana. We are excited about working with the Colts to put in motion this powerful relationship in the spirit of service to our neighbors, our communities and our mutual fans."

Fans attending home games at Lucas Oil Stadium will see new signage promoting the partnership, while radio listeners will hear the play-by-play action on the newly named Ascension St. Vincent Radio Network.

"The Colts family is beyond excited to begin this new partnership with Ascension St. Vincent and Peyton Manning dren's Hospital," Owner & CEO Jim Irsay said. "We look forward to working together in the years to come to highlight health and wellness in our communities and help improve health outcomes for our friends, fans, and neighbors across Indiana. And the fact that we'll have another opportunity to work with Peyton and give hope to countless children makes this even more special."

Prior to the start of the regular season, the new partnership was on display during the Colts Training Camp at Grand Park in Westfield, where the youth football field at Colts City was renamed the "Ascension St. Vincent Play 60 Field," fostering the two organizations' joint efforts to promote health and wellness, especially among Indiana's youth.

Nitro Circus returns to U.S. with December stop at Fishers Event Center

Submitted

Thrill One Sports & Entertainment and Round Room Live announce an allnew Nitro Circus tour that will electrify and engage audiences across the U.S. this fall. This jaw-dropping show will thrill fans of all ages with unbelievable stunts, dynamic performances, boundless energy, and non-stop excitement.

The tour will make a special stop at the new Fishon Sunday, Dec. 1.

Tickets for the Nitro Circus tour go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 13. Fans can secure their tickets early with an exclusive pre-sale starting today, Sept. 11. To sign up for presale access or more information, visit **fish**erseventcenter.com.

Nitro Circus's elite roster features top athletes like Australian Ryan 'R Willy' Williams, the holder of over 100 'World's Firsts' on both

of the most viral sports figures on social media with videos garnering over 500 million views. Joining him are Adam Jones, a six-time X-Games medalist in Freestyle Motocross, and Andy Buckworth, a BMX icon and the first rider to successfully land the superman double front flip.

These athletes will push the boundaries of what's possible with high-flying stunts, tricks, and heart-pounding ers Event Center in Fishers scooter and bike and one excitement. Fans of all ages

will witness all-new competitions, pitting the best against the best in friendly showdowns showcasing Freestyle Motocross, Skate, BMX, Scooter, and Crazy Contraptions. With nonstop energy underscored by a live DJ, attendees can join in on the fun with new interactive elements that bring them closer than ever before to the competition.

Fans can visit NitroCircus.com for ticket and additional touring information.



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Some of these balloons were truly monstrous



Photo provided by Mike Berry

The Jupiter Flights Balloon Festival was held last weekend at Conner Prairie in Fishers. On Friday evening, attendees enjoyed the Balloon Glow to kick off the festivities. Thank you to Mike Berry for capturing this fantastic photo with his drone.

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Vendors at this week's Westfield Farmers Market

The REPORTER

The Westfield Farmers Market, presented by Duke Energy runs from 5 to 8 p.m. at Grand Junction Plaza, 225 S. Union St., each Thursday through Sept. 26.

Sept. 12 vendor lineup

- Alcomy
- Almost Paradise Farms
- Atchley Farm
- Baked
- Ben's Prezels
- Circle City Smoke Coconut Rose Designs
- Countryside Orchard
- · D's Biscuit Co.
- Dune Collection
- Eagle Creek Apiary
- Earl B's Food Truck
- Epic Coffee
- Gracies Little Ladies Happy Mutt Pet Bakery
- KD Soaps
- Kernel King
- · Mari's Boutique
- · Midwest Shirt Co.
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- My Dad's Sweet Corn
- Old Major Paper Pie
- Pastry Sweet Salty
- Polish Cottage
- Stephan Orchard
- Taco Loco M&C
- The Barn at Helm
- The Lemon Bar
- Three Shepherds Dog Accessories
- Tomi Makes
- Urban Vines
- Victoria In Design





- · Willowwood Apothecary
- Winegard Workshop
- With Wonder Cake House This list is subject to change without notice.

Kid's Activity Booth

A kid's activity area sponsored by Centier Bank is new to the market. It will include a kid's activity booklet, sticker sheets and kid-sized canvas bags to decorate with custom stamps.

The Westfield Farmers Market thanks additional sponsors, including Renewal by Andersen, Leaf Home LLC, and Market District.

Public parking is available in the lot at the southwest corner of Poplar and Park streets, and a courtesy shuttle will run throughout the market. There are also designated on-street spots along Union and Mill streets. Please note that Jersey Street will be closed each market day at 2:30 p.m.

For more information and weekly vendor updates, visit facebook.com/ westfieldinmarkets.















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Hamilton County Veteran Service Organizations

American Legion Posts

Carmel Post 155 Kim Kilburn 852 West Main St Breakfast Sat & Sun 8-11 Carmel, In 46032 Treasure Hunt Fri 7p 317-846-0001 Tx Holdem Thurs & Sat

Cicero Post 341 Tye Anderson 50 Washington Ave Treasure Hunt Tues 7p Cicero, In 46034 317-984-4441

Fishers Post 470 Pat Menc 9091 E 126th St Craft Fair 9/28 10-4pm Fishers, in 46038 Treasure Hunt Fri 8pm 317-842-5944 Breakfast 1st & 3rd Sun 8-11

Noblesville Post 45 Gil Soria 273 S 8th St Fri 645pm Treasure Hunt Noblesville, in 46060 9/14 Steak Dinner 317-773-9985 Trivia Wednesdays 7pm

Sheridan Post 67 Tom DeShon 406 E 10th St 9/21 1-5p Family Fun Day Sheridan, In 46069 317-758-5007

VFW Posts

Carmel Post 10003 Darin Bibeau 12863 Old Meridian St Carmel, In 46032 Breakfast 2 & 4 Sat 8-11 317-846-0917 Thurs Treasure Hunt 7pm

Noblesville Post 6246 Erick Behrends 654 S 9th St Noblesville, In 46060 317-773-9956

Non-Profit Veteran Orgs

Hamilton County Veterans Corp P.O. Box 503 Noblesville, in 46061 secretary@hamiltoncountyveterans.com Meets 7pm the 1st Monday Monthly at the Fishers American Legion. Our website https://www.hamiltoncountyveterans.com/ has 40 pages of resources for our Military Veteran community

Navy Club Ship 29 Noblesville, In president@hamiltoncountyveterans.com Meets 2nd Thurs 630pm at Gingers 1804 Conner St Noblesville

Hamilton County Veteran Service Officers

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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.

The PACT Act Expands VA Health

exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange and

other toxins during your time in the Service.

https://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-actand-your-va-benefits/ The PACT Act expands the VA Health care & benefits for Veterans

Hamilton County Military Veteran

American Legion & VFW Post & Restaurant Hours

Carmel Legion

M-T 3-10pm, W-Th10a-10p, F 10a-11p, Sa81-11p, Su 8a-8p. Restaurant –Breakfast Sa Su 8a-12p, Lunch W-F 11a-2p, Dinner Tu-F 5-8p

Carmel VFW Su-Th 11a-10p, F-Sa 11a-12a. Restaurant -Breakfast 2nd&4th Sa 8a-11a, Lunch 11a-2p

Cicero Legion

M-Th 3-10p, F-Sa 12-11p, Su 12-10p. Restaurant Tu, W, F 4-8pm

& food service till 8p daily

Fishers Legion

M 3-10p, Tu-Su12-10pm or when empty. Restaurant Breakfast 1st&3rd Su 8-12, Su-F 12-8p, Sa 12-5p

Noblesville Legion

M-Th 11a-10p, F11a-12p, Sa 12p-12a, Su 12p-8p Restaurant Breakfast Sat Sun 8-12p, Daily 12-8p Steak Dinner Fundraiser Sept 14 6pm **Noblesville VFW**

M-Th 11a-10p, F 11a-12a, Sa 12p-12a, Su 12p-8p **Restaurant M-F 6-9p**

Sheridan Legion

M 3-9p, Tu-Th 11-9p, F Sa 11-10p, Su 1-6p Restaurant Lunch Tu-F 11a-2p, food service till 6p







Fall events where Hero Hut, Hamilton County Veterans Corp, Stronger Veterans Stronger Communities to prevent Veteran suicide bring the resources to our community here in Hamilton County

Fishers Club Day at Fishers Farmers Market Sept 21 8am-12pm 2 Municipal Dr at the Fishers Amp

Prevail Autumn Fest 1100 S 9th St Noblesville Sept 28 12pm-3pm

Sept 28-29 Atlanta New Earth Fest downtown Atlanta

Schoolhouse 7 Café Coffee with a Veteran 12125 Cyntheanne Rd Fishers 8am-9am

Oct 18-19 Headless Horseman at Conner Prairie 5pm-10pm

Ascension St Vincent Fishers Hosp Trunk or Treat 13861 Olio Rd 2pm-5pm

Fishers Honors Programs for Our Veteran Community Fishers has a program that Honors our Local Military Veteran community in which the Fishers DPW provides Hometown Help for Heroes. When a household head is deployed, they provide driveway and sidewalk snow removal in the winter and lawn mowing, trimming services as needed during the summer. Who qualifies for this Hometown Help for Heroes program:

Any family who can demonstrate that at least one of the heads of household are currently deployed in

branch of our country's armed forces

- The household must live in Fishers
- The household is eligible for these services for the duration of the deployment

Share the program links below so we may reach those who are currently deployed or soon to be deployed and living in Fishers. Also, the first link talks about the Local Hero Light Pole Banners and brick pavers to Honor our local Heroes.

Fishers Honors Programs -

https://fishersin.gov/government/mayors-office/fishershonors/

Hometown Help For Heroes while deployedhttps://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/a309656d5ee440 b1ac6eea1aaa8ed5d9

RENTAL SPACE FOR YOUR PARTIES?

Contact any of our American Legion or VFW Posts listed in the left column of this page and rent their space for your party or club meetings.

September is Suicide Prevention Month #SuicidePreventionMonth #SPM24 #NSSP #BeThe1To #988Day #SuicidePrevention

Activities & Events

WorkOne Good Wages Hiring Event Sept 13



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One night only! See the movie The Occult & meet the director

The REPORTER

Emagine Noblesville will hold a special onenight only screening event of supernatural thriller, The Occult, with director Peter Hyoguchi in attendance.

Guests will be able to attend the screening for free, take part in a Q&A session, and have a chance to meet with Hyoguchi after the 7 p.m. showing on Wednesday, Sept. 25. Joining Hyoguchi via Zoom for the Q&A session will be horror legend Tom Holland, who plays the role of Uncle Walter, the diabolical villain in the film.

In The Occult, a young man is seduced by a mysterious fortune-teller who lures him into a sinister world which threatens to eat him alive. Hyoguchi is promoting his self-released film with a nation-wide tour traveling around the country and bringing *The Occult*

directly to movie theatre ex- gaGrant for Gods of Mars hibitors, giving horror and thriller fans the ability to experience his work on the big screen.

The Occult marks Hyoguchi's fourth feature film and uses a mixture of traditional and virtual production techniques that Hyoguchi has taught in several filmmaking classes as UCLA, New York Film Academy, FIDM, and at The Academy of Art University.

Hyoguchi was raised in Los Angeles and learned the craft of visual storytelling at a young age. He started creating his own cartoons by age 10. By age 15, his scifi short The Future's Future won George Lucas' youth film festival in 1988 and aired on PBS. In 2012, he founded the VFX company Roninfilm which created CGI effects for the SyFy Channel. He is a two-time recipient of the Epic Me-

which utilized a new kind of virtual production pipeline with a team of game designers and Oscar-winning visual effects artists.

Holland is known for his work writing and directing horror and thriller films. His directorial debut occurred with the popular 1980's Vampire film, Fright Night and then lead to the number-one box office hit, Child's Play. Holland has directed films based upon adaptations of Stephen King's novels and has even held roles in The Stand and Hatchet II.

This is a free screening. Seating is limited to auditorium capacity. Tickets are limited and must be reserved in advance by visiting TheOccultMovie.com.

Emagine Noblesville is located at 13825 Norell Road in Hamilton Town

The Great Electric Grid Gamble

During the last **GUEST COLUMNIST** week of August, as Americans turned up their air conditioners, the power grid was stressed. With temperatures reaching over 90 degrees, the grid JON FORD operators at the Midcontinent In-

dependent Systems Operator (MISO), PJM, and Southwest Power Pool (SPP) probably wished they had access to the abundant wind energy they've been hearing about. Turns out, the wind did not cooperate.

Let's start with MISO, which oversees power supply for 15 states, including most of Indiana. MISO issued a Maximum Generation Warning, grid operator-speak for "Uh-oh, we might be in trouble." MI-SO's forecast underestimated its power demand, and when it needed wind the most, wind energy underperformed, and suddenly, MISO was left with importing much of its power from PJM and Manitoba Hydro.

PJM, which oversees power supply for 13 states, including the Northeast corner of Indiana, had also issued a Maximum Generation Alert. The grid was stressed with high demand, and PJM had to export more power to its neighbor, MISO.

And then there's SPP, the grid operator located west of MISO's footprint. the strategy of relying on SPP declared an Energy

well, the wind wasn't feeling it. turbines, majestic, towering symbols of renewable energy, were doing what they do best - being inconsistent. The wind fleet produced a

fraction of its accredited capacity when everyone needed it most. It's like relying on a cat to watch over your goldfish – not exactly a foolproof plan.

The reality is that while wind and solar power are great for making us feel good about saving the planet, they're not so great at keeping the lights on when it counts. They're like that friend who's really enthusiastic about starting a band but never actually shows up to practice. Sure, wind and solar are part of our energy future, but they're not ready to be the star of the show just yet.

Now, don't get me wrong – I'm all for reducing carbon emissions and embracing renewable energy. But let's not kid ourselves into thinking that we can retire all the coal and natural gas plants tomorrow and everything will be fine. It won't be. We need those plants to keep the grid stable, especially when the wind decides to take a nap.

And here's the kicker: neighboring regions for Emergency Alert because, power imports is like de- of Reliable Energy, Inc.

pending on your neighbor's Wi-Fi when your internet goes down. It works until it doesn't. If PJM hadn't been able to export power to MISO, we might have seen some serious blackouts.

The truth is the energy transition is complicated. We can't just slap a few solar panels on our roofs, put up some wind turbines, and call it a day. We need a balanced energy mix that includes renewables, but also reliable sources like natural gas, coal, and nuclear power. Otherwise, we're setting ourselves up for a future where energy crises like last week's become the norm, not the exception.

So, what's the lesson here? It's simple: Don't put all your eggs in the renewable energy basket just yet. We need to be realistic about what wind and solar can deliver, and we need to make sure we're not prematurely shutting down the power plants that keep the grid running. The energy transition is a marathon, not a sprint, and we've got to pace ourselves.

In conclusion, last week's grid drama should be a wake-up call for anyone who thinks the future is solely wind and solar. Yes, they're important, but they're not a magic bullet. We need to keep our options open, keep our power plants running, and most importantly, keep the lights on.

Jon Ford is the president



Saturday, September 14th, 4 PM

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We can solve homelessness: but first, do no harm

By TINISCH HOLLINS **Guest Columnist**

California Governor Gavin Newsom ordered state officials to dismantle homeless encampments across the state. The decision comes weeks after the Supreme Court issued a ruling that allows states to limit the

rights of homeless people. The case, Grants Pass v. Johnson, focused on Grants Pass, Ore., where the city fined homeless people for sleeping on public land. The Supreme Court ruled in favor of Grants Pass, giving cities and states the green light to fine or arrest homeless people without any obligation to address the underlying conditions that made them homeless. This ruling will exacerbate a crisis that city governments and residents are desperate to solve.

City governments tend to think of homelessness as a problem to be solved by law enforcement. A survey of mayors of the 100 largest U.S. cities found that it's more common for police departments to influence homelessness policy than housing authorities or health agencies.

Criminalizing homelessness doesn't help solve it. It's been tried over and over. Currently, all but two states have anti-homeless laws.

Some ban sleeping in public, while others prohibit loitering or sleeping in vehicles.

These laws aren't working. Penalizing people who are sleeping outside because they have nowhere to go leaves them, still, with nowhere to go and worse off than before.

A 2024 survey found that after cities cleared encampments or issued tickets, 76 percent of homeless people lost ID cards or birth certificates, while 83 percent of community leaders surveyed said sweeps caused people to end up with criminal records. Lacking ID can make it difficult to access counseling or medical help, while criminal charges make it harder to get housing or a job.

Forcing homeless people into the criminal justice system is counterproductive, since homelessness is often a result of poor re-entry infrastructure for the previously incarcerated. In California, more than 80 percent of unsheltered homeless people report spending at least one night in jail over the last six months, and average 42 contacts with police each year.

Communities should focus on improving re-entry, rather than putting at-risk individuals back in the situations that helped make them homeless.

Making homelessness a crime also costs more than providing housing. One report found that counties in central Florida shelled out \$31,065 per homeless person per year to arrest, incarcerate, or hospitalize them. That's three times more than it would've cost to provide those individuals with supportive housing for the year.

Nationwide, homelessness increased 12 percent from 2022 to 2023, to the highest rate on record. Yet it isn't increasing everywhere. In some places, it's declined nearly to eradication. These communities are tackling homelessness the right way.

In Sacramento County, officials work to collect data on every unsheltered person that includes their name, age, health problems, and history with homelessness. Keeping the data updated monthly will allow the organizations involved to match people with housing and support services based on their needs and make sure no one falls

through the cracks. The approach is making a difference. According to the county's Point-in-Time count, there were 29 percent fewer people experiencing homelessness in 2024 compared to 2022.

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Noblesville Library celebrates successful "Party in the Plaza"

The REPORTER

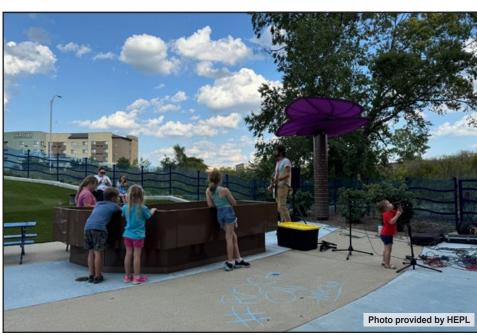
Hamilton East Public Library (HEPL) held its first "Party in the Plaza" event last week at the Noblesville Library to kick off National Library Card Sign-Up month. The event took place in the outdoor youth services space and welcomed around 125 community members of all ages.

"Party in the Plaza" began with a special story time presented by HEPL's guest of honor, Noblesville Schools Superintendent Dr. Hile, and was followed by an energetic musical performance by Mr. Daniel of "Mr. Daniel Sings." The event also offered free caricature art and Kona Ice, and attendees were welcome to register for (or renew) their library cards.

Library Card Sign-Up Month takes place every September and is a time when the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries nationwide join together to encourage reading and taking advantage of all that your library card has to offer.

"We're thrilled to offer events for our community to celebrate the power of having a library card," HEPL Director of Marketing and Communications Kelsey Sweet said. "A library card gives patrons access to much more than most realize. Books, technology, a seed library, maker space, programs of all types, meeting rooms, board games, yard games, and so much





more. And the best part it's free!"

HEPL will offer another opportunity to celebrate a.m. to noon, the communi-

at a "Party in the Plaza" event later this month. On Saturday, Sept. 21 from 10

ty is invited to the Fishers Library. More information can be found at hamiltoneastpl.org.

Hamilton East Public Library offers cultural & civic programming for "Welcoming Week"

The REPORTER

Hamilton East Public Library (HEPL) will soon bring "Welcoming Week" to the Fishers and Noblesville Libraries from Sept. 13 to 22, in a movement led by nonprofit "Welcoming

America." Welcoming America is an organization that encourages U.S. cities, counties, states, and non-profit organizations to bring together both native-born and immigrant communities. During Welcoming Week, HEPL will celebrate these communities and the ways HEPL's mission, vision, and guiding principles are put into practice year-round. Everyone is invited to join for cultural and civic programming, and more, during Welcoming Week.

fer our first ever Welcoming Week at Hamilton East Public Library!" HEPL Director of Public Services Amber Wright said. "Welcoming ry, Culture, and Migration Week aligns wonderfully with our vision of being 'a connected library in a connected community.' Fishers and Noblesville have new and long-established residents with global backgrounds, and while we offer year-round services and resources to meet the needs of our patrons, we want to take this time especially to celebrate our neighbors from all around the world who make up our vibrant communities. We are starting with several engaging events this first year and look forward to seeing Welcoming Week grow and evolve with ad-

"We are so excited to of- ditional programs and part-

nerships in the future." **2024 HEPL Welcoming**

Week events Venezuelan Histo-(Thursday, Sept. 19 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Noblesville

Library) · Bollywood Dance and Culture with Teaching Artist Usha Sirimalle (Thursday, Sept. 19 from 6:30 to 7:30

p.m. at Fishers Library) • Paper Picado Banner with Teaching Artist Beatriz Vasquez (Saturday, Sept. 21 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Ignite Studio at the Fishers

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- National Geographic Kids
- Newspapers.com World Collection

More information on HEPL's programs and resources can be found at hamiltoneastpl.org.



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To solve homelessness, riencing homelessness. we need to go further. Law enforcement can't build houses. Cities need to roll back ineffective laws that turn our neighbors into criminals – and invest in housing and infrastructure that provides immediate and longterm support to people expe-

After the Supreme Court ruling, expect more officials to follow in Governor Newsom's footsteps. Cities must avoid over-policing people who need support the most.

Tinisch Hollins is the executive director of Californians for Safety and Justice.

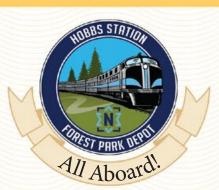


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September 28 & 29

NickelPlateExpress.com

Wizard Express Oct. 19 & 20

Calling all witches and wizards! This magical journey is filled with fun, costumes, and enchanting experiences for fans of all ages. Enjoy a butterbeer while taking in the latest from an exclusive copy of The Daily Prophet during this unique train ride.

October 19 & 20



Fall Brunch Express Oct. 12 & 13

Indulge in a delicious fall-inspired brunch while taking in the beautiful autumn scenery. A perfect way to enjoy the season's bounty!

October 12 & 13

NickelPlateExpress.com

Trick or Treat Express Oct. 26 & 27

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What the Constitution Means to Me

By DANIEL SHOCK A Seat on the Aisle

"This play is upsetting. It upset me, and change requires upset."

This line from the director K.T. Peterson's notes struck me as I sipped my wine and read the program, waiting for What the Constitution Means to Me by Heidi Schreck to begin.

My thoughts turned to my sister, a resident of Colorado, who, in the last week or so, has clearly become upset. She has flooded her social media with posts regarding the family court system of Colorado and the laws that allow abusers access to their children. I haven't spoken to her about it yet. But knowing her, and knowing the mother that bore us ... she is enraged.

In some ways, this play felt like it was for her, and I found myself wishing she could see it with me. Knowing nothing beyond what I was reading in the program, I started to brace myself for an angry performance.

Almost immediately, that prediction proved wrong. This is a play with a variety of emotions. First and foremost, it is a funny play. This play is political in the best of ways. It makes the issues relevant and personal.

It begins with local actor Claire Wilcher in the role of the play's author,

Heidi Schreck, as her present self, telling us about her past self at 15, participating in constitutional debate contests in pursuit of money for college. She sets the scene with warmth and humor, drawing us in over the course of the first act. Her openness and vulnerability create a dialogue with the audience that makes you feel like you're listening to your best friend tell you her story - filled with laughter, tears, anger, and most importantly - hope for the future.

Roger Ebert used to say that "movies are empathy machines," allowing you to put yourself in someone else's shoes. Well, surely that applies to theater as well, and to no play more than this one. Actor Ben Tebbe, as both the Legionnaire from Heidi's memories and the actor "Danny" who is helping Heidi tell this story, provides support and humor when Heidi needs it, both as an adult and as a teenager. In the second act, Jada Radford joins the other two on stage to debate a constitutional question, bringing a youthful and vital Gen Z perspective.

I was more excited than usual to see What the Constitution Means to Me because it was the first time are as well done as the I would get to see Claire acting and compliment Wilcher in a show. I've seen some actors countless times on stage, but Claire provides a space that is



Photo by Rob Slaven / IndyGhostLight.com Claire Wiltcher stars as author Heidi Schreck.

has somehow eluded me for the 20 continuous years I've been involved in central Indiana theatre. (The only other time I came close was listening to her hysterical, disembodied ad-libs at an Encore Awards ceremony years ago.) Based on this performance, her reputation is well-earned. There are two other excellent supporting cast members, but Ms. Wilcher easily carries 75 to 85 percent of this show on her own. She is funny, warm, and vulnerable. I can't imagine there ever being a better production of this play than the one happening right here, right now, in Indianapolis in 2024.

The technical aspects the performances well. Nick Kilgore's set design

acknowledged within the play to be a set. Tim Dick's lighting design artfully underscores shifts in tone, highlighting moments of humor, sorrow, and tension. Kevin Caraher's sound design delivers historical recordings to illustrate Heidi's points. Kristin Renee Boyd's costumes are casual and fit each actor so well they could have come from their own closets.

What the Constitution Means to Me runs at the Phoenix Theatre Cultural Centre in Indianapolis through Sept. 22, 2024. Don't miss the opportunity to catch this intimate and moving production. For tickets and more information, visit phoenixtheatre. org/buy-tickets.

Read more great play reviews from A Seat on the Aisle at asota.wordpress.com.









Back to school, back to recalls

AG Todd Rokita raises awareness for consumers of harmful household products recalled in August

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is alerting Hoosiers of important consumer protection concerns for products recalled in August. The office encourages consumers to take advantage of opportunities available for those who purchase recalled items that could be harmful to their families.

"Even though fall is around the corner, house task," AG Rokita said. "That means making sure household products are working correctly. Hoosiers shouldn't have to deal with faulty items. If you have one of the recalled products, stop using it immediately and pursue resolution from the manufacturer."

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the following consumer products were recalled in August:

- Glow in Dark Party Supplies Toy Sets Recalled Due to Ingestion Hazard; Violation of Federal Regulations for Battery-Operated Toys; Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com by OleOleToy
- Fisher-Price Recalls Dumbbell Toy in Baby Biceps Gift Sets Due to Choking Hazard
- HALO 1000 Portable Power Stations Recalled Due to Serious Fire and Burn Hazards; One Death Reported; Imported by ZAGG; Sold by ACG, QVC and ZAGG
- Shawshank LEDz Recalls Squeeze Plush Ball Monsters Toys and Easter Squeezable Toys Due to Injury Hazard; Sold Exclusively at Ace Hardware
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- IKEA Recalls VARM-FRONT Power Banks Due
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 - SMEG USA Recalls Refrigerators Due to Injury Hazard
 - Samsung Recalls Slide-In Electric Ranges Due to Fire Hazard
 - Brompton Bicycle Recalls Brompton T-Line Foldable Bicycles Due to Fall Hazard
 - RH Baby & Child Recalls Jeune French Contemporary Upholstered Panel Cribs Due to Choking Hazard
 - Due to Fire Hazard; Violation of Federal Mattress Pad Flammability Regulation; Manufactured by Avocado Mattress
 - Gas-Powered Blowers Due to Fire Hazard
 - Attom Tech Recalls

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- Peace Industry Group Recalls Youth All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) Due to Risk of Serious Injury or Death and Violation of Federal ATV Safety Regula-
- Papablic Infant Swings Recalled Due to Suffocation Hazard; Violations of Federal Regulations for Infant Sleep Products; Imported by Shenzhen Two Pony
- · Beberoad Love New Moon Travel Bassinets Recalled Due to Fall Hazard; Violation of Federal Regulations for Infant Sleep Products; Sold by Beberoadlove

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Area Leagues invite public to 5th District candidate forum

The REPORTER

The League of Women **Voters of Hamilton Coun**ty is partnering with the Leagues of Muncie-Delaware County, Anderson-Madison County and **Howard County** to present a U.S. House 5th District Candidate Forum for the public before the Nov. 5 election.

The forum is set for 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12 in the auditorium of Anderson High School, 4610 S. Madison Ave., Anderson. Attendees should park in the North Lot and enter Door No. 1.

Co-sponsors are Woof Boom Radio and WXIN/ FOX and WTTV/CBS. The forum is free and open to the

Campaign handouts, campaign shirts, signs, and

All four of the candidates running for the office will participate. They are 5th District incumbent Victoria Spartz (Republican), and challengers Deborah A Pickett (Democrat), Lauri Shillings (Libertarian), and Robby Slaughter (Independent).

The moderator for the forum will be Steve Lindell, vice president of programming for Woof Boom Radio. Lindell has been on 104.1 WLBC for 31 years and is the director of news operations for the East Central Indiana Woof Boom Radio group.

"The nonpartisan event is being held not to endorse a party, but to help inform and engage the citizens of Indiana Congressional Disand spokesperson for the Muncie-Delaware County League.

Audience members will be invited to submit questions for the moderator to pose to candidates. Questions from the audience will be screened by League members for appropriateness, relevance to issues, and repetition. As much as possible, the questions will be read as written by citizens.

People unable to attend may listen to a live broadcast on one of four radio stations in the 5th District: 101.1 FM and 1240 AM in Anderson and 92.5 FM and 1340 AM in Muncie, or watch live video streamed on the platforms of television stations WXIN/

Women Voters of Indiana en Voters is a nonpartisan, grassroots, public policy and educational organization. It encourages informed and active participation in government. It influences public policy through education and advocacy. It does not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

The League of Women Voters Education Fund and local leagues work to register and provide voters with election information through the election resources of Vote411.org and candidate forums.

People of all different governing beliefs are eligible to join local chapters of the League of Women Voters. Membership is not limited to women and is open to

trict 5," said Linda Hanson, FOX and WTTV/CBS. all genders. No invitation is The League of Wompresident of the League of buttons are not allowed at the Noblesville Democrats to hold

Trivia Night to benefit two candidates

Submitted

The Noblesville Democratic Committee (NDC) will hold its first Trivia Night event at The Nesst steakhouse, 917 Conner St., Noblesville, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 16.

campaigns of two local be treated to appetizers, statehouse candidates: Joel Levi for State Senator (District 20) and Chris Hartig for State Representative (District 29).

In addition to a lively and challenging team triv-Proceeds will go to the ia competition, guests will non-alcoholic beverages, and prizes. Other menu items and a cash bar will be available at an additional

Tickets are \$30 and are available online at **this link**. 'We are so excited to

host this party to support Joel and Chris," Secretary Lori Hand said. "Their visions include bringing balance back to the Indiana Statehouse, supporting public education, and keeping our chil-

Letter to the Editor –

Retired U.S. Army Colonel endorses Lopez for Statehouse

Dear Reader:

Currently, 6 percent of Hoosier adults are veterans. They have put their lives on the line to defend our freedoms and liberties and have done so at great personal cost. To those who serve and have served, we owe a debt we can never fully repay.

Indiana has a long and proud history of producing and recognizing our nation's veterans. Our state capital, Indianapolis, has more memorials and monuments to veterans than any city in the nation except Washington, D.C. But to fully honor our sacred obligation to support our military and veteran families, we must ensure they receive the resources they need to thrive.

Beyond their sacrifices, veterans bring a wealth of skills and experience to the table that are invaluable to our state and nation. Many vet-

erans received specialized training uty Chief of Staff and senior aide and education through their military service, making them highly skilled and qualified to contribute in a wide range of industries and professions. Perhaps one of the most significant contributions that veterans bring is their ongoing commitment to service and community.

I'm proud of the important steps taken by Republicans in the State Legislature and Governor Holcomb in 2019 to give Hoosier veterans real tax relief, joining 36 other states by phasing in a full income tax exemption for their military pensions. But much more remains to be done to ensure we are meeting a new generation of Hoosier veterans where they are.

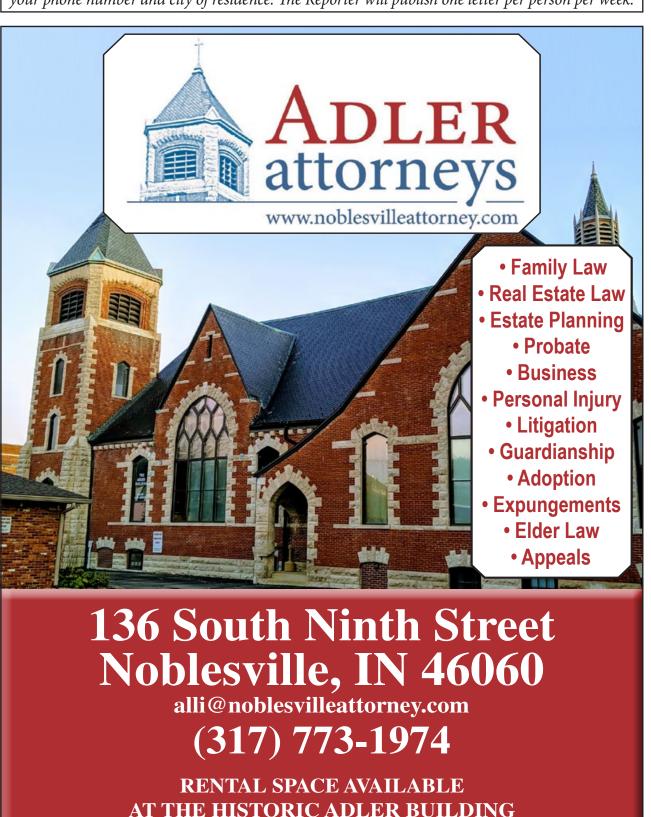
That's why, as a Hoosier veteran, I am honored to support Danny Lopez for State Representative. Danny served as Governor Holcomb's Depthrough the 2019 General Assembly and helped craft the Governor's Next Level Agenda, which included the military pension income tax exemption. He not only understands the importance of investing in our veterans, but has shown he has the experience and collaborative, civil, pragmatic temperament to get it done!

In the coming years, we know the Indiana General Assembly will have to make tough decisions that will impact the State budget and the longterm fiscal health of our state. Hamilton County veterans and those across the state need leaders who have the relationships and experience necessary to ensure our priorities are protected and fought for, and Danny Lopez certainly checks all those boxes.

Kent Abernathy

Colonel, U.S. Army (retired)

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Please call Kim Watson 317-773-1974 for details

Richard Kevin "Tater" Stephenson January 22, 1956 - August 26, 2024

Richard Kevin "Tater" ("Ham" for those who knew him



from Kirklin) Stephenson, 68, Lebanon, Ind., passed away on Monday morning, August 26, 2024, at IU North Hospital in Carmel. Born January 22, 1956, in Frankfort, Ind., he was the son of the late Bennie J. and Eunice May (Harris) Stephenson.

After his time at Sheridan High School was done, Kevin worked in a few different industries before find-

ing the one that suited him the best: trucking. He drove for several companies before becoming a full-time driver for Westfield Steel. He finished his career with Lanter Trucking. Tuning in to Q-95 helped get him through his days on the road; he enjoyed the music, but *The Bob & Tom Show* was his favorite part. He was a regular listener even on days off and well into retirement.

Kevin loved working with his hands. Engineer, handyman, tinkerer ... whatever your term was, that was Kevin. He loved working on old cars about as much as he enjoyed fiddling around with his Harley. When he would get to a place where he needed to clear his head and look at a problem from a new perspective, that's when puttering around in the shop began. With tools in hand, he would just begin "creating," and what came out of it was usually something pretty cool ... or at least interesting enough that he would admit to making it.

Tater was a rebel, and a risk taker, and had a deep-seated need for pushing the limits of whatever he decided to take on that day. Tater's adventurous spirit also taught many valuable life lessons, though in roundabout ways. One example was when he broke his leg trying to teach his daughter how to ride a wheelie on her bike. Kevin also enjoyed trying foods that were outside of his comfort zone. Most of the time it worked out in his favor, but when it didn't, it was usually a memorable moment.

Tater was the family jokester, and anyone who was around him long enough was bound to be involved in one at some point. He loved people and loved making them laugh even more. It was his way of breaking the ice and saying "I love you guys" at the same time. He was a huge Pacers and Colts fan, and a collector of anything he thought needed to be collected. His collection of oddities of all kinds told you what you needed to know about the person you were dealing with.

Kevin lived his life how he saw fit and loved his family above anything else. He was an awesome friend to many people, and the loudest supporter you were ever going to have in your corner. The best lesson(s) that Kevin ever taught anyone were those that he taught his kids: be independent, follow your passions, and don't forget to have a little fun along the way, all of which he taught by example.

Kevin is survived by his two sons, Luke E. Stephenson of Sheridan and Levi J. Stephenson of Lebanon; stepdaughter, Rachelle L. Cummins of New Orleans; his canine furbaby, Nina, and his feline BFF, Billie; two brothers, Glen Keith Stephenson of Columbus, and Charles Craig Stephenson of Mechanicsburg; two sisters, Carol Ferry of Greenwood, and Kathy Boyt (Dayle) of Westerville, Ohio; two nephews, Maxwell Barnes and Ethan Ferry; three nieces, Audry Barnes, Melissa Stephenson, and Darci Boyt Hickman; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Tom and Linda Castor of Cape Coral, Fla.; and by his ex-wife, Michelle Denise (Waterman) Stephenson. She and Kevin were soul mates until the very end.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bennie J. and Eunice May (Harris) Stephenson; nephew, Matthew Stephenson; and two sisters-in-law, Janet Stephenson and Mary Ellen Stephenson.

A Celebration of Life will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Sunday, September 15, 2024, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th Street, Sheridan.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to the American Cancer Society, the Humane Society for Hamilton County, or the Humane Society for Boone County.

Condolences: kerchevalfuneralhome.com

The Reporter's policy on obituaries

The Hamilton County Reporter does not charge families for publishing obituary notices in our pages. Every obituary appearing in online editions Wednesday through Saturday also appears in our Monday print editions. In order to continue to offer this as a community service, we ask that obituaries not exceed 600 words. The limitations of space may not allow for longer ones to appear in print.

Families and funeral homes are asked to send obituaries to obits@ReadTheReporter.com

Meeting Notices

The Sheridan Community Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2024, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(6) With respect to any individual over whom the governing body has jurisdic-

The Carmel Mayor's Housing Task Force will meet at 7:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square.

The Hamilton County Parks & Recreation Board will meet at 6 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 16, 2024, at Osprey Pointe Pavilion, 1977 Morse Park Lane, Noblesville.

The Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District board meeting scheduled for Sept. 23 2024, has been moved to Monday Sept. 30, 2024, at noon and will be held in the Commissioners Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government Judicial Center in

- JACKSON TOWNSHIP

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Jackson Township, Hamilton County, Indiana, that the Township Board at their regular meeting place at the Jackson Township Trustee's Office at 506 W. Main Street, in Arcadia, In at 10:00 AM, on the 23rd day of September, 2024, will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year.

0101 General Fund

Major Budget Classification Personal Services Services and Charges 1111 Firefighting Fund Major Budget Classification Services and Charges 0061 Rainy Day Fund

\$3000

\$50,000

Major Budget Classification: Services and Charges Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The onal appropriations as finally made will be referred. additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Departme of Local Government Finance (DLGF). The DLGF will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a certified copy of the action taken.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

PASSOVER RESTRICTIONS

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "These are the regulations for the Passover meal:

"No foreigner may eat it. Any slave you have bought may eat it after you have circumcised him, but a temporary resident or a hired worker may not eat it.

"It must be eaten inside the house; take none of the meat outside the house. Do not break any of the bones. The whole community of Israel must celebrate it.

"A foreigner residing among you who wants to celebrate the Lord's Passover must have all the males in his household circumcised; then he may take part like one born in the land. No uncircumcised male may eat it. The same law applies both to the native-born and to the foreigner residing among you."

All the Israelites did just what the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron. And on that very day the Lord brought the Israelites out of Egypt by their divisions.

Exodus 12:31-42 (NIV)

John R. Blazier

November 7, 1931 - September 9, 2024

John R. Blazier, 92, Pendleton, passed away on Monday, September 9, 2024, at his home in Pendleton following an extended illness.

He was born on November 7, 1931, in Jay, Okla., to Joseph W. and Beulah M. (Phelps) Blazier. He was a 1950 graduate of Noblesville High School. He served his country proudly in the United States Marine Corps.

He retired in from Delco Remy Division of General Motors in Anderson as a tool and die welder.

He loved to work, hunt, and fish. He loved helping people. He enjoyed spending time in nature.

John is survived by his wife, Carolyn (Grimes) Blazier; four children, Marla Jones of Anderson, Mona Hilton of Pendleton, Edwin Blazier of Noblesville, and Vance (wife, Melissa) Blazier of Noblesville; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild on the way; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers; two sisters; and a son-in-law, Joe Jones.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at Bozell Funeral Homes, Lapel Chapel, 1010 N. Main St., Lapel, with Rev. Tom Greenslade officiating. Burial will follow at Prairie Memorial Cemetery in Noblesville where military graveside rites will be conducted by the Lapel American Legion Post #212.

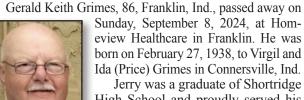
Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 50 E. 91st St., Suite 100, Indianapolis,

Online condolences may be shared at bozellfuneral-

Gerald Keith Grimes

February 27, 1938 – September 8, 2024



Jerry was a graduate of Shortridge High School and proudly served his country in the United States Army. He was head custodian for Stony Creek Elementary in Noblesville, and also worked for Allied Feed Mills. Jerry was a member of the Noblesville

He is survived by his wife, Wanda June Grimes; children, Kimberly (Jason) Mills, Jerry Grimes, Linda (Rick) Stewart, and Jeff (Marsha) Webster; sister, Phyllis Leake; 10 grandchildren, Chandler Mills, Garrett Mills, Jason Monnett, Joe Thurman, Branden Monnett, Summer Savini, Ricki Harlos, Randi Levesque, Seth Webster, and Madelyn Webster; as well as several great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Jerry was preceded in death by his daughter, Lisa Gerlach; and his brother, Jack Grimes.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, September 13, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 14, 2024, at the funeral home. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Marion "Bud" Leroy Baldwin October 24, 1927 – September 8, 2024

Marion "Bud" Leroy Baldwin, 96, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, September 8, 2024, at his home. He was born on October 24, 1927, to John and Margaretta

> (Reel) Baldwin in Noblesville. Bud was a 1947 graduate of Noblesville High School and joined the Noblesville Fire Department in 1948. For over 21 years, he worked for NFD, serving as Chief from 1964 to 1969. Bud was then a salesman for DUO

Supply Co. from 1969 to 1979. He had been a member of Christ Lutheran Church since 1953. Bud loved fishing, designing lures out of wood, and taking his grandkids fishing. He was also a woodworker and loved playing golf.

Bud is survived by his sons, Bret (Cindy) Baldwin and Brian (Trudy) Baldwin; four grandchildren, Joshua Lee Baldwin, Megan Leigh (Eric) Orcutt, Michele Lyn (Scott) Goff, and Malory Lane (Clint) Ward; and six great-grand-

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of over 60 years, Martha Ann Baldwin, in 2018.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon, with services at noon, on Thursday, September 12, 2024, at Christ Lutheran Church, 10055 E. 186th St., Noblesville. Rev. Jacob Hercamp will officiate. Burial will be at Arcadia Cemetery in Arcadia. Condolences: randallroberts.com

Barbara Taylor Griffith-Smith February 27, 1932 - August 30, 2024

Barbara T. Griffith-Smith passed away on August 30, 2024. Born on February 27, 1932, in South Bend, Ind., she was a teacher, friend, wife, and mother. She is survived by three daughters - Cynthia Renshaw (Mark), Kelley Rogers (Tom), and Ann Gaspelin (Bill). Barbara was grandmother to Zach, Alex, and Erin Renshaw, Brandon and Melissa Rogers, and Nick and Brad Gaspelin. She was

fortunate enough to meet great-grandchildren, Ella, Grace, Aubrey, Paige, Elaine, and Avinash.

Barbara graduated John Adams H.S. in South Bend in 1950. She was an Alpha Phi at Indiana University and after earning a B.S. in Speech Therapy, she married a young Air Force pilot, Richard (Dick) Griffith in August 1954. Together they moved to Otis Air Force base in Falmouth, Mass. She started a Speech and Hearing program for Falmouth schools while her husband flew F-94s until 1956. The couple moved back to Purdue married housing and had their first daughter while Dick finished his college degree.

Barbara and Dick had their two remaining daughters in Michigan and Indiana. They moved to Indianapolis where she worked as a Speech and Hearing Therapist in Greenfield Schools and as a private tutor. She also was a Girl Scout leader, school room mother, and was a member of the St. Alban's Altar Guild. Once they finally relocated to Carmel, Barbara went to Butler University to earn her Masters in Special Education when the girls were in high school. She then served as a Special Education Resource teacher in the Hamilton Southeastern school system for 24 years. Barbara and Dick traveled the United States, including Hawaii and Alaska. Perhaps one of the bravest things she did was to spend a month traveling the West with their three teenage daughters camping in a motor home!

After Dick died in 1985, Barbara eventually met and married her second husband, Edwin Smith. The two moved to Bradenton, Fla., once Barbara retired. She worked on the Mt. Vernon neighborhood association board and volunteered for a variety of organizations such as voter registration, Indiana University alumni association, and her Episcopal Church of the Annunciation on Anna Maria Island. She loved walking, water aerobics, reading, crossword puzzles, and watching her beloved Indiana Hoosiers play football and basketball. Well into her 91st year, she still watched the annual Indianapolis 500 where she and her extended family talked by phone to predict the winning race car driver.

Barbara was an only child and was preceded in death by her parents Clayton and Mary (Molnar) Taylor, her two husbands, Richard Griffith and Ed Smith, and her grandson Zachary Renshaw.

The family would like to thank Heartland Hospice and Kingston Memory Care in Fort Wayne, Ind., for the care and compassion they showed our loved one in her final days. There will be a private family memorial service graveside at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens, Fishers.

Please consider donating in her honor to: Mote Marine Laboratory and Aquarium, ATTN: Development Office, 1600 Ken Thompson Pkwy., Sarasota, FL 34236, (941) 388-4441: **mote.org**.

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Boys Soccer—

HSE & Fishers tie in Mudsock match, Noblesville takes down Westfield

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern and Fishers boys soccer teams played to a 1-1 tie in the Mudsock game Wednesday at the Tigers' field.

Both teams scored their respective goals in the first half. Fishers got on the board first, with Andres Artigas finding the back of the net in the 25th minute. The Royals answered in the 31st minute when Gabe Russell scored, assisted by Ameer Abu-Salih.

The game was also a Hoosier Crossroads Conference contest. The Tigers are 1-2-1 in HCC play and 3-3-2 overall and host Pendleton Heights on Thursday. Southeastern is 3-0-1 in the conference and 6-0-3 overall and plays Saturday at Oak Hill.

In an earlier game, Southeastern beat Brebeuf Jesuit 1-0 last Saturday. Russell scored the goal with Jack Anderson making the assist.

Noblesville also picked up an HCC victory on Tuesday, beating Westfield 2-0.

Ben Hewitt and Quinn Johnston each scored one goal for the Millers, while Caden Rice and Ashton Hancock both had one as-

BOYS CLASS 3A

5. Hamilton Southeastern

6. Fort Wayne Carroll

8. Columbus North

13. Bloomington South

1. Center Grove

2. Noblesville

3. Zionsville

7. Westfield

9. Goshen

10. Cathedral

11. Harrison

12. Fishers

15. Munster

16. Concord

18. Warsaw

19. Northridge

17. Pike

14. Crown Point

4. Carmel

conference play and 6-0-4 overall; the Millers' next game is Thursday at Southport. In an earlier game, Noblesville tied with Pike 0-0 last Saturday.

The Shamrocks are 1-1-2 in the league and 3-1-2 overall and travel to Pendleton Heights on Saturday.

Guerin Catholic won a high-scoring Circle City Conference game with Roncalli 5-4 on Tuesday.

Robbie Burt put in two goals for the Golden Eagles, with Gavin Rieck, Christian Sosa and Cooper Prather all scoring one goal.

It was a solid rebound for Guerin Catholic, who fell to Bishop Chatard 4-0 in another conference game last Saturday. The Golden Eagles are 2-2 in conference play and 3-6 overall. Next up for GC is a Thursday home game against Harri-

Carmel fell 1-0 at Lawrence North on Tuesday.

The Greyhounds are 2-3-1 and play Friday at Columbus North.

University dropped a 6-1 game to Bishop Chatard on Tuesday.

Corbin Smith scored the Trailblazers' goal. University is 1-7 and hosts Franklin Noblesville is 3-0-1 in Community on Saturday.

——— Girls Golf-



The Westfield girls golf team won the Brittany Kelly Invitational Tuesday at Woodland Country Club in Carmel. The No. 1-ranked Shamrocks scored 306, with Addi Kooi claiming co-medalist honors by carding 69.

Rocks keep winning, claim title at Brittany Kelly invite

Rank

By RICHIE HALL

sports@readthereporter.com

CARMEL – The Westfield girls golf team won another important tournament on Tuesday, claiming the Brittany Kelly Invitational at Woodland Country Club in Carmel.

The No. 1-ranked Shamrocks scored 306, with two of their players finishing in the top four. That included Addi Kooi, who earned co-medalist honors with a score of 69. Zionsville's Taylor Snively also scored 69; she, Kooi and Carmel's Maddie Headlee all played in the same group.

Kooi said she enjoys saying Headlee is "hilarious. I love to play with her." The senior also noted that playing with the freshman Snively is also fun, and it helps her game as well.

'Taylor pushes me," said Kooi. "I did not have some of my best game today, but she was playing phenomenal, hit 18 greens today. It really just pushes me to be better.'

Westfield finished nine strokes ahead of the Eagles, who scored 315. Noblesville was third with a 316.

"It's a huge boost of confidence," said Kooi. "We've had a roll lately. We've been doing really well. For us to just go out here each time and put up a consistent score and have fun, I think is the most important thing, because when you have fun, you do better."

Kelsey Haverluck tied for third place with a 72.

Everyone else was consistent as well: Kate Brown totaled 82, Sophie Raines scored 83 and Sami Hanavan carded 89.

The Millers were led by Olivia Fowler, who tied for fifth individually by scoring 75. Josie Kelley added 77, placing her eighth.

Hamilton Southeastern scored 324 as a team. Janelle Garcia also tied for fifth place with her score of 75. Sophie Roberts added 79.

Carmel took fifth place with 342. Sophie Mock was seventh individually with 76, while Headlee totaled 79. Guerin Catholic post-

ed a team score of 355. Ali Scott played outstanding, playing with the other two, tying for third place with 72.

Team scores: Westfield 306, Zionsville 315, Noblesville 316, Hamilton Southeastern 324, Carmel 342, Guerin Catholic 355, Fishers 377.

Co-medalists: Addi Kooi (Westfield) 69, Taylor Snively (Zionsville) 69.

Other Westfield scores: Kelsey Haverluck 72, Kate Brown 82. Sophie Raines 83. Sami Hanavan 89

Other Zionsville scores: Amaya Wade 81, Kaitlyn Adler 81, Paige Henney 84, Avery Lewis 89.

Noblesville scores: Olivia Fowler 75, Josie Kelley 77, Karis Shields 81, Olivia Anderson 83, Lauren Turpin 86.

Southeastern scores: Janelle Garcia 75, Sophie Roberts 79, Karolina Franssen 84, Laci Hart 86, Paige O'Hara

Carmel scores: Sophie Mock 76, Maddie Headlee 79. Allie Thompson 92, Georgia Murnan 95, Reese Roudebush 97.

Week 4 Indiana high school girls golf rankings

Team

1 Westfield (8)
2 Noblesville
3 Zionsville
4 Floyd Central
5 Hamilton Southeastern 125
6 Franklin Community 119
7 Northridge
8 Center Grove
9 Batesville
10 Carmel
11 Fort Wayne Carroll 75
12 Brownsburg 67
13 Castle 51
14 Penn 50
15 Plainfield 45
16 Rochester
17 DeKalb
18 Homestead 29
19 South Bend St. Joseph 18
20 Logansport
First place votes are in parentheses.

Honorable Mention

Guerin Catholic, Bedford North Lawrence, New Albany, Corydon Central, New Palestine, Warsaw.

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Guerin Catholic scores: Ali Scott 72, Sydney Delagrange 92, Gracie Navarro 94, Sarah Rigg 97, Avery Wall 98.

Fishers scores: Kendall Manion 89, Lola Kivett 90,

Sophie Rush 93, Ellie Webster 105, Natalie Vinton 114.

Individual scores: Reagan Kaercher (Guerin Catholic) 96, Mallorie Monico (Carmel) 97, Maren Sander (Carmel) 113.

20. Brownsburg **BOYS CLASS 2A**

- 1. Evansville Memorial 2. Bishop Luers
- 3. Heritage Hills
- 4. Illiana Christian 5. Concordia Lutheran
- 6. Bishop Chatard 7. Bishop Dwenger
- 8. Park Tudor
- 9. South Bend St. Joseph
- 10. West Lafayette 11. Speedway
- 12. Cascade 13. Heritage Christian
- 14. Hanover Central
- 15. Leo
- 16. Washington 17. Guerin Catholic
- 18. Cardinal Ritter 19. Evansville Mater Dei
- 20. Boone Grove **BOYS CLASS 1A**
- 1. Covenant Christian 2. Bethany Christian
- 3. Faith Christian
- 4. Forest Park
- 5. Westview
- 6. Providence
- 7. Wheeler
- 8. Greenwood Christian 9. Southwestern Shelby
- 10. Oldenburg Academy
- 11. Covington
- 12. Blackhawk Christian 13. North Putnam
- 14. White River Valley
- 15. Muncie Burris
- 16. South Knox 817 Fort Wayne Canterbury
- 18. Tell City
- 19. Southwestern Hanover
- of Indiana
- 20. Christian Academy

Indiana H.S. soccer polls

- **GIRLS CLASS 3A** 1. Hamilton Southeastern
- 2. Noblesville
- 3. Evansville Memorial 4. Westfield
- 5. Carmei
- 6. Castle
- 7. Cathedral
- 8. Penn
- 9. Brownsburg 10. Crown Point
- 11. Center Grove
- 12. Fort Wayne Carroll 13. Zionsville
- 14. East Central 15. Evansville Reitz
- 16. Northridge
- 17. Chesterton
- 18. Munster
- 19. Valparaiso
- T20. Fishers
- T20. Bloomington South GIRLS CLASS 2A
- 1. Mishawaka Marian
- 2. Lawrenceburg
- 3. Bishop Dwenger 4. Guerin Catholic
- 5. South Bend St. Joseph
- 6. Gibson Southern 7. Bishop Chatard
- 8. Park Tudor
- 9. Evansville Mater Dei 10. Roncalli
- 11. Brebeuf Jesuit 12. Hanover Central
- 13. Fort Wayne Canterbury 14. NorthWood
- 15. Bellmont
- 16. Heritage Hills 17. Hamilton Heights
- 18. Batesville
- 19. Silver Creek
- 20. Washington **GIRLŠ CLASS 1A**
- 1. Heritage Christian 2. Providence
- 3. Evansville Christian
- 4. Oldenburg Academy
- 5. Westview
- 6. Elkhart Christian Academy 7. Trinity
- 8. Forest Park
- 9. Monrovia
- 10. Faith Chrisitan
- 11. Sheridan 12. South Knox
- 13. Switzerland County 14. North Posey
- 15. Wheeler 16. Bremen
- 17. Andrean 18. Eastbrook
- 19. Greencastle 20. Bethesda Christian

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BOYS

- 1. Brownsburg 2. Noblesville
- 3. Columbus North
- 4. Hamilton Southeastern
- 5. Bloomington North
- 6. Carmel
- 7. Fishers
- 8. Evansville Reitz
- 9. Valparaiso 10. Warsaw
- 11. Mount Vernon
- 12. Center Grove
- 13. Avon
- 14. Franklin Central
- 15. Penn
- 16. West Lafayette 17. Elkhart
- 18. North Central
- 19. Zionsville
- 20. Northridge
- 21. Lake Central 22. Floyd Central
- 23. Westfield
- 24. Crown Point 25. Ben Davis

- 1. Carmel 2. Homestead
- 3. Concordia Lutheran
- 4. North Central
- Columbus North
- 6. Noblesville
- 7. Hamilton Southeastern
- 8. Franklin Central 9. Lake Central
- 10. Zionsville
- 11. Brownsburg 12. Westfield
- 13. Penn
- 14. Bloomington South 15. Avon
- 16. Guerin Catholic
- 17. Fishers
- 18. Floyd Central
- 19. Morgan Township 20. Brebeuf Jesuit
- 21. Harrison
- 22. Chesterton
- 23. Bloomington North
- 24. Valparaiso
- 25. Pendleton Heights

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6:50 pm Fishers vs Hamilton Southeastern I Girls Var. Soccer I Southeastern Sports 7:00 pm Westfield vs Noblesville | Girls Varsity Soccer | HCTV Sports

Thur Sept 12 - Varsity Volleyball 6:20 pm Attucks vs Providence Cristo Rey | Indiana SRN

Fri Sept 13 - IHSAA High School Football 6:50 pm Covenant Christian vs Indpls Lutheran | Indiana SRN

6:45 pm Fishers vs HSE (Mudsock) | Southeastern Sports Network

6:50 pm Cathedral vs 4 Bishop Chatard | Indiana SRN

6:50 pm New Palestine vs Mt Vernon | Indiana SRN

6:50 pm Eastern Hancock vs Heritage Christian | Indiana SRN

6:50 pm Fishers vs Hamilton Southeastern | Southeastern Sports Network

7:00 pm Westfield vs Noblesville | HCTV Sports 7:00 pm Sheridan v Clinton Central | Bragg Sports Media

7:20 pm Evansville Memorial vs Mater Dei | Indiana SRN

Sat Sept 14 - Girls Soccer & IEFA Football

10:00 am Harrison (WL) vs Noblesville | Girls JV Soccer | Noblesville High School 11:30 am Harrison (WL) vs Noblesville | Girls Varsity Soccer | Noblesville High School 1:00 pm Ben Davis Jr. Giants vs Noblesville Grinders | IEFA Football | HCTV Sports





























Huston Dunn & Maggie Lynch, now Fishers Royalty



Reporter photo by Richie Hall Fishers High School named Huston Dunn and Maggie Lynch as its Homecoming Royalty last Friday during halftime of the Tigers' football game.

Boys Tennis-

Royals rock Tigers' Mudsocks, also pick off North Central

sock meet.

The Royals got wins sock match. from Brady Stump at No. 2 singles, Leo McVeigh at up a 5-0 win over North No. 2 doubles match.

new tradition for the Mud-

No. 3 singles and the No. Central Monday. Winners The Hamilton South- 2 doubles team of Ian Ran- were Stump at No. 1 singles, eastern boys tennis team som and Logan Foust. The McVeigh at No. 2 singles edged out Fishers 3-2 on match also raised money and Rohan Eapen at No. 3 Tuesday to win the Mud- to fight cancer, beginning a doubles. Landon Osswald and Tyler Rich won the No. 1 doubles match, with Ran-Southeastern also picked som and Foust taking the

Volleyball

Huskies fall to Eagles, Shamrocks sweep Golden Eagles in three sets

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights volleyball team dropped a 22-25, five-set match to Zionsville 25-17, 15-10. Kennedy

on Tuesday.

Wednesday, Sept. 11

GIRLS SOCCER

Fishers at Hamilton Southeastern, 7 p.m.

Westfield at Noblesville, 7 p.m.

GOLF

Hamilton Heights vs. Northwestern, 4:30 p.m. at Green Acres Golf Course

TENNIS

Western Boone at Hamilton Heights, 5 p.m.

Carmel at Zionsville, 6 p.m.

UNIFIED FLAG FOOTBALL

Carmel at Franklin Central, 5:30 p.m.

Zionsville at Hamilton Heights, 6 p.m.

Hamilton Southeastern at Fishers, 6:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Carmel at Zionsville, 7 p.m.

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The set scores were 25-14, 25-27,

Cherry played well with solid defense and hustle, including five digs in the fourth set.

The Huskies are 13-3 and play a Hoosier Conference match Thursday at Western.

Westfield swept Guerin Catholic 25-15, 25-14, 25-10 Tuesday in an all-county match.

Carsyn Comer, Audrey Bassett and Paige Rudolph all hit seven kills for the Shamrocks, with Comer serving four aces and making six blocks. Kendyl Strack had 14 digs.

Westfield is 10-3 and hosts Noblesville Thursday in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference match. The Golden Eagles are 3-8 and host Western Boone on Thursday.

