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## TODAY'S WEATHER



Today: Partly sunny.  
Tonight: Partly cloudy.

HIGH: 76 LOW: 59



# A new Chapter opens in October

## The REPORTER

While walking downtown Noblesville, Reporter columnist Janet Hart Leonard peeked into the bookstore and chatted with Brooke Heffernan and Jen Todderud.

Once upon a time, two little girls who loved to read met in college and then moved next door to each other. One night, they chatted and shared their thoughts about opening a bookstore. What if dreams come true, and a new chapter in their lives leads them to open that bookstore?

Jen Todderud and Brooke Heffernan were those little girls, and Chapter Books and Lounge is their bookstore, which will open in early October in downtown Noblesville.

Who doesn't love walking into a bookstore and finding an adventure in the pages of a book? What if that book-

store had a place where you could sit and enjoy a cocktail or mocktail named after real people? What if you could enjoy a small plate from Bica Café and a cup of coffee or tea while sitting in a comfy chair, reading your book, and snacking on truffle popcorn?

You can soon find your way to 996 Conner St., where your favorite authors' books will be tucked into the shelves. Signature Candles by Michelle Mallaber, as well as other gift items, will be available.

Think cozy. Think sweet ambiance. Think just what you dream the perfect bookstore could be.

Themed parties are in the works. Book clubs will be invited. Gently loved, pre-owned books for sale will be tucked into a corner.

Jen and Brooke await your



Photo provided by Janet Hart Leonard  
**Brooke Heffernan and Jen Todderud are ready to welcome you to Chapter Books and Lounge, which will open soon in downtown Noblesville.**

arrival in October (9th-ish) bookstore. Let's hear it for the girls long-anticipated downtown and their dreams!

# The search for an endgame to tobacco use, part 1

For decades, public health officials and anti-tobacco activists have talked about the "endgame" in tobacco control. It refers to laws and policies that would virtually end tobacco use.

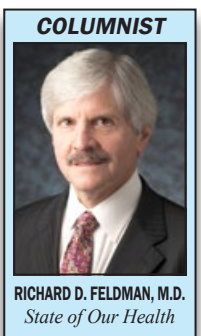
Great strides have been made in reducing smoking in the past half-century. These measures include smoke-free laws, increasing cigarette taxes, anti-smoking media campaigns, state tobacco prevention and cessation programs, and the Master Settlement Agreement requiring the tobacco industry to pay states billions of dollars to compensate for state-incurred health-care costs.

Congress restricted tobacco advertising, mandated tobacco warning labels on product packaging, banned flavored cigarettes (except menthol), increased the legal age for sales to 21, and gave the U.S. Federal Food and Drug Administration authority to comprehensively regulate tobacco products including product nicotine content (natural or synthetic).

These efforts have resulted in the reduction in the social acceptability of smoking, especially in public. It has also drastically reduced the percentage of adult smoking to an all-time low nationally of 11 percent (Indiana is 19 percent). Adolescent tobacco smoking has also greatly decreased in the past 25 years but unfortunately has been replaced by vaping.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, despite these advances, tobacco use still represents the

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# Support for local families took over the streets in downtown Arcadia



Reporter photos  
**(TOP)** Last Saturday, Sept. 21, dozens of artisans took over Main Street in Downtown Arcadia for the inaugural Cheers For Hope Fall Festival and Craft Fair from noon to 4 p.m. The event was organized by Secret Families of Hamilton County in partnership with Northbrook Brewing Company as a fundraiser to help families across the community in need this holiday season. **(ABOVE LEFT)** The Reporter found Mark and Dorothy having a ball (pardon the pun) with a hand-made football from one of the vendors. **(ABOVE RIGHT)** Northbrook's owners were exceptionally busy at the smashburger booth all afternoon. If you weren't there but you'd like to help, visit [secretfamilieshc.org](http://secretfamilieshc.org). See more photos on Page 4 and at [ReadTheReporter.com](http://ReadTheReporter.com).

# Carmel Oktoberfest will feature Der Polkatz

## The REPORTER

Oktoberfest will return to Carmel City Center from 6 to 10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4.

Celebrate Oktoberfest with food, beverages, games, and live music by Der Polkatz. Peruse the Carmel City Center shops while enjoying this family-friendly evening:

- Aroma Experience
- Cake Bake Shop
- Hanami Sushi & Sake Bar
- Hotel Carmichael
- Le Peep
- Matt the Miller's

Carmel City Center is located at the southwest corner of City Center Drive and Range Line Road. The event will take place on the plaza level along Veterans Way and Hanover Court.



Photo provided by City of Carmel

## Calling all Swifties

Donate blood in Cicero, get a chance at free concert tickets

### The REPORTER

Cicero Christian Church, 1715 Stringtown Pike, will soon sponsor a "Fall Into Giving" Versiti Blood Drive in the church gym. The upcoming blood drive is set for 2:30 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9.

In the United States, nearly 7 million people selflessly give blood every year, serving as a lifeline for countless individuals in need.

The goal for this drive is 25 units of blood. Did you know: if all donors gave just once more during the year, the risk of blood shortages would decrease. By giving once every season, you can help bridge the gap for those who don't give as often.

With the upcoming holiday season, it is even more important to make sure there is an adequate supply of blood available in local hospitals. One in seven patients entering a hospital requires the availability of blood for various medical reasons. Additionally, a staggering 25 percent of all blood donations are used for cancer patients, and blood transfusions are essential in one out of every 83 newborn deliveries in America today.

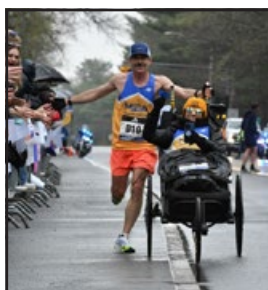
The need for blood is urgent and constant. Every two seconds, someone in our country requires blood, and on any given day, an average of 42,000 blood components are used by patients. That amounts to more than 15 million red blood cells, platelets, and plasma transfused last year alone. Despite this high demand, only 3 percent of all Americans choose to donate blood.

If you can donate during this drive you will be entered into America's Superstar Ticket Sweepstakes for a chance to win two floor tickets to Taylor Swift's Eras Tour stop on Nov. 1, 2024, in Indianapolis, as well as a \$500 Visa gift card to assist with related expenses. *Terms and conditions apply.*

It's the biggest tour of the era – and you can go for free.

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**Springmill Trails Fall Garage Sale**

Clean out the garage, basement, and under the kids beds, because it's time for the **Fall Garage Sale!**

Water's Edge, Spring Orchard, William Trace, and Shelton Cove's annual Fall Garage Sale is **Saturday, September 28th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** (or whenever you're done selling your stuff)

**Run, Walk, or Roll 5k**  
all abilities levels welcome

Presented by Encore Lifestyle & Enrichment Center

Sign up by Sept. 13 for your race t-shirt

**Tipton City Park**  
**Sept. 28 Starting at 9 a.m.**

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Sign up here:  
[www.encorecenter.org/fit-for-life-5k](http://www.encorecenter.org/fit-for-life-5k)

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# Celebrate 20 years of HOPE at 5K & open house

**The REPORTER**  
HOPE Family Care Center, a free health care provider in Cicero, will play host to a 5K Walk/Run and 20th Anniversary Open House on Saturday, Oct. 12. The 5K Walk/Run will kick the day off at 10 a.m. at the Hamilton Heights cross country course in Arcadia. The pre-registration fee for this event is \$35. The day of race, on-site registration will be \$40. Pre-registrants will receive a T-shirt, and all participants will be timed during the race. Awards will be provided to top finishers.

Sign-up today at [tinyurl.com/HOPECtrWalk2024](http://tinyurl.com/HOPECtrWalk2024). Thank you to Title Sponsors BellaLisse and DayStar Drilling and Diamond Level Sponsor WalkerHughes Insurance for helping to make this 5K possible.

Then in the afternoon, from 1 to 3 p.m., HOPE will hold a 20th Anniversary Celebration & Open House at its new location, 509 N. Peru St., Cicero. Dessert and water will be provided to guests, and everyone is invited to tour the clinic and learn more about HOPE's work in Hamilton and surrounding counties. There will also be a food truck on-site to purchase food.

Although both events will be held Oct. 12, you do not have to attend one in order to attend the other. Everyone is invited to join for these exciting events this fall.

**About HOPE**  
HOPE Family Care



Photo provided (Standing, from left) Ashley Green, Lynn Behner, Dr. Dale Behner, and Barb Green. (Seated) Janell Martz.

Center is a faith-based 501(c)(3) non-profit clinic providing free medical, dental, counseling, women's health, mammograms, and diabetes education services to uninsured, under-insured, and medically

under-served patients from Hamilton, Tipton, Madison, and Boone counties.

For more information or to inquire about an appointment, call (317) 984-3444 or email [hfccicero@gmail.com](mailto:hfccicero@gmail.com).

## Hamilton County recognized for Parks Finder Program

IT Department wins Government Experience Award

**The REPORTER**  
Hamilton County has been recognized by the Center for Digital Government at its 2024 Government Experience Awards. The Information Systems Services (ISS) Department tied for fifth place in the Overall County Government Experience category for its work on the county's Parks Finder program.

Developed by Hamilton County's GIS/ISS Department with input from various parks departments and support from Cultivate Geospatial Solutions, the Parks Finder site allows residents to easily access information about city and county parks, including ame-



nities like playgrounds, shelters, and tennis courts.

Chris Mertens, Hamilton County's Director of Information Technology, said, "This award is quite an honor, but it belongs to more than just the IT department. This project was an amazing collaboration between the

county, the cities, the towns, and their parks' departments. And having a single source for park information its ultimately a big win for the entire community."

To explore the Hamilton County Parks Finder visit [gis1.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/parkfinder](http://gis1.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/parkfinder).

## ENDGAME

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leading cause of preventable disease and premature death in the U.S. with 521,000 tobacco-related deaths yearly. One in five deaths is caused by tobacco use; one-half of smokers will eventually die from their tobacco addiction.

It's widely thought that the remaining percentage of people smoking is extremely difficult to reduce, hence the endgame-strategy discussion. One strategy gaining steam is referred to as a "birthdate phaseout" approach. Recent commen-

taries including an article in the May 30 issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine* call attention to this age-based strategy.

The idea is to institute a threshold birthdate after which it would be illegal to sell tobacco products to anyone with later birthdates. For example, using a birthdate of Jan. 1, 2009, would prevent individuals currently too young to legally purchase tobacco from buying it their entire lives. Eventually, no one would be able to purchase tobacco, and depending on the law, other nicotine-containing products.

This strategy would not affect tobacco access to those born before the threshold birthdate and current addicted smokers. It would also not sanction those illegally buying tobacco but only the retailers selling it.

The concept of a birthdate phaseout has been circulating worldwide for decades. New Zealand passed such a law in 2022 but subsequently repealed it with change in governmental leadership. The approach is currently being considered in the U.K., the European Union, Norway, Australia, and some Asian countries. In the U.S., Brookline, Mass., enacted a phaseout

in 2020, and since being upheld by the state's Supreme Court as constitutional, it's being considered by other Massachusetts localities. A municipal law would have relatively little impact; eventually it would have to be followed by state or federal laws to be truly effective.

Legislative proposals differ in what products are prohibited. Some include only combustible tobacco products as in the U.K. Others like Brookline's are broader and include vapes.

Endgame strategies including the birthdate phaseout could create a tobacco/nicotine-free generation and eventually a society free from tobacco product toxins and carcinogens. Millions of lives and billions in health-care costs would be saved. But there are substantial barriers to enactment such as loss of state tobacco-tax revenue and opposing business and political pressures.

Next month, I will review another novel endgame strategy.

Richard D. Feldman, M.D. is an Indianapolis family physician and former Indiana State Health Commissioner who served in the administration of Governor Frank O'Bannon.





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# Cheers for Hope festival was a big hit for Secret Families & Northbrook Brewing



Reporter photos (ABOVE) Jeni Holzhausen had her Broom Closet booth on display. (BELOW) Yvette Naylor offered her Y-Kare wares during the street festival.



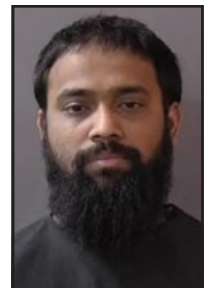
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**Chili Cook Off & Fall Fest**  
 September 28 Saturday  
 Event at: CrossRoads Church | 19201 Grassy Branch Road, Westfield  
 Online at ForOurNeighbor.Life

## Scammers got people to convert savings into cash, gold bars for 'protection'

By GREGG MONTGOMERY WISH-TV | [wistv.com](http://wistv.com)



Mohammed

A federal grand jury in Indianapolis has indicted an Illinois man in a scam involving primarily elderly people, telling them to convert their savings and retirement accounts to cash or gold bars, and to provide those funds to law enforcement for "protection."

The FBI is seeking help to find the fugitive from Illinois.

In one instance involving the fugitive and his co-conspirators, an elderly man handed over gold bars outside a Westfield department store.

For the man, the scam began when he received unsolicited phone calls, texts, and emails from a conspirator purporting to be "Agent Roy" of the FBI. The conspirator said the man's computer had been hacked, and his personal information was at risk.

The conspirator also told the man that he was implicated in a drug crime. "Agent Roy" told the man to withdraw \$80,000

from retirement accounts and exchange it for gold bars, or the IRS would freeze the accounts. A conspirator acting as "Agent Roy" then met the man in a Meijer parking lot in Westfield to collect the gold bars.

But, that wasn't the end.

The elderly man then was led to believe his money wasn't safe, and he needed to give the "agents" more money. On Dec. 8, an unknown conspirator emailed the man with a document from "Officer Jason Roy." The document, with a U.S. Department of Justice seal, told the man to withdraw funds and give them to the FBI as part of an operation.

"The document further stated 'If ... at any point of time you deny to follow our instructions or disclose this information to anyone all your accounts will be frozen,'" said a news release issued Monday from the U.S. Department of Justice.

Enter Abdul Mohammed, 31, of Des Plaines, Ill. He's the conspirator who remained at large Monday after the grand jury indictment in the U.S. federal court in Indianapolis.

The elderly man met Mohammed a few weeks later in the same Meijer parking lot. Mohammed hoped to collect another \$45,000 in cash.

The release did not say if the man handed over any cash the second time around.

Zachary A. Myers, U.S. attorney for the federal court in Indianapolis, asks that anyone with information on the whereabouts of Mohammed to contact the FBI at (317) 595-4000 or [FBI.gov/tips](http://FBI.gov/tips).

If convicted, Mohammed could face up to 60 years in federal prison.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wistv.com/news/crime-watch-8/scammers-got-people-to-convert-savings-into-cash-gold-bars-for-protection](http://wistv.com/news/crime-watch-8/scammers-got-people-to-convert-savings-into-cash-gold-bars-for-protection).

**Weather is unpredictable ... Paul Poteet isn't.**  
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# 35 local artists represented in Fishers Juried Exhibit

**The REPORTER**

Fishers Municipal Center welcomed the Fishers Arts Council (FAC) into its bright, open gallery space for the fifth annual Juried Exhibit of Hamilton County Artists awards ceremony on Friday evening, Sept. 13.

As in the previous four years, Jiffy Lube of Indiana was the art competition's title sponsor, and Jiffy Lube of Indiana CEO Steve Sanner was present to welcome artists and guests. This year, Noblesville Creates stepped in as the new People's Choice award sponsor, with its executive director, Ailithir McGill, presenting the award. This year the boundary for the exhibit was extended to a mile beyond the county line, permitting artists who consider Hamilton County their home, but reside in surrounding counties.

The "Best in Show" winner was Carmel resident Jerry Mannell for his painting "Harbinger." He received an award of \$1,000, a solo exhibit for 2025, and the following comment from the show's judge, Dan Annarino:

"Anyone looking at this painting for the first time needs to think about it. 'What's it all about?' Might the viewer see a bird – a Cardinal, perhaps – and a mailbox? There are so many ways to look at this painting because it has so much depth. The subtle colors work well. The composition/balance is very good because the painting itself is so active. There is lots of movement in this kinetic presentation."

Best Landscape, sponsored by Wasson Nursery, was awarded to Karissa Rumsey of Fishers for "Pemaquid Lighthouse."

Casey Williams of McCordsville won Best Floral/Other for "Garden Goddess." Noblesville artist Deborah Smith received Best Portrait/Figurative for her oil painting, "A Midsummer Day's Dream." "Nature's Layers," a mixed media piece by Caroline Hays of Noblesville, won Best Abstract. Each of these artists received \$600.

Two merit awards were also presented, courtesy of a grant from Walmart #5767. Recipients were Brinton Farrand of Cicero and Craig Mullins of Indianapolis. All winners were selected by juror Dan Annarino of West Lafayette.

There was also stiff competition for the Noblesville Creates People's Choice award, with patrons voting on Facebook and in-person in the gallery. The winner was Fishers resident Stephanie Carignan with her impasto work, "Weathered & Woven Grassland." It received the most overall votes, both online and in-person and a \$250 cash prize.

All of these award-winning paintings are for sale, as are almost all of the other equally amazing works in the gallery through Sept. 28. FAC hopes that many Hamilton County residents, and others, will visit the Art Gallery at City Hall in the Fishers Municipal Center and experience the art and enjoy the work of many talented people in our area.

Guests can visit the gallery in person at 1 Municipal Drive from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, and from 10 a.m. to noon Sept. 28. You can also see the juried exhibit in the online gallery on Facebook page at [Facebook.com/FishersArt](https://www.facebook.com/FishersArt).



Photo provided by Fishers Arts Council

The winners and award sponsors: (back row, from left) Ross Hilleary, FAC Board President; Casey Williams, Best Floral/Other; Steve Sanner, CEO of Jiffy Lube of Indiana & Title Sponsor; Dani & Dan Wasson of Wasson Nursery & Landscape award sponsor. (Front row, from left) Brinton Farrand, Merit Award Winner; Caroline Hays, Best Abstract; Ailithir McGill, executive director of Noblesville Creates and award sponsor; Karissa Rumsey, Best Landscape; and Craig Mullins, Merit Award Winner.



Art provided by Fishers Arts Council

(ABOVE LEFT) The Best in Show winning artwork was "Harbinger" by Jerry Mannell of Carmel. (ABOVE RIGHT) The Noblesville Creates People's Choice Winner was "Weathered & Woven Grassland" by Stephanie Carignan of Fishers.

**About the Fishers Arts Council**

Fishers Arts Council is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organization whose mission is to support, ad-

vocate, and cultivate visual and performing arts opportunities that educate and/or enhance the lives of those who live, work, and visit Fishers. Visit the

brand-new gallery space inside Fishers Municipal Center at 1 Municipal Drive. FAC also maintains the Hub Gallery at the Collaboration Hub at Hamilton

County Community Foundation, 11810 Technology Drive, Fishers. Check out [FishersArtsCouncil.org](https://www.fishersartscouncil.org) or call (317) 537-1670 for more information.

## Candidates for Noblesville school board & Indiana House hold forum

**The REPORTER**

Last Wednesday night at Noblesville City Hall, the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce played host to a candidate forum of the six individuals running for the Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees. Those candi-

dates were Christi Crosser, David Dawson, Alison Hanley, Brad Helvey, Stephanie Lambert, and Bret Richardson. John Elmer of Elmer Financial served as the forum moderator.

Follow the school board candidates, Indiana House

District 29 candidates Chris Hartig (Democrat) and Alaina Shonkwiler (Republican) took part in another candidate forum.

Thanks to Hamilton County TV, voters can watch the forums online at [this link](#).

## Rail Safety Week highlights importance of making safe choices around tracks & trains

**The REPORTER**

Every year, 2,100 North Americans are killed or seriously injured when they engage in unsafe behavior around tracks and trains. Indiana Operation Lifesaver is joining **Operation Lifesaver Inc. (OLI)** and State Operation Lifesaver Programs across the nation during the week of Sept. 23 to 29 to observe Rail Safety Week, urging the public to help #STOPTrackTragedies.

In Indiana each year, approximately 100 people are killed or injured in grade crossing and trespassing incidents.

"Indiana Rail Safety Week activities in Indiana will emphasize community education events along with social media activity sharing the lifesaving rail safety education message," Indiana Operation Lifesaver Executive Director Jessica Feder said. "Through rail safety education during this week and every day, we are empowering Indiana residents to make safe choices around railroad tracks and trains and to help keep their communities safe."

In Indiana and across the U.S., the following **themes** and messaging are emphasized:

- Monday, Sept. 23 kicked off the week with the overarching theme of #STOPTrackTragedies and a focus on Media Outreach



and Proclamations in states and localities. OLI released two new #STOPTrackTragedies video public service announcements (PSAs).

- Tuesday, Sept. 24 focused on the annual observance of Operation Clear Track in the U.S. and Canada emphasizing the importance of obeying crossing safety and anti-trespass laws. Law enforcement partners will conduct awareness exercises. Officer on the Train activities and other in-person positive enforcement events, as well as join first responders sharing rail safety education messages through social media, emails and website posts.
- Wednesday, Sept. 25 highlights Crossing Safety, with outreach to the public including driver education students, drivers of all ages, shift workers, school bus drivers and farmers as well as outdoor enthusiasts, highlighting the importance of the Blue and White Emergency Notification System (ENS) signs at crossings.
- The theme for Thursday, Sept. 26, Transit Safety Thursday and Professional Driver Safety, showcase how

to stay safe as a rail commuter or transit rider, as well as safe choices around railroad tracks and trains for professional drivers. Transit riders will be encouraged to take and share OLI's transit safety pledge.

- Friday, Sept. 27 focuses on Volunteering with Operation Lifesaver, Inc. along with Wearing Red or "Red Out" for Rail Safety by encouraging partner safety organizations, schools, railroad employees and the public to wear red and share photos on social media.
- Saturday, Sept. 28 highlights Trespass Prevention, educating pedestrians, cyclists, joggers, college students, people experiencing homelessness and outdoor enthusiasts about the dangers posed by being on or near the tracks.
- Sunday, Sept. 29 promotes No Photo, Video or Selfie is Worth the Risk, to warn professional and amateur photographers as well as social media influencers against putting themselves or others in danger by illegally taking photos, videos, or filming near tracks and trains.

**BARKTOBERFEST**

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# Westfield welcomes world of food & culture

Westfield Welcome held its fourth annual Cuisine Connect Culture event at Grand Junction Park Saturday, Sept. 21. Attendees could enjoy food truck fare, watch dance performances from all over the world, and fill a passport card with stickers from countries, like Japan, French Polynesia, and India, to collect a prize. New this year, the Westfield Washington Historical Society set up a display for people to learn about local heritage.



Reporter photos by Amy Adams  
(ABOVE LEFT) Josie Han, 5, from Fishers, attended the event before heading to the Chinese Mooncake Festival in Carmel. (ABOVE RIGHT) Caroline, right, and Ava Masica enjoyed the international cuisine. (TOP RIGHT) A Polynesian princess from Royal Events invited children in the crowd to join her song. (RIGHT) Anoushka Jena, left, and Aishwarya Ram wowed the crowd with their self-taught and self-choreographed Indian dancing.



Photo provided by Lisa Everling



Reporter photos by Amy Adams  
(ABOVE LEFT) The Westfield Washington Public Library was on hand, giving away free children's books. (ABOVE CENTER) Dancers from a variety of different cultures took to the stage. (ABOVE RIGHT) Colin, left, and Connor May took time to learn about Westfield's past.



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# Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

## Hamilton County Veteran Service Organizations

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852 West Main St Breakfast Sat & Sun 8-12  
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 Weekly Draw Su 6p, W 7p  
317-984-4441 Bingo Fri 6p, Weekly Draw 8p

Fishers Post 470 Pat Menc  
9091 E 126th St  
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 Sunday Football Menu  
317-773-9985 Trivia Wednesdays 7pm

Sheridan Post 67 Tom DeShon  
406 E 10th St  
Sheridan, In 46069  
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### 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

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### Non-Profit Veteran Orgs

Hamilton County Veterans Corp  
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Community Health Improvement Coordinator  
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(317) 528-4609

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## Changing your diet to fit the season

"It was a beautiful, bright autumn day with air like cider and a sky so blue you could drown in it." — Diana Gabaldon, *Outlander*

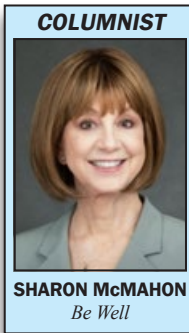
Let's talk about seasonal eating, something that was common through the centuries for most humans simply due to necessity. No "Chick-fil-A" around the corner!

The changing of the seasons has a marked effect on our bodies. The arrival of autumn brings with it shorter days, and lowering the influence of the sun can also be seen on a physical level, because UV rays stimulate the production of vitamin D, which is useful to bones and able to strengthen our immune systems. Sunlight also stimulates the production of serotonin, helps muscle relaxation and regulates biological rhythms. Even when the days become shorter, it is important to spend some time outdoors which allows the body to produce melanin during the night, improving the quality of sleep and acting directly on the hormonal balance.

To help us stay on the right side of Vitamin D, look to items such as figs, mushrooms, salmon and other oily fish, cashews, and hazelnuts, as well as Vitamin D-fortified cereals and drinks. (I personally add a Vitamin D supplement; please check with your physician for a recommendation of supplementation.)

Root vegetables are definitely in season and would include carrots, squash (butternut is my favorite!) pumpkin of course, sweet potatoes, turnips (which I admit are an acquired taste) and vegetables such as bell peppers, spinach, kale, artichokes, and broccoli.

Whole grains such as brown rice, quinoa, and oats are also good sources of Vitamin D. Don't forget the fiber of beans, chickpeas, and



SHARON McMAHON  
Be Well

lentils. Be sure to add fresh garlic, herbs such as rosemary and basil, and spices to your recipes. By doing so, we can boost our immune systems. For centuries, humans have used herbs, spices, and fresh foods to treat illness and ailments. Continue to use your outdoor grills as well; veggies are very tasty when grilled with herbs as spices as noted above.

Trips to local apple orchards are de rigeur this time of year and many different varieties are available depending on your personal preference of taste. One of my favorite items as we move into Fall is roasted chestnuts. I first became acquainted with their warm, sweet taste in Rome a few years ago on a rainy and chilly November day. There were street vendors on many corners selling these delights and I recommend for a tasty, delicate, and warm treat. You can roast these at home in your oven and it is simple project for one of those chilly Fall days. Depending on your oven, there is a variety of ways to achieve the best result and you can find that information easily online.

As we prepare our palates for this change of season, experiment with recipes which incorporate many of the items mentioned above and I imagine you will find that you feel better, have more energy, and even sleep better because your body will thank you for giving it the attention it deserves!

*Bon appétit my friends,*  
**Sharon McMahon, CNWC**  
*The opinions expressed in this article are not intended to replace advice of your personal physician or licensed health professional. Please consult your physician for any issues you may have related to nutrition or fitness activity.*

## Noblesville man dies after jumping into retention pond

### The REPORTER

Last Friday, Sept. 20, at approximately 4:01 p.m., Noblesville police officers and firefighters responded to the area of Windwood Parkway and Hague Road in reference to a 911 call of a person in a retention pond.

The caller stated that the middle-aged man was seen in the pond standing on top of the water fountain located in the middle of the pond. The caller stated the subject then jumped back in the water and never resurfaced.

Officers and firefighters arrived on the scene a short time later and immediately

attempted to locate the subject. A diver from the fire department was able to locate the subject submerged underwater near where he was last seen. Immediate medical attention and care was provided, and the subject was transported by ground ambulance to RiverView Health in Noblesville in critical condition. The subject was pronounced deceased a short time after arriving at the hospital.

The deceased has been identified as Zachery R. Polson, 35, Noblesville. The cause of death will be determined by the Hamilton County Coroner's Office.

## Readying next generation of U.S. military personnel



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Last Saturday, Sept. 21, Congresswoman Victoria Spartz and members of her staff welcomed well over a dozen individuals to a U.S. Service Academy Training Day at the Hamilton North Public Library in Cicero. Attendees were able to hear from and speak with military representatives, get tips on the interview process, as well as take part in writing preparations.

## WTIU's Major Taylor: Champion of the Race selected for 33<sup>rd</sup> Heartland International Film Festival

### The REPORTER

Heartland Film announced last week that WTIU Public Television's documentary *Major Taylor: Champion of the Race* will be part of its lineup for the 33rd Heartland International Film Festival, taking place Oct. 10 to 20 in Indianapolis and Noblesville.

The 11-day festival, which was named on *MovieMaker Magazine's* Top 25 Coolest Film Festivals in the World for 2023, will showcase more than 110 feature films — 28 World/North American/U.S. Premieres, 73 regional premieres, 20 Special Presentations from major distributors, and 10 Indiana Spotlight films, including *Major Taylor*.

*Major Taylor: Champion of the Race* explores the life and legacy of track cycling champion, civil rights activist, and Hoosier hero Marshall Walter "Major" Taylor. Born in Indianapolis in 1878, Taylor was the world's first black sports

superstar by the turn of the 20th century. Called "the fastest man in the world" by reporters, Taylor's talent in cycling — the most popular and lucrative sport of the era — was celebrated by leading publications across the globe and by notable figures such as Booker T. Washington and Theodore Roosevelt.

On the track, Taylor captured more than 20 world records during his career. Off the track, he was an early civil rights pioneer who fought for greater social opportunities for African Americans in the heart of Jim Crow America.

*Major Taylor* will be screened two times during the Heartland International Film Festival: 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12 at Landmark Glendale 12 (6102 N. Rural St., Indianapolis) and at 3:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18 at Living Room Theaters (745 E. 9th St. Suite 810, Indianapolis). *Major Taylor* producer and director Todd Gould will attend both events and participate in Q&A sessions following the screenings.

Tickets to the Heartland International Film Festival can be purchased at [HeartlandFilmFestival.org](http://HeartlandFilmFestival.org) or at the theater 30 minutes before the film starts.

The Heartland International Film Festival selection is one of several honors that *Major Taylor* has recently received. In May, Todd Gould was named the winner of the **Marshall "Major" Taylor Trailblazer Award** for his work on the documentary. This award was a joint presentation by the Bronzeville Trail Task Force, a citizen activist group dedicated to preserving and promoting the historical legacy of Chicago's African American community, and U.S. Representative Jonathan L. Jackson (D-Ill.-1). Then in June, *Major Taylor* was screened on Capitol Hill before members of Congress, staff-



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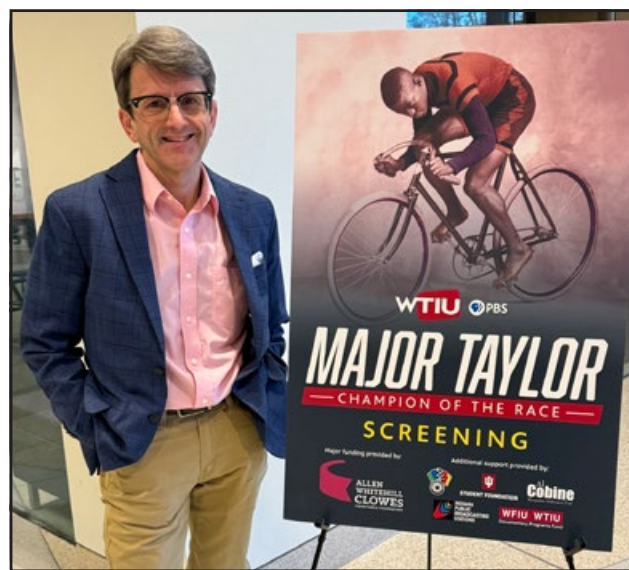


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WTIU Senior Producer Director Todd Gould.

ers, and journalists. Finally, starting this November, 299 PBS affiliate stations across the country will begin airing *Major Taylor*.

Watch a trailer and learn more about *Major Taylor: Champion of the Race* at [wtiu.org/majortaylor](http://wtiu.org/majortaylor).

Major funding for *Major Taylor: Champion of the*

*Race* is made possible by the Allen Whitehill Clowes Charitable Foundation and additional funding by the IU Student Foundation and support from the Al Cobine Recognition Endowment Fund, Indiana Public Broadcasting Stations, and the WFIU/WTIU Documentary Programs Fund.



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# Vehicle damages Noblesville gun shop in robbery attempt

By ADAM PINSKER  
WISH-TV | [wistv.com](http://wistv.com)

Noblesville police are investigating an apparent early-morning robbery at a downtown gun store.

**Hoosier Armory** is at 98 N. 10th St. That's a

block north of Noblesville City Hall.

Police Lt. Bruce Barnes with Noblesville Police Department says officers were called to the store at 4 a.m. Sunday after an alarm was activated. Officers found a damaged

vehicle near the business' front doors.

Barnes says evidence at the scene points to an attempted robbery, but no details were provided.

Barnes did not indicate whether any items were taken. No suspects were in

custody.

*This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wistv.com/news/crime-watch-8/damage-vehicle-found-after-attempted-robbery-of-noblesville-gun-shop](http://wistv.com/news/crime-watch-8/damage-vehicle-found-after-attempted-robbery-of-noblesville-gun-shop).*

# 9 to 5 is about to clock out, so get your seats before they are all gone

By DANIEL SHOCK  
*A Seat on the Aisle*

The Belfry Theatre of Noblesville kicks off its 60th season with a production of *9 to 5: The Musical*. The show is based on the hit 1980 movie of the same name, which stars Dolly Parton, Lily Tomlin, and Jane Fonda as three employees who have become fed up with the leering sexism of their boss, portrayed by Dabney Coleman in the film.

Turning the movie into a musical required more songs, and Dolly Parton – who wrote the original “9 to 5” song – came through with 13 new numbers for the show. These new songs blend well into the familiar storyline, helping bring the bold personalities and struggles of the lead characters to life with Dolly’s signature style of humor and charm. I confess, I’ve never actually watched the movie, but its impact on popular culture is hard to escape.

This production, co-directed by Carla Crandall and Barcia Alejos, gets off to a shaky start with the opening number, “9 to 5,” which caused some concern for how the show might go. The ensemble seemed under-rehearsed and struggled to keep their dance movements in sync. However,

after the opening, as we are introduced to the various characters, the cast seemed to find their footing.

The three leads were well cast in their roles. Amanda Falcone, as Violet, portrayed a woman who is excellent at her job, impatient, and eager to ascend the corporate ladder while also growing weary of her boss Franklin Hart Jr.’s constant belittling and dismissive attitude toward her. Claire Donnelly steps into Dolly’s role, Doralee, with a strong voice and a great sense of humor, perfectly capturing the character’s charm. Kristin Hilger rounds out the trio as Judy, the new employee who, inexperienced and suddenly left on her own after her husband leaves her, starts off lacking in confidence. Hilger plays the part well, showing Judy’s transformation into a more self-assured woman as the show progresses. All three leads sing well and share great chemistry on stage.

Darrin Gowan, as the villain of the show – boss Franklin Hart Jr. – delivers a solid performance and is, at times, shocking in his portrayal of the sexist man who sees his female employees as nothing more than pets existing for his pleasure. I say shocking because the leering and comments writ-



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ten for the character are so out of bounds that they remind me how far we’ve come – and still how relevant this story still is.

The supporting cast features some standout moments as well. Two performances that surprised me were from Stephani Gable, who portrayed Roz, and Jared Gaddis, who played Joe, everyone’s favorite accountant. When each of them began their respective solos, I was genuinely taken aback – in the best way. Both are strong singers, and their performances significantly contributed to my enjoyment of the show. Also worth mentioning is Ben Ohning, who gave a natural and believable performance in the role of Violet’s son, Josh.

The set was a very nice design by Jay Ganz and Jose Alejos, bringing to mind the modern art of Edward Fielding. The costumes by

Gail Sanders, Justice Nielsen, and Carla Crandall were very fitting for the era. Unfortunately, the sound was a bit hit or miss, with microphones sometimes going in and out, but it was easily overlooked.

I enjoyed the show. With a few more dance rehearsals and some tech improvements to the microphones, the show could really blossom into a fine community theatre production.

The Belfry’s *9 to 5: The Musical* will be performed at Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St. The remaining performances are:

- Thursday, Sept. 26, 8 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 27, 8 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 28, 2 p.m.
- Sunday, Sept. 29, 2 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at [TheBelfryTheatre.com](http://TheBelfryTheatre.com).

Read more great play reviews from *A Seat on the Aisle* at [asota.wordpress.com](http://asota.wordpress.com).

# Celebrate Beethoven at Carmel Symphony Orchestra’s opening night

## The REPORTER

The highly anticipated opening night of the Carmel Symphony Orchestra’s (CSO) 2024-2025 season will pay tribute to the legendary composer Ludwig van Beethoven. Conducted by **Damien Geter** and featuring soloists from the **Indianapolis Opera**, the CSO will perform Beethoven’s Symphony No. 9, including *Ode to Joy*, and *Les Preludes* by Franz Liszt at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5 at The Palladium.

Beethoven’s Symphony No. 9, completed in 1824, was his final major work. It premiered in Vienna when that city had become a police state and historians have noted that Beethoven wrote this inspirational work to serve as a cry for unity, freedom, and brotherhood. The piece is the first example of a composer scoring vocal parts in a symphony and it is one of the most frequently performed in the world. The fourth and

final movement of the symphony, commonly known as the *Ode to Joy*, features four vocal soloists and a chorus in the parallel key of D major. The poem by Friedrich Schiller inspired Beethoven’s choral component of this symphony.

What makes this piece so remarkable is that it was written when Beethoven’s deafness meant he would never hear this work performed or the thundering applause from the audiences who experienced it. He would have had to imagine what it would sound like based on his auditory memory.

Four soloists from the Indianapolis Opera will be performing with the Carmel Symphony Orchestra for Beethoven’s 9th Symphony *Ode to Joy*. They are:

- **Rachel Purvis**, Soprano
- **Lyndsay Moy**, Mezzo-soprano
- **Will Upham**, Lyric Tenor

## • **Jake Surzyn**, Baritone Conductor **Damien Geter**

The conductor for the Oct. 5 performance will be the accomplished Damien Geter, an Indiana favorite, who will bring the perspective of a vocalist and composer to his direction of this show. He is an acclaimed composer, having created chamber, vocal, orchestral, and full operatic works. An accomplished bass-baritone, Geter started his career as a resident artist with the Indianapolis Opera and later with the Metropolitan Opera in New York. He has performed in various venues from the operatic stage to television. Geter also has ties to the Carmel community, having taught music classes at University High School from 2004 to 2015.

## Pre-concert talk

Learn more about the music of Beethoven and Liszt at the pre-concert talk hosted by CSO Guest Con-

ductor Damien Geter and Indianapolis Opera General Director David Starkey. The talk will take place in the main hall from 6:15 to 6:45 p.m.

## How to buy tickets

For more information, visit [CarmelSymphony.org](http://CarmelSymphony.org). To purchase tickets, go to The Center for the Performing Arts page for the CSO or visit the Fifth Third Bank Box Office at 1 Carter Green, Carmel, or call (317) 843-3800.

## After Party tickets available

Meet and greet the soloists and musicians for this performance at the CSO After Party in the Brham Founders Club. Tickets are available to Carmel Symphony Orchestra season subscribers and Gold Level donors as a part of their benefits or as an add-on to individual ticket holders. To add on the After Party, call the Fifth Third Bank Box Office at (317) 843-3800.

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# Meijer pharmacists encourage you to stay up to date on vaccines

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The Meijer Pharmacy team is preparing for a busy vaccination season ahead. The Midwest, family-operated retailer is encouraging customers to protect themselves and their communities by getting vaccinated against influenza, RSV, COVID-19, and other illnesses, offering both scheduled and walk-in appointments during pharmacy hours.

“As the one-stop shop for all your health and wellness needs, Meijer makes it easy and convenient for our customers to stay up to date on their vaccines,” said Jackie Morse, Group Vice President of Pharmacy and Health at Meijer. “With children back in school and Midwest temperatures expected to drop later this month, it’s the perfect time for everyone to review their vaccination needs and make sure they’re protected. Vaccines help prevent health issues that can cause people to miss work and family time, placing an unnecessary strain on their lives.”

According to CDC guidelines, everyone aged 6 months and older should get

an updated influenza (flu) vaccine to help prevent the highly contagious respiratory virus and the updated COVID-19 vaccine this fall. The updated COVID-19 vaccine is developed every year to align with circulating COVID variants, similar to how the flu vaccine is reformulated annually.

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is a respiratory virus that usually causes mild, cold-like symptoms. All adults over age 75 should be protected with the RSV vaccine. Adults aged 60 to 74 who have certain at-risk conditions, such as severe diabetes, heart disease, and chronic lung conditions, should also be protected.

Meijer is also emphasizing the importance of staying up to date on other critical vaccinations, such as shingles, hepatitis A and B, tetanus, and pneumococcal. These vaccines play a vital role in preventing serious illnesses and maintaining overall health.

To make an appointment, please visit the **Meijer Pharmacy website**, text “vaccine” to 75049, or visit your local Meijer Pharmacy today.

# Lt. Gov. Crouch participates during Brain Days, part of 79<sup>th</sup> United Nations General Assembly

**The REPORTER**

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch joined other leaders from around the world last Friday, Sept. 20, for a discussion on mental health during **Brain Days** at The Science Summit, part of the 79th United Nations General Assembly (UNGA79).

The panel brought together influential state leaders who have spearheaded initiatives in school-based youth mental health support.

The goal of the panel was to explore the journey from conceptualizing support systems to actual implementation, offering attendees actionable insights for applying these ideas in their states. Attendees walked away equipped with

strategies to transform big ideas into impactful, sustainable state-wide programs.

“It was indeed an honor to be invited to participate in Brain Days during the 79th United Nations General Assembly for my advocacy of Hoosiers fighting mental illness and addiction,” said Crouch, who also serves as Indiana’s Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Joining Crouch on the panel were North Carolina Secretary of Health Kody Kinsley, Colorado Lt. Gov. Diane Primavera, and Chair of House Education Com-



Crouch

mittee (Washington) Sharon Tomiko Santos.

“I am encouraged with what we’re doing in Indiana as evidenced by the General Assembly earmarking historic amounts of funding in the current state budget, \$100 million over two years, solely to address the state’s mental health crisis,” Crouch said. “2023’s **Senate Enrolled Act 1** allocated funding for various efforts to expand services and bolster local infrastructure across Indiana to better meet the mental health needs of Hoosiers. While we are making progress in sup-

porting those who struggle with mental health challenges, we must do more to fully overcome the crisis at hand. Particularly, we must continue to analyze and address mental health issues in our most vulnerable populations – the youth and aging populations – as well as ensure the mental health industry has a sufficient workforce, capacity and resources to meet current demand.”

Long an advocate for early childhood development, Lt. Gov. Crouch was the co-author of legislation in 2013 that created the On My Way Pre-K Program in 2013 when she was a state representative. The program is now offered in all 92 counties.

# Duke Energy launches new options for free home energy assessments, helping customers save on energy use

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Duke Energy is expanding its existing free in-home assessment program and providing new virtual, phone, and web options for customers through its **Home Energy House Call** program.

Through education and awareness of energy use, energy specialists help customers find ways to save energy and money by being more efficient. Customers receive a free energy efficiency kit, a customized usage report, low-cost tips, and expert recommendations to help them see energy savings.

Newly eligible customers include renters of single-family homes and owners/renters of condos, townhomes and manufactured homes.

“We are excited to enhance accessibility of our Home Energy House Call program to reach more customers across Indiana,” Duke Energy Indiana President Stan Pinegar said. “It’s a great way for customers to get personalized recommendations and insights to help them save energy and ultimately money on their energy bills each month.”

New assessments include:

- **Virtual:** Customers can use their cellphone camera for a virtual walk-through of their home to conduct a free assessment with a professional energy advisor.
- **Phone:** An energy ad-



Pinegar

visor will perform an energy assessment over the phone and answer any questions a customer may have.

- **Online:** Receive a self-directed energy assessment.

For the virtual and phone assessments, an energy specialist will analyze customers’ total home energy usage and check the efficiency of their appliances and heating/cooling systems. The self-guided online assessment generates customized savings recommendations based on customer responses.

Based on the information collected, Duke Energy’s experts will give customers a customized report detailing

steps they can take to increase efficiency and lower their energy bills.

Along with the free assessment report, customers will receive an energy efficiency kit in the mail that includes bathroom aerators, weatherstripping, water heater insulation pipe wrap, and a furnace filter whistle that can be self-installed to see immediate savings.

The Home Energy House Call program is offered to Duke Energy customers in single-family homes, condominiums, townhomes, or manufactured homes who have an electric water heater, electric heat, or central air conditioning.

To learn more and sign up, visit **Home Energy House Call** or call (844) 346-4366.

**Meeting Notices**

The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 30, 2024. A workshop session will follow at 3 p.m. at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St.

The Hamilton County Emergency Management Advisory Council will meet at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 26, 2024, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville.

The Noblesville Economic Development Commission will meet at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2024, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.

The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners meeting that was rescheduled to Monday, Sept. 30, 2024, has again been rescheduled for Friday, Sept. 27, 2024. The executive session will begin at 1:15 p.m. and the public meeting will follow at 2 p.m.

The Hamilton County Local Emergency Planning Committee will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 26, 2024, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville.

The Hamilton County Solid Waste Board meeting set for Sept. 30, 2024, has been canceled.

**Send Meeting Notices to: News@ReadTheReporter.com**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Please be advised that the Westfield-Washington Township Advisory Plan Commission will meet at 7:00 p.m., Monday, October 7, 2024 at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana, or in a virtual format viewable at <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofWestfieldIN>, for the purposes of holding a public hearing and reviewing and acting on the following petitions:

- 2409-PUD-22; Woodwind East Planned Unit Development (PUD); North of and adjacent to 161st Street and south of and adjacent to 166th Street; Old Town Companies, LLC by Nelson & Frankenberger, LLC requests a change of zoning for 136 acres +/- from the AG-SF1: Agriculture / Single-family Rural District to Woodwind East Planned Unit Development (PUD) District.
- 2410-PUD-23; The Trails II Planned Unit Development (PUD); 807 East State Road 32; Crew Carwash, Inc. by Nelson & Frankenberger, LLC requests a change of zoning for 1.03 acres +/- from the AG-SF1: Agriculture / Single-family Rural District to The Trails II Planned Unit Development (PUD) District.
- 2410-ZOA-04; Temp. Greenhouse Expansion Ord.; The City of Westfield requests various text amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance generally pertaining to 6.18 Temporary Use and Event Standards.

Specific details regarding the requests may be obtained from the Westfield Community Development Department, 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074 or by calling (317) 804-3170.

Written suggestions or objections relative to the requests may be filed with the Secretary of the Commission at the Westfield Community Development Department, 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074 at or before the hearing will be considered. Oral comments concerning the proposals will be heard at the aforementioned public hearing. In the case of a virtual meeting, written comments concerning the proposals can be provided before and during the aforementioned public hearing by emailing [planners@westfield.in.gov](mailto:planners@westfield.in.gov). Such hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.

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**Dolores “Dee” Hood**

July 18, 1933 – September 21, 2024

Dolores “Dee” Hood, 91, Noblesville, passed away on Saturday, September 21, 2024, at Five Star Residences of Noblesville. She was born on July 18, 1933 in New Albany, Ind.

Dee was a homemaker for many years and was the Director of Student Services for the Indiana Senate. She was a member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church. Dee enjoyed looking for antiques and refinishing them, and she had a variety of collectibles. She liked visiting Gatlinburg and Brown County, and family vacations to Destin, Fla.

She is survived by her sons, Mark Hood, Mike (Gloria) Hood, Jeff (Cindi) Hood, and Steve (Dorothy) Hood; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Margaret Ross (Bell) Staley; father, Michael Cooney; beloved husband of 64 years, Sidney Hood; and two grandchildren.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 28, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with Father Richard Doerr officiating. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral center. Burial will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer’s Association, 8430 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60631 ([alz.org/indiana](http://alz.org/indiana)).

Special thank you to the incredible staff of Bridge to Rediscovery at Five Star Residences.

Condolences: [randallroberts.com](http://randallroberts.com)

**Ruth Ellen Edwards**

July 14, 1933 – September 22, 2024

Ruth Ellen Edwards, 91, entered eternal rest on Sunday, September 22, 2024, at her home in Arcadia. Ruth was born in the small town of Dugger, Ind., to Floyd and Ethel Waddell on July 14, 1933.

On October 22, 1960, she married Gene Edwards and they spent 42 years of marriage together before Gene’s passing in 2002.

Ruth graduated from Windfall High School in 1951, after which she had a few different jobs until choosing to work in the cafeteria for Walnut Grove High School and then Hamilton Heights High School for over 37 years.

A homemaker in the truest sense of the word, Ruth enjoyed and excelled in all things domestic. When she wasn’t outside tending to the garden or the family farm, she could be found inside cooking and baking; she was especially known for her pies and cookies. Ruth also loved reading and was a faithful member of Omega Christian Church, but by far her greatest delight was found in spending time with her friends and family.

Ruth was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and sister. She is survived by her son, Glenn (Jennifer) Edwards of Tipton; stepdaughter, Dinah (Marvin) Thacker of Tippecanoe, Ind.; stepdaughter, Karen (Michael) Gordon of Argos, Ind.; stepson, Tom (Susan) Edwards of Spencerville; stepson, Roy (Donna) Edwards of East Ridge, Tenn.; and sister, Reba Hale of Kokomo. She is also survived by 17 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Along with her husband Gene and her parents, Ruth was preceded in death by her brother, Jack Waddell.

Services for Ruth will be conducted Thursday, September 26, 2024, at Hartley Funeral Home in Cicero. Visiting hours will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and a funeral ceremony officiated by Pastor Neal Brown will begin at 1 p.m. Immediately following the funeral, a committal service will take place at LaFontaine IOOF Cemetery in LaFontaine, Ind., where Ruth will be laid to rest.

Memorial contributions may be made to Omega Christian Church.

Online condolences can be given at [hartleyfuneralhomes.com](http://hartleyfuneralhomes.com).

**Ilene K. McHone**

June 14, 1952 – September 20, 2024



Ilene Karen McHone, 72, Carmel, went to be in the loving arms of Jesus on September 20, 2024, while surrounded by loved ones. Ilene was born on June 14, 1952, to Sheldon and Dorothy Frazier in Kankakee, Ill. Ilene spent her childhood years in the Kankakee/Bradley/Bourbonnais area, helping her parents and four siblings on their family farm and homestead. In her youth, Ilene developed a strong work ethic, generous nature, kind heart, and a true appreciation for family, all of which she carried with her through her life. In the early 1970s, Ilene began decorating cakes by learning from a Wilton magazine and helped her sister with her wedding cake. Ilene went on to make cakes for other friends and family at a young age.

Ilene graduated in 1970 from Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School. Her love for children led her to go on to study at Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais, Ill., where she graduated in 1974 with a bachelor’s degree in early education. After graduation, Ilene began teaching elementary school. She eventually taught at Westside Christian School in Indianapolis. It was in Indiana that Ilene met the love of her life, Mike, when the two of them were at the same church and both wanted to hold a fellow churchgoer’s baby at the same time. Little did they know at the time that their banter over who should hold the baby would lead them on a lifetime journey full of love, children, and grandchildren of their own, and a wealth of cherished memories.

Ilene and Mike were married on June 30, 1979, at Westside Church of the Nazarene. As a skilled baker and decorator, Ilene made and decorated her own wedding cake for the occasion. Ilene and Mike were excited to start a family of their own and welcomed their first son, Jay, in June 1980. In October 1983, their family grew again with the birth of their son, Ryan. Ilene adored being a mother to her boys, who kept her on her feet at all times. Ilene decided to leave her teaching position to focus her full attention on raising her children. While doing so, Ilene re-discovered a passion for baking and cake decorating, and her love for those activities led her down the path of entering competitions at the Indiana State Fair, which ultimately put her on the path of becoming a professional cake decorator. Ilene decided to open her own business, Classic Cakes, which she owned between 1995 and 2019. Ilene’s vision for her business and hard work materialized into Classic Cakes becoming a top-ranked bakery within Indiana. Her beautiful designs and delicious cakes brought joy to families on weddings, birthdays, and all the special days they celebrated, won her many awards, and made her a premier cake artist in Indianapolis and the surrounding areas. Always seeking out a challenge, Ilene competed in gingerbread house competitions and created masterpieces with intricate and beautiful designs as well, and she was always up to the challenge when customers requested complicated cakes.

Ilene’s love of baking and her creativity poured over into her family life, too. As Ilene and Mike welcomed seven grandchildren into their family between 2009 and 2016, Ilene shared with her grandchildren her talents, making them amazing cakes for birthday celebrations and having them over to the cake shop or her home to bake with her. She also shared with them her love for learning, by reading to them regularly and teaching them how to garden and how to cook

and bake. In 2019, Ilene retired from Classic Cakes. In her spare time, she enjoyed creating different kinds of masterpieces via her gardening. Her flower gardens overflowed with beauty every year. Ilene continued to embrace her love for baking and would regularly bake bread for her church community and could often be found handing out cookies to friends and family. She also continued to embrace her love of learning and her love of

reading and often could be found snuggled up with a blanket with a fire roaring in the fireplace and a book in her hands. Ilene was an active member in her church and sang in the choir, as well as participated in seasonal church shows to celebrate her love of Jesus with her community. Ilene regularly connected with family and friends near and far, reaching out to those she loved to simply check in, send words of encouragement, or let them know she had been thinking of them. Ilene also regularly attended her grandchildren’s special events, whether it be a game, concert, church event, or anything else they may have asked her to join them at. Her pride in her family was unmatched.

Ilene fought a strong battle against pancreatic cancer and faced the challenge with remarkable grace and a positive attitude at all times. During this time, she continued to bless her family and friends with her generous nature and she reminded those around her that she found peace in knowing that salvation would be found in Jesus.

Ilene is survived by her loving husband of 45 wonderful years, Michael McHone of Carmel; her two sons, Jay (Koryn) McHone and Ryan (Tiffany) McHone; her seven amazing grandchildren, Brayden, Delainey, Bryson, Ellarie, Amiyah, Brody, and Jocelynn; her sister, Donna (Tom) Hofmann of Sun Prairie, Wis.; her sister, Carol Frazier of Kankakee, Ill.; and one brother, Donald Frazier of Pompano Beach, Fla.; as well as many loving nieces, nephews, and cousins. Ilene was preceded in death by her parents, Sheldon and Dorothy Frazier, and her brother, Roger Frazier.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 6:30 p.m., Friday, September 27, 2024, at Legacy Bible Church, 13490 Howe Road, Fishers. A celebration of Ilene’s life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, September 28, 2024 (with an additional visitation period immediately preceding this from 1 to 2 p.m.), also at Legacy Bible Church.

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**TODAY’S BIBLE READING**

THE WATERS OF MARAH AND ELIM

*Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water. When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. (That is why the place is called Marah.) So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, “What are we to drink?”*

*Then Moses cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became fit to drink.*

*There the Lord issued a ruling and instruction for them and put them to the test. He said, “If you listen carefully to the Lord your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, who heals you.”*

*Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there near the water.*

Exodus 15:22-27 (NIV)

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## Girls Golf

# Rocks & Millers claim sectional titles

By **RICHIE HALL**  
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**WESTFIELD** – A 1-2 individual finish helped the Westfield girls golf team to its first sectional championship in three years.

The No. 1-ranked Shamrocks cruised to victory at the Guerin Catholic sectional, which took place Monday at Pebble Brook in Westfield. The Rocks scored 294, had three players finish in the top six and easily qualified for the Lafayette Jefferson regional, which is set for Saturday at Battle Ground Golf Course.

It was the Rocks' first sectional title since 2021 and the seventh overall for the Westfield program.

"We don't take them for granted," said Shamrocks coach Josh Bryant.

The top three teams advance to the regional. Tenth-ranked Carmel, the two-time defending state champion, totaled 323 to finish second as a team, while host Guerin Catholic claimed the third advancing spot with a score of 343.

Westfield junior Kelsey Haverluck put together a solid score of two under par 68 to earn medalist honors (she was one under on both the front and back nine), while senior Addi Kooi carded 71 for second place individually. Sophomore Kate Brown scored 76, tying her for fifth place.

"All of us on the team work really hard, and we try to have really good team chemistry on and off the course," said Haverluck. "And I think it's paid off in the end."

Brown, junior Lilley Ku (79) and sophomore Sophie Raines (83) were all playing in their first sectional for the Shamrocks.

"The word 'sectional' means something different, and when it's your first one, you have to get settled in," said Bryant. "And I really thought all three of them, they did great."

Senior Sophie Mock led Carmel, finishing in third place with a 72. Sophomore Maddie Headlee also tied for fifth place with a 76.

Ali Scott continued her solid play with a 75, good for fourth place individually. Sydney Delagrangé added an 82.

University finished with

a team score of 416 but will have a player going on to Battle Ground. Graclyn Cates scored an 88, which was good enough to claim one of three spots for an individual not on an advancing team. The other two individuals advancing are Brebeuf Jesuit's Annie Baxter (79) and Cardinal Ritter's Peyton Roddy (96).

### AT PEBBLE BROOK

**Team scores:** Westfield 294, Carmel 323, Guerin Catholic 343, Brebeuf Jesuit 394, University 416, Cardinal Ritter 463, Speedway 472, Lebanon inc., Pike inc.

**Medalist:** Kelsey Haverluck (Westfield) 35-33=68.

**Other Westfield scores:** Addi Kooi 40-31=71, Kate Brown 41-35=76, Lilley Ku 41-38=79, Sophie Raines 45-38=83.

**Carmel scores:** Sophie Mock 35-37=72, Maddie Headlee 41-35=76, Reese Roudebush 43-43=86, Allie Thompson 45-44=89, Georgia Murnan 48-43=91.

**Guerin Catholic scores:** Ali Scott 40-35=75, Sydney Delagrangé 40-42=82, Sarah Rigg 44-44=88, Gracie Navarro 51-47=98, Avery Wall 55-44=99.

**University scores:** Graclyn Cates 50-38=88, Quincy Russell 53-53=106, Sophia Stratman 55-55=110, Audrey Griffiths 60-52=112, Maryn Stephenson 58-60=118.

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Up at Harbour Trees, sectional host Noblesville claimed its third consecutive title Monday.

The second-ranked Millers put together an incredibly consistent day that added up to a team score of 308. Fifth-ranked Hamilton Southeastern also played solid, taking the runner-up spot by totaling 318. Lapel finished third with 378; all three schools are headed to Edgewood on Saturday to compete in the Lapel regional.

Noblesville had three golfers place in the top five, led by meet medalist Josie Kelley. She scored 74 in her round, which included an eagle and two birdies, then won a playoff to claim first place.

Olivia Fowler scored 75 for third place, draining three birdies. Olivia Anderson's fifth-place round of 79 contained one birdie. Karis Shields and Presley White also had one birdie respective rounds.

## IHSAA announces Unified Flag Football sectional pairings

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The IHSAA announced pairings for the Unified Flag Football sectionals last Sunday.

Hamilton County has six teams competing at the Lawrence Central sectional on Saturday, Oct. 5. Fishers will play Hamilton Southeastern in Game 1, while Noblesville takes on Warren Central in Game 2. Hamil-

ton Heights plays Carmel in Game 3, and Westfield will play the host Lawrence Central Bears in Game 4.

The winners of Games 1 and 2 play each other in one semifinal, with the Games 3 and 4 winners facing off in the other semifinal. The championship game will follow.

Games are set to begin at 10 a.m.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall



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(TOP) The Westfield girls golf team won its first sectional championship in three years Monday at Pebble Brook. The top-ranked Shamrocks scored 294 as a team and had the top two individuals. (ABOVE) Noblesville claimed its third consecutive sectional title at Harbour Trees on Monday, scoring 308. The Millers had three golfers finish in the top five. (BELOW) Carmel's Sophie Mock placed third individually at Pebble Brook and helped the Greyhounds finish second and advance to Saturday's regional.

"I thought they played fine," said Millers coach Justin Werkley. The coach said the course "played difficult today. It was soft, so it played a little longer than normal, which is always a little bit challenging. They played great. They really played well on the back nine."

Noblesville won its 20th sectional title in program history, which ties the Millers for 10th place on the all-time sectional championship list.

Southeastern had two players reach the top five. Janelle Garcia totaled 74 and finished second in the medalist playoff, making four birdies along the way. Sophie Roberts scored 78 and had two birdies, placing her fourth. Laci Hart also made one birdie in her round.

### AT HARBOUR TREES

**Team scores:** Noblesville 308, Hamilton Southeastern

318, Lapel 378, Fishers 386, Pendleton Heights 394, Tip-ton 396, Hamilton Heights 415, Frankton 425, Alexandria Monroe 435, Anderson 466, Elwood 493.

**Medalist:** Josie Kelley (Noblesville) 39-35=74, won in playoff

**Other Noblesville scores:** Olivia Fowler 36-39=75, Olivia Anderson 38-41=79, Karis Shields 42-38=80, Presley White 43-39=82.

**Southeastern scores:** Janelle Garcia 36-38=74, Sophie Roberts 38-40=78, Laci Hart 41-42=83, Karolina Franssen 42-41=83, Maya Cieply 46-45=91.

**Fishers scores:** Sophie Rush 47-46=93, Natalie Vinton 51-45=96, Lola Kivett 50-48=98, Elliette Webster 51-48=99.

**Heights scores:** Taylor Morrison 43-49=92, Presley Cherry 44-51=95, Tanner Penwell 56-53=109, Fiona McDonald 65-54=119, Samantha Powers 59-60=119.



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## Girls Soccer

# Millers prevail in showdown, Blackhawks win HHC contest

### The REPORTER

In a showdown between two of Class 3A's top three teams, Noblesville beat Carmel 3-1 Monday at the Millers' Hallmark Orthodontics Soccer Complex. Second-ranked Noblesville got on the board first, as Meredith Tippner booted in a goal during the 35th minute. That was the only score of the first half. The third-ranked Greyhounds' Kate Klinginsmith tied the game in the 45th minute with a long free kick.

But the Millers got the lead back five minutes later. Sadie Black sent a free kick towards the net, then Tippner headed the ball to Atley Pittman, who put it

in the net. Pittman scored a second goal with 24 seconds left in the game, off another assist by Tippner.

Noblesville is 10-0-2 and plays Penn Saturday at Newton Park in Lakeville. Carmel is 8-3-2 and hosts Plainfield at 7 p.m. tonight.

Sheridan defeated Eastern 9-0 Monday in a Hoosier Heartland Conference game.

Sadie Timme scored four goals for the 1A No. 7 Blackhawks, while Cecilia Timme scored two. Avery Hills, Abby Dallas and Brielle Garner all scored one.

Sheridan is 3-0 in conference play and travels to Rossville Thursday for its

HHC finale. The Hawks are 9-4-1 overall.

Hamilton Southeastern, 3A's No. 1-ranked team, beat Pendleton Heights 6-0 on Monday.

Sydney May scored two goals for the Royals. Addison McClain, Anna Tittle, Gracie Pyle and Sloane May each scored one goal. Margaux Hanning made two assists and Blair Satterfield had one assist.

Southeastern is 12-0-2 and hosts Zionsville at 7:45 p.m. tonight to finish Hoosier Crossroads Conference play.

Guerin Catholic got a big win over Cathedral on

Monday.

The Class 2A No. 6 Golden Eagles upset the 3A No. 5 Irish 1-0 at the Eagles Nest. Mia Gatz scored the Guerin Catholic goal, off an assist by Kylie Harrison.

The Golden Eagles are 6-3-3 and play tonight at 3A No. 9 Center Grove. The game starts at 7:15 p.m.

Fishers, ranked No. 20 in 3A, lost to 2A No. 5 Bishop Chatard 3-1 on Monday.

Elise May scored the Tigers' goal, assisted by Lauren Faulkner.

Fishers is 7-5-2 and plays at Avon tonight to finish HCC play. The game starts at 7:30 p.m.

## Boys Soccer

# Millers victorious in all-county contest, Royals & Tigers get big conference wins

### The REPORTER

Noblesville won an all-county boys soccer game with Carmel Tuesday 4-1 at Hallmark Orthodontics Soccer Complex.

The Class 3A No. 2 Millers led 3-0 at halftime. Ben Hewitt scored two goals for Noblesville, with Caden Rice and Carsten Shidler each getting one goal. Matthew Schilt scored the goal for the 3A No. 12 Greyhounds.

Carmel dropped a 4-2

game to Cathedral on Monday. Owen Price and Evan Bardos both scored one goal for the Greyhounds, with Tyler Schilt and Troy Enslin both making one assist.

The Millers are 8-0-6 and play Thursday at 3A No. 1 Center Grove. Carmel is 3-5-3 and hosts New Palestine on Thursday.

Hamilton Southeastern won a big Hoosier Crossroads Conference game over Zionsville 2-1 on Tuesday.

The 3A No. 3 Eagles scored first, but the 3A No. 4 Royals got the equalizer in the 33rd minute when Jack Anderson scored off a Gabe Russell assist. Southeastern took the lead in the second half after Ameer Abu-Salih sent a pass to Johnny Ramos Perez, who put it in for the go-ahead goal.

The Royals finished HCC play 4-0-3 and are 9-0-5 overall. Southeastern plays its regular season finale next Thursday, Oct. 3 at Carmel.

Fishers picked up an HCC win Tuesday at Avon by the score of 4-1.

Reid Spittler scored two goals for the 3A No. 7 Tigers, with Andres Artigas and Sam Barnett both scoring one goal. Spittler, Max Chesebrough and Santiago Garcia all scored one goal.

Fishers is 3-2-1 in conference play and 8-3-2 overall. The Tigers host Zionsville Thursday to complete HCC play.

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

**Wednesday, Sept. 25**

**GIRLS SOCCER**

Sheridan at Rossville, 5:30 p.m.  
Guerin Catholic at Center Grove, 7:15 p.m.  
Fishers at Avon, 7:30 p.m.  
Westfield at Brownsburg, 7:30 p.m.  
Zionsville at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:45 p.m.

**TENNIS**

Guerin Catholic at Zionsville, 5 p.m.  
Hamilton Heights at Lebanon, 5 p.m.  
Hamilton Southeastern at Cathedral, 5 p.m.  
Carmel at Plainfield, 5:30 p.m.  
University at Noblesville, 5:30 p.m.

**UNIFIED FLAG FOOTBALL**

Carmel at Noblesville, 6 p.m.  
Twin Lakes at Hamilton Heights, 6 p.m.

**VOLLEYBALL**

Speedway at University, 6:30 p.m.  
Lapel at Hamilton Heights, 7 p.m.  
Noblesville at Carmel, 7 p.m.

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## Volleyball

# Westfield falls to Mt. Vernon in five sets

### The REPORTER

The Westfield volleyball team was edged out by Mount Vernon in five sets on Monday.

The Marauders won 16-25, 25-16, 25-23, 22-25, 16-14. Carsyn Comer had 16 kills and four blocks for the Shamrocks, while Audrey Bassett hit 15 kills and also

had nine digs and three aces. Kendyl Strack collected 33 digs and served four aces, while Izzy Jackson dished out 30 assists and Emily Blevins handed out 25 assists.

Westfield is 14-6 and hosts Brownsburg Thursday in a Hoosier Crossroads Conference match.

# Grand Park to play host to Special Olympics Indiana state soccer & cornhole tournaments

### The REPORTER

Special Olympics Indiana will hold its state soccer and cornhole championships on Sunday, Sept. 29 at the Grand Park Sports Campus, 19000 Grand Park Blvd., Westfield.

The tournaments are

part of the organization's fall schedule in which more than 2,700 athletes and Unified partners compete in six sports over the course of four weekends. Similar tournaments for flag football and distance run/walk will take place concurrently at Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School.

Dubbed Eunice Kennedy Shriver (EKS) Weekend, the events at Grand Park and Brebeuf mark the largest gathering of Special Olympics Indiana athletes during the fall season.

[Click here](#) for more information.

## Cross Country Rankings

Courtesy the Indiana Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches ([iatccc.org](http://iatccc.org))

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