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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Westfield works toward greater diversity through new coalition

By AMY ADAMS
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A group of around a dozen community members met at the Westfield City Services Center on Wednesday evening, Sept. 25, to work toward establishing a coalition to focus on diversity initiatives in the city.

"As mayor, I believe that establishing a diversity coalition is crucial for fostering inclusivity and strengthening our community," Mayor Scott Willis said. "By bringing together voices from various backgrounds and experiences, we can promote collaboration and understanding and ensure that all residents feel represented and valued."

This initial meeting follows a gathering of around 40 people at the Willis home several months ago to talk about the need for such an organization and to gauge interest in participation. The first two gatherings have drawn people from various vocational, experiential, and ethnic backgrounds.



A dozen Westfield residents came together to discuss diversity initiatives in the city.
Reporter photo by Amy Adams

"People are interested and excited," said Peg Strass, executive operations manager for the Office of the Mayor. "It's a diversity coalition in that it is a place for anyone and everyone where they can feel like they can come and be accepted. People don't want to

be a part of something that produces anger but something that promotes mutual respect." The resident-driven coalition is still in the development and organizational stage. "The coalition as an organization is independent from the city,"

Willis said. "But, the city will support it and set it up for success. We're not going to change anything overnight, but we need to show the community we're here and we have a purpose."

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The things they buried

Grandma Lil', my mother's mother, died at 89.

She had been holed up in a nursing home for far too long. It was a death mourned, yet one too that, based on her dwindling quality of life, brought relief to us all – it was one of those deaths.

At the funeral home, before the lid was closed and sealed, I witnessed my crazy uncles put two items in the coffin: five Hoyle playing cards fanned in her right hand (Jack of hearts, Jack of diamonds, Queen of hearts, King of hearts, and Ace of hearts, the perfect euchre hand if hearts is trump – a loner); and a cold can of beer smuggled in from the nearby K of C. I'm not sure why it had to be a cold can of beer . . . well . . . you know . . . considering the circumstance.

Now before you hastily judge what my uncles did as lowbrow, keep in mind that the writer Christopher Buckley, as reported in his memoir, *Losing Mum and Pup*, buried his famous father, William F. Buckley, with a jar of his favorite peanut butter, along with his wife's ashes and a TV remote control. You'd be hard pressed to name someone more highbrow than the Buckleys.

A rosary, in my grandmother's left hand, was pressed to her chest.

The grandsons were pallbearers. We carried our grandmother through the cemetery rain. The ground was a muddy mess. The dress shoes, worn by my brother Pat, were sucked from his feet by muck when he veered off course, as if the dead below played a practical joke. Seeing him straining with only his white socks showing in the mud caused my grief-stricken mother to laugh with surprise and exclaim, "Patrick lost his shoes." A few others chuckled. At least something good came from Pat's misfortune.

The coffin lowered as Grandma Lil' staked claim to her predestined six feet, which is one of life's few guarantees.

Today, I still think about those other things buried with Grandma Lil': her rosary; her cards; her beer.

I still think she would have approved.

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COLUMNIST
SCOTT SAALMAN
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Hamilton Heights' Rodney Cummings named Husky Hero for August 2024

The REPORTER

Rodney Cummings, a bus driver for Hamilton Heights High School, has been named the Husky Hero for the month of August.

Cummings, who has been driving for Heights for more than two decades, is not just a beloved bus driver, he is a fan favorite among the students who ride his bus as well as their families. He is also a friend, mentor, and treasured resource for colleagues and the department, sharing his time, knowledge, and experience. For him, being a bus driver is more than a job, it's an adventure. He loves his work, and it shows.

"This was a totally an unexpected and a very nice surprise," Cummings said upon receiving the award. "It is a great honor just to know people recognize the things you do. It's the kids – you can always learn something from



Photo provided

Rodney Cummings, a bus driver for Hamilton Heights High School, was selected as the Husky Hero for the month of August. (From left) Amber Bowen, Laken Bowen, Craig Bowen (FC Tucker), Rodney Cummings, and HHEF Board Member Amy Prater.

them. Twenty years of driving, there's never a dull moment. And as a bus trainer, knowing that you're going to help some-

body accomplish their goal of being a bus driver – it's very rewarding."

proud Husky employee since 2005.

Cummings has been a

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Noblesville celebrates major milestone for Reimagine Pleasant Street Project

Submitted

A major milestone was achieved for the Reimagine Pleasant Street project as a new roadway and bridge over the White River are now open to traffic.

Noblesville and Hamilton County officials celebrated the historic event on Thursday, Sept. 26, and the new thoroughfare from River Road to Eighth Street opened to traffic the evening of Friday, Sept. 27. The Reimagine Pleasant Street project is meant to enhance mobility through Noblesville and increase trail connectivity with

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Photo provided by American Structurepoint

The Noblesville Common Council joined Mayor Jensen to cut the ribbon. (From left) David Johnson, Mark Boice, Pete Schwartz, Darren Peterson, Megan Wiles, Mayor Jensen, Aaron Smith, Todd Thurston, Mike Davis, and Evan Elliott.

How to vote absentee in the November general election

By ASHLEY FOWLER
WISH-TV | wistv.com

If you won't be able to make it to the polls this November, you might be able to vote absentee. In Indiana, there are 12 reasons you can request an absentee vote-by-mail ballot.

Here's a look at important deadlines, who can request an absentee ballot, and how to submit one.

How do I ask for an absentee ballot?

If you want to vote absentee in the Nov. 5 election, you must submit an application by 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 24. [Click here](#) to access the application form.

You must reapply for an absentee ballot for each election. If you've moved, **you must re-register** with your new address.

If your application is approved, a ballot packet will be mailed to the address on your voter registration. It will include a ballot, the absentee voter bill of rights, and a pre-paid security envelope.

[Click here](#) to find forms for voters who are serving in the military, live overseas, or have a visual disability.

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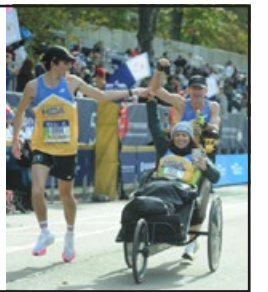


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DIVERSITY

Strass will be acting as a liaison between the coalition and the city. She will also be helping the coalition gain its nonprofit status, along with writing grant proposals and fundraising to help the organization establish programming and meet goals.

"Because I am Latina and bilingual, I am able to connect with another part of the community that the mayor is not able to connect with as easily," Strass said. "My role is not only to help develop these programs that we need to bring people together but to be a resource and a facilitator. I want to help people start thinking about how we can sprinkle in diversity in everything we do."

One issue the group ad-

ressed Wednesday evening was the recent Cuisine Connect Culture event organized by Westfield Welcome. Everyone who attended the festival on Saturday, Sept. 21, agreed that it's a great event, but it has been poorly attended compared to other Westfield Welcome events throughout the year.

Matt Deck, Westfield director of facilities and events, was on hand to hear feedback on ways to get the word out about the event and draw more people, both people from diverse cultures as well as those who want to learn about and experience diverse cultures.

"We have to appreciate what the city is already doing," Westfield resident Marco Dominguez said. "In the past, it would have been

extremely hard to sit at this table. The city is opening doors. It's up to the international community to offer support."

Dominguez's neighbor, Aaron Bell, agreed.

"One thing I've learned is that the number one thing I can do is participate," Bell said.

Bell, Dominguez, and Willis spoke of their neighborhood being a microcosm of how diversity could look in Westfield. The group also acknowledged that the very word "diversity" can carry misconceptions.

"It is a false logic to believe there is a limit to our acceptance," resident Michelle Wickham said. "Wouldn't it be lovely if we could all recognize that embracing someone else

doesn't diminish us? In fact, it enriches us. We're just sharing the good we all bring."

Willis suggested that, for now, the coalition meet once a month at the City Services Center.

"I think, right now, we have a lot to do," he said. "I'm really looking forward to seeing this coalition develop. I believe in it, and it's very important to our administration."

He encouraged those present to take some time to think about the important "pillars" on which the group can focus and to come to the next meeting prepared to discuss.

For more information, email Peg Strass at pstrass@westfield.in.gov or call (317) 379-7680.

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THINGS

Those three items summed up her simple life. Before the nursing home, she was a devout churchgoer and a fierce, lifelong eucyre player; and all through my life, rarely did I see her

without a beer. She was that kind of grandmother. Sourced on Saturday nights more than not. She enjoyed her life ... well, most definitely the weekends.

It was the perfect send-off for her, put into play by my crazy uncles, the gesture done with the utmost respect for their dead mother.

I think about my own inevitable dirt nap now, one that hopefully won't begin for at least two more decades, pending my quality of life. I hope to make it through a few more pets and Corolla year models first.

What simple items summing up my life should be placed in my coffin? I think about that from time to time. These things have changed as my interest in things have changed. It's best to keep it simple, I guess. Here are some good old standbys:

- My worn paperback copy of *The Stories of John Cheever*, my favorite short

story collection, as well as *The Short Stories*, by Ernest Hemingway. While you're at it, toss in the first Scholastic book I ever ordered from school, Arnold Lobel's *Frog and Toad Are Friends*, which hooked me on reading. It's very thin and won't take much room. Heck, throw in a few other books too, preferably some I haven't read yet (I keep a stack of unread books beside my bed). I anticipate having plenty of reading time. I'll need light source, obviously. A flashlight maybe ... scratch that ... a flashlight must be held and aimed at the page. That sounds too tiring for someone who is supposed to be eternally resting. A lantern maybe.

- Some Jimmy Buffett records. To keep it manageable, just include those from *A White Sport Coat* and *a Pink Crustacean and a Coconut Telegraph*. I'll also need a turntable. Please make room.
- My son and daughter

in the same photo, both smiling, to show I've been a good dad despite worries to the contrary. I want to be buried with a photo of my wife, Brynne, too. There's plenty of us together smiling (I truly don't know how she does it). A photo in St. Croix will do. We have great Caribbean smiles.

- A rosary, for superstitious reasons — thanks for the idea, Grandma Lil'. Who knows? — maybe that string of beads is the big key to it all. I'll need to buy one, though stealing one seems more fun.

- And finally, a trusty crowbar ... just in case I change my mind about the whole damn death thing.

If space becomes an issue, please remove my shoes. Give them to my brother Pat, a potential pallbearer. He might need a backup pair, especially if it rains. I hope it does rain. It seems easier to leave in the rain.

Email Scott at scottsaa-man@gmail.com.

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ABSENTEE

What are the reasons you can request an absentee ballot?

Here are the reasons you can **request an absentee ballot**:

1. You have a "specific, reasonable expectation" that you out of the county all day on Election Day.
2. You have a disability.
3. You are at least 65 years of age.
4. You will be a poll worker outside of your voting precinct.
5. You are scheduled to work all day on Election Day.

6. You will be confined due to illness or injury or you will be caring for an individual confined due to illness or injury during the entire 12 hours that the polls are open.

7. You are prevented from voting because of a religious holiday.

8. You are a participant in the state's address confidentiality program.

9. You are a member of the military or a public safety officer.

10. You are a "serious sex offender" as defined by state law.

11. You do not have transportation to the polls.

What are the ID requirements?

You will be asked to provide one of the following numbers on the application:

- Indiana Driver's License Number
- Indiana Identification Card Number
- Unique Voter Identification Number
- Last four digits of Social Security Number

If you can't provide any of those numbers, you must include a copy of your government-issued photo ID (driver's license, BMV ID card, passport, etc.)

How to return your absentee ballot

Ballots must be received by 6 p.m. on Election Day. Any application received after the deadline — even if it's postmarked before the deadline — won't be accepted.

You can submit the ballot by mail or drop it off at any early voting site or vote center location.

If you can't take the ballot in person, your attorney or a family member through birth, marriage, or adoption can do it for you. They must fill out an affidavit provided by the state. To download the form, [click here](#) and choose the file that starts "ABS-19."

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Carmel receives \$280,000 Safe Streets for All grant from U.S. Department of Transportation

The REPORTER

The City of Carmel has been awarded a \$280,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Safe Streets for All (SS4A) program to support the development of a comprehensive Safety Action Plan.

This grant, announced earlier this month by the Federal Highway Administration, will enable Carmel to improve roadway safety for all users, while also positioning the city to pursue future funding opportunities to implement safety improvements.

The grant allows Carmel to analyze its roadway network with a focus on identifying safety enhancements that protect pedestrians, cyclists and drivers. By developing a detailed Safety Action Plan, the city aims to make roads safer and reduce accidents and fatalities.

"This funding is an important step in ensuring the safety of all of our roadway users," said Jeremy Kashman, chief infrastructure officer for the City of Carmel. "With this grant from the Federal Highway As-

sociation, we'll be able to closely examine our roadway network and identify key areas for improvement. The creation of a Safety Action Plan makes our roads safer and increases our competitiveness for future implementation grants, should the SS4A program continue."

The SS4A program, established by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, is a \$5 billion initiative aimed at reducing roadway fatalities and serious injuries. Over the five-year period from 2022 to 2026, the program will fund regional, local, and tribal projects designed to make roads safer. To date, the SS4A program has awarded a total of \$2.7 billion to more than 1,400 communities across the 50 states and Puerto Rico.

Through this federal grant, Carmel joins other cities in their commitment to roadway safety, guided by the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Roadway Safety Strategy.



Kashman

The goal of the SS4A program and the Safety Action Plan is to work toward zero roadway deaths by adopting a Safe System Approach.

More information on the SS4A program, including details on eligibility and funding opportunities, can be found at transportation.gov/grants/SS4A.

About the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Program

The SS4A program provides funding for both planning and implementation grants. Planning and Demonstration Grants, like the one awarded to Carmel, support the development of Action Plans that identify significant roadway safety concerns. These Action Plans are a prerequisite for applying for Implementation Grants, which fund the execution of specific safety projects and strategies.

For more information about Carmel's safety initiatives or the new Safety Action Plan, please contact the

City of Carmel Engineering Department at engineering@carmel.in.gov.

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PLEASANT

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Public officials held a "Party on Pleasant" event Thursday to celebrate the opening of Phase 1 of the project, which is from River Road to Eighth Street.

the hope of creating a safe, vibrant corridor for residents and visitors to drive, walk, or bike to downtown Noblesville.

"The Reimagine Pleasant Street Project is more than an infrastructure project. It's been 40 years in the making and is a transformational corridor in our community," Mayor Chris Jensen said. "The new Pleasant Street is a massive transportation and quality-of-life project that takes people east to west in the community, easing the commute for everyone traveling to and through our city. This project celebrates our community's history and looks ahead to the future with local artwork incorporat-

ed as well as serving as a trail connector for the River Walk, Midland Trace, and Nickel Plate trails. The Reimagine Pleasant Street Project is a game-changer for Indiana's Hometown of Noblesville."

This portion of the project is the critical first phase with construction activities continuing for two other phases. City officials say that, when complete, Pleasant Street will be an aesthetically pleasing boulevard and serve as a new east-west corridor for Noblesville. The entire project will be open to traffic by the end of 2025.

"It's exciting to see this project come to life," Hamilton County Commissioner

Steve Dillinger said. "These improvements have been discussed for many years. This new bridge is critical to the future of our county and will increase safety for all motorists and pedestrians in our community."

Representatives from American Structurepoint, Beaty Construction, CHA Consulting, and USI Consultants attended the Party on Pleasant celebration, helping cut the ribbon for the new road and bridge. American Structurepoint is managing the design of Pleasant Street. Beaty Construction was the contractor for Phase 1 of Pleasant Street. CHA and USI will lead the construction inspection of the project.

HERO

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"Rodney has many hats here at HHSC," Heights Transportation Director Jaymie Wickstrom said. "First, he drives a bus on a daily route where he has made long standing relationships with his families. Most recently he invited his entire bus to join him at the high school football game for a cookout. Rodney helps provide transportation to many events for athletics. He's well known with the teams, coaches, parents, and staff. When Rodney isn't driving the bus, he's training our newest staff 'to become a bus driver.' Rodney dedicates more than 25 hours per driver of training to ensure we have the best on the road. Next up, Rodney will

put on his mechanic hat. In recent years, Rodney has joined our mechanics to help prepare for our annual bus inspection. He brings a different perspective and fresh set of eyes to the needs of our fleet. As Rodney's direct supervisor he is always a helpful hand with any need for the HUSKY FAMILY."

Parent Sara Smith also wrote in to compliment Cummings.

"We appreciate Mr. Rodney for his daily concern and attention to our kids on his bus," she said. "He is superb and goes above and beyond daily to have fun with the kids and get them to and from school safe. He is great in so many ways."

Cummings added, "This award truly makes you feel like you've accomplished things in your life. Just knowing that people around you are watching and appreciate the things you do makes you want to do better. It was truly an honor - thank you!"

Do you know a Husky Hero? Nomination forms and information about this special recognition program for Hamilton Heights employees are available at bit.ly/hhschuskyhero. The Husky Hero Recognition program is made possible through the Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation in partnership with Craig and Amber Bowen (FC Tucker). #hhedfoundation

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Part D price explosion is delayed

I have been warning people that their Medicare Part D premiums will double or triple (or more) for 2025, but recently I've stated that's no longer true. The government announced a new



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demonstration project that Medicare Part D plans can participate in. This will allow them to get a hefty subsidy so the cost of Part D doesn't skyrocket in 2025.

Retirees can expect their Part D premiums to be stable for 2025 after all. If their insurance plan participates in the government project, they will get over \$100 per member per month to keep rates low. But not all companies may participate.

Prices will go up over 2024 prices, but not as high as the industry has forecast. There are thousands of different Medicare Part D plans out there; most will go up modestly and some

may not go up at all. If your insurance company participates in the project, it cannot raise your Part D rates more than \$35 over 2024 prices. A \$35 monthly increase is still not good news for people on a fixed income.

The government announced that the average base premium for the nation will only be \$2 more in 2025. What is the Average National Base Premium for Medicare Part D and why does it matter?

For 2025 it will be \$36.78 per month. If you are getting a late Part D penalty, your calculation is always based on this annual amount. Many don't realize that your late penalties go up and get worse each year.

Let's calculate a late Part D penalty for the many people who are thinking about dropping Part D:

Take the base premium for that year and multiply

it by the number of months that you were eligible for Medicare Part D but failed to enroll without a good reason. If you are a year late it's about \$4 extra you pay per month right now. The late penalty lasts for the rest of your life. It never goes away.

Many people will drop their Medicare Part D drug coverage this year. After all, they don't use it. They might not take any prescription medications, so why continue to pay for a plan they don't use? Think long and hard before you make that decision. Do all the people in your family die without ever having taken expensive medications? If the answer is no, then realize that you are not buying insurance because you need it now. It's for the future you who is older and sicker. You can always get back into the Medicare Part D program later, but you might have a waiting period.

If you turn 65 and start Medicare this September, you have until December

to enroll into a drug plan. You don't want to pay \$50 a month because you take only two cheap prescriptions that you get for under \$10 at Meijer. In January you get diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis. Your medication will cost you \$17,000. Immediately, you can get drug insurance, but since it's January, you must wait until October to enroll and your coverage won't begin until next January.

You buy insurance and hope you never need to use it. That's why I recommend that you enroll into a Part D drug plan even if you don't see a value now. An expensive illness may be right around the corner and the Medicare Part D out-of-pocket maximum for 2025 is only \$2,000.

Sylvia Gordon is known as Medicare Mama on social media. She and the Noblesville-based TheMedicare-Family.com have amassed nearly one million followers online where she teaches about Medicare, Social Security, and retirement.

Indiana Debate Commission invites voters to ask questions of gubernatorial candidates

The REPORTER

The Indiana Debate Commission, the first independent debate commission of its kind in the United States, is now accepting questions from Hoosier voters who want to pose inquiries to Indiana's three gubernatorial candidates who are on the Nov. 5 ballot.

The governor's race is a three-way contest this year between Republican Mike Braun, Democrat Jennifer McCormick, and Libertarian Donald G. Rainwater II. All three candidates have agreed to participate in the debate, which will be moderated by Commission member Laura Merrifield Wilson, a political science professor at University of Indianapolis and host of *Positively Politics*, a radio show on WICR 88.7.

In keeping with its mission of "Putting Voters First," the commission invites Hoosier voters to submit questions via its website, indianadebate-commission.com, using the "Ask Your Question" link at the top of the homepage.

Questions will be vetted by members of the commission and accepted for full consideration through Oct. 11. Hoosiers whose questions are selected also may be offered the opportunity to ask their questions on pre-taped video during the hour-long debate. Consistent with past practice, can-

didates do not receive the questions in advance from the commission.

"We look forward to giving citizens this platform to voice their concerns," Commission President Elizabeth Bennion said. "We have already been getting daily questions from voters and we welcome more as the debate offers an outstanding opportunity for Hoosier voters to hear candidates address the issues that matter most to them as Indiana residents and voters."

Candidates have agreed to debate on Thursday, Oct. 24. The debate will be broadcast from 7 to 8 p.m. from WFYI-TV in Indianapolis and will also be live-streamed on the commission's [website](http://www.indianadebate-commission.com) and [YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...). Hoosiers can also check with their local news organizations to find out other ways to watch or listen. The IDC makes the feed available to all news outlets for broadcast over-the-air and online.

Since its founding in 2007, the Indiana Debate Commission has produced 24 statewide debates in U.S. Senate and gubernatorial elections. The commission, a nonprofit organization which hosted its first debates in 2008, is the only independent organization in the state that provides free broadcast satellite feeds and web streams to all news media.

Important rule changes in Medicaid

Submitted by Applegate & Dillman Elder Law

There have been some significant changes with Medicaid and the Family & Social Services Administration (FSSA) that may affect you and your loved ones.

First is a rule change within the FSSA for future Medicaid applicants who are married with retirement accounts. The second rule change is regarding the Aged & Disabled Waiver. This has now transitioned to a Pathways Waiver and the implementation of a waitlist.

Retirement Accounts Rule Change 1

FSSA has implemented a new rule that will affect applicants and their spouses. Effective July 26, 2024, a non-applicant spouse's Retirement Account will now count towards the countable assets for Medicaid eligibility.

Previously, the non-applicant spouse's individual retirement accounts were exempt from the budget. With this new rule change, all retirement accounts owned by a couple are now counted in the budget for Medicaid.

Applicants must do something with these accounts to meet the asset limits for Medicaid as previously spouses' retirement accounts did not count towards the limit. The spouse may have to cash in their retirement accounts or convert to a Single Premium Immediate Annuity (SPIA). Liquidating the retirement account could potentially create a tax event; however, there are other options that may be available. For example, an SPIA may convert the retirement account from an asset to income and no longer considered an asset, but income to the non-applicant. This may be a useful tool as a non-applicant spouse can have unlimited income while the applicant spouse can receive Medicaid Waiver or Nursing Facility Medicaid.

It is also important to note with the new rule change, if Medicaid coverage is lost due to the applicant's fault and Medicaid must be reapplied for, the non-applicant spouse's retirement accounts will now count in the asset limit.

While both spouse's retirement accounts are both countable resources, there

are several options available that may help protecting assets. Our Medicaid planning team has extensive knowledge and experience in completing accurate Medicaid applications. At Applegate & Dillman Elder Law, we will work with you to assemble the documentation needed to receive the services you need.

Example:

• **Prior to the Retirement Rule Change:** non-applicant spouse owns an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) with a cash value of \$300,000. Prior to the rule change, this IRA is an exempt asset – the \$300,000 IRA does not count towards Medicaid's Asset limit. If the couple has \$20,000 in a checking account, the non-applicant spouse owns a \$300,000 IRA, and the non-applicant spouse owns a \$10,000 life insurance policy, prior to the rule change, the total countable assets for the couple is only \$30,000.

• **Current Retirement Rule:** The non-applicant spouse's \$300,000 IRA now counts towards the asset limit. The total countable assets under the new rule for the couple is now \$330,000.

Pathways Waiver & Waitlist Policy Change 2

Waiver clients may start receiving letters and/or phone calls notifying them they are at the top of the waitlist and to contact their Area-on-Aging. Once you receive a letter or phone call, please contact the Area-on-Aging immediately. Clients are having the most success in reaching their Area-on-Aging by calling. Clients will need to promptly respond as the Area-on-Aging will only reach out four times, with last attempt via certified letter. To ensure Clients receive these communications, it is critical to ensure all contact information, including telephone phone and address, is up to date with the Area-on-Aging.

Once the client has been in contact with the Area-on-Aging, it will conduct an in-home assessment to ensure they meet the medical necessity. If Area-on-Aging asks about financial information, it is important to advise them you will be eligible for Medicaid as you are working with Applegate & Dill-

man Elder Law through that process.

Thereafter, new applicants requesting a Waiver slot are then added to the waitlist. Being added to the waitlist indicates that the Applicant appears to meet the need for in-home services; however, it does not guarantee a Waiver slot. Access to these services will not be provided until the applicant is invited off the waitlist.

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— Good news from Stony Creek Church of Christ —

Looking for someone you can trust?

Heraclitus once said, “The only thing constant is change.” He recognized there to be little if any stability in the created world.

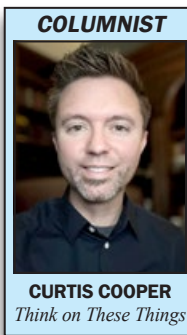
Seasons and weather are constantly changing. Even seemingly unchanging things, like the mountains, have over the years eroded and slowly but surely changed. People are constantly changing their minds, moods, words, actions, etc. Ever tried to rely upon someone only for them to change their mind? Happens all the time. We are constantly looking for stability in people, only to find a shiftiness. So, we begin to lose faith in them.

For us to find true stability, we have to look beyond creation. The Bible is filled with passages describing the stable, unchanging nature of God. James says with God there is “no variation or shadow of turning” (James 1:17). God is not shift. God never changes. God never varies. God does not go through phases or have mood swings. His character is consistent. God is not like us; He does not change his mind (Numbers 23:19). He is not going to say one thing and then do another. He says what he means and does what he says. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8).

There are a lot of reasons we can trust Him:

God is dependable.

Do you have anyone in your life that you depend



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Think on These Things

upon? Do you completely trust the leaders of our nation? We are going through a time where one candidate says, “You can trust me!” but then we see a commercial where their opponent says, “Don’t trust that guy ... trust me!”

It is hard to know who to trust, is it not? Do you trust your parents? Some of us do, but have they ever let you down? Do you trust your spouse ... your friends ... your neighbor ... your co-workers ... yourself?

My point is NOT to say you cannot have a measure of trust for people in your life or for yourself. But in the end, God is it. There is nothing or no one else that holds that kind of stability to the end.

Paul says in Asia he and his companions “were burdened beyond measure, above strength, so that we despaired even of life. Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead, who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us” (2 Corinthians 1:8-10).

Have you ever been in a situation like that, where life is so difficult that you just want to die to escape it? Paul was so down that he despaired even of life itself. He was so unsure how to get out of the situation. He had nowhere to turn except God. If you find your-

self there, I hope you will remember this text. Paul learned that there are times we cannot even trust ourselves, but we can always depend upon God.

God has a track record of keeping promises.

Joshua said there was not one word of God’s good promises that failed (Joshua 21:43-45; 23:14-16). The Hebrews writer says, “... it is impossible for God to lie, [that] we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us” (Hebrews 6:13-20). Know anyone in your life who kept every promise they ever made? Have you kept every promise you ever made? God does not have to convince anyone He will do what He says, because He has demonstrated it over and over and over again. That is why we can trust God and if we turn to Him, we can have hope like an anchor in our life.

God is genuinely interested in our well-being.

Moses prepared the Israelites for entering the promised land by saying three times that His commandments were “for our good always” (Deuteronomy 6:24; 8:16-17; 10:13). Ephesians 5:29 compares the way we should treat our spouse with the way God treats the church: “For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.” Do you know why God did (and does) what He did (and does) for us? Not just so He could have some-

one love Him back, but because He loves us and is genuinely interested in our well-being.

God is both willing and able to help us (cf. Hebrews 2:17-18).

In Luke 5:12 a leper said to Jesus, “Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.” This man trusted Jesus could but was unsure if he was willing. Jesus was both willing and able (vs.13). It would have been devastating to this man if Jesus were able, but not willing (or vice versa). You may know people who are willing, but unable ... or able, but unwilling. Thankfully, God is both willing and more than able to help us.

God’s help is constantly available.

Have you ever had your car break down along the side of the road, so you called someone you trust, but they did not answer their phone? God’s not like that. God’s help is always available to us (cf. Hebrews 4:16). God is dependable. He has proven himself to be. He cares for you (1 Peter 5:7). He is willing, able, and always available. So, turn to Him. Let us know if there is anything we can do to help you with that.

Visitors are welcome and valued. We meet at 15530 Herriman Blvd., Noblesville. Our phone number is (317) 219-5852. We meet for Sunday morning Bible Study at 10 a.m. and have classes for all ages. Worship begins at 11 a.m. and we have a Bible Study Wednesdays at 7 p.m. A warm welcome awaits!



Indianapolis Jewish community to gather to mark one year since Oct. 7

Submitted

On Oct. 7, 2023, Hamas unleashed a vicious attack on Israel, killing nearly 1,200 innocent civilians, taking over 250 people hostage, and shattering the global Jewish community’s sense of safety. In just a few short weeks will the one-year anniversary of that dark day, with 101 people still being held hostage by terrorists.

This terrorist attack was a turning point in modern Jewish history – both because of the tragic depth of that day’s events and the monumental events that have followed.

On Monday, Oct. 7, the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis and the Indianapolis Jewish Community Relations Council alongside many community partners will gather for a time of remembrance in a community-wide commemoration to pay tribute to the fallen, honor heroism in the face of darkness, unite the community, and reaffirm our community’s strength and commitment to Israel.

Speakers during the commemoration will include Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb, Jewish and

other faith religious clergy, Israeli community members, and former Israeli Defense Forces soldiers.

“Coming together as a community is one of the most meaningful ways we can express our heartfelt and unwavering solidarity with Israel and its people,” said Marc Swatez, Chief Executive Officer of the Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis. “We invite the broad community to join us in this profound moment of pain and loss as we grieve together, embrace the survivors and the families of the fallen, pray for the remaining hostages and express our gratitude to our communal partners and allies for their love and solidarity.”

In addition to the commemoration, there will be an interpretation of the Nova Music Festival site, featuring the Israeli flower and posters of hostages still held in Gaza, as well as an art exhibit from Israeli artists and their reflections of the Oct. 7 attack.

The commemoration will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 7, at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. This is just one of more than 100 commemorations happening across the country.

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WHY THE BIBLE?



Our Assembly times:

Sunday Bible Study | 10:00 AM

Sunday Worship | 11:00 AM

Wednesday Bible Study | 7:00 PM

Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

Hamilton County Veteran Service Organizations

American Legion Posts

Carmel Post 155 Kim Kilburn
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
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 Eric 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

Grants for Disabled
<https://grantsfordisabled.org/> is a website that lists many useful benefits, programs and options for our whole community and our Veteran population
<https://grantsfordisabled.org/grants-for-disabled-veterans-in-the-united-states/>

Veterans Woodworking Program

10a-12p Wed & Sat 8100 E 106 St Fishers
Is designed to promote independence, social participation and community integration among Veterans. You will learn woodworking skills & techniques. Veterans contact Amy Crell at crella@fishers.in.us

Hamilton County Military Veteran

American Legion & VFW Post & Restaurant Hours

Carmel Legion
M-T 3-10pm, W-Th 10a-10p, F 10a-11p, Sa 8-11p, 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 & food service till 8p daily**

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

Fishers Legion
M 3-10p, Tu-Su 12-10pm or when empty. **Restaurant Breakfast 1st & 3rd Sun 8-12, Food Served Su, Tu, W, Th, F 12-8p, Sa 12-5p**

Noblesville Legion
M-Th 11a-10p, F 11a-12p, Sa 12p-12a, Su 12p-8p. **Restaurant M 6-8pm wings, Tu-F 530-830p, Sat 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/12 Breakfast 730-930a Dinner 530-830p, Su 12-8p**

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 close**

Noblesville American Legion Post 45 Sunday Menu

Chef Susan's Custom Catering

GAME DAY SPECIALS



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NACHOS Chicken, queso, lettuce, jalapeno, salsa, sour cream, chipotle cream	\$12.00
LOADED FRIES Melted cheddar, bacon bits, green onion and chipotle cream	\$12.00
SLIDER BASKET (2) Caramelized onion and bacon jam, served with fries	\$14.00
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Saturday, October 12th, 2024
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Carmel American Legion Post 155 Comedy Nite



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Activities & Events

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APPLIED SUICIDE INTERVENTION SKILLS TRAINING (ASIST)

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The emphasis is on teaching suicide first-aid to help a person at risk stay safe and seek further help as needed. Participants learn to use a suicide intervention model to identify persons with thoughts of suicide, seek a shared understanding of reasons for dying and living, develop a safe plan based upon a review of risk, be prepared to do follow-up, and become involved in suicide-safer community networks. The learning process is based on adult learning principles and highly participatory. Graduated skills development occurs through mini-lectures, facilitated discussions, group simulations, and role plays.

Questions?
Tina Hoffmann
Community Health Improvement Coordinator
Franciscan Health
Tina.Hoffmann@franciscanalliance.org
(317) 528-6609

Date	Time	Location
Wednesday, October 2 and Thursday, October 3 (must be present both days)	8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Eastern Standard Time (both days)	Franciscan Health Carmel Orthopedic Hospital 10777 Illinois St Carmel, IN 46032

Learn more and register at: <https://afspindianaassistoc2.attendase.com/>
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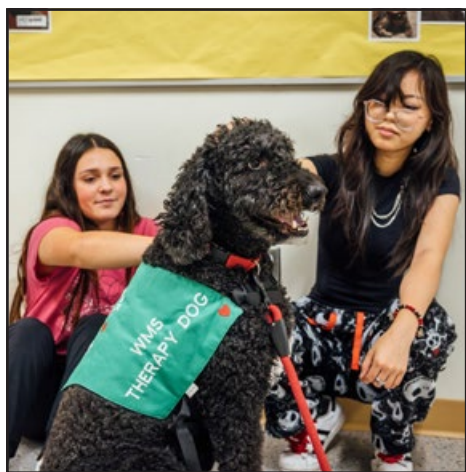
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Fishers man gets 35 more years in prison for repeatedly violating 'no contact' order

By GREGG MONTGOMERY
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

A Fishers man was sentenced to 35 more years in prison after found guilty of 106 more criminal counts in August, the Hancock County Prosecutor's Office says.

That's added to the 46-year sentence he'd received in August after a jury convicted Akeenen Anton Lamar Hunt in July of 15 felony charges that included kidnapping and rape. In that case, the highest-level felonies for which he was found guilty were two counts of kidnapping while hijacking a vehicle; and a count of rape.

Total amount of his prison sentence: 81 years.

A news release issued Thursday from the office says, in the latest case, Hunt was convicted of 102 counts of invasion of privacy and four counts of obstruction of justice. Hunt repeatedly violated a "no contact" order of the earlier case 118 times from Dec. 24 to Jan. 3. Hunt had refused to sign the "no contact" order.

Hunt was found guilty in the initial case on July 19 after a Greenfield Police Department investigation.

Police were called Dec. 13 to do a welfare check at a home when a woman resident contacted a third party to request police assistance.

The woman had told officers she had been involved in a crash.

According to a release, an abandoned cellphone and several car parts were discovered in the parking lot of Little Ro's Pub at 1943 Melody Lane. Police followed the car parts trail, leading them to two unattended vehicles parked on Melody Lane.

It was later determined that the vehicles belonged to both Hunt and the woman.

Investigators revealed the pair had been in a previous relationship and he was arrested for domestic violence. Despite having been in contact with Hunt a few times, the woman had relocated to Texas to avoid him.

On Dec. 12, the woman was at her previous home when Hunt called her. Early the next morning, he forcefully kicked down the door of her home. Hunt left the home while the woman hid

and drove to the Walmart department store on North State Street.

Hunt located the woman and repeatedly rammed his car into hers. The woman got out of her vehicle and fled on foot, police say.

Hunt followed her and forcibly took the woman back to her home, threatening to harm her. Upon returning, police say Hunt physically assaulted and raped her.

The case against Hunt was filed on Dec. 19, after an investigation into his actions.

According to a release, the woman fled to Dubai to avoid testifying before the jury. Although she phoned into the initial trial in July, she never testified in person.

Help is available for victims of domestic violence. Below is a list of suggested resources on the Domestic Violence Network website:

- **Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence:** 24-hour hotline available at 800-332-7385
- **Indiana Coalition to End Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking**
- **The Julian Center**
- **Indiana Child Abuse Hotline:** 800-800-5556
- **National Domestic Violence Hotline:** 800-799-7233 or text START to 88788
- **National Sexual Assault Hotline:** 800-656-4673

"While this sentencing did not reach the level of consequence our office requested, we are thankful to keep another criminal off our streets," Hancock County Prosecutor Brent Eaton said. "Our office took the position that each count was deserving of an aggravated, consecutive sentence and should be punished independently, but we respect the judge's decision and support the administration of justice. We are hopeful that this sentence will provide safety for the victim and also let other victims know that we will fight to enforce the law to keep them safe."

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/crime-watch-8/fishers-man-gets-35-more-years-in-prison-for-repeatedly-violating-no-contact-order.

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Getting a taste of Hispanic culture



It's Hispanic Heritage Month, and the Westfield High School English Language Development (ELD) classes celebrated this past week in the Idea Farm with a day full of culture and fun. Students played games, brought in traditional foods, made flag buttons, and shared about their heritage.

Photos provided by Westfield Washington Schools

Don't miss these events at Center for the Performing Arts

The REPORTER

Tickets are available for these upcoming arts and education events at The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. Just go to TheCenterPresents.org or call (317) 843-3800.

Ben Folds: Paper Airplane Request Tour
Thursday, Oct. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

The Palladium

Ben Folds is widely regarded as one of the major music influencers of his generation. The Emmy-nominated singer-songwriter-composer has created an enormous body of genre-bending music that includes pop albums with Ben Folds Five, multiple solo albums, and many collaborative projects. For the past three decades, he has toured as a pop artist while also performing with some of the world's greatest symphony orchestras.

Special Guest: Actor, singer, and composer Lindsey Kraft will open the show. You may recognize her from various TV roles including Netflix's *Grace and Frankie*, HBO's *Getting On* and most recently Netflix's *Obliterated*. Kraft will perform her brand of theatrical pop songs including songs from her musical, *love, me*, a one-woman show workshopped recently in Los Angeles for a live album.

#IMOMSOHARD: Ladies' Night

Friday, Oct. 11 at 8 p.m.

The Palladium

Kristin and Jen of #IMOMSOHARD have

been the voice and comedic relief for millions of women (and a few men) for nearly a decade. With more than 300 million views of their viral videos, an Amazon stand-up special, a *New York Times* bestselling book, a children's book, a wine line, a podcast, and a CBS pilot, these moms have been spreading the truth and the laughter about womanhood and motherhood. The OGs of the Internet, the original accidental influencers, the comedians with early bedtimes, Kristin and Jen cover the topics no one else will – with each other, with wine, with big, gummy, loud laughs. Recommended for ages 18 and older.

Renée Elise Goldsberry
Saturday, Oct. 12 at 8 p.m.
The Palladium

Actress and singer Renée Elise Goldsberry is perhaps best known for her role as Angelica Schuyler in the musical phenomenon *Hamilton*, earning a Tony Award, a Grammy Award, and a Drama Desk Award. Other Broadway credits have included *The Color Purple*, *The Lion King*, and *Rent*. On television, she has appeared in *One Life to Live* and *The Good Wife* and currently stars in Tina Fey's Emmy-nominated series *Girls5eva* on Netflix. In concert, Goldsberry and her backup singers have the audience on their feet stomping and clapping in a high-energy spiritual journey reminiscent of an old-fashioned revival.

Special Guest: New

York City-based performer Kyrie Courter will open the show. Most recently seen in the 2023 Broadway revival of *Sweeney Todd*, Courter is an Equity Jeff Awards nominee, the 2020 recipient of the Black Theater Alliance Eartha Kitt Award, and an alumna of the Great American Songbook Foundation's annual Songbook Academy.

Australian Chamber Orchestra

Sunday, Oct. 13 at 7 p.m.
The Palladium

The Australian Chamber Orchestra makes waves around the world with its explosive performances and brave interpretations, embracing celebrated classics alongside new commissions and adventurous cross-artform collaborations. The ACO will present its acclaimed interpretation of *The Four Seasons*, a thrilling performance interspersing Vivaldi's beloved masterpiece with music by Egyptian-Australian Oud virtuoso Joseph Tawadros.

Led by Artistic Director Richard Tognetti since 1990, the ACO performs more than 100 concerts each year. Its recordings of Bach's violin works won three consecutive ARIA Awards. Recent releases include *Water/Night Music* with Radiohead's Jonny Greenwood (the first Australian-produced classical vinyl in two decades), *Beethoven 1, 2, & 3 Eroica* and ARIA Award-winning albums *River* and *Indies & Idols*.



Photo provided

The Australian Chamber Orchestra will present its acclaimed interpretation of Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons* on Sunday, Oct. 13 at The Palladium.



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One night only: Billy Joel & Sting to perform at Lucas Oil

The REPORTER

Billy Joel and Sting – two highly respected recording artists – have announced a one-night-only performance on Feb. 8, 2025, at Lucas Oil Stadium in downtown Indianapolis.

The iconic musicians will each perform their most beloved songs from throughout their illustrious careers. The spectacular

show promises to be an unforgettable evening of live music.

Tickets will go on sale to the general public beginning at 9 a.m. Friday, Oct. 4 at ticketmaster.com. Citi cardmembers will have access to presale tickets beginning 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 30.

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INDOT plans to expand I-465 interchange at U.S. 31 in Carmel by 2027

By **ADAM PINSKER**
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The Indiana Department of Transportation on Thursday shared its plans for a major overhaul to the Interstate 465 interchange at U.S. 31/Meridian Street in Carmel.

The project is called **Level Up 31**.

Kyleigh Cramer, a spokesperson for INDOT, says merging to and from the interchange can be dangerous. "We're looking at the crashes that have happened in that area. We're looking at backups and congestion, all of that, all those big safety issues."

In December 2015, INDOT basically finished converting U.S. 31 into a freeway for faster Hamilton County access to and from Indianapolis. By 2025, almost 105,000 vehicles per

day are expected to travel U.S. 31 in both directions at the I-465 interchange. That number will grow to 160,000 by 2045.

Cramer said, "The reason that we're coming in here and doing Level Up 31 sooner than most people probably expected us to is because we're seeing such a population growth. We are seeing more congestion, more unsafe lane movements."

According to INDOT, since 2015, Carmel's population has increased 12.8 percent, and Westfield's population has increased 59.3 percent.

The Indiana Business Research Center at the Indiana University Kelley School of Business says Hamilton County in 2020 had 347,467 residents, and that total will increase more

than 180,500 by 2050. Within the next 30 years, Hamilton County will likely become Indiana's second-largest county, overtaking Gary and Lake County, and Fort Wayne and Allen County.

INDOT's project calls for adding a lane on I-465 eastbound to U.S. 31 northbound, and another lane from I-465 westbound to U.S. 31 northbound, plus an access lane to 106th Street just north of the interchange.

Indianapolis resident Dan Dameron says merging off I-465 to U.S. 31 can be confusing. "They need to straighten out some of the signs on 465 because some of the truckers have a hard time. They get up to it and they say, 'Oh, are we going to Kokomo or Westfield or to Meridian?'"

La Porte County resident Jay Seaburg uses U.S. 31 a lot to commute from northern Indiana to Indianapolis for doctor's appointments, and deals with his fair share of traffic. "Especially with the increased development, the increased economic growth in Hamilton County."

Thursday night's public meeting was at the Drury Plaza Hotel just north of 96th Street on U.S. 31/Meridian Street. Another public meeting will be scheduled for the winter. INDOT hopes to start construction in the fall or summer of 2025. The target completion date is late 2027.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/local-news/indot-plans-to-expand-i-465-interchange-at-us-31-in-carmel-by-2027.

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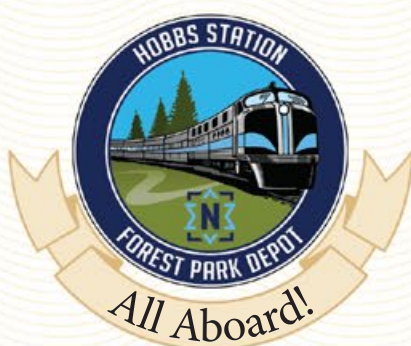
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Latest Fishers road construction updates

The REPORTER 96th Street & Allisonville Road

Access to and from Allisonville Road from 96th Street is now open. 96th Street across Allisonville is still restricted, and there are no left turns.

- Northbound traffic on Allisonville Road can continue north or turn east onto 96th Street.

- Southbound traffic on Allisonville Road can continue south or turn west onto 96th Street.

- Eastbound traffic on 96th Street will have a right-turn-only option to travel southbound on Allisonville Road.

- Westbound traffic on 96th Street will have a right-turn-only option to travel northbound on Allisonville Road.

The roundabout is tentatively scheduled to be fully open to thru traffic

by late October or early November, with contractors completing final details through Spring 2025. Please follow the new traffic patterns and drive carefully as construction continues. [Click here](#) for a detour map.

State Road 37 & 141st Street

Construction on the west side of 141st Street and SR 7 continues to make progress. SR 37 remains open with all traffic transitioned to the east side of 141st Street. Please note the continued lane restrictions on SR 37 north and south, approaching the 141st Street interchange.

The construction of the roundabout at 141st Street and Prairie Lakes Boulevard is well underway, with work anticipated to continue through October.

Find construction updates at 37thrives.com.

Florida Road reconstruction

Phase 2 of the reconstruction of Florida Road between Southeastern Parkway and East 113th Street will be underway through Oct. 4. A portion of the road south of Whelchel Drive will be closed and the rest of the road will be open to local traffic only. [Click here](#) to view a map of Phase 2.

126th Street & Southeastern Parkway roundabout

This roundabout is now open but remains an active construction site with intermittent lane restrictions. During the week of Sept. 30 and weather permitting, the contractor will conduct asphalt operations on Corydon Drive, which will soon serve as the new connection for the Hunters Run development, anticipated to open in October. The project will rehabili-

itate or reconstruct the pavement, add curb and gutter with storm sewers, and multi-use paths and/or bicycle lanes. [Click here](#) to view a detour route map and for more information visit the [Capital Projects Dashboard](#).

96th Street beautification

The contractor will work on landscaping and lighting for this project the week of Sept. 30. This project consists of decorative streetlights being installed along 96th Street from North by Northeast Boulevard to Cumberland Road. New medians will also be installed along North by Northeast Boulevard and Kincaid Boulevard with streetlights. Watch out for lane restrictions on North by Northeast from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more details visit our Capital Projects Dashboard [here](#).

Latest Carmel road construction updates

The REPORTER Haverstick Road

Haverstick Road from East 96th Street to East 99th Street is open to southbound traffic only while work is underway in the northbound lane. This will re-open in November.

Carmel International Arts Festival

From 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27 until 9 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 29, there will be

street closures in the Arts & Design District. [This link](#) takes you to a map that shows the road closures as well as a festival map.

Veterans Way & Walnut Street

Beginning on or after Oct. 1, there will be an approximately 30-day full closure of the Veterans Way and Walnut Street for the construction of a roundabout at that intersection.

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

The REPORTER

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

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

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AG Rokita seeks execution date for convicted killer of Beech Grove cop

Submitted by Office of the Attorney General

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is asking the Indiana Supreme Court to set an execution date for the convicted murderer who fatally shot Beech Grove Police Officer William Toney on Sept. 29, 2000.

"Most Hoosiers and I expect justice without delay, especially when someone murders a police officer, one of the many, many brave men and women we thank and respect daily," Rokita said. "This convicted cop killer has been on death row far too long – 22 years – and it's past time for him to pay his debt to society."



Rokita

Rokita filed a **formal motion** Friday asking the Supreme Court to set a date for the execution of Benjamin Ritchie.

For several years, the State of Indiana paused executions due to the Indiana Department of Correction's difficulty obtaining the drug pentobarbital, which is used to carry out executions. That issue has been resolved.

On Sept. 11, the Indiana Supreme Court set an execution date of Dec. 18 for another convicted murderer, Joseph Corcoran, after Rokita filed a motion asking the court to set a date. Corcoran killed four people.

New Genealogy Conference seeks to connect family historians & enthusiasts

The REPORTER

Family historians, genealogists, and enthusiasts will gather for the first Family History Day Genealogy Conference, taking place from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12 at the Noblesville Library, 1 Library Plaza.

This event, held by Crossroads Discovery Center at the Hamilton East Public Library (HEPL), promises to be an unparalleled opportunity for individuals passionate about uncovering their family's history to connect, learn, and share their experiences.

The conference will feature a range of educational sessions, engaging presentations, and expert-led discussions on topics such as all levels on censuses, newspapers, DNA, cemeteries, land records, and more. Historical, genealogical, and lineage groups will be available to answer questions and provide more information on their work throughout the event. Attendees will have the chance to network with both historians and genealogy enthusiasts who share their passion for family history.

Keynote speaker & featured guests

The event will be headlined by Juliana Szucs, a celebrated speaker and expert in the field of genealogy research, known for her work with Ancestry.com. Additional featured speakers include:

- JaKobi Burton, Indiana African American Genealogy Group
- Nancy Massey, Hamilton County Genealogist
- Kamia Jackson, Program Committee Chair of Indiana African American Genealogy Group (IAAGG)
- Lauren Peightel, Manager of Engagement at Indiana Historical Society
- Amber Oldenburg, One Branch at a Time Genealogy
- Glory-June Greiff,

Historian-At-Large Sessions

The conference will also include sessions designed for all skill levels, from beginners to seasoned genealogists. Topics include:

- Tuning into the DNA of Your Ancestors
- Navigating Federal Census Records
- Genealogy Next Steps: Digging Deeper
- Breaking the Silence: Understanding One Man's Naval Experience in World War II
- Land for the Landless: Homestead Records and How to Use Them
- Sermons in Stones: the Symbolism of Grave Markers and Cemetery Art

A unique opportunity to build your family history

Attendees will leave the conference equipped with the knowledge and resources needed to continue their family history research with confidence. Whether you're just beginning to trace your ancestry or are a seasoned genealogist, this event will provide invaluable insights, tips, and strategies for making the most of your research.

"The Crossroads Discovery Center staff are thrilled to offer this free genealogy conference right here at the Noblesville Library," Crossroads Discovery Center Assistant Manager Ann Grilliot said. "Learn from top notch speakers. Connect with fellow researchers and discover more about local history and genealogy groups. Whatever the stage of your genealogy research, just curious, starting again, or seasoned veteran, wherever your ancestors are from, you'll find new ways to uncover family history."

Registration information

Registration for the Family History Day Genealogy Conference is free and available at hamilton-eastpl.org.

McCormick releases 'balanced' economic development plan

Submitted by McCormick for Governor

Indiana Democratic gubernatorial nominee Jennifer McCormick announced on Thursday her Balanced Economic Development Strategy and Commonsense Economic Development Plan, marking a significant shift in Indiana's economic development approach.

The Balanced Economic Development Strategy prioritizes recruiting and retaining people in Indiana while building on the business-friendly policies Indiana has previously implemented. This strategy, focusing on education, quality of life, regional

empowerment, and healthcare, offers a hopeful vision for Indiana's future. The Commonsense Economic Development Plan provides concrete steps to implement this transformative strategy.

"For 20 years, Indiana's economic development strategy has focused on the largest corporations, not Hoosier workers or small businesses," McCormick said. "Our balanced strategy will prioritize people and small businesses – strengthening education, workforce



McCormick

development, and quality of life in every county."

This shift in focus is a testament to McCormick's commitment to valuing and supporting the backbone of the state's economy – the people and small businesses of Indiana.

During 20 years of one-party rule, Indiana has lost 55,000 jobs, and the real wages of manufacturing workers have fallen 14.4 percent. Despite two decades of pro-business policies and incentives from the IEDC, Indiana's eco-

economic development efforts aren't keeping up. Reform and increased transparency in the IEDC are necessary to ensure the best interests of Indiana's residents and businesses.

"Indiana's economic development strategy of tax incentives and regulatory reductions has not translated into sustained economic growth," McCormick said. "Indiana's underlying economic fundamentals make long-term business attraction difficult, and it's common sense to shift our focus to balance our existing pro-business climate with a prioritization of people retention and recruitment."

Meijer achieves carbon emissions reduction goal a year early

Submitted

Meijer announced Thursday it has surpassed its industry-leading 2025 sustainability **goal of cutting carbon emissions** by 50 percent – one year ahead of schedule.

The retailer set a target to reduce its Scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas emissions by 50 percent compared to 2018 levels. The target has not only been met but surpassed, achieving a 57 percent reduction in 2023. The retailer credits its clear plan, senior leader involvement, and the dedication of its team members who were committed to doing the work necessary to reach the goal.

"At Meijer, we understand that to be a good company, we must be a good neighbor and we achieve that by serving our communities in multiple ways, including protecting the planet," Meijer President & CEO Rick Keyes

said. "Our commitment to reducing carbon emissions would not have been possible without the dedication of our team members, who remain committed to integrating sustainability efforts into our daily operations. Together, we are not only driving positive change within the company but we're also setting an example for the industry, reinforcing that sustainable practices and business success go hand in hand."

As part of its ongoing commitment to sustainable practices, Meijer implemented multiple key actions that improved its operational efficiency and contributed to its carbon emissions reduction milestone:

• **Renewable energy investments:** Meijer has taken a significant step toward reducing its carbon footprint by investing in virtual power purchase agreements with **renewable solar** and **wind en-**

ergy. This commitment to clean energy not only supports the environment but also aligns with the retailer's goal of fostering a sustainable future.


• **Energy efficiency prioritization:** Meijer has converted lighting at its retail facilities to energy-efficient LED, activated advanced building controls for optimized energy management and continues to conduct building recommissioning to improve overall operational efficiency. The retailer also prioritizes lifecycle asset management to replace equipment with more efficient options, and implements and tests new advanced technology, such as geothermal refrigeration.

• **Refrigerant management:** For the last four years, Meijer has achieved the lowest corporate-wide refrigerant emissions rate among all **EPA GreenChill Program** partners nationwide. This accomplishment

underscores the commitment Meijer has made to closely managing refrigerant emissions and minimizing their impact on the environment.

These initiatives reflect the retailer's commitment to sustainable business practices and environmental stewardship. By investing in renewable energy, enhancing energy efficiency, and promoting sustainable practices, Meijer continues to live its purpose of enriching lives in the communities it serves.

"Achieving this carbon emissions reduction goal early shows our ongoing commitment to environmental stewardship," said Erik Petrovskis, Director of Environmental Compliance and Sustainability at Meijer. "It's important we build upon this accelerated progress so we continue improving our operational efficiency and conserve our world for generations to come."



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Sheridan Public Library has full October calendar

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The Sheridan Public Library, 103 W. 1st St., has all sorts of fun activities available for all ages. See the list below and visit sheridan.lib.in.us for more information. Support your local library!

Babies & Toddlers

Oct. 7, 21, 28 at 10:30 a.m.: Discovery Time (up to 3 years)

Preschool

Oct. 2 at 10:30 a.m.: Mindful Kids (ages 2 to 6)

Oct. 9, 23, 30 at 10:30 a.m.: Little Learners Story Time (ages 3 to 6)

Oct. 22 at 6 p.m.: PJ Story Time (ages 3 to 6)

Grades K-5

Oct. 10 at 3:30 p.m.: After School Club-Crafternoon: Halloween lanterns

Oct. 24 at 3:30 p.m.: After School Club-Mad Science: Halloween Slime

Grades 6-12

Oct. 8 at 3:30 p.m.: Teen Scary Movie & Snacks: Pack treat bags

Oct. 29 at 3:30 p.m.:

Pumpkin Painting

Adults

Oct. 1 at 3 p.m.: Adult Bingo (sponsored by Robert Owen)

Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 11 a.m.: Needle Crafters

Oct. 21 at 6 p.m.: Pinners (Pinterest Group)

Oct. 16 at 5:30 p.m.: Sheridan Readers Book Club; *Child of the River* by Irma Joubert

All Ages

Oct. 1-31 Hallo-Read Reading Challenge: Visit sheridan.lib.in.us to register on Beanstack

Oct. 14-19 Scavenger Hunt; throughout library

Oct. 17 at 11 a.m.: Fall Coloring Cafe

Oct. 18 at 6 p.m.: Family Bingo Night; free event with prizes

Oct. 26 at 10:30 a.m.: Family Halloween Party; costumes welcome

For more information on programming and services, visit sheridan.lib.in.us.



Steven Allan McLean April 28, 1958 – September 21, 2024

Steven Allan McLean sadly passed unexpectedly on September 21, 2024, at the age of 66 at his home in Dallas, Ga.

Steve was born on April 28, 1958 in McCordsville, Ind., to David and Betty (Owen) McLean, who preceded him in death. He grew up in McCordsville as one of eight children and is survived by Nancy, Larry, Sandra, and Gary, and preceded in death by David, Ron, and Mike.

Steve graduated in 1976 from Hamilton Southeastern where he was a passionate athlete in football, wrestling, and track. He then attended Indiana Central majoring in business and physical education while playing football.

In 1979, he married Cheryl Pavy and welcomed two daughters, Aimee (Alexander) Jacobs and Alyssa (Matthew) Yanson. He was a proud grandfather to eight grandchildren: Declan and Annalise Jacobs, Isaiah, Raelynn, Ryleigh, Fisher, Finleigh, and Archer Yanson, as well as numerous foster grandchildren. Affectionately known as "Mamac" by the children, he cherished spending time with them whether it was through playful antics, bouncing babies, giving piggy back rides, or playing horsey.

Following his college years, Steve dedicated himself to teaching and coaching football and track at Maconaquah, Cascade, and Hamilton Southeastern high schools.

He later transitioned to a career in Human Resources before finding his calling as a recruiter for engineers, combining his love of helping people with his talent for connection.

Steve and Cheryl divorced in 2017. Steve found love again and remarried Kim (Wineinger) McLean in May 2024 with whom he shared a home in Dallas, Ga.

Steve was goofy and a kid at heart. He loved children and could coax a giggle from even the fussiest, grumpiest child. He was also an avid gardener and had transformed his yard into a lush, tranquil outdoor oasis with innumerable hummingbirds, songbirds and bunnies. It was where he was most at peace. His diligent work ethic was evident in both his career and daily life. He always had an ongoing project and was always eager to help out others with their projects as well. He could fix anything!

Steve will be remembered as a loving, joyful, playful, hardworking young soul with an infectious laugh. His absence will be felt deeply by all who knew him.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2024, from the chapel of Bellamy Funeral Home with Rev. Dennis Bellamy officiating. Livestream will be available. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday, October 2.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation for audio Bibles at jashow.org/audio-bible-resources-2024.

Bellamy Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Mr. Steve McLean of Dallas, Ga. Condolences: bellamyfuneralhome.com.

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

MANNA AND QUAIL

Moses said to them, "It is the bread the Lord has given you to eat. This is what the Lord has commanded: 'Everyone is to gather as much as they need. Take an omer for each person you have in your tent.'"

The Israelites did as they were told; some gathered much, some little. And when they measured it by the omer, the one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little. Everyone had gathered just as much as they needed.

Then Moses said to them, "No one is to keep any of it until morning."

However, some of them paid no attention to Moses; they kept part of it until morning, but it was full of maggots and began to smell. So Moses was angry with them.

Each morning everyone gathered as much as they needed, and when the sun grew hot, it melted away. On the sixth day, they gathered twice as much—two omers for each person—and the leaders of the community came and reported this to Moses. He said to them, "This is what the Lord commanded: 'Tomorrow is to be a day of sabbath rest, a holy sabbath to the Lord. So bake what you want to bake and boil what you want to boil. Save whatever is left and keep it until morning.'"

So they saved it until morning, as Moses commanded, and it did not stink or get maggots in it. "Eat it today," Moses said, "because today is a sabbath to the Lord. You will not find any of it on the ground today. Six days you are to gather it, but on the seventh day, the Sabbath, there will not be any."

Exodus 16:15-26 (NIV)

Meeting Notices

The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees will meet for a work session to discuss strategic planning at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2024, in the Community Room at the Westfield Washington Schools Administration Center, 19500 Tomlinson Road, Westfield.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Council Highway Committee will meet to discuss highway projects at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2024, at the Hamilton County Highway Department, 1700 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners and the Hamilton County Council will meet at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2024, in Conference Room 1A in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville. The meeting will begin with the Executive Session for Implementation of Security Systems IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(C), Purchase or Lease of Real Estate IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2) (D), Discussion of Pending Litigation IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B), and Discussion of Personnel Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7). The public session to discuss county business will immediately follow the Executive Session.

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Hamilton County High School Football, Week 6



Photo by Allison Waitt

Sheridan's Caleb Alexander scored a rushing touchdown for the Blackhawks during the first quarter of their game with Taylor Friday at Bud Wright Stadium.

Blackhawks drop their first conference game of the season to Taylor

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SHERIDAN – The rain and the wind wouldn't let up at Sheridan's Bud Wright Stadium Friday night.

Unfortunately for the Blackhawks, neither would Taylor.

The Titans scored two touchdowns in the fourth quarter to edge out Sheridan 12-11 in a Hoosier Heartland Conference game. It was the first conference loss of the year for the Hawks.

The weather conditions did affect game play, with both teams staying on the ground. Both Sheridan and Taylor only attempted one pass during the contest. The Blackhawks also held the Titans to negative yards for the entire game: minus 24 yards in 34 rushing attempts.

"I've never had a ball game before where a team had minus yardage and we got beat," said Wright.

Sheridan looked like it was in control, scoring points in all three quarters. Alex Cravens got the Hawks on the board midway through the first period with a six-yard touchdown run. In the second quarter, Owen Bell fought off the conditions to make a 34-yard field goal, giving Sheridan a 9-0 halftime lead.

The defense helped out in the third quarter, forcing the Titans to recover a ball in the end zone for safety with less than a minute left in the

period. The Blackhawks led 11-0 at that point.

But midway through the fourth quarter, Taylor's Keyshawn Galloway took off for a 25-yard touchdown run, scoring the Titans' first points of the game. Minutes later, Taylor recovered a fumble in the end zone, and the Titans had the lead. Sheridan tried to make one last march down the field but fell short.

"We just got to bear down and finish games," said Wright. "That's the second game we lost like that." The Blackhawks dropped a game to North Miami during Week 2 in a way that Wright called "very similar."

Jacob Hall led the Sheridan rushing with 44 yards, while Cravens gained 41 yards.

The Blackhawks are 3-1 in the conference and 3-3 overall. Sheridan travels to Delphi next Friday to continue HHC play.



Photo by Allison Waitt

Sheridan crowned its Homecoming king and queen in ceremonies prior to the game. Pictured are King Charlie Merriman and Queen Abby Merritt.

TAYLOR 12, SHERIDAN 11

Score by Quarters		Sheridan scoring	
Taylor	0 0 0 12-12	First Quarter	
Sheridan	6 3 2 0-11	7:21 – Alex Cravens 6-yard run (run failed)	
Team stats	TAY SHER	Second Quarter	
First Downs	3 8	6:50 – Owen Bell 34-yard field goal	
By Rush	3 8	Third Quarter	
By Pass	0 0	0:56 – Safety	
By Penalty	0 0		
Rushes-Yards	34-minus 24 47-97	Sheridan individual stats	
Passing Yards	0 0	Rushing: Jacob Hall 3-44, Cravens 22-41, Jon Barnes 1-17, Jaden Dunbar 2-14, Caleb Alexander 1-5, Brock Hagan 18-minus 24.	
Comp-Att-Int-TD	0-1-0-0 0-1-1-0	Passing: Chance Spencer 0-1-0.	
Fumbles-Lost	1-0 7-1	Receiving: none.	
Penalties-Yards	3-13 7-45		
Punts-Average	3-13.7 2-10.5		

Hurricane pushes back football games

The REPORTER

Six of Hamilton County's eight scheduled Friday night football games were moved back to Saturday because of the high winds and rain associated with Hurricane Helene that moved through Indiana.

Here is a list of reschedule times for each game.

- Noblesville's Homecoming game with Franklin Central will kick off at 10 a.m.
- Carmel plays at North

Central; that game starts at 11 a.m.

- Guerin Catholic got two minutes into its game at Bishop Chatard before it was suspended. The game will resume at 3 p.m. today.

- Westfield plays at Brownsburg, with kick off at 3 p.m.

- Hamilton Southeastern's Homecoming game with Zionsville starts at 3 p.m.

- Fishers plays at Avon; the start time is 4 p.m.

Loss of identity?

Despite the allure of Daytona, stock car racing, a specifically NASCAR, was born on the short tracks. Martinsville, North Wilkesboro, Bowman Gray Stadium, South Boston, Hickory ... you get the point. If NASCAR had to pick an identity, it would be the aggressive beating and banging of short track racing.

Some of the most memorable moments in NASCAR history have come on short tracks. From Hendrick Motorsport's first win, to Dale Earnhardt's "I just meant to rattle his cage," to Matt Kenseth running Joey Logano into the fence, to the drama between Denny Hamlin spinning Chase Elliott with four laps to go, short tracks create drama. Short tracks are NASCAR.

For a while, NASCAR lost sight of its heritage. The appeal of mile-and-a-half racetracks and westward expansion pulled NASCAR from places like North Wilkesboro and Rockingham to Chicagoland, Kentucky, and Auto Club Speedway, all of which are gone from the NASCAR calendar. In the end, the industry realized the gem it had. Short tracks are the life blood of NASCAR.

To the horror of the everyone in the NASCAR community, the Gen7 car was terrible on short tracks. With the exception of Ross Chastain's "hail melon" move on the last lap of the Fall Martinsville Race, short track races in 2022 were horrendous. The 2023 season was not much bet-

ter, even with NASCAR's attempts to decrease downforce and make the cars more difficult to drive. This year at the Spring Bristol Race, NASCAR caught a lucky break with the unexpected tire

issues, which led to a fantastic race. Further, its "Option Tire" experiments at North Wilkesboro and Richmond looked promising. But sadly, the Bristol Night Race, which everyone hoped would resemble the Spring Bristol Race, had virtually no tire wear and even less passing.

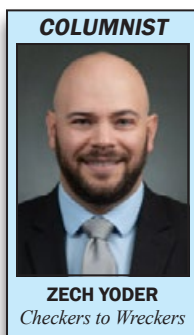
NASCAR has an identity problem. Its most popular form of racing sucks.

To put it any differently is to close your eyes, cover your ears, and hope the problem magically disappears. Now, I am not saying NASCAR is ignoring the problem. NASCAR, to its credit, has been proactive in working on solutions to the short track problem. Solutions have not come as fast as many of us would like, and there is still a group of those in the NASCAR community who will not be satisfied until they put 900 horsepower back in the cars. NASCAR has and continues to work on a fix.

But time is running out. We are in the third year of the Gen7 car and the Bristol Night Race, a race that had sold out at some 150,000 tickets in the past, was perhaps the worst short track race of the Gen7 era.

If NASCAR wants to continue its 75-year heritage

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Heights falls to Logansport

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights dropped a Hoosier Conference Big School Division game at Logansport 41-6 on Friday.

The Berries were in control from the start, leading 13-0 after the first quarter and 27-0 with two minutes to go in the first half. Tyler Champion got the Huskies on the board with

1:47 left in the half, taking a 71-yard pass from Drew Woodruff into the end zone. Logansport led 27-6 at halftime, then added two more touchdowns in the third quarter.

Nathan Flanders led the Heights rushing with 86 yards, while Champion made five catches, totaling 92 yards. Woodruff totaled 133 yards passing.

The Huskies are 1-1 in the division and 1-5 overall. Heights is back home

next Friday, hosting Twin Lakes to continue division play.

LOGANSPORT 41, HAMILTON HEIGHTS 6

Score by Quarters		Heights scoring	
Heights	0 6 0 0-6	Second Quarter	
Logansport	13 14 14 0-41	1:47 – Tyler Champion	
Heights team stats		71-yard pass from Drew Woodruff (kick blocked)	
Rushes-Yards	15-98		
Passing Yards	133		
Comp-Att-Int-TD	7-20-3-1		
Punts-Average	5-28.4		

Heights individual stats

Rushing: Nathan Flanders 7-86, Joey Sigler 3-7, Logan Hickman 5-5.
Passing: Woodruff 8-20-133.
Receiving: Champion 5-92, Keaton Weaver 1-20, Flanders 1-10, Nick Bichey 1-4.

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of great short track racing, it must begin taking bigger swings at fixing the problem. More horsepower may not be the answer to the short track problem, but it should not be off the table. Goodyear may not want to spend a bunch of extra money developing new tires, but if it wants to continue sponsoring the most popular form of motorsports in North America, it better figure out a way to create more tire wear. NASCAR does

not have a marketable product without good racing. If the racing is not good, its efforts to capture new markets will be futile.

The Gen7 car has created great racing on the intermediate tracks. But NASCAR must fix its short track product. Fix the short track racing and the fans will come.

Zech Yoder is a local resident, an attorney at Adler Attorneys in Noblesville, and a lifelong race fan.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept. 28

BOYS SOCCER

Fishers at McCutcheon, 11:30 a.m.
Plainfield at Westfield, 11:30 a.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

University at Pioneer Conference meet, 8:30 a.m. at University
Carmel at Culver Invitational, 8:45 a.m.
Hamilton Heights at New Haven Classic, 9 a.m.
Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet, 9:30 a.m. at Noblesville
Sheridan at Clinton Central Invitational, 9:30 a.m.

FOOTBALL

Franklin Central at Noblesville, 10 a.m.
Carmel at North Central, 11 a.m.
Guerin Catholic at Bishop Chatard, 3 p.m.
Westfield at Brownsburg, 3 p.m.
Zionsville at Hamilton Southeastern, 3 p.m.
Fishers at Avon, 4 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

Hoosier Conference third-place game: Hamilton Heights vs. Benton Central, 10 a.m. at Logansport
Zionsville at Carmel, 11:30 a.m.
Noblesville vs. Penn, noon at Newton Park
Guerin Catholic at South Bend St. Joseph, 2:30 p.m.

GOLF REGIONALS

Carmel, Guerin Catholic, University, Westfield at Battleground Golf Course, 9 a.m.
Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville at Edgewood Golf Club, 9 a.m.

TENNIS

Brebeuf Jesuit at Fishers, 10 a.m.
Lafayette Jefferson at University, 11 a.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Guerin Catholic at Cathedral Invitational, 9 a.m.
University at Pioneer Conference tournament, 9 a.m. at Park Tudor
Hamilton Heights at Harrison tournament, 10 a.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Crown Point Invitational, 10 a.m.
Noblesville, Westfield at Yorktown 4-way, 10 a.m.

Sunday, Sept. 29

BOYS SOCCER

Tournament draw date

GIRLS SOCCER

Tournament draw date

Monday, Sept. 30

BOYS SOCCER

Triton Central at University, 6:30 p.m.
Guerin Catholic at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

Carmel at Westfield, 7 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at Ben Davis, 7 p.m.

TENNIS

Tournament draw date
Bishop Chatard at Carmel, 5 p.m.
Greenfield-Central at Westfield, 5:30 p.m.

UNIFIED FLAG FOOTBALL

Hamilton Heights at Fishers, 6 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

North Central at Westfield, 6:30 p.m.
Pike at Carmel, 6:30 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at Scecina, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 1

BOYS SOCCER

Guerin Catholic at Lafayette Central Catholic, 6 p.m.
Harrison at Carmel, 7 p.m.
Noblesville at Franklin Central, 7:30 p.m.
Westfield at Avon, 7:30 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

Sheridan at Indiana School for the Deaf (with Riverside), 5:30 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

Sheridan at Benton Central, 5 p.m.
Triton Central at University, 5 p.m.
Fishers at North Central, 7 p.m.

UNIFIED FLAG FOOTBALL

Fishers at Zionsville, 6 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Cardinal Ritter at Guerin Catholic, 7 p.m.
Heritage Christian at Noblesville, 7 p.m.
Rossville at Sheridan, 7 p.m.
Mount Vernon at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.

Please email schedule changes or corrections to sports@readthereporter.com.

Hamilton Heights Fall Homecoming set for Oct. 4

The REPORTER

Attention Husky fans and enthusiasts!

Hamilton Heights High School's Fall Homecoming will take place on Friday, Oct. 4. The days leading up to Homecoming will be filled with various fun and spirit-filled activities to rally the Dawgs before the big game against the Twin Lakes Indians at 7:30 p.m. on the Husky Field that night.

Monday, Sept. 30 through Friday, Oct. 4 will be designated "spirit" days where students and staff can participate and show their spirit. Monday is Pajama Day, Tuesday is Class Powder Puff Day, Wednesday is Toddler vs. Senior Citizen Day, Thursday is Dress Like Your Hallway Day, and Friday is Orange and White Day.

All grades will vie for the prize at the annual Powder Puff football game on Tuesday, Oct. 1. The night will start with an inner squad scrimmage with the Unified Flag Football team at 6:30 p.m. The Powder Puff game begins at 7 p.m. and will take place at the high school football field. Admission is free.

Friday's activities begin bright and early at 8 a.m.

with the Ryan White Fest, now over three decades strong, at the football stadium and practice field. Student Government will sell a variety of concessions, and there will be wiffle ball, kickball, and cornhole tournaments. A student pep session featuring the Hamilton Heights band, cheerleaders, and football team will be held on the football field from 1:40 to 2:30 p.m.

The parade line-up begins at 3 p.m. in the north/west high school parking lot. The award-winning Hamilton Heights High School Band and Amber Guard will lead the parade with the school song and impressive flag routine through the streets of Arcadia beginning at 4 p.m.

Halftime festivities include recognition of alumni from the classes of '75, '85, '95, '05, and '15, followed by the presentation of the 2024 Homecoming Court and the crowning of this year's Homecoming King and Queen.

On Saturday, Oct. 5, Hamilton Heights will honor and induct the Class of 2024 to the Athletic Hall of Fame with lunch (ticketholders only) at noon followed by the induction ceremony in the high school gymnasium.



Photo provided

Hamilton Heights High School's annual Homecoming is a long-standing tradition that involves students, faculty, staff, families, organizations, and businesses in the greater Northern Hamilton County area. The community is invited to line the streets and enjoy the parade and festivities. This year's Homecoming Parade kicks off at 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 4.

Homecoming Parade Route

1. Illinois from the school parking lot – North to Main – turn left
2. West on Main to Dora – turn left
3. Dora – Parade stops – the high school band will disperse and return to school on buses located at the middle school – athletes will join their respective teams
4. South on Dora to South Street – turn left
5. East on South to East Street – turn right
6. South on East Street to Franklin – turn left
7. East on Franklin to Illinois – turn right
8. South on Illinois – back to the high school

The Fall Homecoming Dance will be held from 8 to 11 p.m. that night at the high school gymnasium.

WMS Cheer places 2nd at Royal Rumble



Photo provided by Westfield Washington Schools

Congratulations to the Westfield Middle School Cheer team for placing second at the Royal Rumble last weekend. Keep up the great work!

BC39 scheduled to resume at 4 p.m. Saturday at IMS

The REPORTER

The Driven2SaveLives

BC39 presented by Avanti Windows & Doors is tentatively scheduled to resume at 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28 after persistent rain and high winds from Hurricane Helene forced the cancellation of all activity Friday, Sept. 27 at The Dirt Track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Hot laps will start the program, with a double-header for the USAC NOS Energy Drink National Midget Championship also scheduled for Saturday on the quarter-mile dirt oval inside Turn 3 of the famed IMS asphalt oval, weather permitting.

Another update will be issued at 10 a.m. Saturday. The highlight of Saturday's competition will be the 39-lap feature, which pays \$20,039 to win and has become a must-win for any USAC Midget competitor

since the inaugural event in 2018.

Chase McDermund won the 30-lap preliminary feature Thursday night at The Dirt Track at IMS. Local hero C.J. Leary made history by winning the inaugural Stoops Sprint Car Invitational, the first time USAC AMSOIL National Sprint Cars have raced at IMS.

The Driven2SaveLives BC39 presented by Avanti Windows & Doors continues to honor late USAC champion and three-time Indianapolis 500 starter Bryan Clauson. In addition, it increases awareness of the Indiana Donor Network and its Driven2SaveLives campaign, sponsors of the event since its inception.

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Upcoming Broadcasts

Thur Sept 26 - Girls Volleyball & Soccer
5:30 pm Zionsville vs Noblesville | Girls C-Team Soccer | Noblesville High School
6:20 pm Heritage Christian vs Bishop Chatard | Volleyball | Indiana SRN
6:50 pm Covenant Christian vs Scecina | Volleyball | Indiana SRN
7:30 pm Avon vs Fishers | Girls Varsity Volleyball | Fishers Sports Network

Fri Sept 27 - IHSAA High School Football
6:50 pm Covenant Christian vs Beech Grove | Indiana SRN
6:50 pm Guerin vs Bishop Chatard | Indiana SRN
6:50 pm Hamilton Southeastern vs Zionsville | Southeastern Sports Network
7:00 pm Franklin Central vs Noblesville | HCTV Sports
7:00 pm Taylor vs Sheridan | Bragg Sports Media
7:20 pm Bosse vs Evansville Memorial | Indiana SRN

Sat Sept 28 - College Football | Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference
1:15 pm Ohio Wesleyan vs Franklin | College Football | Indiana SRN

Tues Oct 1 - Girls Volleyball
6:00 pm Heritage Christian vs Noblesville | JV Volleyball | HCTV Sports
7:00 pm Heritage Christian vs Noblesville | Varsity Volleyball | HCTV Sports
7:00 pm Mooresville Christian vs Horizon Christian | Volleyball | Indiana SRN
7:30 pm Mt Vernon vs Fishers | Varsity Volleyball | Fishers Sports Network

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