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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Partly sunny.
Tonight: Partly cloudy.



HIGH: 81 LOW: 63

Carmel kids learn coffee shop safety from Health Department



Photos provided by Hamilton County Health Department

Paige Noble, Environmental Health Specialist with the Hamilton County Health Department, recently visited Carmel High School to provide food safety training to DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) students who run the Carmel Cafe & Market. The health department is always ready to support students as they learn safe practices for their student-run coffee shop.

Good people, exoskeletons & sailing

Amy plays TriBond

COLUMNIST



AMY SHANKLAND
Perfectly Imperfect

It's time for another column of random thoughts and observations. Longtime readers know that sometimes, I must fit three things that don't relate to each other into one column because my brain decided to be "zingy." Here we go!

Editor's note: One of The Reporter's owners (who shall remain nameless) worked at a small-market radio station when a board game named "TriBond" was first released. The game involved determining the connection between three seemingly unconnected things. For example: What do these three have in common? Jigsaw Puzzles, Pistol Packers, Toupee Touters. Answer: Pieces. So thank you, Amy, for that flashback.

1. Good People

I was thinking about all my wonderful writer friends recently. Up until a few years ago, I never got together with other writers. We would see each other at local book sales, but that was about it.

Thanks to my friend and fellow columnist Jan, who introduced me to the concept of writers' conferences and groups, I'm slowly making more writer friends and seeing them at least once a month.

One group, the Central Indiana Writers Association (CIWA), meets online the third Monday of every month via Zoom. My friend Paulette introduced me to them a year ago. I couldn't believe that I'd never heard of CIWA – they've been around for almost 50 years!

CIWA has already given me a bucketload of info and encouragement. I'm hoping the group gets together in person at least once a year, because they're such good people. You can learn more about them at centralindianawritersassoc.org.

See *Three Things* . . . Page 2

Ken's ginormous prostate helps him win at BINGO

As I approach my 77th birthday, my medical procedures Bingo card is pretty full. All the usual stuff has been "daubed" – the X-rays, scans of various sorts, checks for this or that. Various conditions I've had are marked off, and of course the usual ectomies and oscopies as well. I even got to mark off a mammogram. (See "[Don't wait until it's too late . . . get that man-o-gram, guys!](#)" 10/26/23)

One that hadn't been marked off until recently is prostate cancer-related stuff. That's a very important one. Men, especially men my age, know only too well the slightly invasive "now, drop your shorts and bend over the exam table" procedure that we go through during our regular physical exams. It's short, and never as bad as imagined.

Nowadays this is coupled with a PSA test which looks at the prostate specific antigen level. It's a part of the complete blood test and the result can indicate a presence of cancer in a typical male. Anything over a 4 gets the doctors' attention and mine was increasing over about 18 months from 4.2 up to 4.77.

Those results triggered a visit to a urology clinic, which led to an MRI scan of the prostate area. The readings of the MRI showed three areas of interest which were scored as to likelihood of cancerous

See *Ginormous* . . . Page 2

Hamilton Heights Alumni Association All-Class Reunion Luncheon set for Sept. 13

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corporation

The Hamilton Heights Alumni Association (HHHA) invites all graduates of Hamilton Heights and its consolidated schools – Atlanta, Arcadia, Cicero, Jackson Central, and Walnut Grove – to attend this year's All-Class Reunion Luncheon.

The luncheon is set for noon on Saturday, Sept. 13 at the Hamilton Heights Activity Center, 420 W. North St., Arcadia.

This year's Honor Class is 1975, with additional classes recognized. It's a wonderful opportunity to reconnect, reminisce, and celebrate the legacy of Hamilton Heights.

The cost for the luncheon is \$20 for reservations made in advance or \$25 at the door. Mail reservations to:

HHHA
c/o Colleen Starrett
329 W. Buckeye St.
Cicero, IN 46034



Tipton County Public Library to update community on fine art collection plans

The REPORTER

The Tipton County Public Library (TCPL) will hold an informational meeting from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26 to update the community on developments regarding the library's fine art collection.

Information will be presented regarding the current progress on three key initiatives: the development of a dedicated gallery space to display artwork, ongoing conservation efforts to

preserve pieces in the collection, and fundraising strategies to support both preservation and exhibition activities.

"This meeting is an opportunity for community members to stay informed about how we're caring for and presenting our fine art collection," Communications Manager Shelly Powell said. "We want to keep the public updated on these important cultural preservation efforts."

The informational session



will include time for attendees to ask questions. All community members interested in learning more about the library's art collection are invited to attend.

The meeting will take place at TCPL, located at 127 E. Madison St. For more information, call the library at (765) 675-8761 or visit in person.

Lions Club hears from Noblesville City Engineer



Photo provided by Lisa Dick, Noblesville Lions Club

At the Aug. 13 meeting, Noblesville City Engineer Alison Krupski gave an update on construction projects throughout the city. She shared timelines for various projects and took questions and suggestions from members. (ABOVE) First Vice President John Einsfeld recognized Krupski for her informative presentation at the meeting.

THREE THINGS

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Another group is my Word Warriors, consisting mostly of Reporter columnists. These ladies are delightful. We meet up at Debbie's Daughters to share resources, ideas, and laughter. They're good people, too.

In fact, most writers I've met are good people. And hoop dancers. And musicians. And so many other "circles" of individuals. Hmmm. I'm starting to truly believe that, yes, most people are good and helpful, and it gives me hope during these challenging times.

2. Exoskeletons

With it being mid-August, central Indiana gets to hear the cacophony of cicada sounds every evening. Personally, I don't mind, unless one of the critters sits right beside me to split my eardrums.

The numerous cicadas bring exoskeletons, or

shells, from the nymphs climbing out of the ground and molting into their adult form. If you've been outside at all lately, you'll see that these suckers are everywhere.

Not only do we humans see them, but dogs do as well. Elli and Sasha love to sniff and gobble them up on our walks before I even know what's happening. It's like they're getting "treats on the go." At first, I was horrified and worried that they would cause my girls some issues.

Thankfully, I searched and found that they're generally harmless for dogs if they don't eat too many of them. I'm determined to work on stopping them in the weeks ahead. I'd love to hear tips from readers how to make this happen.

3. Sailing

As you're reading this,

I'm finally up in my happy place – Lake of the Woods in Bremen, Ind. Today is my first sailing lesson. I'm grateful for the cooler weather and light winds in the forecast for northern Indiana.

One of my goals this year as an empty nester was to learn how to sail a catamaran. I grew up sailing with my brother-in-law, Mike, but never learned to do it on my own. I've done my reading and studying, and now it's time to put everything into action! I'm excited about this new venture, and I'm sure you'll hear more about it in a future column.

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

GINORMOUS

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activity. I had a five and 2 threes. (I was hoping for a full house, but no luck.) The five drew more attention than the others and it was suggested I have a biopsy of my prostate. Further appointments were scheduled. (Note: of special interest, the MRI showed that I had a prostate measuring 200 cc, whereas a normal size is 20 to 30 cc. "It's ginormous!" my urologist exclaimed.)

Anytime I have an upcoming medical procedure or test related to my questionable health factors, I go online and try to educate myself about it. AI has been especially succinct and helpful about any questions I may have. The info I got about a prostate biopsy was slightly alarming.

Naturally this procedure is a bit more invasive than the exam at my typical physical appointment. Pictures I found showed a tool that looked a lot like a curling iron and it was said that this tool would grab small pieces of lesion material – at least 12 samples would be taken. Actually nothing very visually graphic was offered, unlike my heart ablation explorations where I found a step-by-step live on-the-scene video of an actual procedure. The lack of any honest showing of a biopsy made for a small amount of anxiety.

I was also told that I would have the opportunity to take a Valium before the procedure if I wished. This too struck me as quite

interesting. If a Valium might be necessary to make it through, what are we actually talking about happening here?

The big day approached with my having to quit several of my medications for a week in advance preparation. I showed up at the clinic with a fairly calm contenance, so much so that the staff felt I didn't need a Valium and I would do just fine. Easy for them to say.

After donning a gown, I was led into the small office where the machinery was waiting. I had a seat and Dr. N came in to brief me on what to expect. One of the first things he said was, "You have a ginormous prostate." (Obviously "ginormous" is a much-used clinical term in urology.) "What that means," he continued, "is that there is very little likelihood of there being any cancer with the PSA score you had. (As a resident, Dr. N had been involved in a study of men with larger prostates and the ramifications thereof.)

So, with that in mind, we did the biopsy procedure anyway.

Truthfully, it wasn't that bad. The area was numbed with a quick painless injection at the site. The tool resulted in very minor discomfort. And the overall

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VACCINE	CATARACT SURGERY	COLONOSCOPY	RADIATION	DIALYSIS
XRAY	STENT	MRI	APPENDECTOMY	INTUBATION

Graphic provided

feeling was, to me, similar to the vibration from a hand-squeezed staple gun like the one I have in my workshop.

It all took about 15 minutes. The results of some bleeding in urination were as predicted and by the day after, all things were very much back to normal.

I saw the results which come through the online portal that the clinic offered – all clear except for one area which was marked ASAP – for Atypical Small Acinar Proliferation. This indicates a small cluster of prostate glands which appears suspicious for cancer but not *definitively* cancerous. A further test by the lab came out negative. So I am prostate cancer-free, as predicted by Dr. N.

What I wish to get across in this dissertation is mostly that there is really nothing to fear about any of the procedures and testing that one may go through in this area. Prostate cancer is the second highest cause of death in American males, so doing the tests and finding any problems in their early stages can save your life.

Ken Klingenstein is known in the pages of The Reporter for his reviews of local theater productions in the Greater Indianapolis area, which you can read on his blog, A Seat on the Aisle. He also occasionally opines on other topics.

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GenGenies partners with Coroner's Office to help identify Fox Hollow Farm remains

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Coroner's Office has partnered with GenGenies, a nationally recognized forensic investigative genetic genealogy (IGG) firm, to assist in the identification of human remains discovered in 1996 at the Fox Hollow Farm property.

GenGenies will provide its services at no cost to Hamilton County.

GenGenies specializes in forensic IGG, a cutting-edge investigative tool that uses DNA analysis and genealogical research to map familial relationships surrounding unidentified DNA samples. By doing so, the firm works to generate candidate leads that point toward the identities of unknown individuals, providing valuable direction in both criminal cases and

missing persons investigations.

Fishers resident JJ Beck has been an in-house IGG volunteer practitioner since 2024. Recently brought on as a volunteer at GenGenies, she will serve as the direct liaison between the organization and the Coroner's Office.

County Coroner Jeff Jellison expressed gratitude for the partnership, highlighting both the financial and emotional impact of GenGenies' contribution.

"The expertise GenGenies brings to this case is invaluable," he said. "Their work not only provides



Jellison



Brewer

hope for identifying the remains found at Fox Hollow Farm but also saves Hamilton County taxpayers thousands of dollars in investigative costs. We warmly welcome GenGenies to the team of forensic experts working diligently to provide closure to the families of the victims. Their collaboration represents an important step forward in this complex and emotional investigation."

GenGenies Executive Director Britta Brewer echoed Jellison's sentiment.

"Together, we will work tirelessly to ensure each life

is remembered and every name is known," she said. "To Jeff, the victims, their families and the community as whole, thank you for your trust."

Fox Hollow Farm is known for its connection to a series of suspected serial killings in the 1990s.

A renewed investigation into the identification of nearly 10,000 bone and bone fragments found at Fox Hollow Farm was initiated by Jellison in 2022 after the case went cold for nearly 30 years.

The partnership with GenGenies reflects a growing reliance on genetic genealogy in cold case and unidentified remains investigations. This innovative approach has become instrumental in uncovering long-hidden identities and helping families find long-awaited answers.

State Bank joins 'Good Day Carmel' as Platinum Sponsor

Submitted

OneZone Chamber has announced State Bank as the newest Platinum Sponsor of Good Day Carmel, the community's go-to digital newsletter celebrating all things local.

As a locally focused financial institution, State Bank has long been committed to strengthening the communities it serves. This new partnership with Good Day Carmel reinforces that commitment by helping deliver timely news, highlighting local businesses, promoting events, and sharing inspiring stories that showcase what makes Carmel a vibrant and thriving city.

"We're thrilled to welcome State Bank as a Platinum Sponsor," OneZone Chamber President & CEO Jack Russell said. "Their support allows us to continue growing Good Day Carmel as a trusted source for community connection and storytelling, and it reflects their ongoing dedication to Carmel's success."

With this sponsorship, State Bank will be featured

regularly in the newsletter and across Good Day Carmel content, helping amplify their message and community engagement throughout the region.

"We are pleased to sponsor Good Day Carmel as we continue to help small businesses throughout the area grow," State Bank Market President Andy Pinegar said. "Connecting to the community is a priority for us and partnering with OneZone just makes sense."

About Good Day Carmel

Powered by OneZone Chamber, Good Day Carmel is a digital newsletter focused on sharing local news, events, business features, and stories that reflect the spirit of Carmel.

About State Bank

State Bank is a locally owned, community-focused bank dedicated to personalized service and strong partnerships. With locations throughout central Indiana, State Bank is committed to supporting the financial well-being of its customers and the vitality of the communities it serves.

Two senior Carmel leaders join Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative executive management training program

Submitted by City of Carmel

Carmel Police Department Chief Drake Sterling and Carmel Fire Department Chief Joel Thacker have been selected for the ninth class of the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative.

These city leaders join Mayor Sue Finkam, who is one of 47 mayors from 17 countries and the only Indiana mayor, in the multi-partisan professional management training program.

Established by Bloomberg Philanthropies, Harvard Kennedy School, and Harvard Business School as a first-of-its-kind program to help close the gap in executive development for the public sector, the multi-partisan Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative equips mayors and senior municipal officials with the tools and expertise to solve pressing local challenges,



Photos courtesy Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative
Police Chief Drake Sterling (left) and Fire Chief Joel Thacker will take part in the ninth Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative.

strengthen their city halls, and improve outcomes for residents.

Since its launch in 2017, the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative has provided training to 359 mayors and over 635 senior municipal officials across 41 countries.

"It's an honor to represent the Carmel Police Department and the City of Carmel in this prestigious program," Chief Sterling said. "This leadership ini-

tiative provides a unique opportunity to collaborate with peers from across the world to help tackle complex issues. I'm eager to bring back new insights to better serve our residents."

Housed at the Bloomberg Center for Cities at Harvard University, the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative brings together Harvard faculty, staff, and students, alongside experts from Bloomberg Philanthropies'

global network, to work with the mayors and their senior officials over the course of nine months.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity to participate in the Bloomberg Harvard program," Chief Thacker said. "It's a great platform for sharing best practices and learning new strategies. I look forward to applying what I will learn to enhance how CFD can increase our service to the community."

Braun administration delivers over \$70 million in savings

Submitted by Office of Gov. Mike Braun

Just six months into Governor Mike Braun's first term, the Indiana Department of Administration (IDOA) has delivered more than \$72.2 million in cost avoidance, equivalent to 339 percent of the department's operating budget, and \$37.6 million in direct savings, representing 177 percent of the budget.

These early results reflect a 3-to-1 return on investment and highlight the administration's fast-track approach to disciplined, results-driven governance.

"Hoosiers expect their government to be lean, effective, and accountable," Gov. Braun said. "I am focused on delivering real value, not just promises. These early results show what's possible when we lead with discipline, innovation, and a relentless focus on outcomes."

Among the most impactful initiatives was pre-tariff enterprise bargaining for fleet vehicles, which saved \$1.36 million and avoided \$37 million in future costs by leveraging utilization data and bulk purchasing. This strategy eliminated \$37 million in Motor Pool expenses for the biennium and reclaimed 50 staff hours in administrative time.

Additional highlights include:

- **Fleet Demand Management:** Reassigned vehicles across agencies, saving \$2,130,300 and avoiding unnecessary purchases.



Braun

- **Property-Related Savings:** Negotiated \$240,000 in lease rebates and a deal is underway to eliminate \$1.2 million in utility costs.

- **Surplus Reutilization:** Reassigned nearly 400 items, distributed 705 computers to local school corporations, and improved surplus sales processes, generating \$1.6 million in revenue for the State and \$615,000 in local government cost avoidance.

- **Procurement Reform:** Avoided \$31.8 million in costs using national price benchmarks and smarter processes; saved \$2.3 million through improved QPA strategies and increased vendor competition.

- **Infrastructure Project Delivery:** Westville Correctional Facility construction remains on schedule and under budget.

- **Technology Innovation:** Launched an in-house procurement management dashboard in just two weeks at no cost.

- **Forward-Looking Initiatives:** FY26 plans under **SEA 5** will establish advanced category and vendor management systems with a projected 10-to-1 ROI.

Gov. Braun says he

is focused on maximizing taxpayer value while supporting efficient and modern state operations.

Additional initiatives are underway and expected to yield further value in the coming months.

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Get tickets for second ‘Wundernacht’

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Wundernacht returns to Carmel Christkindlmarkt for a second year on Nov. 19.

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Merchants Capital hires new Executive Vice President of Credit and Operations

Submitted

Leading financial services provider Merchants Capital announced Thursday the appointment of Naureen Dhanani as Executive Vice President of Credit and Operations, a newly established role reporting directly to the president and chief executive officer.

Dhanani will oversee Merchants Capital's Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and FHA credit and closing teams, including the chief appraiser. She will ensure seamless collaboration across Merchants' platforms and with external stakeholders, manage key agency relationships, and resolve credit and production-related challenges alongside borrowers, originators, underwriters, and agency counterparts.

"This new position reflects our commitment to advancing housing through leadership that is both visionary and grounded in execution," Merchants Capital President and CEO Michael R. Dury said. "Naureen's deep expertise and passion for impact-driven finance make her an ideal fit for this critical role."

Dhanani brings more than a decade of experience in affordable housing finance to Merchants. Most recently, she served as a senior manager at Freddie Mac Multifamily, where she led a high-performing team responsible for more than \$6 billion in annual origina-



Dhanani

tions, addressing critical affordable housing needs nationwide.

Dhanani's career is distinguished by her drive to innovate; she designed mission-aligned loan products under FHFA's Duty to Serve, modernized underwriting processes and expanded impact financing in underserved markets. Her collaborative approach with Optigo® lenders, capital markets teams and housing sponsors has consistently delivered meaningful results. She holds a Master of Business Administration in Innovation, Leadership, and Management, as well as a Bachelor of Business

Administration in Finance, Economics, and Humanitarian Affairs from James Madison University.

Dhanani's appointment marks a strategic step forward for Merchants Capital as it continues to scale its platform and reimagine the future of affordable housing finance. Consistently ranked among the top agency lenders in the United States, Merchants Capital was named the No. 4 Affordable Housing Lender of 2024 by [Affordable Housing Finance](https://www.affordablehousingfinance.com) and No. 2 in 2024 Multifamily Affordable Originations by Mortgage Bankers Association (MBA).

To learn more about Merchants Capital and its services, visit [merchants-capital.com](https://www.merchants-capital.com).

Letter to the Editor

What can we do to stop the destruction of Truth?

Dear Editor:

Today, I'd like to write about Truth. Something we have lost a great deal of.

Variably defined – truth can be: 1) the body of real things, events, and facts; 2) a judgment, proposition, or idea that is true or accepted as true; or 3) the quality or state of being in accord with fact or reality.

Today, it seems, the world we live in has a lot of trouble offering or dealing with the truth. We are led in many directions, through media for the most part, away from truth. The reasons vary.

It is the second definition above that concerns me the most.

If someone, or a body of someones, decides that it will be alright, and beneficial to their cause, to make a judgment, proposition, or to create an idea that might very well be accepted as true – even though the facts have been left behind, it is regarded as good enough, tremendous even, to flash it out into the news stream.

It happens all the time, and increasingly so. And, unfortunately, it has been happening for some time.

Political entities (on both sides) create many of these judgments, propositions, and ideas, with an agenda. And as a result, we no longer can fully believe much of anything which is put forth. Tell a principled lie to the party faithful and they will be led to all manner of over-reaction, or hatred, even.

Which leads to the question: is the problem that facts are engineered to benefit the practitioners, or that they are accepted by the gullible masses? Both – I'd presume. We are told by those sources falsehoods which they *want* us to believe as true. We believe as true, that which we *want* to believe.

We are a divided nation and one man's truth is another man's fiction. Ideas flash so quickly from source to receptor that it is almost impossible to analyze and discern what is true and what is false. As a result, many have taken the position that nothing is the truth – and with good reason.

Because of the advancement of A.I., no picture, no video, no sound recording can assuredly be labeled as authentic. Coupled with media output, that leaves very little to believe, other than what is offered by one's closest friends and partners.

It is a sad state of affairs and difficult to imagine what could be the leveling factor, the turning-back point. Without truth, there can be no justice, no honor, no expectations.

Morris Bedlam
Noblesville

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Joe Baker named Branch Manager at Community First Bank, One Concourse

Submitted

Community First Bank of Indiana (CFB) announces the promotion of Joe Baker, Bank Officer, to Branch Manager at its One Concourse location in Fishers.

Baker joined CFB in early 2024 and has quickly demonstrated strong leadership and a commitment to service. He brings over 10 years of experience and sales management across multiple industries, along with two-and-a-half years in banking.

"Joe's ability to connect with people, anticipate their needs, and serve with genuine kindness makes him an invaluable part

of our team," CFB Retail Sales Administrator Bryan Mitzelfelt said. "Joe exemplifies what it means to be a true team player – always ready to lend a hand and support his colleagues whenever needed."

Baker is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in management and organizational leadership at Saint Petersburg College. Originally from Florida, he has enjoyed supporting local organizations like Hamilton County Parks and Recreation and Hamilton South-eastern Schools. He says he looks forward to deepening his relationships in the community.



Baker





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Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

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Our Logic Model at Indy Vet To Vet Inc

We measure impact at Indy Vet To Vet. Our continuum of mentorship and community engagement provide veterans and family members with a safe and team oriented environment to grow and achieve. Indy Vet To Vet participants learn together, grow together, and serve together. We encourage veterans, family members, and community members to explore other opportunities for service all over the city. At Indy Vet To Vet, we are not looking to be the star of the show, we are just looking to bring the veterans to the show!



INPUTS	ACTIVITIES	OUTPUTS	OUTCOMES	IMPACT
What do we invest in our programs? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff, many of whom learned to serve in our programs Volunteers committed to our mission Equipment that is adapted for all ages Over 100 volunteer hours each month Funds, provided by donations, soldier's wish, and IDVA 	What do we do? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusive veteran development Vet to vet peer support and family outreach Adaptive programming for people of all abilities Mentor or facilitator growth and training Veteran and senior programming Community outreach, non-profit partnership 	What are the results in numbers? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indy Vet to Vet is committed to hosting over 20 events a month We have 2 monthly outreach events to include the community We spend quality time with over 50 veterans each week We serve more than 1000 veterans each year with our all-volunteer staff 	What results are experienced? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved self esteem Improved empathy Improved sense of community Stronger connection to others Broadened understanding of the veterans community The ability to participate in sober activities with friends, family, and community members 	What is the ultimate benefit? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social: Empowered people with broadened perspectives as a result of our programming Civic: Strengthened commitment to the local community Leadership: Our veterans begin to volunteer, our volunteers train to become mentors/facilitators, and our mentors become stewards of a connected community

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If you are interested in becoming a peer facilitator, please talk with the facilitator of any meeting you attend.

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THURSDAYS 6PM-7PM
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Donations are needed for us to continue to do our work, help veterans, maintain our non-profit, and travel the state for outreach. Indy Vet to Vet presently has five weekly meetings all over the city and holds outreach events monthly. Our volunteer force of dedicated veterans matches our all-volunteer force of dedicated soldiers and sailors, past, present, and future who have kept us free and safe. Donations provide support for Veterans of any age and of any way.

For general questions, contact Aaron Shaw at **317-737-6927**



HamCoIn Veteran Service Orgs

You want to know what goes on at your Post, look at their Website & Facebook

American Legion Posts

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Website <https://post155.org> Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100094085413679>

Cicero Post 341 Commander - Tye Anderson
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/cicerolegion341>

Fishers Post 470 Commander - Eric Stanley
Website <https://legion470fishers.org>

Noblesville Post 45 Commander - Gill Soria
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/people/Frank-Huntzinger-Noblesville-American-Legion-Post-45/61572125481943/>

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Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61566071286753>

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 Hamilton County Ship 29
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Hamilton County Military Veteran

Military Veteran Hiring Event Aug 28, from 11am to 3pm. We're excited to announce the RecruitMilitary Indianapolis Hiring Event coming to Indianapolis Thursday, August 28, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM (ET) at Lucas Oil Stadium, 500 South Capital Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46225. This exclusive in-person hiring event is a powerful opportunity for transitioning service members, veterans, military spouses, National Guard members, and Reservists to connect directly with military-friendly employers who value their service, adaptability, and diverse skill sets. RecruitMilitary currently features over 200,000 active job opportunities listed on [RecruitMilitary.com](https://recruitmilitary.com). Attending employers are eager to engage with and hire top talent from the Indianapolis area. Registration Link: rmvets.com/IND0825 The Job Fair will take place in Exhibit Hall 2. From the South Lot, walk along the east side of the stadium toward the Pro Shop. Enter the stadium through the South East Entrance BEFORE you get to the Pro Shop. Take the NE Escalator down to the Event Level and follow the signage to the registration area.

Parking Information
COMPLIMENTARY Parking is available to **Veteran Job Seekers** in the South Lot. BE SURE TO MENTION YOU ARE ATTENDING THE RECRUITMILITARY JOB FAIR. Enter the lot at Gate 6 off of Capitol Avenue. Enter the stadium through the South East Entrance. See Parking and Entry Map [HERE](#).

Coffee With Veterans, Last Saturday of the Month

Activities & Events

Veterans & Military Connected Artists, Register by August 29, to Display Your Art Creations at the Indy Art Center. You may enter up to 5 works for FREE
The Indy Art Center is now accepting submissions for our annual exhibition featuring work by military-connected artists. Entries are open to veterans, service members, military family members, and caregivers. This exhibition will highlight original works across all media. Artwork may explore any subject matter; all themes and forms of expression are welcome. Artists of all levels are encouraged to apply here: [2025 MILITARY COMMUNITY EXHIBITION APPLICATION](https://indyartcenter.org/2025-military-community-exhibition-application)

- Image Requirements: A clear image must be submitted for each artwork.
- Eligibility: Open to veterans, service members, military family members, and caregivers. All work must be original and created by the submitting artist. Artworks in any media are eligible for inclusion.

Questions, please reach out to Breyanne Urbin-Haynes at burbin@indyartcenter.org.

CALL FOR ENTRIES

The Indy Art Center invites submissions for an upcoming exhibition featuring work by military-connected artists. Entries are open to veterans, service members, military family members, and caregivers. This exhibition will highlight original works across all media. Artwork may explore any subject matter; all themes and forms of expression are welcome. Artists of all levels are encouraged to apply!

MILITARY COMMUNITY CREATIONS ANNUAL EXHIBITION

APPLY BY AUG. 29
INDYARTCENTER.ORG/CFE

Veterans & Service Members, Get signed up for a FREE 10 week visual arts program starting Sept 6th on select Saturdays from 930am-1230pm at the Indy Art Center. Learn more about the program and apply using the links below:

- [Apply to ArtTroop](#)
- [Learn More About ArtTroop](#)

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Early bird discounts end Sunday for Carmel Symphony Orchestra

The REPORTER

Early bird discounts for Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) concerts end Sunday, Aug. 24. Get your subscriptions by the deadline for best pricing of the season.

With the five-concert and three-concert Early Bird Season Subscription Discounts, a family of four can attend a live symphony orchestra performance for less than \$120 per concert. Each adult ticket would be \$44 and children \$15 each.

Read more in the '25-'26 Season Brochure or on the Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts website.

Special Ticket Pricing All Season

• Children and students: youth 18 and younger; tickets are always \$15

• 30 under 30: adults 19 to 30 years old; tickets are always \$30

• Military (active or vet-

eran): tickets are always \$30

Downs to conduct CSO in Indiana Ballet Conservatory's production of The Nutcracker

Andrew Downs has been selected to conduct the CSO for *The Nutcracker* performance being presented by the Indiana Ballet Conservatory for four performances at the Payne & Mencias Palladium at the Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts.

Both show dates – Saturday, Nov. 29 and Sunday, Nov. 30 – will include matinee and evening performances. This production is a traditional favorite for many families to launch into the Christmas season.

"I am so incredibly excited for our production of *Nutcracker!*" Downs said. "I'm honored to share the production with the Carmel



Photo provided

Andrew Downs, a native of New Orleans, will conduct the CSO's performance of *The Nutcracker* with the Indiana Ballet Conservatory in November at the Payne & Mencias Palladium.

Symphony Orchestra and Indiana Ballet Conservatory on Tchaikovsky's masterpiece. I've performed at the Moscow Conservatory's concert hall where many of Tchaikovsky's works were premiered including his fourth symphony. Being in the space that Tchaikovsky himself would've heard his own music will always send a shiver

down my spine. *The Nutcracker* is an incredible show that houses a captivating story told by sublime music. It's my greatest privilege to be able to share this remarkable work with all of you!"

Tickets for *The Nutcracker* are available through the Fifth Third Bank Box Office by calling (317) 843-3800 or [online](#).

Teach Plus Indiana Policy Fellows urge smarter school accountability system in 'Measuring What Matters' report

Submitted

In Teach Plus Indiana Policy Fellows' [new report](#), "Measuring What Matters: Recommendations for a More Comprehensive and Equitable Accountability Framework for Indiana's Schools," the organization outlines a data-informed vision for a next-generation accountability model – one that goes beyond standardized test scores to reflect the full scope of what it takes for students and schools to succeed.

"Multiple measures are essential because school performance is incredibly complex," Teach Plus Indiana Executive Director Rachel Hathaway said. "Indiana is already moving toward a new framework that includes multiple indicators and the Graduates Prepared to Succeed (GPS) dashboard, which is an important

step forward. Our report proposes additional measures to make that new framework stronger by ensuring the A-F grade that families rely on is not only clear and accessible but also backed by the depth of data we need to track student progress, whether that means targeting interventions for individual students or understanding how the whole system is performing."

For the past several years, Indiana schools have operated without official accountability grades, leaving families, educators, and communities with limited insight into school performance and progress. The new report comes at a time when the state is finalizing a new accountability framework and the teachers' recommendations are aligned with the Indiana Department of Education's



(IDOE) [design priorities](#) of transparency, student-centered, academic and skills focused, while being data driven.

Teacher-driven solutions for Indiana's future

In "Measuring What Matters," Fellows recommend a framework that builds upon Indiana's current system while adding new indicators that better reflect school climate, student opportunity, and long-term success. Historically, indicators have included student performance, individual student growth, reduced achievement gaps, and college and career read-

iness. Additional indicators Teach Plus Indiana Policy Fellows propose are:

• **Chronic absenteeism** – The percentage of students who miss 10 percent or more of the school year for any reason, excused or unexcused.

• **Suspension and expulsion rates** – The percentage of students removed from school for disciplinary reasons, either temporarily (suspension) or permanently (expulsion).

• **Strength of diploma** – A measure of the rigor and value of the diploma

See *Teach* . . . Page 7

NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS Board Highlights

Aug. 19, 2025 Meeting

Submitted by Noblesville Schools

The school board has responsibility for major district functions including school district governance and oversight, setting school policies, approving funding, strategic planning, and hiring and evaluating the superintendent.

• The board recognized volleyball, track, softball, baseball, tennis and golf students for their athletic and academic accomplishments.

• Noblesville East Middle School staff and students presented on their esports program.

• Assistant Superintendent of HR and Safety Dr. Heather Hendrich presented on strategic staffing, highlighting the increase in Noblesville Schools' teacher retention rates.

• The board approved bids for high school air handling units.

Go to noblesvilleschools.org/leadership/school-board for meeting agendas, minutes, videos, and more.

\$50K-winning Powerball ticket sold in Westfield for Monday's drawing

By JAY ADKINS

WISH-TV | wistv.com

Hoosier Lottery Powerball tickets should be checked carefully as one entry matched four out of five numbers and the Powerball in Monday night's drawing.

The \$50,000-winning ticket was purchased at Kroger 970 Fuel Center located at 16201 Spring Mill Road, Westfield.

The winning Powerball numbers for Monday, Aug. 18, are: 15-46-61-63-64 with the Powerball of 1. Players can check their tickets with the free Hoosier Lottery Mobile App by downloading [here](#).

The ticket holder should ensure their ticket is in a secure place, consider meeting with a financial advisor

and contact Hoosier Lottery customer service at 1-800-955-6886 for specific claim instructions.

Since its first drawing in 1992, Powerball has inspired the country with a chance to become a millionaire, while raising \$25 billion for good causes supported by lotteries. Indiana had the very first Powerball jackpot winner in 1992 and leads the nation in Powerball jackpot wins with 39.

The Powerball jackpot for Wednesday, Aug. 20, is an estimated \$643 million.

Powerball Overall Odds are one in 25.

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Rokita & Braun update requirements for state contractors regarding DEI practices

Attorney General Rokita is charged with reviewing & approving all state contracts & enforcing False Claims Act

Submitted by Office of AG Todd Rokita

In keeping with his firm commitment to root out DEI practices at the state level, Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is announcing that, for contracts signed on or after July 1, all state contractors must certify that they do not engage in DEI practices that treat people differently on the basis of race and sex when recruiting, hiring, promoting, and conducting other employment activities.

AG Rokita says that while the acronym DEI stands for diversity, equity and inclusion, it is often used as a cover for policies that violate state and/or federal civil rights laws.

“No one gets a free pass for unlawful discrimination just because they claim to have good intentions,” AG Rokita said. “Treating people differently in the workplace or at school based on race and sex is a destructive practice and illegal. We will continue to enforce the law against higher education institutions and working to eliminate this terrible Diver-

sity, Equity, and Inclusion known as DEI nonsense.”

All state contracts now must include revised language that makes clear that contractors must not pursue DEI initiatives that are inconsistent with Indiana’s nondiscrimination laws. AG Rokita is taking this action, in coordination with Governor Mike Braun and the Indiana Department of Administration, pursuant to his authority to review and approve all state contracts to ensure their compliance with state law.

Prohibitions on racial discrimination have long been included in all state contracts, as required by state law. The new subparagraph in state contracts concerning DEI practices clarifies and makes explicit that Indiana’s prohibition on contractors engaging in discrimination fully extends to



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DEI practices.

The revised contract language also makes clear that, if a state contractor is found operating any DEI programs that violate Indiana or federal civil rights laws – contrary to the terms of their contract with the state – then that contractor could be subject to enforcement action by the Attorney General under Indiana’s False Claims Act.

Both Gov. Braun and President Donald Trump have also taken aim at what they way are discriminatory DEI programs as they work to uphold the principle of equal opportunity for all.

Gov. Braun issued an executive order on Jan. 14 this year forbidding executive branch state agencies from using state funds, property or resources to “support diversity, equity, and inclusion positions, departments, ac-

tivities, procedures or programs if they grant preferential treatment based upon one person’s particular race.”

“We must make every effort to ensure freedom and opportunity for all Hoosiers and with my decisive action by executive order, we have done just that,” Gov. Braun said. “Replacing divisive diversity, equity, and inclusion policies with those that reward merit, excellence, and innovation is foundational to our success and honors my commitment to a level playing field for all.”

A week following Gov. Braun’s order, President Trump issued an executive order, titled “Ending Illegal Discrimination and Restoring Merit-Based Opportunity,” in which he ordered federal agencies to require federal contractors to certify that they do not operate any programs promoting DEI that violate Federal anti-discrimination laws.

The updated nondiscrimination provision affecting Indiana contractors – including the new Subparagraph B referencing DEI – can be viewed [here](#).

Register now for Strut 2 Save Lives

The REPORTER

Join Indiana Donor Network for the 2025 Strut 2 Save Lives, a community event filled with fun for the whole family, including your furry friends.

This one-mile walk with your pups will honor organ and tissue donors and celebrate the gift of life.

Strut 2 Save Lives is set for 10 a.m. Sept. 7 at Dr. James A. Dillon Park, 6351 Midland Lane, Noblesville.

All proceeds support the Bryan Clauson Legacy Fund of **Indiana Donor Network Foundation**, which helps relieve the burden on donor

families by helping with costs associated with hotel stays, gas, food, and other necessities prior to and during donation.

Enjoy a family-friendly morning that includes food, drinks, prizes, a silent auction, and local vendors.

Registration is \$30 for adults and \$15 for children ages 2 to 12. Groups may sign up for the walk.

To register, go to tinyurl.com/Strut2Save2025.



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tary, or enter the workforce within a set time after graduation.

• **Teacher retention rates** – The percentage of teachers who remain employed in the same school or district from one year to the next.

About Teach Plus

The mission of Teach Plus is to empower excellent, experienced, and diverse teachers to take leadership over key policy and practice issues that affect their students’ success. Since 2009, Teach

Plus has developed thousands of teacher leaders across the country to exercise their leadership in shaping education policy and improving teaching and learning for students. Learn more at teachplus.org/in.

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Central Indiana drug trafficking ring sentenced to combined 200+ years in prison

By **MICHAELA SPRINGER**
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

A federal judge has sentenced 11 people for their roles in an armed trafficking ring responsible for bringing “hundreds of thousands” of fentanyl pills and several kilograms of meth into central Indiana.

Prosecutors say the ring was led by Jaraughn Bertram, who was killed in Mexico in 2024. Through his trafficking organization, meth and fentanyl were brought in from Arizona to Indianapolis, Anderson, and Muncie.

Bertram worked with Christopher Miller of Indianapolis to utilize couriers to get the drugs from a contact in Arizona and fly them to Indy, concealing the drugs in their checked luggage. Drugs were also shipped to Indy through U.S. mail.

Court documents say several members of the ring owned firearms with Glock switches and other guns, despite having previous felony convictions.

Along with drug dealing, Miller and two others, Afrika Williams and Jamie Sullivan, laundered the money earned from the ring through CashApp transactions, bank deposits, currency exchanges, and by buying vehicles.

During the investiga-

tion, Bertram fled to Mexico. The Arizona contact, a man named Joaquin Carranza, also fled to Mexico after federal charges were announced in June 2023.

While Bertram died in Mexico, Carranza remains on the run.

Officers retrieved many firearms, vehicles, and drugs over the course of the investigation, including:

- 128 firearms
- 61 machine gun conversion devices
- \$722,626 currency
- 22 vehicles
- 118 pounds of methamphetamine
- 78 kilograms of fentanyl
- 501 pounds of marijuana
- 315 grams of cocaine
- 216 grams of heroin

Sentences

• **Christopher Miller, 29, Indianapolis:** Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute controlled substances; Conspiracy to launder monetary instruments; Engaging in monetary transactions in criminally derived property. Sentence: 26 years in prison; five years of supervised release.

• **Jamie Sullivan, 22, Indianapolis:** Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute controlled substances; Conspiracy to launder monetary instruments; Distribution

of controlled substances; Possession with intent to distribute controlled substances. Sentence: 24 years in prison; five years of supervised release.

• **Camonte Miller, 21, Indianapolis:** Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute controlled substances; Possession with intent to distribute controlled substance. Sentence: 20 years in prison; five years of supervised release

• **Afrika Railynne Williams, 29, Indianapolis:** Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute controlled substances; Conspiracy to launder monetary instruments. Sentence: 13 years and four months in prison; five years of supervised release

• **Monica Sumner, 20, Indianapolis:** Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute controlled substances. Sentence: 12.5 years of imprisonment; five years’ supervised release.

• **Dewell Simpson, 18, Indianapolis:** Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute controlled substances; Possession of a machine gun. Sentence: 11 years and eight months’ imprisonment; five years’ supervised release.

• **Regina Weatherford, 60, Indianapolis:** Posses-

sion with intent to distribute controlled substances. Sentence: five years and five months’ imprisonment; four years’ supervised release.

• **Tameico Johnson, 22, Fishers:** Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute controlled substances; Distribution of controlled substance. Sentence: 20 years and 10 months’ imprisonment; five years’ supervised release.

• **Jayden Bertram, 22, Carmel:** Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute controlled substances. Sentence: 20 years in prison; five years’ supervised release.

• **Courtlin Moncrief, 29, Avon:** Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute controlled substances. Sentence: 20 years in prison; five years of supervised release.

• **Jordan Sumner, 22:** Conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute controlled substances; Possession with intent to distribute controlled substances; Possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. Sentence: 16 years and eight months in prison; five years of supervised release.

Their combined sentences total out to 222 years and six months.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/indiana-news/central-indiana-drug-trafficking-ring-sentenced-to-combined-200-years-in-prison.

Get your free tickets to ‘Cheers to Your Health’ fundraiser

The REPORTER

The Cheers to Your Health committee has announced details for a fundraising concert to benefit the Alzheimer’s Association, set for 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28 at Daniel’s Vineyard, 9061 N. County Road 700 West, McCordsville.

The event is organized by Rebecca Johnson, owner of Golden Heart Senior Care, and Lori Silvey, director of community relations at Grand Brook Memory Care of Fishers, along with other senior care professionals. The goal is to create a family-friendly environment to increase awareness of Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias.

With more than seven million people living with the disease, organizers said it’s more important than ever to raise awareness. The free event aims to reach a broader audience through food, wine, and music rather than a traditional classroom setting.

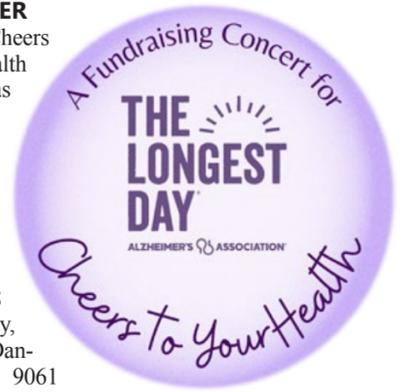
The event has attracted sponsors including RiverView Health and NineStar Connect. Music will be provided by Annie’s Jams, while children can enjoy balloon art from Elfie. Food trucks will be on site with dinner options available for

purchase, and donations to the Alzheimer’s Association will be accepted. Attendees can also participate in a silent auction for a chance to win gift baskets.

Everyone is encouraged to bring family and friends to the event. Free tickets are available at bit.ly/3FFWUWc. To stay up to date on event details or make a donation, visit Facebook.com/cheerstoyourhealthIN.

About Cheers to Your Health

Cheers to Your Health is a non-profit organization created in 2023 as a fundraiser for the Alzheimer’s Association’s The Longest Day campaign. The Longest Day campaign is a do-it-yourself fundraiser where participants can take whatever it is that they enjoy doing and turn it into a way to raise funds and awareness for the Association. To date, Cheers to Your Health has raised \$20,000 for the Alzheimer’s Association.





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All you need to know about Brews on the Boulevard

Submitted by City of Carmel

The City of Carmel’s fourth annual Brews on the Boulevard event, presented by Allied Solutions, is set for Saturday, Aug. 23 from 5 to 9 p.m. in Midtown Plaza and along the Monon Boulevard.

Breweries from across the state will be serving unlimited samples of beer with the purchase of a tasting ticket. Sample selections from each brewery with the opportunity to purchase items directly from your favorites. Local food vendors will be present and there will be live entertainment on two stages.

The event is free and open to the public but if you have a valid ID showing that you are 21 years and over, you’ll want to **purchase sampling tickets**.

• **VIP Prime Hour Tickets** are \$50 and include early entry at 4 p.m., unlimited samples and other fun swag.
• **Sampling Tickets** are \$30 and include a souvenir tasting glass and allow pa-

trons to sample beer from all participating breweries.

Visitors are urged to plan ahead and consider using rideshare services or designated drivers for safe and convenient transportation to and from the event.

Event details and ticketing options can be accessed at [this link](#).

New this year: DORA at Brews on the Boulevard

Carmel recently launched its Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA), and it will be in effect during Brews on the Boulevard.

This means you can enjoy alcoholic beverages outdoors within the defined DORA boundaries, but only if you’re in a DORA-designated cup or official event sample glass. Look for signage and stay within the permitted area as you sip and stroll through Midtown.

Parking & traffic

There will be “No Parking” signs posted in designated areas and the parking restrictions will go into

effect on Saturday, Aug. 23 from 8 a.m. to midnight. The street closures are as follows:

- Northbound Monon Boulevard from Walnut Street to the alleyway behind Sun King
- Southbound Monon Boulevard from 1st Street SW to Walnut Street
- Walnut Street from Monon Boulevard to Veterans Way
- Elm Street from 3rd Avenue to Veterans Way

The city has free public parking at the following locations:

- Sophia Square Parking Garage
- 1st on Main Parking Garage
- Monon and Main Parking Garage
- Indiana Design Center Parking Garage and Lot
- Railyard at Midtown Parking Garage
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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

PUNISHMENTS FOR SIN

“Keep all my decrees and laws and follow them, so that the land where I am bringing you to live may not vomit you out. You must not live according to the customs of the nations I am going to drive out before you. Because they did all these things, I abhorred them. But I said to you, “You will possess their land; I will give it to you as an inheritance, a land flowing with milk and honey.” I am the Lord your God, who has set you apart from the nations.

“You must therefore make a distinction between clean and unclean animals and between unclean and clean birds. Do not defile yourselves by any animal or bird or anything that moves along the ground—those that I have set apart as unclean for you. You are to be holy to me because I, the Lord, am holy, and I have set you apart from the nations to be my own.

“A man or woman who is a medium or spiritist among you must be put to death. You are to stone them; their blood will be on their own heads.”

Leviticus 20:22-27 (NIV)

The Reporter's policy on obituaries

The Hamilton County Reporter does not charge families for publishing obituary notices in our pages. Every obituary appearing in online editions Wednesday through Saturday also appears in our Monday print editions. In order to continue to offer this as a community service, we ask that obituaries not exceed 500 words. The limitations of space may not allow for longer ones to appear in print.

Submit obituaries under 500 words online at ReadTheReporter.com/obitform.



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Meeting Notices

The Cicero Redevelopment Commission will meet at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2 at Cicero Town Hall, 70 N. Byron St.

The Delaware Township Board and Trustee will meet to hold a preliminary 2026 budget hearing and discuss the capital improvement plan at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2025, at the Delaware Township Government Center, 9090 E. 131st St., Fishers.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a), The Hamilton County Emergency Management Advisory Council will meet at 9 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, 2025, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Local Emergency Planning Committee will meet at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, 2025, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville.

— TIPTON COUNTY —

**LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TIPTON COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION
SUBDIVISION CONTROL ORDINANCE
MINOR SUBDIVISIONS**

Notice is hereby given that the Tipton County Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., in the 1st Floor Meeting Room of the Tipton County Courthouse, 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana, to consider the following:

An amendment of the Tipton County Subdivision Control Ordinance concerning an amendment to Section 2, entitled "Definitions". Specifically, the amendment is intended to add language or change language pertaining to subdivisions of land.

This amendment covers the entire planning jurisdiction of the Tipton County Zoning Ordinance.

The proposed amendment may be viewed in the Plan Commission Office at 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana prior to the hearing.

Interested persons desiring to present their views regarding the proposed amendment, either verbally or in writing, will be given an opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place; or comments or objections shall be submitted in writing in the Plan Commission Office prior to 12:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing.

The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.
Tipton County Plan Commission
R6672 8/22/25, 8/25/25

**LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TIPTON COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION
ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT CONCERNING
ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS**

Notice is hereby given that the Tipton County Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., in the 1st Floor Meeting Room of the Tipton County Courthouse, 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana, to consider the following:

An amendment of the Tipton County Zoning Ordinance concerning an amendment to Section 514 entitled "Accessory Dwelling Units". Specifically, the amendment is intended to add language to allow Accessory Dwelling Units. Additional language is proposed concerning design standards, setbacks, utilities, site plan, application submittals, and change of ownership.

Additionally, the proposed changes also includes amendments to Section 201, entitled "Definitions," to add a definition for Accessory Dwelling Units.

Additionally, Section 303 of the zoning ordinance, entitled "District Land Usage" - Table A - District Use Standards, shall be amended by adding additional use requirements for Accessory Dwelling Units.

This amendment covers the entire planning jurisdiction of the Tipton County Zoning Ordinance.

The proposed amendment may be viewed in the Plan Commission Office at 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana prior to the hearing.

Interested persons desiring to present their views regarding the proposed amendment, either verbally or in writing, will be given an opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place; or comments or objections shall be submitted in writing in the Plan Commission Office prior to 12:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing.

The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.
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— WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP —

NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATED PUBLIC HEARINGS BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA

The citizens of the Washington Township of Hamilton County, Indiana (the "Township"), are hereby notified that the Township Board of the Township (the "Board") proposes to enter into negotiations with a nonprofit building corporation (the "Building Corporation"), for financing all or a portion of the cost of (i) acquisition by the Building Corporation from the Township of all or any portion of the structure and related facilities located generally at 1549 Greyhound Pass, Carmel, Indiana 46032, and/or the structure and related facilities located generally at 1920 E. 151st Street, Carmel, Indiana 46033 (known as Fire Station 82), all of which is located within the Township, and (ii) the construction, reconstruction, renovation, repair, installation and equipping thereon of fire station and related improvements (collectively, the "Project").

The estimated cost of the Project is not more than Seven Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,900,000), all or a portion of which will be financed by entering into a proposed lease agreement (the "Lease") with the Building Corporation, which in turn will allow the Building Corporation to issue one or more series of ad valorem property tax lease rental revenue bonds (collectively, the "Bonds") in an original aggregate principal amount not to exceed Seven Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$7,900,000), for the purpose of procuring funds to pay for all or a portion of the costs of the Project and the costs associated therewith, including, but not limited to, paying capitalized interest on the Bonds (if necessary) and the expenses in connection with or on account of the issuance of the Bonds. The Bonds will have a term of no longer than twenty (20) years after the issuance of the Bonds, and will bear interest at a rate or rates not exceeding six percent (6%) per annum, the exact rate or rates to be determined by bidding or negotiation. The annual lease rental for the Lease will not exceed Seven Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$715,000), payable in semiannual installments on January 1 and July 1 of each year during the term of the Lease. The lease rentals due under the Lease will be payable from ad valorem property taxes levied and collected on all taxable property within the Township during the term of the Lease. Each rental installment shall be based on the value of the portion of the Premises (as defined in the Lease) which will be complete and ready for use and occupancy by the Township at the time such semiannual installment is made.

The Township shall pay as further rental for the Premises all taxes and assessments levied against or on account of the Premises or the receipt of lease rental payments and the amount required to reimburse the Building Corporation for any insurance payments made by it. In addition, the Township shall pay for all of the utilities in connection with the operation of the Premises and all rebate costs associated with the Bonds. The Township shall also pay as additional rental all administrative expenses of the Building Corporation, including ongoing trustee fees, continuing disclosure expenses and fees and any other ordinary or extraordinary expenses relating to the Bonds. Simultaneous with the issuance of each series of the Bonds, the annual lease rental will be reduced to an amount equal to an amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest due on all of the Bonds outstanding after the issuance of such Bonds in each twelve-month period together with annual incidental costs as determined by the Building Corporation at the time of the issuance of each such series of the Bonds, payable in semiannual installments.

The Lease gives an option to the Township to purchase that portion of the Premises which is subject to the Lease.

The drawings, plans and specifications, including cost estimates, for the Project, as well as a copy of the proposed Lease, are currently available for inspection by the public on all business days during business hours, at the Washington Township office, located at 17400 Westfield Blvd., Westfield, Indiana 46074.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned that the Board will, at meetings to be held on Wednesday, September 3, 2025, and on September 4, 2025, each at 8:30 a.m. (local time), at the Washington Township office, located at 117400 Westfield Blvd., Westfield, Indiana 46074, conduct consolidated public hearings (1) regarding a preliminary determination to enter into the Lease for the Project, (2) upon the necessity for the execution of the Lease, and upon whether the lease rental provided for therein to be paid by Township to the Building Corporation is a fair and reasonable rental for that portion of the Premises which is subject to the Lease, and (3) regarding the matter of making an additional appropriation to be provided for from the proceeds of the Bonds, together with investment earnings thereon, to be received from the sale to the Building Corporation of certain real property that will be subject to the Lease. At each public hearing, the Board will make certain information available to the public regarding the proposed Lease and the Project as required by law, and will allow members of the public to testify regarding the Project, the preliminary determination to enter into the Lease for the Project, and the proposed additional appropriation. All interested parties are entitled and encouraged to attend to present their testimony and ask any questions relative to all or any of the Project, the Lease and the additional appropriation.

Such hearing may be adjourned to a later date or dates. Subsequent to the public hearing held on September 4, 2025, the Board expects to consider the adoption of resolutions (1) making a preliminary determination, on behalf of the Township, to enter into the Lease to finance the Project for the purposes and pursuant to the terms described in this notice, (2) either authorize the execution of such Lease as originally agreed upon, rescind the proposed Lease, or make modifications therein as may be agreed upon with the Building Corporation, but in no event may the rental exceed the amounts set forth in this notice, and (3) consider adoption of a resolution making an additional appropriation to be provided for from the proceeds of the Bonds, together with investment earnings thereon, for the purposes described herein.

Dated this 22nd day of August, 2025.
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Girls Soccer

Blackhawks fly past Frankfort

The REPORTER

The Sheridan girls soccer team put together a dominant win over Frankfort Thursday, winning 9-0 in a game at Bud Wright Stadium.

The Class 1A No. 14 Blackhawks scored four goals in the first 10 minutes and eventually led 8-0 at halftime. Sadie Timme scored three goals and made one assist, while Brielle Garner also scored three goals. Avery Hills added two goals.

Abby Dallas added one goal in the second half, while Makenzy Terry earned her second shutout as goalkeeper.

Sheridan is 2-0-1 and plays Monday at Herron.

Hamilton Heights' girls dropped a 3-0 game to Pike on Thursday.

The 2A No. 16 Huskies are 0-2 and host Alexandria Saturday morning.

The University girls lost to the Indianapolis HomeSchool Wildcats 7-0 on Thursday.

The Trailblazers are 0-2 and hosts Seccina on Monday.



Sheridan's Jada Trietsch takes control of the ball during the Blackhawks' win over Frankfort on Thursday.

Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Noblesville gets victory over Pendleton Heights

By **QUINN MATTHEWS**
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NOBLESVILLE – The Noblesville Millers took their first win of the season defeating Pendleton Heights 2-0 on Wednesday. The game remained tied in the first half as both teams are settling into the season and working to find their rhythm.

For the entire first half, the teams shared an even fight for possession, which maintained the 0-0 tie. Class 3A No. 2 Noblesville's offense put the pressure on Pendleton Heights' goalkeeper, who narrowly stopped several shots on goal. Pendleton's defense pushed the ball up the field and created opportunities to score, where Noblesville's defense stopped every attempt.

"It was a tough start but we started to figure it out about midway through the second half," said first-year Noblesville coach Mitch Holden. "We needed to be a team, there were a lot of

individual actions and people trying to force actions on the ball, I just told them to slow things down and be a team, connect passes and move the ball."

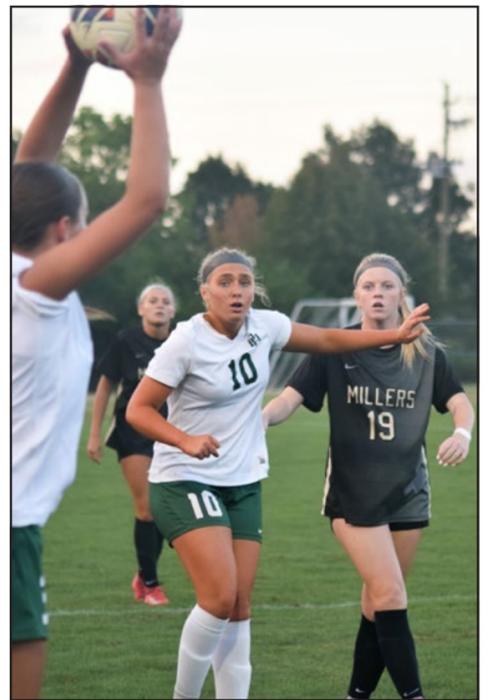
After halftime, the Millers consistently maintained possession of the ball. The midfield kept the ball on the offensive half, and used the defense well to switch fields and make more productive plays. After an 80-minute stalemate, Sophie Hedges sent the ball down to Kendall Kramer who scored the first goal. Just three minutes later, Kate Hall assisted Brooklyn Gibbons to bury the ball into the far right corner to score the last goal of the match.

Pendleton put up a fight and didn't make it an easy finish for the Millers. The Arabians had several break-aways with minutes left in the game but couldn't finish to put points on the board. Pendleton and Noblesville now share 1-1 season records, and Noblesville walks away with not only



(LEFT) Noblesville's Kendall Kramer (right) scored the Millers' first goal during their win over Pendleton Heights on Wednesday. (RIGHT) Brooklyn Gibbons (19) scored Noblesville's second goal.

Reporter photos by Quinn Matthews



the win, but high hopes.

"I think we're going to watch the film, I think we're

going to see it, and I think it's going to stick," said Holden.

Noblesville plays next at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 27, at Avon. Pendleton plays

next at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 25 at home against Lawrence North High School.

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Westfield tennis sweeps

The REPORTER

The Westfield boys tennis team swept Franklin Central 5-0 Thursday for a Hoosier Crossroads Conference dual meet.

The Shamrocks are 3-1 for the season and travel to South Bend on Saturday to take on South Bend St. Joseph and Chesterton.

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The Sheridan volleyball team celebrates after winning a point during its match with Park Tudor Thursday.

Hawks overcome Panthers in four sets

The REPORTER

The Sheridan volleyball team came back to beat Park Tudor in four sets Thursday at Larry Hobbs Gymnasium.

The Blackhawks won 24-26, 25-9, 25-15, 25-23. Lainey Mendenhall blasted 21 kills for Sheridan, while Adria Jump hit 10 kills. Amiyah Doss had four kills and Beth Adams put down three.

Jump dished out 25 assists, with Meredith Krupp

handing out eight. Adams collected 16 service points, followed by Eva Todd with 12. Doss, Jump, Krupp and Adams all served three aces, while Todd served two aces.

On defense, Jump made 19 digs, followed by Krupp with 15, Adams with 11, Todd with 10 and Mendenhall with seven. Jump made one solo block and one block assist, while Mendenhall had two block assists.

Sheridan is 2-1 for the season and plays its next

match Wednesday at International.

Carmel won a four-set match at Hamilton Heights on Thursday, 22-25, 25-18, 25-23, 25-21, for its first victory of the season.

Reece Blanton had strong serves for the Huskies, who are 5-1 for the season.

The Greyhounds are 1-2 and play hosts Warsaw Saturday morning. Heights is also back in action Satur-

day, playing in the Western Boone Tournament.

Westfield scored a quick sweep of Pendleton Heights on Thursday, winning on the road 25-12, 25-15, 25-15.

Junior Ava Rodda, senior Lucy McCool, junior Laynie Holman, and junior Madden Showalter all made offensive contributions for the Shamrocks.

Westfield is 2-0 and hosts Trinity Lutheran at noon Saturday.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, Aug. 22

FOOTBALL

Carmel at Fishers, 7 p.m.
Guerin Catholic at McCutcheon, 7 p.m.
Lapel at Hamilton Heights, 7 p.m.
Noblesville at Mt. Vernon, 7 p.m.
Sheridan at Greenwood Christian Academy, 7 p.m.
Fort Wayne Carroll at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.
Homestead at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

Guerin Catholic at Carmel, 7 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Crown Point, 8 p.m.

TENNIS

Guerin Catholic at Jeffersonville Invitational, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 23

BOYS SOCCER

Guerin Catholic at Hamilton Southeastern, 11:30 a.m.
Noblesville at Cathedral, 11:30 a.m.
Fishers at West Lafayette, 12:30 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

Westfield at Plainfield Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
Carmel, Hamilton Southeastern, University at John Cleland Invitational, 9 a.m. at Northview Church
Fishers at 4-Way 4K, 9 a.m. at Brownsburg
Guerin Catholic at Trojan XC Opener, 9 a.m. at Taylor University
Hamilton Heights at Jacob Graf Memorial Invitational, 9 a.m. at Logansport
Sheridan at Mississinewa, 9 a.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

Hamilton Southeastern at Penn, 11 a.m.
Westfield at McCutcheon, 12:30 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at Lafayette Central Catholic, 5:30 p.m.

GOLF

Hamilton Southeastern at Mooresville Invitational, 9 a.m.
University at Ulen Invitational, 9 a.m. at Ulen Country Club
Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville, Westfield at Center Grove Trojan Classic, 1 p.m. at Hickory Stick
Hamilton Heights, Westfield at New Palestine Invitational, 2 p.m.

TENNIS

Guerin Catholic at Jeffersonville Invitational, 9 a.m.
Hamilton Heights at New Castle Invitational, 9 a.m.
Westfield at South Bend St. Joseph Tournament, 9 a.m.
Carmel at Bloomington North Invitational, 10 a.m.
Fishers at Park Tudor, 10 a.m.
Noblesville at Floyd Central, noon

VOLLEYBALL

Fishers at Plainfield Invitational, 9 a.m.
Guerin Catholic at Covenant Christian Invitational, 9 a.m.
Hamilton Heights at Western Boone Invitational, 9 a.m.
University at North Putnam Early Bird Tournament, 9 a.m.
Carmel Round Robin, 10 a.m.
Trinity Lutheran at Westfield, 11:30 a.m.
Benton Central at Hamilton Southeastern, 12:30 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 25

BOYS SOCCER

Mississinewa at Sheridan, 5 p.m.
University at Indpls. Lutheran, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

Scecina at University, 5 p.m.
Sheridan at Herron, 5:30 p.m.
Carmel at Bloomington South, 7 p.m.

GOLF

Circle City Conference meet, 8:15 a.m. at Smock Golf Course
Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet, 11 a.m. at Bear Slide
Hamilton Heights vs. Eastern, 4:30 p.m. at Chippendale
Sheridan vs. Western Boone, 5 p.m. at Cool Lake

UNIFIED FLAG FOOTBALL

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

Tuesday, Aug. 26

BOYS SOCCER

Bethesda Christian at University, 5:30 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at Park Tudor, 7 p.m.
Avon at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.
Brownsburg at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.
Center Grove at Guerin Catholic, 7:30 p.m.
Fishers at Zionsville, 7:30 p.m.
Franklin Central at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.
Greenfield-Central at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

University at Shortridge, 5 p.m.
Sheridan at Heritage Christian, 6 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at Lapel, 7:30 p.m.

GOLF

Carmel vs. Noblesville, Westfield and Zionsville, 4:30 p.m. at Prairie View
Hamilton Southeastern vs. Noblesville and Western, 4:30 p.m. at The Hawthorns
University vs. Clinton Central and Clinton Prairie, 4:45 p.m. at Wood Wind

TENNIS

Carmel at Cathedral, 5 p.m.
Guerin Catholic at Mt. Vernon, 5 p.m.
Fishers at Noblesville, 5:30 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Zionsville, 5:30 p.m.
Westfield at Brownsburg, 6 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Carmel at Avon, 7 p.m.
Guerin Catholic at Mt. Vernon, 7 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at Tipton, 7 p.m.
Noblesville at Pendleton Heights, 7 p.m.
Westfield at Harrison, 7 p.m.
Brownsburg at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.
Clinton Central at University, 7:30 p.m.

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6:50 pm **Noblesville** @ Mt Vernon | Indiana SRN
6:50 pm FT. W.Carroll vs **Hamilton Southeastern** | Southeastern Sports Network
7:00 pm **Carmel** vs **Fishers** | Fishers Sports Network

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Football

Defense will be key for Huskies

By **RICHIE HALL**
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Old defense, young offense.

That could easily summarize the Hamilton Heights football team this season. Huskies coach Jon Kirschner listed several seniors playing on defense for this year's team, all of whom saw playing time last year.

"Defense is going to be the key," said Kirschner.

While Heights graduated its five leading tacklers from last season, there are still several players who got a significant number of stops. Defensive tackle Will Duncan brings back the most with 40 tackles, while defensive back Dre Chandler made 37 stops. Other familiar names returning are defensive back Nick Bichey, safety Cooper Craft, defensive tackle Colin Bortone and safety Justin Tilton.

"Our entire secondary's back," said Kirschner.

Meanwhile, the offense will be led by junior quarterback Drew Woodruff. He

played in seven of Heights' 11 games last season and did a decent job, throwing for 931 yards and four touchdowns.

"We're going to be fairly young on offense," said Kirschner, although he also said the wide receivers will be "senior heavy." That list includes Chandler, who had 13 catches last season, Bichey, who made 12 catches, and Cam Fleming, who had 10 catches. Bichey and Fleming both scored two touchdowns.

Senior Nathan Flanders will be the main running back and also start as linebacker. Flanders rushed for 236 yards last season. Juniors Josh Getchell and AJ Flanagan will also figure into the running back mix.

The Huskies open their season tonight at home against Alexandria. It will be the first game in Heights' newly refurbished stadium, which features new locker rooms and new bleachers — "new everything," said Kirschner.

"It looks good," said Kirschner. "They did a great job."

Senior-heavy Tigers excited for season

By **RICHIE HALL**
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The Fishers football team won its first sectional championship in seven years last season.

The Tigers return eight of their offensive starters and have 11 senior starters on defense this year, so that means Fishers' expectations are very high this year.

One important returner is quarterback Gage Sturgill. The senior was having a dominant year last season before he was injured during Week 5 and missed the remainder of the season. In those five games, Sturgill threw for 1,156 yards and 13 touchdowns.

"He's fully recovered and we're really excited about his senior year," said Tigers coach Kurt Funk.

Another key returner is senior Ryan Thembulembu, who led the rushing with 727 yards and nine touchdowns. Thembulembu also collected 21 receptions, including six for TDs. Senior Vincent Rozzi made nine catches, three for touchdowns.

The linemen returning include center Kyle Gunawan and offensive tackle Camden Funk. Junior Mason Cantwell returns, but is playing tight end this year.

"He played offensive line last season, did a really nice job, but now he's

moved back to his natural position at tight end," said Funk. Two more juniors returning are receivers Darian Girton and Osais Sims.

The defense is completely senior-laden. The list includes leading tackler, linebacker Emmanuel Cowherd, who made 86 stops last season. Lineman Tyler Maynard made 69 tackles, while corner back Carson Eloms totaled 44 stops.

Other defensive players returning are outside linebacker Graham Imes and linemen Sean Coates Jr. and Evan Wilkins. Kayden Myers is slated for corner back, Owen Stout is listed as an outside linebacker, and his unrelated teammate Cooper Stout is a lineman.

"They are excited," said Curt Funk. "I feel like the kids worked very hard in the off-season. They know that everybody we play is going to be extremely tough and better. We have a tremendous opponent in our Week 1 match-up Carmel."

This will be the first time the Tigers meet the Greyhounds in the regular season. The game takes place tonight at Fishers.

"Anytime you're putting an opponent like Carmel on your schedule, the sense of urgency is at an all-time high," said Funk. "The kids know what kind of opponent we're facing Week 1. It's a big match-up."

Experienced juniors ready to lead Millers

By **RICHIE HALL**
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The Noblesville football team opens its season tonight at Mt. Vernon for the Millers' first season under new head coach John Hebert.

The longtime Carmel coach is already happy with his new school, praising his team's energy throughout the summer and during the first official practices.

"I feel like the energy's been outstanding," said Hebert. "The kids don't come

out flat very often. They've really bought in. We're learning how to practice in a way that they're competing. It's getting clearer that this is leading us somewhere great."

The Millers have several players returning from last season. That includes two key members of the offensive line, juniors Mason McDermott and Caleb Johnson. Senior Calvin Moody returns at tight end, he had five catches last season for 113 yards.

Junior Noah Shinkle

will be the main running back; he totaled 257 yards on the ground and scored four touchdowns. Junior Ty Holmes moves from running back to a wide receiver, while also playing safety on defense. Holmes collected 436 rushing yards and 10 touchdowns (the most of any Miller player) and also had five catches.

The junior parade continues on the defensive side of the ball as well, which Hebert said is exciting. Praise Oladipupo was Noblesville's leader in tackles

last season with 107 and he is back as an outside linebacker, while Cale Metzler will see time on both the offensive line and defensive line. Abram Hunter is slated for cornerback, with Aidan Kincaide listed for inside linebacker; he returns 62 tackles. Holmes made 50 tackles last season.

The Millers will start junior Windsor Hutchins as quarterback tonight at Mt. Vernon. Sophomore Woody Corey will also get some playing time under center.

Hawks keep things positive with experienced players

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There will be a bit of newness around the Sheridan football team as the season begins.

Jake Chesney is the Blackhawks' new coach, replacing Bud Wright after his record-setting 59-year run. Chesney is a 2016 Sheridan graduate and was a star football player for Sheridan, and he is happy with the energy of practice so far.

"It's all been upbeat, high energy and positive and that's how our practices have been," said Chesney. "That's what I preached, that's what I said coming into it, how I wanted things to be run and

the kids have ran with it. They've been fun, but we get a lot done as well."

The 'Hawks selected four senior captains, and all four were major contributors to Sheridan's 2024 season, which finished with a sectional championship.

First up are seniors Alex Cravens and Jon Barnes, who were the leading rushers for the Blackhawks last year. Cravens totaled 1,077 yards while Barnes gained 662 yards. Both scored eight touchdowns. Wide receiver Chance Spencer returns the most catches from last season with 11, including a TD.

Jayden Dunbar will start as nose tackle. Chesney calls Dunbar a "Swiss army

knife. We can put him in guard, tackle, tight end if we have to. He's a really good blocker, so we'll utilize that from time to time."

Another key senior returner is Jacob Hall, who brings back 91 tackles, including eight for a loss. Cravens made 86 tackles and Dunbar had 75 stops.

Junior Landon Moffitt will be back as a cornerback and wide receiver. Junior Brock Hagan will play quarterback on offense and strong safety on defense. Another junior, Brody Heck will also play safety. Three offensive linemen return: senior Sean Boothe and juniors John Crowder and Rylan Garner. Brayden

Whisman will be back as defensive tackle.

Chesney said there are some younger players "knocking on the door" of varsity playing time. Sophomore Cayden Martin is in the running for a lineman spot, while freshman running back/linebacker Waylyn Grinstead has been "making a name for himself in practices," said Chesney.

Sheridan will have a new Week 1 opponent for the first time 1997, as the Blackhawks' long series with Western Boone ended last season. Sheridan plays at Greenwood Christian Academy tonight, then hosts Alexandria next Friday, Aug. 29.

Wright returns to lead Hounds

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Kevin Wright will make his return to the Carmel sidelines tonight as the Greyhounds play their season-opener at Fishers.

Wright coached Carmel from 2010 to 2014, before some of the players on this year's Greyhounds team were even in elementary school.

"Everybody's new for me," said Wright. But that would've been the case for any coach, as Carmel graduated 40 seniors from last

year's squad.

"It's a relatively inexperienced team," said Wright. "I think the good thing is, you'll see continual growth throughout the season. That's what I'm looking forward to. Everything has been teachable moments and that's part of the process."

There are some players coming back for the Hounds who will provide leadership. Senior quarterback Anthony Coellner threw for 1,896 yards and 17 touchdowns last season. Senior Jake Bellin had 47

of those catches, with five of those four touchdowns. Coellner, offensive lineman Cade Clark and wide receiver Spencer Sell are the offensive captains for the Greyhounds this year.

Sophomore Ayden Johnson will be the main running back as Carmel starts its season. He played in five games as a freshman, running for 28 yards and a touchdown. Also returning are junior Josiah Gilmore, who totaled 91 rushing yards and a touchdown, and senior Andrew Pemberton, the Greyhounds' leading

runner last year with 588 yards and four TDs.

Seniors Kaiden Bowler, Will Massey and Isaac Nelson will be the senior captains for Carmel's defense. Senior Chase Jarred returns the most tackles with 72, while junior Aiden Dickerson brings back 55, followed by Nelson with 53.

Carmel plays at Fishers to begin the season tonight. While the 'Hounds and the Tigers have played each other in the postseason, this will be the first regular-season meeting between the schools.

Walker, several returners to lead Royals

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With a Division I quarterback moving in and several returning starters coming back, this could be a solid season for the Hamilton Southeastern Royals.

When Southeastern takes on Fort Wayne Carroll tonight, much of the attention will be on senior Terry Walker III, who transferred from Lawrence Central and will be the Royals' quarterback. The three-star recruit announced his commitment to Duke

University this past spring. Southeastern coach Michael Kelly said Walker is from the district, so he is familiar with the Royals.

"He's got tremendous arm talent, tremendous vision," said Kelly. "He's helping get kids on the right page. He's been a great worker for us."

Southeastern will have solid receivers this season, starting with senior Kendrick Pennybaker, who made 19 catches last season, including six for touchdowns. Senior Graham Toner col-

lected 11 receptions, including one touchdown. Senior tight end Collin Walls is also back; he got varsity time in two games last year and made two catches.

Senior Corbin Mullis returns on offensive line. Junior Carter Reed was HSE's leading rusher last season, gaining 724 yards and scoring 12 touchdowns.

Kelly said the Royals have seven returning defensive starters who played significant minutes last season. Senior Drew Babb has the most tackles of the returning

players, with 65.

The seven defensive returners join the "four or five" returning offensive starts, and Kelly said that while Southeastern may have some inexperienced players in spots, they also have some players "who can come out and play well for us."

The Royals will play Carroll in their season-opener for the second consecutive year, then travel to North Central next Friday before starting Hoosier Crossroads Conference play by hosting Avon Sept. 5.

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