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Heights inspires future EMS & First Responders

By **CONNOR JAMES**
HHMS Reaching New Heights Coordinator

Hamilton Heights Middle School (HHMS) recently welcomed more than 350 middle school students for an immersive and inspiring EMS & First Responder Day, a signature event designed to expose students to careers in emergency medical services, law enforcement, fire protection, and related fields.

Held on campus as part of the school's Reaching New Heights career exposure initiative, the event offered students a hands-on look at the vital roles first responders play in keeping



Photos provided

Here are some scenes from the EMS & First Responder Day at Hamilton Heights Middle School, where more than 350 students explored hands-on career pathways in public service. From simulations to conversations with local heroes, the event showcased the power of teamwork, service, and real-world learning.

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Fight for it

I have been fighting to keep my independence most of my life. Always, waiting in the shadows, is the enemy, threatening to take my physical independence away. Even at an early age, my mom tells me I would fight for it. I was born with the fight inside of me.



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Disability in the City

Perhaps you find yourself in a situation where physical independence is dwindling. I feel that after 51 years, I have some advice to give about fighting like hell to keep the independences you have. This is as much of a pep talk for me as it is for the person reading this that may be battling this very thing.

Why do I need a pep talk after doing this my entire life? Because it is exhausting and daunting. It takes every ounce of willpower and energy you have each day.

It is a choice to an extent. There are of course things we cannot control. This is not about those types of losses. There are some things in life that no amount of willpower can overcome.

This is more to encourage you that there may be ways to keep some of your physical independences rather than relying on others. It can be so very frustrating to wait on someone else's time schedule.

Get creative! There are so many things that I have learned to adapt throughout the years to be able to maintain a sense of independence. You would not believe some of the things around my home that I have altered in crazy ways to make them work for me. This is something that constantly needs tweaking, too, as my disease progresses.

Take time to celebrate and honor the independences you have rather than dwelling on the ones you do not have, or that are harder to come by. This is key. I have lived the opposite way, only focusing on what I could not do. That will swiftly eat you alive, trapping you in a dark place.

This is not an easy way to live by any means. It is sometimes a minute-by-minute choice. It is the hard road but is the most fulfilling road.

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S&P Global reaffirms Hamilton County 'AAA' long-term rating

\$12 million bond issue to fund mental health, airport & storage projects

The REPORTER

S&P Global Ratings has assigned Hamilton County its highest credit rating—a 'AAA' long-term rating—on the County's anticipated \$12 million general obligation (GO) Series 2025 bonds. The rating outlook is stable. S&P has also reaffirmed the county's 'AAA' long-term rating on its other outstanding general obligation and lease debt.

"This rating is a direct reflection of the County's responsible financial stewardship and strategic planning," County Council President Sue

Maki said. "By earning and maintaining a AAA rating, Hamilton County is able to finance critical projects at the lowest possible cost, saving taxpayer dollars while improving services."

Officials plan to use the bond proceeds to fund mental health facilities and the acquisition of a storage facility and



Maki



Dillinger

the Sheridan Airport. S & P analysts cited Hamilton County's "very strong economic profile, characterized by robust economic growth," and its "strong budgetary management practices" that "have enabled the county to maintain an extremely strong reserve position while managing its

operating and capital expenditure growth."

"This just demonstrates the strength of Hamilton County's economy and the prudence of our financial management," said Steve Dillinger, President of the Hamilton County Commissioners. "It ensures we can continue to invest in projects that directly benefit our residents while preserving our long-term financial health."

Hamilton County remains one of only a handful of counties nationwide to maintain a AAA bond rating, the highest rating awarded by S&P.

Noblesville community invited to public open house for Embrace Downtown Project

The REPORTER

Updated design concepts for the Embrace Downtown project in Noblesville will be unveiled during a public open house from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29, at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St. Attendees will have the opportunity to view updated renderings, learn additional information about the design, and ask project team members questions about the project.

The Embrace Downtown project is a multi-phase project that will improve infrastructure, enhance pedestrian safety, and bring beautification upgrades to downtown Noblesville. The project aims to create a more welcoming, accessible, and vibrant environment for residents, visitors, and local businesses.

"This project is about build-



ing a strong foundation for downtown's future while creating spaces where people want to gather, shop, and spend more time," Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen said. "We look forward to sharing the latest updates and continuing this important dialogue with our community."

Updated design concepts will be available at [EmbraceDowntownNoblesville.com](https://www.EmbraceDowntownNoblesville.com) after the open house. Members of the public can also use the website to request a meeting with a member of the project team, and Noblesville Community Engagement Manager Aaron Head has standing office hours from 2 to 4 p.m. every Wednesday at Noble Coffee & Tea, 933 Logan St.

To learn more about the project, you can also follow the project on [X](#) and [Facebook](#).

39th annual Coats for Kids collection kicks off

The REPORTER

The Salvation Army of Central Indiana, along with Classic Cleaners and WTHR, is now collecting winter coats for the 39th annual Coats for Kids program. This heartwarming community tradition helps thousands of children stay bundled up and safe from Indiana's chilly winters.

From now until Oct. 25, community members can share the warmth by donating a new or gently used winter coat at any [Classic Cleaners](#) location, several of which are in Hamilton County.

Donation is simple; just drop your coat in the collection

box near the front of the store. Every coat will be cleaned, sorted, and ready for a child in need. Coats of all sizes are welcomed, from toddlers to teens and even adults.

Not near a donation site or don't have a coat? People can still support the program by donating to our [Online Coat Shop](#). Just \$25 covers the cost of a brand-new coat in the exact size a child needs. The need is great, so The Salvation Army is encouraging the public to make a donation that will cover the cost of more than one coat. A \$100 donation to Coats for Kids will provide winter coats for



Photo provided by Salvation Army

four central Indiana children this fall.

Families in need of coats can [register here](#) for the dis-

tribution event on Saturday, Nov. 8.

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Careful: words create reality

No one denies the power of words, either written and spoken. We are struck mesmerized by a thundering speech. Our souls are stirred. We may cheer. We may cry.

All faith traditions recognize the power of words. A good friend of mine often talks about the consequences of "putting that on the wind." It seems as though the sole act of speaking has a way of molding reality itself.

This is written in the Bible, wherein Genesis God literally speaks all of reality into existence. Regardless of your beliefs, what an extraordinary illustration!

Consider this: what if our understanding of the power of words is the direct result of the fact that reality was and continues to be spoken into being?

Maybe it's not just that words *can* have power. Maybe it's that words *are* power.

Maybe that's why we hold the concept of free speech so dear. Maybe it's not only a constitutional right.

Maybe it's fundamental to our existence.

You see, I think that means when a person is murdered for speaking, what's really going on is an attempt to stop creation itself. It's a single-minded force of destruction without consideration of consequence.

It's another example of what I've said previously: *You know Evil when you see it.*

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FIGHT

Fighting for and keeping some of my independence is empowering to me. Each victory is fuel for the next battle, gently nudging me to conquer the next challenge.

I get it; most reading this may not have had a lifelong physical battle, and you may be thinking, *easy for you to say, you have had a lifetime of practice at this.* You would be right. It has taken a lifetime to get to the point that I am at now, and even now I still need the pep talks to keep fighting.

I often play out different scenarios in my mind on which would be worse. Having abilities and then losing them or never knowing that it felt like to have them in the first place, while always left wondering what it would be like to feel strong. Each time, I realize that is an impossible question to answer. Both are hard in unique ways.

My husband and I had the opportunity to travel to a new place last week. Each time we do that, we are both starting from square one as we figure out our new routine in a place where I do not know what my independence will look like. Will there be stairs? Is the shower accessible? The list is long. We do as much research as we can beforehand, but it is not until we get there that we learn our new normal for



Photo provided by Amy Shinneman
Our columnist and her husband Jamie reached the top of Cadillac Mountain in Acadia National Park last week.

the trip. Constantly adapting on the fly is part of traveling with a disability and keeping familiar independences as much as I possible.

To our surprise, we realized that accessibility and independence exist on a mountain top!

Never stop looking or fighting for your independence. The reward of find-

ing it is worth it every time. Until next time ...

Amy Shinneman is a former National Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, disability blogger, freelance writer, wife, and mom of two boys. You can find her blog at humblycourageous.com and reach her on Instagram @ashinneman.

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communities safe. From basic medical care to rapid response during emergencies, students explored the breadth of opportunities available in these high-impact professions.

Throughout the day, students rotated through interactive stations featuring simulations, demonstrations, and conversations with professionals from agencies across Hamilton County and the state of Indiana. These experts shared insights into their daily work, the skills required, and the values – like teamwork, service, and resilience – that define their careers.

The impact of the day was profound. Students not only gained exposure to technical skills and career pathways but also discovered how their own interests and strengths could align with meaningful work in public service. Many shared how eye-opening and inspiring the experience was, with several already expressing interest in pursuing careers they hadn't considered before.

On behalf of Hamilton Heights School Corporation, we extend our deepest thanks to the agencies and professionals who made this event possible. Your time, energy, and commitment helped students imagine futures filled with purpose and possibility. It was a strong team effort with Heights' personnel and community partners coming together to create a transformative experience for students.

About Reaching New Heights

Reaching New Heights is Hamilton Heights Middle School's career exposure program, designed to ensure every student has ac-



cess to real-world learning experiences. By connecting students with professionals and industries, the program

fosters engagement, builds confidence, and helps students chart a path toward a fulfilling future.

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The Coats for Kids distribution will take place at the Blue Ribbon Pavilion at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, located at 1202 E. 38th St., Indianapolis. Doors are open from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Parents or caregivers should bring a valid ID or confirmation email. In addition to picking out their own coat, children will also get to choose from numerous styles of hats,

gloves and scarves.

"The Coats for Kids program is such a meaningful way to help families face the winter season with confidence," said Major Malinda O'Neil, The Salvation Army of Central Indiana Area Commander. "Thanks to the generosity of our community, children not only receive warmth, they also experience the joy of picking out a

coat they love."

This program, which serves thousands of children in a matter of hours, relies on help from the community to make sure that the distribution event goes smoothly. Volunteers are needed on November 8 to help families shop for coats. To sign up as a volunteer, visit sacentralindiana.org/coatsforkids.

CANNOT

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I'll take it a step further. It's an attempt to murder God.

Then what? In Friedrich Nietzsche's

1882 book *The Gay Science*, he made famous the phrase "God is dead." Nietzsche was in no sense a Christian; in fact, he held deep disdain for Christianity.

As always, however, context is crucial. The full passage – Aphorism 125, "The madman" – describes a man running into a marketplace yelling, "I seek God! I seek God!" He is surrounded by nonbelievers who laugh at him and mock him. When he realizes this, he condemns them, saying:

"Whither is God? I will tell you. We have killed him – you and I. All of us are his murderers. But how did we do this? How could we drink up the sea? Who gave us the sponge to wipe away the entire horizon? What were we doing when we unchained this earth from its sun? Whither is it moving now? Whither are we moving? Away from all suns? Are we not plunging continually? Backward, sideward, forward, in all directions? Is there still any up or down? Are we not straying as through an infinite nothing? Do we not feel the breath of empty space? Has it not become colder? Is not night continually closing in on us? Do we not need to light lanterns in the morning? Do we hear nothing as yet of the noise of the gravediggers who are burying God? Do we smell nothing as yet of the divine decomposition? Gods, too, decompose. God is dead. God remains dead. And we have killed him."

As it turns out, the madman has come to warn the people of the consequences of their murderous actions, but he realizes that no one is ready to hear what he has to say.

Although quite anti-Christian, Nietzsche understood the foundational importance of Christianity in Europe and he worried about the effects of what he saw as its coming collapse, even in the 19th century.

He died in 1900 aged 55, catatonic from strokes and vascular dementia. Imagine if he had seen any of the horrors of the 20th century.

You see, we're once again faced with the consequences of what happens when speech is silenced. You may think I'm hyperbolic to make this connection between silencing speech and the death of all Creation itself.

I don't care.

It is incumbent upon us all to speak truth loudly, with purpose, with conviction, and without apology.

But none of us is permitted to murder another person for his or her words.

All we can do is forcefully insist on speaking, even when dangerous to do so.

It's not a question of whether you should.

It's a command that you must.

Isaac Taylor is one of the owners of the Hamilton County Reporter, as well as the circulation director and page designer. You won't find him anywhere online, so don't bother looking.

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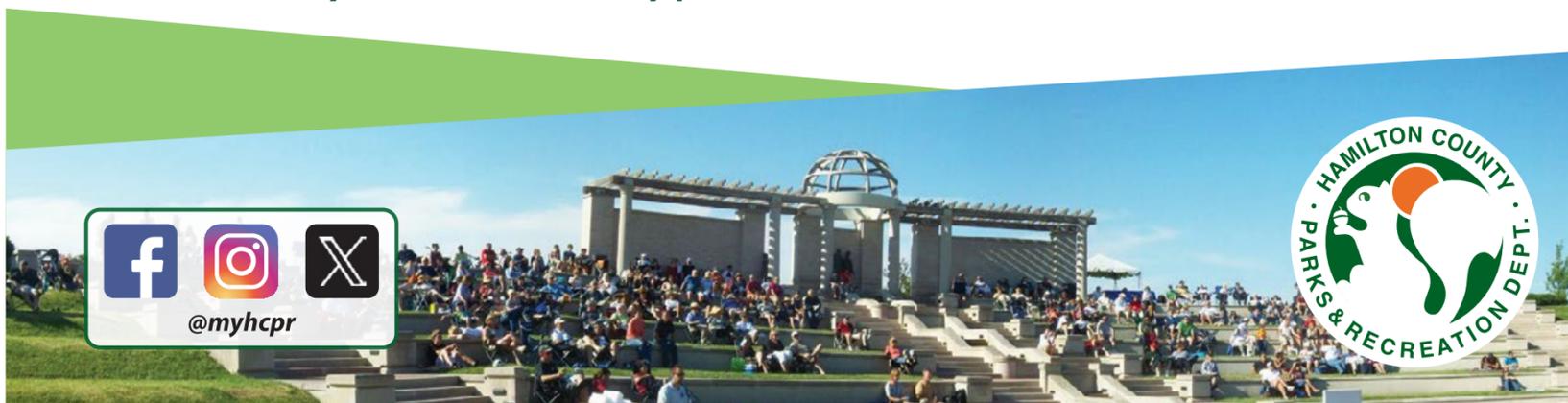
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Hamilton County Councilman Mark Hall's August Timesheet

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



ground acquisition. Analysis and discussions included paying cash or bonding the cost. We recommended to the full council the purchase of the ground using existing cash reserves.

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

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

In addition to the County Council public meetings, August work included: attending Board of Commissioners public meetings, watching a Noblesville and Cicero Town Council meetings, attending seven 2026 budget planning meetings with various departments, and a Council Executive session.

The in-person August personnel committee meeting was canceled in lieu of a poll of the members. The poll required that we evaluate the vacating of two part-time deputy prosecutor positions and approve one full-time deputy prosecutor position at a net increased cost of \$23,062.56 (including benefits). The changes were approved.

The insurance committee did not meet in August.

The finance committee met on the 20th for a detailed briefing on the financial implications of the Riverview Health

Next, we approved for full council review the bonding of \$12 million to acquire the Sheridan Airport, the former Godby Furniture building, and to renovate the Rely Center.

Lastly, we discussed at length the projected negative balances in a number of county fund accounts based on submitted budgets and expected revenues. We head into budget sessions with the General Fund projected to have almost a \$13 million deficit, the Parks & Recreation fund at almost a \$2 million deficit and the Cumulative Courthouse fund at almost a \$900,000 deficit. We have our work cut out for us heading into budget sessions. Starting from these expected negative balances cost containment and reduction must happen. We are at the intersection of growth and state government property tax reform implementation.

This month I received 15 constituent service requests and communications. One set of communications was regarding the Dunbar Road project in Adams Township. Neighbors' communications were exclusively in opposition to the project, including a walking trail. Ultimately, this project will come before council in September.

Next, I received an inquiry about LGBTQ materials at Hamilton East Public Library. The constituent wanted to understand the policy of the library and how adult-oriented materials were managed in a taxpayer-funded library – specifically, if the HEPL had to operate under the same rules that the State has in place for school libraries. I shared the HEPL policies, making note of the differ-

ences between the two systems of governance.

The next set of inquiries centered on the Estridge development in Jackson Township. Ninety percent of the communications were the remonstrations against the development. In each case, my communication replies were very similar: this is a local Cicero and Jackson Township zoning matter and the County has no jurisdiction or authority on the project. Ultimately the project was approved by the Cicero Town Council.

A unique inquiry came in the form of a request asking about how to update the Covenants and Conditions Restrictions for a subdivision that resides in County zoning territory. After some research and work by Trini Beaver, our County Recorder, the constituent's questions were resolved and the updates filed.

The other primary set of communications centered on 236th Street west of Cicero and the bridge and road project that is still unopened. I've pushed and pushed on this project with the explanation for delays not changing. I hosted the Highway Department and Engineer at a Cicero Town Council meeting and live-streamed them speaking on the project, issues, and expected completion date. Next, and somewhat out of frustration expressed to me, I drove the project again last week, parked the truck and walked the entire site. I am told that it will open by the end of September. Lastly, at a resident's request I looked into any penalties or reimbursements for this project's delays. This was a federal project so the rules don't allow for meaningful recovery for the county.

Noteworthy items from August center on the 2026 budget. Twenty-four of the 27 departments asked for increases in their 2026 budgets. Apart from expected cost-of-living increases, a few items stand out.

The energy bill for county buildings is projected to increase by almost \$1 million. I met with our fa-

cilities director and walked through the County's plans for utility cost containment. I am comfortable that as a team, he and his people are doing anything they can to mitigate taxpayer utility costs. This includes smart thermostats, lighting, and even addressing unnecessary electricity use after hours.

In another department, cell phone usage was an issue, and in two others, overtime costs were higher than peer departments in comparable County government agencies. Each agency leader was challenged and then encouraged to manage costs. Without question, this budget will be the most challenging I've had the opportunity to work on.

It was an honor to represent you this month at the Hamilton County Drug Court Graduation, at the Hamilton Heights Community Prayer Breakfast, the Indiana Family Institute Conservative Family Social dinner, and at the Noblesville 2025 State of the City Address at Innovation Mile hosted by Mayor Chris Jensen.

This is my timesheet. This is where my time went during August 2025. While my job is primarily the financial oversight of the county budget, it is important that I understand the Board of Commissioners' priorities and balance them with the stewardship of taxpayer dollars. That is the job, and I am excited to do the people's business.

As a taxpayer myself, and listening to so many of you, our employers, it's important for the taxpayers to have access to all the information you want. I work for you, and although you may not choose to do a deep dive into what your County Council does, it's important that you can always do so.

Feel free to contact me at (317) 832-1104 or mark.hall@hamiltoncounty.in.gov with questions, feedback, or if you would like to talk about county business.

Chuck Godby serving as Sheridan Homecoming Parade Grand Marshal

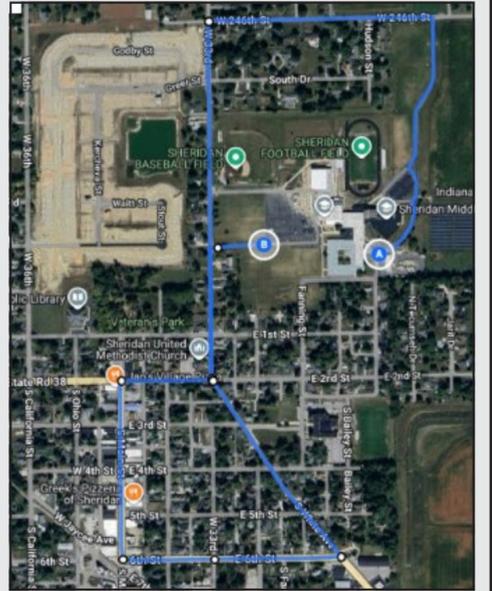


Photo provided As Sheridan High School gears up for an exciting Homecoming this week, it was announced that Sheridan native Chuck Godby will be the Homecoming Parade Grand Marshal. Godby was also recently named the president of Sheridan's Blackhawk Alumni Club in collaboration with the Sheridan Alumni Association. Godby will lead the parade beginning at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17 as it travels through downtown Sheridan.

Letter to the Editor

Shaffer commends fellow reader's letter

Dear Editor: Morris Bedlam's thought-provoking letter to the editor ("Reader asks, what's the real problem in America?", published Sept. 16) challenges each of us to think. Ideas matter.

And ideas thrive in open discussion, honest inquiry, and constant attention.

Unfortunately, the dumbing-down of America cited by Harold Bloom in 1987 has metastasized into a culture of shallow communication – both public and private – aimed at showing off, selling goods or otherwise distracting the mind to what matters.

Evidence-based thinking is the heart of the scientific method – not just in medicine but in every facet of life.

We wouldn't hire a painter without references so why should we swallow vapid words without demanding evidence?

Bill Shaffer
Carmel

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Fishers Arts Council announces winners from Juried Exhibit of Hamilton County Artists

The REPORTER

Fishers Municipal Center welcomed the Fishers Arts Council (FAC) into its bright, open gallery space for the sixth annual Juried Exhibit of Hamilton County Artists awards ceremony on Friday evening, Sept. 12.

As in the previous five years, Jiffy Lube of Indiana was the art competition's title sponsor, and Jiffy Lube of Indiana District Manager John Rucker was present to welcome artists and guests. Noblesville Creates returned as the People's Choice award sponsor, with their Artist Liaison, J.C. Seig presenting the award. Fifty-seven artists were selected for this year's exhibit by the juror, Carl Schafer.

The "Best in Show" winner was Fishers resident Aparna Bhawe for her mixed media work "A Dreamer." She received an award of \$1,000, a solo exhibit for 2026, and the following comment from the show's judge, Carl Schafer:

"The person in this portrait seems to be in the process of deciding which dream she wants to choose, and the dream she chooses may change how she thinks about the world. She is a person in transition, and she is ambivalent about this moment of change in her life. The painting is very thoughtful and insightful."

Other awards include:

- Best Landscape, sponsored by Wasson Nursery, was awarded to Amy Ruddy of Westfield for "Chasing the Sun."

- Casey Williams of McCordsville won Best Portrait/Figurative for "Into the Light."

- Another McCordsville artist, Eileen Allen, received Best Floral/Other, sponsored by Renewal by Andersen, for her waxed transparent watercolor painting, "Ode to Sweden."

- "Daylight," made with acrylic paint and sewn thread by Liz Hamstra of Fishers, won Best Abstract.

- A new award was introduced this year, Best 3D, sponsored by Noblesville Creates. The winner of this brand-new award was Victoria Winemiller of Fishers for her sculpted work, "Metalnoma."

Each of these artists received \$600. All winners were selected by juror Carl Schafer of Muncie.

The addition of 3D works was made possible by a partnership between FAC and the Fishers Art Center, located on the east side of the Fishers Municipal Center. The Fishers Art Center is operated in partnership between the City of Fishers and Indy Art Center, located in Broad Ripple. Vice President of Events



Photo provided by Fishers Arts Council

(Back row, from left) Casey Williams, Best Portrait/Figurative; Dan Wasson, CEO of Wasson Nursery (award sponsor); Chris Hayes, FAC Board President; Liz Hamstra, Best Abstract; J.C. Seig, Artist Liaison of Noblesville Creates (award sponsor); (front row, from left) Aparna Bhawe, Best in Show; Asma Siddiqui, People's Choice winner; John Rucker, District Manager for Jiffy Lube of Indiana (title sponsor); Eileen Allen, Best Floral or Other; Victoria Winemiller, Best 3D. Not pictured: Amy Ruddy, Best Landscape.

and Exhibitions for Indy Art Center, Shannon Bennett, was instrumental in this partnership.

"Thanks to Shannon, the Fishers Art Center was able to give us access to their gallery space for our juried exhibit which allowed us to showcase 3D works in a safe, museum-style gallery," FAC Executive Director Les Reinhardt said. "It's a truly beautiful display opportunity for these artists and we're so thankful for Indy Art Center Exhibi-

tion Manager, Alex Moore, and his expertise during the installation in their gallery."

The Fishers Art Center also allowed FAC to display 3D and 2D works during the annual High School Senior Showcase in their gallery spaces earlier this year, with Moore and his Exhibitions Associate, Marina Garrison, assisting with installation.

There was also stiff competition for the Noblesville Creates People's Choice award, with patrons voting on Facebook and

in-person in the gallery. The winner was Fishers resident Asma Siddiqui with her textured acrylic and mixed media creation, "The Ocean's Breath." It received the most overall votes, both online and in-person and a \$250 cash prize.

Almost all of these award-winning paintings are for sale, as are most of the other equally amazing works in the gallery through Sept. 27. FAC hopes that many Hamilton County residents, and others, will visit

the Art Gallery at City Hall in the Fishers Municipal Center and experience the art and enjoy the work of many talented people in our area.

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

CCHA Law welcomes Madeline Richmond, expanding litigation practice group

Submitted

Church Church Hittle and Antrim (CCHA Law) announces that **Madeline Richmond** has joined the firm as an associate attorney in the **Litigation Practice Group**.

Richmond focuses her practice on representing schools, cities, towns, and other public entities at the

state and federal levels in a variety of claims, ranging from negligence to complex issues of federal and constitutional law. She also provides counsel in insurance defense matters, offering clients skilled and efficient advocacy throughout the litigation process.

"Madeline brings both

strong academic achievements and meaningful practical experience to our team," CCHA Law Managing Partner Alex Pinegar said. "Her dedication to client service and her commitment to public entities make her an excellent addition to our litigation practice."

A proud Hoosier, Rich-

mond graduated summa cum laude from Indiana State University with a Bachelor of Science degree. She went on to earn her Juris Doctor from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law, graduating magna cum laude. Before joining CCHA Law, she practiced at a respected Indianapolis civil litigation firm,

where she defended clients in trucking accidents, motor vehicle accidents, and premises liability cases.

Richmond is admitted to practice in Indiana, as well as the U.S. District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana. She is also an active member of the Indianapolis Bar Association.



Richmond



POSTER CONTEST (K-6)

ESSAY CONTEST (7-12)

- Theme: History & Significance of Veterans Day
- Open to: Any student who lives in Westfield & Washington Township
- Open for Entries: September 9
- Submission Deadline: October 31

Show off your creativity and honor our heroes with Westfield's Veterans Day Poster & Essay Contests. Share your ideas on the *History & Significance of Veterans Day* for a chance to win prizes and have your work featured at the November 11 Veterans Day Ceremony!

Visit westfieldin.gov/veteransdayceremony to submit your entry and learn more!

Doobies & Reefers put on smoking-hot show

Classic rock fans were treated to a two-hitter on Saturday, Sept. 13 as the Coral Reefer Band and the Doobie Brothers both played at Ruoff Music Center in Noblesville. For those who may not know, the Coral Reefers were the backing band for the late great Jimmy Buffett.

Upon his passing, the group chose to continue spreading his particular brand of tropical joy for his fans. The deliciously talented Doobies were once again joined by the always-smooth Michael McDonald. A good time was had by all! (Reporter photos by Bill Miller)



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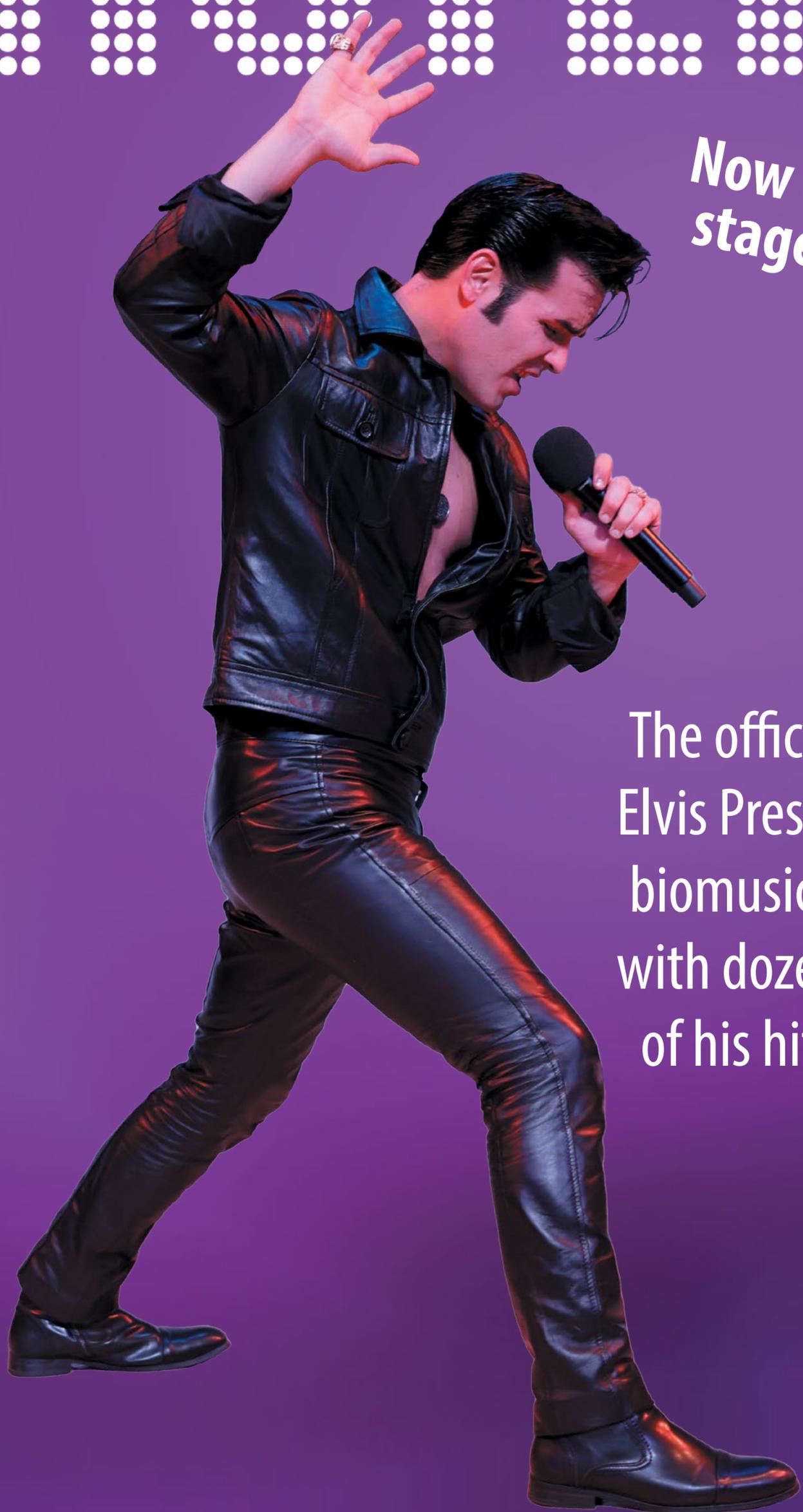


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Carmel's Chinese Mooncake Festival takes place this Saturday

The REPORTER

The City of Carmel and Chinese Mooncake Festival Committee invite the community to celebrate the Chinese Mooncake Festival (Mid-Autumn Festival), a cherished tradition symbolizing unity, family and gratitude.

This year's festival takes place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20 at Midtown Plaza Carmel, 365 Monon Blvd.

Guests will enjoy a wide-ranging program of performances from across the community, including



Photo provided by City of Carmel

lion and dragon dances, music, storytelling, lantern displays, children's crafts, and mooncake tastings. This family-friendly event offers residents and visitors alike the chance to experience a vibrant cultural tradition in the heart of Carmel.



Graphic provided by City of Carmel

The festival committee recognizes these event sponsors, participating cultural booths, and vendors.



Photos provided by City of Carmel

(From left to right, top to bottom) Grand Prize/Best of Show, Catherine LaPointe Vollmer; 2nd Place winner, Jeannie Hilfiker; 3rd Place winner, Scott Sullivan; and 4th Place winner, Peter Wu.

More than \$11,000 in prizes awarded at Carmel on Canvas

The REPORTER

The 11th annual Carmel on Canvas plein air event was held Sept. 5 and 6 and featured artists in an open-air painting exhibition and competition which took place on the sidewalks throughout the city's central corridor.

The event welcomed 60 highly acclaimed artists from the Midwest and beyond. The artists competed in a variety of plein air contests during the two-day event, registering in a division that matched their skill or age level: professional, non-professional, teen, or youth.

Carmel artist and educator Irina Smulevitch of the Carmel Art Education Studio in the Village of WestClay was this year's judge.

The awards for the 2025 Carmel on Canvas are as follows:

Professional Division

- Grand Prize/Best of Show (\$3,000) Catherine LaPointe Vollmer, Pottsdam, N.Y.
- 2nd Place (\$2,000) Jeannie Hilfiker, Indianapolis
- 3rd Place (\$1,500) Scott Sullivan, Bloomington, Ind.
- 4th Place (\$1,000) Peter Wu, Missouri City, Texas

Merit Winners

- Betsy Bird, Indianapolis
- Melanie Wissel, Carmel
- Carleen O'Connor Rivera, Munster, Ind.
- Mary Ann Davis, Indianapolis
- Mark Millis, Bargersville, Ind.
- Brad Fields, Fishers
- Jaclyn Schillinger, Westfield
- Lesley Halflich, Noblesville
- Emily Winslow, Indianapolis
- Donna Shortt, Indianapolis

Non-Professional Division

- 1st Place, Bill Bernard, Carmel
- 2nd Place, Clover

Youth Division

- 1st Place, Ella Guo, Carmel
- 2nd Place, Lena Michalowicz, Fishers
- 3rd Place, Isaac Anthony, Carmel

Teen Division

- Merit Winner, Julie Cao, Carmel
- Merit Winner, Alison Zhang, Zionsville

Purchase Awards

Carmel on Canvas artists have the opportunity to compete for Purchase Awards by painting the sponsoring business' establishment and winning the listed monetary prize. Purchase Awards paintings are not included in the Plein Air Paint Out. Congratulations to the artists listed below with the participating businesses.

- Fringe & Form (\$400) David Seward, Zionsville
- Pure Green (\$300) Brad Fields, Fishers

Scholl Indianapolis

- 3rd Place, Marie Schaffer, Sheridan

Merit Winners

- Lisa Elliott, Indianapolis
- Alexis Hahn, Fishers

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North GOP invites you to next meeting

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The Northern Hamilton County GOP invites you to the next dinner meeting, set for 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30 at Red Bridge Park, 697 W. Jackson St., Cicero.

This month's meeting theme will be "Here Comes the Judge." Come meet the 10 candidates running for the county's judicial openings next May.

Attendees will also hear

from Noblesville attorney and club sponsor Ray Adler of the Hamilton County Election Board as he offers more information about Voting Centers.

The cost is free for members and sponsors and \$10 for guests. Make sure to invite your friends and neighbors.

Please RSVP by Sunday, Sept. 28 to Club President Emily Pearson at emily.pearson317@gmail.com.

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Cicero Edwards Jones welcomes community to brand-new office



Photo provided

The Cicero Edward Jones office held an open house on Aug. 12 at the new location, now at 740 S. Peru St. Guests were offered pastries, coffee, and an inside look at the new office. For all your financial needs, stop by and see Financial Advisor Amanda Sylvester or call (317) 606-3058. (From left) Jordan Brown, Branch Office Administrator; Kathy Young of First Merchants Bank; Luda Ranahan, co-designer; Eric Scott, designer with Eric Scott Designs; Cooper Vondersaar of Vondersaar Homes; Amanda Sylvester, Edward Jones Financial Advisor; Corey Sylvester of Edward Jones; Paul Vondersaar of Vondersaar Homes; Nick Robertson of Vondersaar Homes; and Phoenix Vondersaar of Vondersaar Homes.

Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra showcases PASIC anniversary & special classical programs in 2025-26

The REPORTER

Building on the excitement of its 2025–26 season launch, the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra (ISO) will present a series of distinctive performances this fall and spring that showcase the orchestra’s versatility and its role as a cultural leader in central Indiana.

From a landmark celebration of percussion, to an interactive series that takes audiences inside the heart of classical masterpieces, to intimate collaborations with local universities, these concerts underscore the ISO’s commitment to presenting music in fresh, imaginative, and accessible ways.

Celebrating 50 Years of PASIC & Music For All

On Nov. 13, 2025, the ISO celebrates the Percus-

sive Arts Society International Convention (PASIC) and Music For All in marking their 50th anniversaries with a one-night-only concert at Hilbert Circle Theatre. Assistant Conductor Hannah Schendel leads the ISO in a program featuring world-renowned percussionists Michael Burritt and Ivan Trevino.

Program highlights:

- Shostakovich: *Festive Overture*
- Michael Burritt: *Ontario* (world premiere) | Michael Burritt, marimba
- Ivan Trevino: *Catching Shadows* | Michael Burritt & Ivan Trevino, marimbas
- Mussorgsky (arr. Ravel): *Pictures at an Exhibition*

Concert begins at 6 p.m. Tickets can be purchased [here](#).



Into the Music with Jun Märkl

Returning for its second season, Into the Music offers audiences an engaging blend of conversation and performance. Music Director Jun Märkl is joined on stage by Ryan Ahlwardt (co-host of *Indy Now* on FOX59) to provide an in-depth look at what makes this music great.

2025–26 Into the Music programs:

- Oct. 9, 2025 – Strauss: *Death and Transfiguration*
- Feb. 19, 2026 – Beethoven: Symphony No. 3 “Eroica”
- April 16, 2026 – Debussy: *Images*
- June 18, 2026 –

Schumann: Symphony No. 1 “Spring”

Doors open at 6 p.m., concerts begin at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free, with no intermission. Tickets can be reserved [here](#).

Chamber Music in Partnership with Butler University & the University of Indianapolis

The ISO also continues its Chamber Music Series, presented in collaboration with Butler University’s Jordan College of the Arts and the University of Indianapolis. Offered free of charge, the series showcases ISO musicians – many of whom also serve as

See *ISO* . . . Page 10

Three juveniles arrested in connection with hundreds of car break-ins in Fishers & Indianapolis

The REPORTER

Early Tuesday morning, in a coordinated effort between Fishers Police Department, Indianapolis Metro Police Department, and the FBI’s Violent Crimes Task Force, three juveniles were taken into custody in connection with a recent string of vehicle break-ins – estimated to be in the hundreds – that occurred across Indianapolis and Fishers.

“Today, we stand united in our aggressive, collaborative efforts to stop criminals from victimizing our residents and wreaking havoc on our community,” Fishers Chief Ed Gebhart said. “We are committed to deploying every resource at our disposal to ensure the safety and security of our neighborhoods. Let it be known: our officers will not relent in our pursuit of peace and safety for every member of our communities.”

The suspects were driving a stolen vehicle at the time of their apprehension. The suspect vehicle was located in a neighborhood in Fishers early in the morning of Tuesday, Sept. 16. All three agencies worked together to devise a plan to move in and safely apprehend the suspects. K9 and SWAT officers, as well as drone operators, assisted,

and three suspects were taken into custody.

So far in this investigation, stolen property, including guns and vehicles taken from victims in both Fishers and Indianapolis, has been recovered. Because the crimes involved stolen firearms and vehicles that crossed jurisdictions, the FBI’s Violent Crimes Task Force joined with local partners to ensure offenders are held accountable at both the state and federal levels.

This is still an active investigation, and the community’s assistance continues to be in need. Fishers residents with information or video surveillance related to the incidents are asked to send it to fisherspd@fishersin.gov. Indianapolis residents with information are asked to email IMPD.publicaffairs@indy.gov.

Although arrests have been made, the public should stay vigilant and consistent. Remember:

- Locking your car is no longer enough.
- Bring your valuables, especially firearms, inside.
- Look after yourself and your neighbor. If this person/group returns, do not approach. Call 911 immediately.
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Noblesville residents turn road closure into block party!



Photos provided by City of Noblesville & Noblesville Police Department
 Noblesville's 9th Street block party brought together more than 70 people on Saturday, Sept. 13 with special visits from the Police and Fire departments. Neighbors turned their street being temporarily closed for utility work into an opportunity to build community connection. This was the first block party organized since the Noblesville Common Council removed the \$50 block party permit fee, but it won't be the last.

Community News

All-you-can-eat fish fry at Wayne-Fall Lions Club

The Wayne-Fall Lions Club invites the community to an all-you-can-eat fish fry from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Wayne-Fall Lions Club, 11940 E. 191st St., located at the intersection of De-shane Road and Victory Chapel Road, Noblesville. The meal will include the Lions Club's famous fried cod, fries, baked beans, coleslaw, and a drink. The meal will cost \$15 for adults and \$8 for kids aged 10 and under. Desserts and Coney dogs will be available for \$3.

Sheridan Phi Beta Psi's annual Lasagna Dinner

Friday, Sept. 19, 5 to 7 p.m.
 Sheridan High School cafeteria
 Lasagna, breadsticks, salad, dessert & drink
 Advance Adult Tickets: \$12 (\$15 at the door)
 Children 12 and under: \$7
 Gluten-free & carry-out available
 Proceeds benefit a scholarship toward medical studies for a Sheridan High School senior

Eat at Culver's of Westfield, support local FFA chapters

Now through Sept. 21, guests can come into Culver's, 17651 Sun Park Drive, Westfield, and buy an FFA barn wall decal for \$1. Put your name on it along with the name of the Hamilton County FFA chapter you want to support. All the money raised will go to a local FFA chapter chosen by customers. October is National FFA Month, and Culver's will show its support with various programs in which customers can participate.

ISO

university faculty – in intimate chamber music settings.
 Concert schedule:
 • Sept. 17, 2025 – Beethoven & Mendelssohn String Quartets
 • Nov. 10 & 12, 2025 – Woodwinds and Piano

• Jan. 26 & 28, 2026 – Mozart & Dvořák
 • March 23 & April 8, 2026 – Brass Quintet
 Concerts take place at Eidson-Duckwall Recital Hall (Butler University) and the DeHaan Fine Arts Center (University of Indianap-

olis). Tickets do not need to be reserved in advance.
Sphinx Series Highlights Innovative Contemporary Musicians
 On Nov. 5, ISO Assistant Conductor Hannah Schendel leads a miracu-

lous evening of music at the historic Madam Walker Theatre. Coleridge-Taylor's spirited Novelletten and Haydn's "Miracle" Symphony meet the bold voices of today in partnership with the Sphinx Organization, which champions Black and

Latino musicians. Valerie Coleman's *Tracing Visions* confronts grief and rises to hope, while Kebra-Seyoun Charles's performs his own composition *Nightlife* which pulses with the energy of city streets and clubs. Follow the **Sphinx Se-**

ries for additional concerts to be announced later this fall. Together, these programs reflect the ISO's mission to create powerful musical experiences, invite audiences into discovery, and deepen connections across the community.

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Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

Let's Welcome the Fishers American Legion Post 470 Lowell Beaver to Our Smoke-FREE World!!!

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1st & 3rd Sundays



Come Check Out Your Family Friendly American Legion

Fishers American Legion Post 470, located at 9091 E 126th St, Fishers, Indiana 46038, will officially become a smoke-free facility beginning Monday, September 29, 2025. The decision to go non-smoking is part of an ongoing effort to create a more welcoming and healthy environment for all members and guests. Leaders at the Post say the change aligns with broader community health goals and will help ensure a more family-friendly space for events and gatherings.

Post 470 is a hub of activity in the Fishers community, offering a wide variety of weekly events open to the public. Popular activities include bingo on Sundays and Tuesdays, poker games, and raffle drawings every Friday night. The facility also features pool tables, dart games, and video games, providing entertainment for all ages. With the transition to a smoke-free environment, the Post hopes to encourage even more local residents to stop by, get involved, and enjoy the camaraderie and fun.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100094085413679> Website: <https://legion470fishers.org>



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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Cicero Post 341 Commander - Tye Anderson
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Fishers Post 470 Commander - Eric Stanley
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Noblesville Post 45 Commander - Gill Soria
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/people/Frank-Huntzinger-Noblesville-American-Legion-Post-45/61572125481943/>

Sheridan Post 67 Commander - Tim DeLine
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61564874995173>

VFW Posts

Carmel Post 10003 Commander - Darin Bibeau
Website <https://vfw10003.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?nid=1>
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61565120759104>

Noblesville Post 6246 Commander - Izzy Manchaca
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Noblesville, in 46061

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Hamilton County Military Veteran

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Please contact David Hudson, NAMI Indiana Military and Veteran Support Program Manager, at dhudson@namiindiana.org or 317-925-9399 x111, with questions or to get involved.

Nominations for Military Child of the Year Are Now Open Until Dec 2, 2025 thru Operation Homefront

My name is Danielle Campbell, and I am the Program Coordinator for our Family Support Services department here at Operation Homefront.

Every year (now in its 18th year) Operation Homefront hosts the Military Child of the Year® Awards. The awards are open to military children between the ages of 13-18. There are 7 recipients 1 child from each branch of the services and each recipient receives

\$10,000 CASH, a laptop, other donated goodies, and a 3-day trip to Washington, DC with us and their families.

Children are entered by nominations. Anyone that knows a military child can nominate any military child. So, you may nominate your students, friend's children, children can nominate their siblings and best friends and so on. The awards are open to Active Duty, Reserves AND retired military children.

The program is entirely **FREE** and exclusive to military children.

I was writing today to ask if you would be willing to help us share the word about the awards with your military families? **Nominations are OPEN NOW and will remain open until December 2nd!** If you would like I can email you a flyer to share as well.

If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to respond to this email or call the number below. And thank you for supporting military children and families!

Danielle Campbell
Program Coordinator, Family Support Services
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Activities & Events

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Tuesday Sept 16 <i>Honoring our Past</i> 11:00 Opening Ceremony and special program For WW00, Korea, Vietnam & Cold War Vets	Saturday Sept 20 <i>Honoring our Supporters</i> 2:00-3:30 Clara Haskett 4:00-5:30 Sarah Barton 6:00-7:30 Blackjack Davey 8:00-9:30 Time Travelers 10:00-12:00 Hippies and Cowboys
Wednesday Sept 17 <i>Honoring our Diversity</i> Miami Indian Nation	Sunday Sept 21 <i>Honoring God & Country</i> 10:00 Church
Thursday Sept 18 <i>Honoring our Hope</i> Mental Health, VA and other briefings 4:00-5:30 S.R.A. 6:00-7:30 2 for the Show 8:00-9:30 Jason Wells 10:00-12:00 Roughhouse	

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The cast for *A Jukebox for Algonquin*.

A serious comedy about sex, drugs & rocking chairs

By **VERONIQUE DUPREY**
A Seat on the Aisle

I had the pleasure of seeing *A Jukebox for the Algonquin* at Epilogue Players on Friday, Sept. 12.

The new (2023) play, written by Paul Stroili, and directed by Therese Burns and Amanda Greene, comes with the tagline “A serious comedy about sex, drugs, and rocking chairs,” which gives you an idea of the tone – prude ears should stay home, as it contains some language and crude humor. But anyone who can watch a PG-13 movie, or survived the raunchy (yet G-rated) comedies of the 80s, should come out for a night of excellent entertainment with humor, tender-hearted moments, and life commentary.

The story takes place in the Algonquin Room, a less-frequented lounge

room of a senior care facility in upstate New York. That set alone is worth the price of admission; kudos to Andrew Burnett, Melody Burnett, and Therese Burns for the design, and to the set construction team, for taking us to the Adirondacks in a flashback to summers at the cottage.

There, we spend some time with a few residents and staff members, as the former navigate living their senior years with less autonomy and in community and the latter, working in a care-taking field while balancing needs and rules. Though not yet at the senior stage of life, I thoroughly enjoyed the comedy, sweetness, and sadness of the friendships and situations. My daughter who works in an assisted living facility thought the script was right on the money, with those exact songs,

activities, and struggles part of the daily life there. I am told the playwright worked in a similar facility at some point, which explains the authenticity.

The cast of mostly veteran local actors is well-suited to this type of realistic representation, avoiding caricature and making each person a real, normal human being, and the script generously gives each one a moment to shine. Onis Dean, Duane Mercier, and Wendy Brown work especially well together as long-time residents, familiar with each other’s quirks, and Albert Lahrman III’s Dust Mop Guy develops into a more layered character. Direction and pacing was generally efficient, notwithstanding some hurried deliveries – fast speeches may work in New York but are harder to understand in a theater.

Bottom line: This is a fun and touching show about life and people, proving roots do matter, but friendships and common goals also bind people together – well written and well executed. I recommend you get your tickets and visit the Algonquin Room, this weekend and next; be prepared to laugh, perhaps cry, and want to visit your older relatives while you still can!

I also commend Epilogue for taking a chance on an unknown play slightly out of their usual fare.

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Can William “Shag” Shakespeare speak truth to power and survive?

By DANIEL SHOCK
A Seat on the Aisle

Politics. I’ll bet some of you are already tempted to stop reading after just that word. But there’s no way to talk about Southbank Theatre Company’s production of Bill Cain’s *Equivocation* without dipping a toe into the topic.

Cain spins a fictional tale stitched from real history: the Gunpowder Plot of 1605 (“Remember, remember the fifth of November”), populated by real people – William Shakespeare, King James I, Father Henry Garnet, and more. The story illuminates the impossible tightrope artists walk when telling the truth means risking the scaffold, and silence means surrender.

The play begins as Shakespeare, “Shag” to his friends, is ordered by Robert Cecil, the King’s right hand, to write the official government version of the Gunpowder Plot. The Crown wants a script that cements its story as history. The danger: tell the truth and risk the noose, or write the lie and sell their souls.

What unfolds is part thriller, part backstage comedy, and part meditation on the cost of speaking plainly. In Cain’s hands, history bends toward allegory, and the question that haunts the stage is timeless: how does an artist tell the truth when every word is weighed on the gallows?

One of Cain’s smartest bits comes right at the beginning, when Robert Cecil sneers at the idea that Shakespeare’s company is organized as a cooperative. The absurdity of powerful men trying to grasp how a band of actors makes decisions together is funny in the moment, but Cain doesn’t leave it as a throw-away. By the end of the play, that same structure becomes a kind of quiet thesis statement. The theatre – messy, fragile, made up of clashing egos and shared purpose – emerges as a model of how human beings might resolve differences without bloodshed.

Director Marcia Eppich-Harris has assembled a fine cast of actors to bring this story to life. Leading the company is Robb Johnston as William “Shag” Shakespeare, an imperfect, conflicted artist brimming with passion, fear, guilt, and a desperate desire to do the right thing. Johnston doesn’t give us a marble bust of Shakespeare; he gives us a man pulled apart by conscience and survival.

Dan Flahive is marvelous in the dual role of actor Richard (Burbage, I presume) and Father Henry Garnet, the priest who defends the doctrine of equivocation or “how to tell the truth in difficult times.” Flahive’s warmth and conviction make Garnet the play’s moral heart-



Photo by Rob Slaven / IndyGhostLight.com
Robb Johnston as Shakespeare with Abigail Wittenmyer as Judith.

beat. As Robert Cecil, J. Charles Weimer is wonderfully reptilian: polished manipulation wrapped in charm. He also slips deftly in and out of other roles, making each distinct without showiness. Matthew Ball proves remarkably versatile as Sharpe, King James, and Tom Wintour; his King James, in particular, is a delight of vanity and menace in equal measure. Joshua Matasovsky likewise shines in multiple guises, each sharply drawn and memorable.

And then there is Abigail Wittenmyer as Judith, Shakespeare’s daughter. Sad, sharp, and unyielding, Judith forces her father to confront his failings – not as a nag, but as a mirror he cannot look away from. Wittenmyer grounds the play’s political intrigue: the truth we dodge at home can be as damning as the lies we tell in public.

The technical side of the production is effective in its simplicity. Sound design by Marcia Eppich-Harris and lighting design by Pully Crumpacker are used sparingly. Costume design by Karen Cones keeps things pared down so the actors can slip quickly between roles. The set design by Aric Harris takes full advantage of the Shelton Auditorium’s thrust stage. A timbered back wall suggests the bones of an Elizabethan playhouse, a nod to Shake-

speare’s own Globe.

In her director’s note, Marcia Eppich-Harris asks the essential question: “How do artists keep their integrity, and speak truth to power, in the midst of corruption?” That question pulses through every moment of this production. Southbank Theatre Company’s *Equivocation* doesn’t just retell and remix history; it reminds us why theatre matters now, at this crossroads in our own politics. It shows us that truth, however dangerous, can still be spoken, and that a community of artists working together may yet be the best model for how we move forward.

The best compliment I can give this production is that I was constantly engaged by the thoughts and dilemmas of the characters. The play contains violence and brief, non-graphic sex. I would take my 15-year-old, but as always, know your child.

Equivocation is presented by Southbank Theatre Company at the Shelton Auditorium, located at 1000 W. 42nd St. on the Butler University campus in Indianapolis. The production runs through Sept. 21, with performances on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets and more information are available at southbanktheatre.org.

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Obituaries

Dale Redwine

March 26, 1957 – September 14, 2025

Dale Redwine, 68, Westfield, passed away on Sunday, September 14, 2025, after a short battle with cancer. He was born on March 26, 1957, to Delmas and Hazel (Collins) Redwine in Noblesville.

Shortly after graduating high school, Dale went on to work at Custom Concrete, where he remained for almost 30 years. He always loved gardening, so after leaving Custom, he began selling his produce at farmers’ markets. Over the last 20 years, Dale and Jacob, together, have grown what started as a single table at the Noblesville Farmers Market into a thriving family business, now known as Redwine Family Farms, and even reached their dream of opening their own store last year. Dale was a very hard worker his whole life.

But out of all the things he did in his life, he was most proud of his children and grandchildren. Dale and Beth married in 1988. Together they have five children and 24 grandchildren. He told his daughter last week that the three most important things to him were his Faith, his Family, and his Fields.

Dale is survived by his wife of 37 years, Beth Redwine; children, Amy (Andrew) Gross, Sarah (Aaron) Greenwood, Jacob (Faith) Redwine, Tammi Morgan (Mathew Ashlock), and Grace (Luke) Hall; brother, Charles (Linda) Redwine; sister-in-law, Sue Redwine; and 24 grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, William L. Redwine.

Visitation will be from 3 to 5 p.m., with services at 5 p.m., on Saturday, September 20, 2025, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville.

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Dinko Keranov

October 13, 1980 – September 14, 2025

Dinko Keranov, 44, Fishers, passed away on Sunday, September 14, 2025, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born on October 13, 1980, to Mitko and Elka Keranov in Yambol, Bulgaria.

Dinko enjoyed listening to music, watching movies, playing games, making people laugh, working out, sports, cooking, fishing, and dancing. He had a great sense of humor and was always the life of the party. Humble,

content, and genuine, Dinko was never afraid to be himself – he was always authentic and real. Dinko liked to learn about things, whether it was history, nature, mathematics, food, computers, fixing cars, repairing the house, or understanding how the body works – he was so intelligent, and he took joy in his interests. Dinko had a charming smile, long eyelashes, and an infectious laugh, and he was a master storyteller – nobody could tell a story or a joke as good as Dinko. He was fun and witty, yet also enjoyed having thoughtful conversations about life. Dinko met his wife while taking a work trip to Seattle, and after they married in Bulgaria, they lived in Washington State for 18 years before moving to Fishers in 2024. Dinko loved his wife and children more than anything – nothing made him more proud or happy than his family, and he was loved deeply by his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Debbie Keranova; daughters, Susan Keranova (16), Megan Keranova (13), Lauren Keranova (11), all of Fishers; father, Mitko Keranov; mother, Elka Keranov of Moses Lake, Wash.; sister, Angelina (Dimitar) Mandevska of Moses Lake, Wash.; nephew, Vasko Mandevski of Bellevue, Wash.; niece, Ellie Mandevska of Moses Lake, Wash.; in-laws, Curt (Barb) Hornaday of Moses Lake, Wash.; and his uncle, Jeko Jekov of Bulgaria.

Graveside Services will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, September 19, 2025, at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens, 9700 Allisonville Road, in Indianapolis.

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Submitted by Office of Gov. Mike Braun

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“Power Up Indiana targets incentives to establish Hoosier businesses and workers,” Gov. Braun said. “We are growing employees’ paychecks while strengthening Indiana companies.”

Power Up Indiana is designed to reward and scale employer-led solutions developing internal talent pipelines. This encourages employers to offer employees training to build skills to match high value, high paying jobs.

The program is open to businesses of all sizes, from manufacturers and healthcare providers to logistics firms and Main Street employers.

“This is how we reward leadership, raise wages, and make Indiana more competitive – one worker at a time,” Indiana Secretary of Commerce David Adams said. “This program marks a significant step toward a more competitive, future ready workforce.”

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“When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor and for the foreigner residing among you. I am the Lord your God.”

Leviticus 23:15-22 (NIV)

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Paula Sue Bryant Smith

September 28, 1938 – September 10, 2025

Paula Smith, beloved mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, passed away peacefully on September 10, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of love, laughter, and creative spirit.

Born on September 28, 1938, in South Bend, Ind., Paula had an early appreciation for the natural world – a love that would continue to shape her life and art. She attended Indiana University, where she cultivated her lifelong curiosity and went on to raise two children, later becoming a proud grandmother to five grandchildren.

In 1972, Paula found her true artistic calling and became a watercolor artist. She studied under renowned artist Floyd Hopper and was a dedicated member of the Hamilton County Artists' Association. Her award-winning work captured the serene beauty of wildlife, birds, and especially the iconic birch trees of northern Michigan – an area dear to her heart. Her love for Mullett Lake in northern Michigan was unmatched; it remained a cherished place of peace and inspiration throughout her life.

Her artwork received numerous accolades, including First Place in the Watercolor Division at the Atlanta Art Fair and a Purchase Award Prize at the Pen Women's Indiana State Art Exhibit. Her pieces resonated with viewers, reflecting her deep connection to nature.

Paula spent many years as Assistant Principal Secretary at North Central High School. She enjoyed being around the students and working with all the administrators. She worked there from 1989 to 2003.

Paula had a spunky personality and a wide range of passions. She adored animals, followed horse racing with enthusiasm, and always made time for a game of bridge, a good book, or a scary movie. She loved the color red, the music of Rod Stewart, and being surrounded by beauty.

She shared a close bond with her sister, Betty Lou Kyle, and together they were affectionately known as the “Laughing Ladies,” sharing a lot of time on funny projects and escapades up north.

Paula's legacy lives on in the brushstrokes of her paintings, the memories she created with loved ones, her son Jeffrey Bryant Merchant (Nancy), daughter Julie Lynn Ehrens (Ron), and her grandchildren who named her Grandma Indiana: Alex Ehrens, Bailey Ehrens, Ryan Merchant, Sean Merchant, and Nicole Merchant. She is also survived by many other family members including her loving nephew and nieces, John Kyle (Marcia), Kathy Abrell (Steve) and Amy Bradburn (Tom).

Meeting Notices	
The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will meet in a work session at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2025, in the Board Room at the Noblesville Schools Educational Services Center, 18025 River Road.	Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a), the Hamilton County Council will meet in a work session at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2025, in Conference Room 1A at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

Leonard “Allen” Kinnaman

October 6, 1945 – September 16, 2025

Leonard “Allen” Kinnaman, 79, Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, after battling Alzheimer's disease. He was born on October 6, 1945, to Mable Lorraine Kinnaman (Earl) & Leonard Henry Clements in Noblesville. He was later adopted by Frank Julius Kinnaman after his father's death.

Allen was a 1964 graduate of Noblesville High School. After graduation, Allen joined the National Guard and went to work for Delco Remy in Anderson. He left Delco to drive a semi hauling mostly corn and beans earning him the CB handle “Bean Roller.” Eventually, he started his own trucking business, Kinnaman Trucking. He loved being on the open road and traveling. He also enjoyed square dancing with Do Si Squares, playing Pinochle, boating and water skiing, and traveling all over the U.S. in the motor home. He was a longtime member of First Christian Church in Noblesville.

His family was his pride and joy. They include his mother-in-law, Gwendolyn Galbreath; his son, Jim (Stacey) Kinnaman; his daughters, Missy (Ryan) Burnside and Ashley (Mike) Black; his sister, Ellen (Gary) Kinney; and his sisters-in-law, Jo (Gary) Rhodes and Janet Jaros. The lights of his life were his grandchildren: Kayleigh (Okan) Aykar, Shelby (Ivan) Lagunas, Chelsey (Ryan) Kinnaman, Madison (Chase) Sumner, Wade (Allie) Kinnaman, Bryce (Grace) Miller, Ava Black, and Owen Black; and great-grandsons, Bennett Graham, Ashton Kinnaman, and Jack Kinnaman. He also has several nieces and nephews.

Allen was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Joyce; his parents; sister, Barbara Grimes; brothers, Bud Campbell and David Kinnaman; and two nephews, David Kinney and Todd Stamm.

Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, September 18, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. The service will follow visitation and begin at 6 p.m., with Dr. Richard Bailey officiating. A private burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Christian Church of Noblesville, 16377 Herriman Blvd., Noblesville, IN 46060 (fccnoblesville.org); or Alzheimer's Association, 50 E. 91st St., Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240 (alz.org/indiana).

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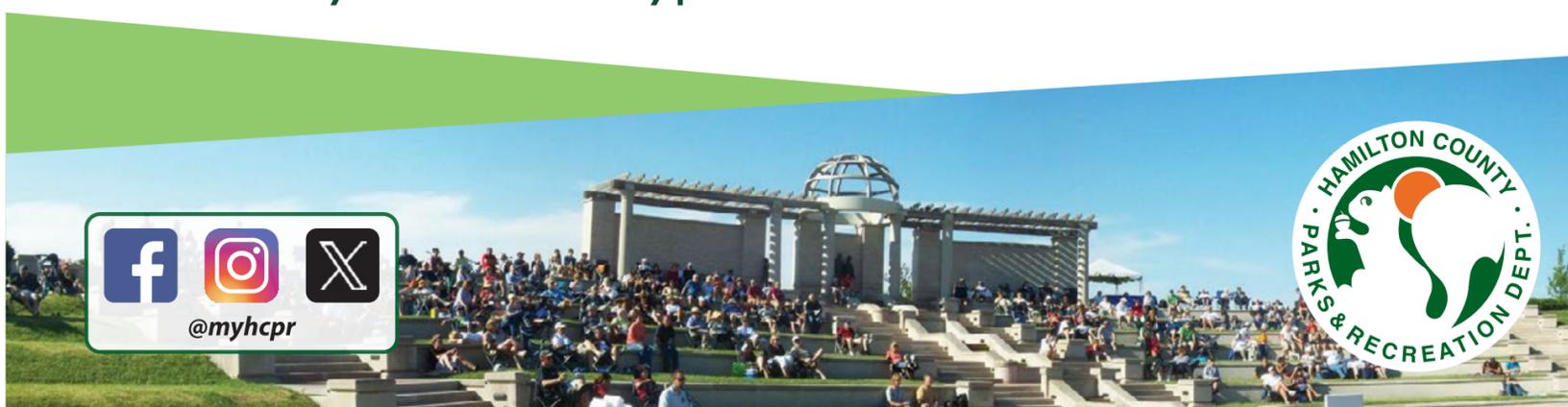
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Football Previews, Part 1

Guerin Catholic and Sheridan are home, Heights visits Western

By **CRAIG ADKINS**
For the Reporter

Four games into the season and once again there are a handful of Hamilton County teams making their presence known in the rankings.

There are four county teams in the Top 10 in Class 6A. Westfield leaped to No. 4 in front of Carmel (No. 5) after the Shamrocks' win at Zionsville and the Greyhounds falling at Louisville Trinity. Fishers moved up to sixth following their Mudsock victory over No. 10 Hamilton Southeastern. Guerin Catholic stayed in the 3A top 10 at No. 9 after a solid win at Brebeuf Jesuit.

4A No. 11 Roncalli Royals (2-2, 0-1 CCC) at 3A No. 9 Guerin Catholic Golden Eagles (3-1, 1-0 CCC)

Friday night's Circle City Conference game will be the 10th meeting in the all-time history, with Roncalli winning on all nine occasions. The Royals won last year's game 38-23.

Last week, Roncalli got a big win over 6A No. 13 Columbus North, 41-20. The Royals' other win was over Bishop Dwenger (3-0) and lost their second and third games on the road at Franklin Central (22-15) and Bishop Chatard (33-11) that evens their record.

The Golden Eagles went on the road for the second straight week and came away victorious at Brebeuf Jesuit, 36-25.

Guerin struck first with a Jack Linden touchdown and two-point conversion for the early 8-0 lead. The two teams traded scores for a Golden Eagle 15-6 lead, thanks to Linden's second score. Brebeuf scored again before halftime to cut it to 15-13.



Photo by Bob Cross

Hamilton Heights' Drew Woodruff threw two touchdown passes during the Huskies' game with Danville.

Quentin Klee connected with younger brother Kolbe early in the third for a 17-yard touchdown pass to extend it to 22-13.

Later in the third quarter, Klee found Aiden Horn from 18 yards out to make it

29-13.

The Braves scored twice and Guerin once more on Linden's third rushing touchdown that sealed the game for the Golden Eagles.

Klee had quite the night in the pocket,

throwing 24 of 32 for 340 yards and two TDs. Isaiah Lewis caught 10 of those for 127. Kolby Klee grabbed six for 86 and Horn five for 64. Linden ran 18 times for 76.

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Boys Soccer

Royals beat Rocks in HCC showdown

By **RICHIE HALL**
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WESTFIELD – Now that the Hamilton Southeastern boys soccer team has figured out its formations, things are starting to click for the Royals.

Southeastern traveled to Westfield Tuesday and rolled to a 4-0 Hoosier Crossroads Conference win over the Shamrocks. The Royals are 2-1-2 in the conference – “everyone’s chasing Brownsburg,” said HSE coach Chris White – but a strong finish in the league is still a possibility.

“Coming in tonight, we can still finish anywhere from second to seventh,” said White. The Royals are presently third in the league standings, behind the first-place Bulldogs (5-0) and second-place Fishers (3-1-2).

Southeastern scored its first goal in the first half, with Cooper Perez finding the back of the net. Alfie Kraft gave the Royals a 2-0 lead with 31 minutes left in

the second half. Jonathan Ramos Perez then took over, putting in two goals during the game’s final 26 minutes.

With that, Southeastern tied its highest-scoring game of the year. The Royals also scored four goals in their season opener against Mt. Vernon. White said his team “changed formations around a lot” during the early part of the season, finally getting settled in “about four or five games ago,” he said.

“I put it on me, because I didn’t know how we needed to play,” said White. The coach said it took “four or five games for me to see guys in game action to get it figured out. We had some hiccups and some up-and-down performances during that time, but we’re starting to come together and roll at the right time.”

For example, Gavin Boyle was a back force for the past few years, but he was moved “up top because he creates havoc up there,” said White. Southeastern

has also been scoring goals by committee: Ramos Perez’ two goals brought him to a season total of four. Jose Charris also has four goals for the season, so they are now tied for leading scorer honors. Ten HSE players have scored at least one goal.

“Because we don’t have one guy that’s going to score for us all the time, it’s got to be ball movement, it’s got to be as a unit,” said White. “And they’re starting to see things that we’ve been talking about.”

“I think our effort level was there,” said Westfield coach Eric Cupp. “I think we picked up our passing in the second half. Our first half, we did not look con-

nected. Looked more connected in the second half.”

Cupp credited several players with good games and said his seniors “put in a ton of effort tonight,” including Ian Lam and Michael O’Rourke. He also credited junior goalkeeper Mack Keefer with playing well, saying “he plays a great game every game. He was distributing the ball really well. He was covering up things that we were letting through.”

Southeastern is 7-2-3 overall and goes back on the road Thursday for another HCC game at Noblesville. Westfield is 2-3 in conference play and 4-5-1 overall; the Rocks travel to Carmel Thursday.



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Hamilton Southeastern's Jonathan Ramos Perez scored two goals for the Royals during their Tuesday win at Westfield.

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<p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">3.3%</p> <p>Price Increase 8/24 vs. 8/25</p>	<p>Months of Inventory Change</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">18.1%</p> <p>8/24 vs. 8/25</p>	<p>Interest Rates 30-Year Fixed</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">6.375%</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">With an APR of 6.495%</p>

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Boys Soccer



Carmel's Evan Bardos scored a goal for the Greyhounds during their game with North Central on Tuesday. Reporter photo by Julie Brown

Hounds beat North Central

The REPORTER

The Carmel boys soccer team traveled to old rival North Central on Tuesday and came home with a 2-0 victory.

Troy Eslin scored one goal for the Greyhounds, assisted by Mikey Kubek. Evan Bardos also scored a goal, with Eslin making the assist. Gray Morgan

had two goalkeeper saves.

Carmel is 7-0-2 and hosts Westfield on Thursday.

Sheridan split a pair of games to begin the week.

The Blackhawks beat Taylor 4-2 on Monday in a Hoosier Heartland Conference game. Dayton Kirilin scored two goals,

Jackson Aleman had one goal and one assist, and Rohen Wilson scored one goal. Kylen Day and Jonathan Faupel each provided one assist.

Sheridan dropped a 7-4 game to North Montgomery on Tuesday. Stats were not available at press time. The Black-

hawks are 2-1 in confer-

ence play and 3-4 overall and host Shortridge on Thursday.

Fishers dropped a 5-0 Hoosier Crossroads Conference game to Brownsburg on Tuesday.

The Tigers are 3-1-2 in the conference and 7-2-3 overall, and host North Central on Thursday.

Correction

An incorrect headline appeared with a story about the Hamilton Heights football team in The Reporter's Tuesday edition. The headline should have read "Huskies fall to Warriors."

The Reporter regrets the error.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Sept. 17

GIRLS SOCCER

Westfield at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:15 p.m.
Fishers at Brownsburg, 7:30 p.m.
Zionsville at Noblesville, 7 p.m.

GOLF

Noblesville vs. Brownsburg, 5 p.m. at West Chase

TENNIS

University vs. International, 4:30 p.m. at West Indy Racquet Club
Carmel at Brebeuf Jesuit, 5 p.m.
Cathedral at Guerin Catholic, 5 p.m.
Park Tudor at Hamilton Southeastern, 5 p.m.

UNIFIED FLAG FOOTBALL

Fishers at Brownsburg, 6:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Delta at Noblesville, 7 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Westfield, 7 p.m.
Sheridan at Clinton Prairie, 7 p.m.
Carmel at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.
Guerin Catholic at Lafayette Central Catholic, 7 p.m.

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

FOOTBALL

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Clinton Prairie Gophers (2-1, 1-0 HHC) at Sheridan Blackhawks (2-1, 1-0 HHC)

Friday night's clash with Clinton Prairie at Bud Wright Stadium will be the 30th overall in the all-time series. The Blackhawks have a commanding series lead at 25-4 record. Sheridan has won nine in a row against the Gophers with CP winning last in the 2015 matchup.

After losing their opener to undefeated 1A No. 7 Frontier (4-0), Clinton Prairie has won two in a row without leaving Clinton County with wins at Frankfort (50-0) and Clinton Central (32-0).

Sheridan got back to action last week in a home contest with Clinton Central after being off on Sept. 5. with a very convincing 40-0 home shutout over the Bulldogs.

Hayden Alexander scored late in the first on an 85-yard run for a 6-0 lead. Alexander ran in his second early in the second for a 12-0 score.

Later in the quarter, Brock Hagan ran in a TD and the two-point conversion for the 20-0 halftime score.

They scored 20 more in

the second half. Jon Barnes scored once in the third and fourth and Alexander had another long run of 64 to ice the shutout.

Alexander finished with 157 yards and Barnes with 106. Alex Cravens also had 70.

Hamilton Heights Huskies (1-3, 0-0 Hoosier Big) at Western Panthers (3-1, 0-0 Hoosier Big)

The Huskies and Panthers get set for their 28th meeting all-time on Friday. Heights is 15-12 against Western.

Western won its third straight, routing Tipton 48-7.

Heights lost a back-and-forth game at home to Danville, 27-24. The Huskies got down 14-0 early in the second.

A Drew Woodruff TD pass to Cam Fleming, a blocked punt returned for a score by Will DeStefano and a field goal by Keegan Kavanaugh are the results of 17 unanswered to lead 17-14 at halftime.

The Warriors grabbed a 21-17 lead in the third, but Heights regained the lead early in the fourth when Fleming caught another TD from Woodruff.

Danville scored late in the fourth to claim the win.

Girls Golf

Millers win three-way at Chatham Hills

The REPORTER

Three Hamilton County girls golf teams got together for a nine-hole match Tuesday at Chatham Hills in Westfield.

Noblesville won the meet with a team score of 155, followed by Carmel with 157 and Westfield with 160. The Millers' Olivia Fowler was the medalist, carding 36. Other Nobles-

ville scores were Josie Kelley 39, Presley White 40, Kate Murphy 40 and Peyton Kauzlick 41.

Maya Fujisawa Keuling led the Greyhounds with 37. She was followed by Karis Reid 38, Mallorie Monaco 39, Ishin Fang Fujita 43 and Allie Thompson 44.

Kelsey Haverluck, Laila Abriani and Lilley Ku all scored 39 for the Shamrocks.

Harper Bryant and Sophie Raines both scored 43.

Hamilton Heights won a three-team meet Tuesday at Pendleton Golf Club.

The Huskies scored 189 to Pendleton Heights' 192 and Frankton's 197. Taylor Morrison led Heights with 43, while Sammie Powers scored a personal-best 46. Tanner Penwell and Emma

Trees both scored 50.

On Monday, Heights played the Hoosier Conference meet at Curtis Creek Golf Course in Rensselaer. The Huskies finished seventh with a score of 408.

Morrison scored 84 and Penwell carded a personal-best 93; both were named All-Conference. Powers totaled 108, while Fiona McDonald and Brooke Bentley each scored 123.

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Volleyball

Hawks win two matches, Krupp clears 1,000 digs

The REPORTER

The Sheridan volleyball team picked up two wins this week, and one of its players reached a major milestone.

On Monday, the Blackhawks beat Tipton in four sets, 25-23, 25-12, 23-25, 25-20. Lainey Mendenhall led the offense with 14 kills, followed by Adria Jump with seven, Beth Adams with four and Emily Will with three. Jump served four aces, while Adams and Eva Todd each served two aces. Jump dished out 18 assists.

Meredith Krupp collected 29 digs, with Jump and Adams both getting 12 and Mendenhall scooping up 11. Amiyah Doss and Jump both made two block assists, while Mendenhall had one solo block and one block assist.

Sheridan swept Clinton Prairie on Tuesday, 25-11, 25-20, 25-19 for a Hoosier Heartland Conference victory. Krupp had 17 digs and gathered her 1,000th career dig early in the second set. Krupp holds the school record for digs with 1,013 and counting.

Mendenhall slammed 20 kills with Adams and Doss both hitting four. Jump put down three kills and Kelsie Hagan had two. Jump handed out 27 assists and collected 11 service points, including six aces. Mendenhall had three aces and Hagan served two.

Mendenhall scooped up 12 digs, followed by Jump with eight, Adams with six and Lilli Thompson with four. Doss made two solo blocks, while Mendenhall and Hagan both had one solo block.

The Blackhawks are 4-1 in conference play and 11-5 overall. Sheridan hosts Delphi Thursday in another HHC match.

Hamilton Heights came back to win a five-set match with Noblesville Tuesday in an all-county matchup.

The set scores were 20-25, 16-25, 27-25, 25-17, 15-11. Liv Schiffler made several big kills and blocks for the Huskies, who were playing their Pink Out game to honor breast cancer survivors.

Heights is 14-4 and plays at Lapel next Wednesday, Sept. 24. The Millers are 11-4 and host Delta tonight.

Westfield won a four-set match with Carmel on Monday, 25-21, 25-20, 25-27, 25-14.

Georgia Bresnahan hit 18 kills for the Class 4A No. 1 Shamrocks. Emily Blevins served five aces, followed by Kendyl Strack and Kenna Robinson with three aces each. Robinson dished out 23 assists, with Blevins handing out 20 assists.

Bresnahan collected 14 digs, while Strack scooped up 13 and Blevins gathered 10 digs. Bresnahan and Carsyn Comer both made three blocks.

Stats for Carmel were not available at press time.

The Shamrocks are unbeaten at 15-0 and host 4A No. 2 Hamilton Southeastern tonight for a showdown between the top two Class 4A teams in the state. Carmel swept Lawrence North on Tuesday and is 6-11 for the season. The Greyhounds play at Fishers tonight.

Also on Tuesday,

Southeastern beat Pendleton Heights in four sets, 23-25, 25-12, 25-19, 25-5. The Royals are 14-1 for the season.

Guerin Catholic swept Heritage Christian 25-18, 25-20, 25-15 to win a Circle City Conference match on Tuesday.

Emery Cardinal spiked 14 kills, while Maddie Fritch hit 11 kills. Reese Canada served five aces, while Claire Ducey dished out 39 assists.

Fritch gathered 12 digs, with Natalie Laughon collecting 10 digs. Eleanor Carlisle made four blocks and Cardinal had three.

Guerin Catholic finished conference play 2-2 and is 10-4 overall. The Golden Eagles play tonight at Lafayette Central Catholic.

Fishers dropped a five-set match Monday at Center Grove, 23-25, 23-25, 25-9, 28-26, 15-12.

The Tigers are 9-5 and host Carmel tonight.

University split a pair of Pioneer Conference matches to start the week.



Photo by Dwight Casler
Sheridan's Meredith Krupp was honored Tuesday for clearing 1,000 career digs during the Blackhawks' win over Clinton Prairie.

The Trailblazers swept Liberty Christian on Monday, 25-10, 25-7, 25-6 before falling to Herron Tuesday 25-20, 25-22, 25-23.

University is 5-1 in conference play and 5-11 overall. The Blazers host Park Tudor on Thursday in another Pioneer Conference match.

INDYCAR announces 17-race 2026 NTT INDYCAR SERIES schedule

Submitted by INDYCAR

INDYCAR has announced an action-packed 17-race schedule for the 2026 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season, highlighted by multiple new events and several exciting showcases for the stars of racing's most exhilarating and competitive series.

For the second consecutive season, all 17 races will be broadcast on FOX, with two additional appearances during the two days of qualifying for the Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge. The NTT INDYCAR SERIES is once again the only premier motorsport series in North America with all races broadcast on network television.

Massive March

For the first time in the sport's history, North America's premier open-wheel series will compete on four dates during March. The 2026 NTT INDYCAR SERIES season opens Sunday, March 1 on the Streets of St. Petersburg, Florida, for the Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg. It is the 16th time and fifth consecutive year INDYCAR has opened the season on the sun-

splashed streets of St. Pete.

Following the launch of the 2026 season on Florida's Gulf Coast, the NTT INDYCAR SERIES arrives at Phoenix Raceway as part of a buzzworthy weekend alongside NASCAR. The Saturday, March 7 race will be the 65th time the INDYCAR SERIES has raced on the historic oval and the first on the track's reconfigured "dogleg" layout. The weekend will provide a joint-showcase with NASCAR in partnership with FOX Sports.

A week later, the NTT INDYCAR SERIES races on the new 14-turn, 2.73-mile Streets of Arlington circuit for the inaugural INDYCAR Grand Prix of Arlington. The Sunday, March 15 race will anchor an action-packed all-star lineup of entertainment and engaging fan activations in what is expected to be racing's next can't-miss global spectacle.

Two weeks later, the month of March finishes on the series' first natural terrain road course of 2026 with a return to beautiful Barber Motorsports Park for round four of the cham-

ampionship, Sunday, March 29. This is the 16th race for the series on the picturesque and physically demanding track.

Spring to Indianapolis

The NTT INDYCAR SERIES schedule resumes Sunday, April 19 on the palm tree-lined Streets of Long Beach for the iconic Acura Grand Prix of Long Beach. It will be the 42nd time the INDYCAR SERIES has raced on the iconic Southern California streets as the event enters its sixth decade.

A few weeks later, the series moves into the traditional Month of May calendar at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. May at IMS begins with a race on the road course Saturday, May 9 before attention shifts to the famed 2.5-mile oval for two days of qualifying Saturday-Sunday, May 16 to 17 building toward the 110th edition of "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing" – the world's largest single-day sporting event – on Sunday, May 24.

Summer's Time

The Chevrolet Detroit Grand Prix presented by Lear is scheduled for Sun-

day, May 31, with racing on the 1.645-mile street circuit for the fourth straight year. The layout on the city's vibrant and challenging streets has become a fan favorite and has featured the most on-track passes on a street course in nearly three years.

A week later, it's back to Sunday prime-time oval racing at World Wide Technology Raceway for the 10th Annual Bommarito Automotive Group 500 presented by Axalta and Valvoline Sunday, June 7. The 2025 night race featured an event record 14 different leaders and tied the event record with 254 on-track passes for position.

A return to tradition-rich Road America and the XPEL Grand Prix at Road America Presented by AMR is scheduled for Sunday, June 21. Last year's race on the picturesque circuit in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin, had a race-record nine different leaders and the second-most passing numbers on record at the track.

Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course will continue the series' tradition of a Fourth of July trackside celebration by hosting the NTT INDYCAR SERIES on Sunday, July 5. The Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio matches Long

Beach as it hosts INDYCAR SERIES racing for the 42nd year in 2026.

Prime-time Oval Racing Follows FIFA World Cup 26™ Final

Following FOX's full telecast of the FIFA World Cup™ Final and Trophy ceremony Sunday, July 19, the NTT INDYCAR SERIES will take the green flag at Nashville Superspeedway. The expected start time of the Borchetta Bourbon Music City Grand Prix will take the series' stars and wheel-to-wheel action to a checkered flag finish under the lights on the 1.33-mile concrete oval. Next year's race also will provide more thrilling action, with the race length set for 400 miles on the unique and demanding track.

The season's schedule continues into August featuring a flurry of four races beginning at the hard-charging Portland International Raceway and the BITNILE.COM Grand Prix of Portland on Sunday, Aug. 9. It will be the 32nd INDYCAR weekend in the scenic Pacific Northwest city.

A week later, the NTT INDYCAR SERIES returns to Canada to race on the new Streets of Markham layout Sunday, Aug. 16. Recently announced, the

Ontario Honda Dealers Indy at Markham continues the series' rich history of exciting wheel-to-wheel racing in the Toronto area. Major investments from the city are creating a 12-turn, 2.19-mile layout, which will include a double-sided pit lane, a high-speed straight and technically challenging sectors.

A popular doubleheader at the famed Milwaukee Mile will mark a crucial championship stretch Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 29-30. In recent years, the 250-lap races have featured the most on-track passes on record at the oldest continuously operated motor speedway in the world.

The climactic ending of the 2026 NTT INDYCAR SERIES championship and the presentation of the Astor Challenge Cup returns to WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca for the INDYCAR Grand Prix of Monterey on Sunday, Sept. 6. The historic venue is known for its challenging corners, unique and demanding elevation changes and the world-famous Corkscrew. It is more impressive than ever, having benefited from significant investment and fan-focused renovations through the leadership of "Friends of Laguna Seca," a local non-profit that now manages the venue.

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5:58 pm Delta vs Noblesville | Girls Volleyball | Noblesville High School

6:55 pm Westfield vs Hamilton Southeastern | Girls Soccer | Southeastern Sports

7:00 pm Zionville vs Noblesville | Varsity Girls Soccer | HCTV Sports

Thurs Sept 18 - Volleyball and Boys Soccer

6:00 pm Hamilton Southeastern vs Noblesville | JV Boys Soccer | HCTV Sports

6:50 pm Seccina vs Covenant Christian | Volleyball | Indiana SRN

7:30 pm Hamilton Southeastern vs Noblesville | Varsity Boys Soccer | HCTV Sports

Fri Sept 19 - Varsity Football

6:40 pm Westfield vs Hamilton Southeastern | Southeastern Sports Network

6:44 pm Brebeuf vs Bishop Chatard | Indiana SRN

6:45 pm Clinton Prairie vs Sheridan | Bragg Sports Media

6:50 pm Bedford North Lawrence vs Seymour | Indiana SRN

6:50 pm Covenant Christian vs Seccina Memorial | Indiana SRN

6:50 pm Delta vs Mt Vernon | Indiana SRN

7:00 pm Zionville vs Noblesville | Homecoming | HCTV Sports

Sat Sept 20 - Girls Soccer

11:00 am Brownsburg vs Noblesville | Junior Varsity | Noblesville High School

12:30 pm Brownsburg vs Noblesville | Varsity | Noblesville High School

Sun Sept 21 - Concert

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