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Sheridan students far surpass Blackhawk Walk fundraising goal

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

Sheridan Elementary School's (SES) biggest, loudest, and most exciting fundraiser of the year took place on Friday, Sept. 12. The Blackhawk Walk is an annual fundraiser that is sponsored by the PTO.

During the week of Sept. 8 to 12, students and staff raise money, both online and the old-school way, to fund all the amazing things the PTO does for SES. The PTO's motto is, "When teachers bring the hype, the kids bring the energy, [and then] we hit our goal[s]."

After raising money all week, the event ended with a full-on celebration walk Friday afternoon. This walk follows a map through quick and active stations that keep the students moving, laughing, and showing their Blackhawk pride. This year's goal was to raise \$15,000, and students could watch the giant thermometer grow throughout the week as they worked to reach their goal.

The people of SES ultimately outdid themselves, as they raised \$23,504, completely surpassing their goal.



Photos by Allison Waitt

Blackhawks pop the top off giant fundraising thermometer. Next year: taller one!

"Our SES PTO is incredible and worked extremely hard to prepare for this awesome week!" SES Principal Valerie Roberts said.

As students walked outside and went to the different stations, they also came across Sheridan High School cheerleaders and football players.

These student-athletes taught the school song at one of the stations and at another had a football toss-and-kick station.

Some teachers even volunteered to be a part of the "Pie a Teacher" throw. Miss Sweger, Mrs. Ells, and Mrs. Goodson were great sports and took pies to the face all afternoon. The top classes of the fundraiser were Ms. Zola's, Mrs. Durr's, and Ms. Mitchell's classrooms, and the top students were Landen Mars, Maclyn Lyons, and Joanna Meinert.

All of the money raised at the Blackhawk Walk goes straight back to the students, staff, and all of the many different events throughout the year, such as Doughnuts with Grown-ups, Teacher Appreciation Week, Monster Mash, School Carnival, B Buck store, and more.

And another memory flashed in my mind. When I was a kid, my mother served our cereal in the same bowls for years. These were the 1970s Tupperware bowls in orange, blue, yellow, and pink. I couldn't eat cereal in any other bowl. True to what my husband said, they had the perfect depth for those sugary Kellogg concoctions.

Cereal numbers

Every family has their own quirks. Mine is no exception.

A couple of weeks ago, my husband John came into my office and declared that it was time for us to buy new cereal bowls. He's been using the same ones for probably 10 years now. Apparently, a grown man is perfectly fine with his children's leftover Fruit Loops Toucan Sam or Shrek bowls.

I sat back and scrunched my brow. "You know ... we do have lots of other bowls in various sizes with our regular dishes in the cupboard," I replied.

"Yeah, but they don't have the right depth for cereal," John said.

I opened my mouth to argue further but then remembered something. This was the same man who used a small, beat-up ceramic saucer for his cereal for over three decades before it finally – literally – fell apart one day. John has been using our sons' cereal bowls ever since.

In fact, I continued to use them throughout my teen years and took them with me when I moved out and married my first husband at age 22. After my divorce and remarriage to John years later, the Tupperware bowls followed us to Noblesville.

I continued to use these bowls for my own cereal when my boys were little. At that point, they were probably over 30 years old. I think they slowly died painful deaths thanks to being put in the wrong dishwasher rack one too many times.

What is it about objects like this that make us cling to them as adults? Maybe they're reminders of simpler times from our youth. I know just seeing the photos of the Tupperware bowls on the internet once again and attaching them for today's column made me squeal with joy.

Perhaps things like this remind us of our parents and childhood. I think they give us the "warm fuzzies" that we probably need to cling to so we can survive in this nutty world.

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COLUMNIST

AMY SHANKLAND
Perfectly Imperfect

Riverview Health Foundation's 2025 Gratitude Gala raises over \$350,000

The REPORTER

Riverview Health Foundation held its Gratitude Gala, a black-tie event, on Friday, Sept. 12 to support patients at Riverview Health.

More than 300 attendees enjoyed an evening featuring casino games, a bourbon pull, a desert dash, and silent and live auctions. With the support of their community presenting sponsor, Parkview Health, additional sponsors, and generous attendees, the event raised over \$350,000.

"This year's Gratitude Gala gave us a chance to recognize a few individuals who have had a significant impact on Riverview Health, while raising funds for Riverview Health Foundation," said Megan Wiles, Vice President of Foundation and Community Affairs at Riverview Health.



Wiles

"This year, while highlighting Riverview Health's values of Compassion, Belonging and Excellence, the Foundation shared stories of Tom and Soni Sheehan, Jill Fleenor, and Dr. Shelly Friedman, who during their lives made a tremendous impact on Riverview Health. We were honored to celebrate their memories and all they did for our community while raising important funds to benefit those who are being cared for at Riverview Health."



Photo provided by Riverview Health Foundation

Funds will go to the Mindrebo Family Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit renovation and the Help for Healing Fund.

Funds from the event will be designated for the continued renovation of the Mindrebo Family Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit and the Help for

Healing Fund. To better serve the community and support the dedicated members of the

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Data centers connect to Hamilton County

Fishers Kiwanis landowners & local water both tied to Google data center debate

By **STU CLAMPITT**
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Data centers are coming to Indiana, and while they are not being built in Hamilton County, two of them will have impacts here. The Meta data center coming to Lebanon is a near-certainty, while a Google data center in Marion County is still being debated.

The Hamilton County impact from both the Meta and Google data centers can at least be quantified in gallons of water. All the water in both Geist and Morse Reservoirs belongs to Citizens Energy Group, which will supply water to both data centers.

Information directly from Citizens on their water utilities

and the LEAP district, which may require up to 25 million gallons of water per day, is available at [this link](#).

While there has been much talk and reporting on the negative aspects of the Google data center, the side this newspaper has not seen explored is that of the current landowners. This week, both The Reporter and our newsgathering partners at WISH-TV spoke with Cathy and Kevin Pelko, who own approximately 170 acres of what could become Google data center land to get their side of the story.

Cathy and Kevin Pelko own one of the last remaining farms inside Marion County. As they continue to age, they look for good potential stewards for the land that has been in the Pelko



Photo provided

The Pelko family would like to sell their farm, but the government just won't let them.

family for generations. Government officials have repeatedly denied them the option to sell their land to other developers, and farmers are not interested in buying land in their area.

"One of the things about Marion County is they're just really not that farm friendly

anymore," Cathy said. "Most of the farms are gone that were actually in Marion County. That's been true for a while."

Unable to sell

Farmland is more expensive than ever. A 40-acre plot of

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Husky Homecoming set for next Friday

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corporation

Attention Husky fans and enthusiasts! Hamilton Heights High School's Fall Homecoming will take place on Friday, Sept. 26. The days leading up to Homecoming will be filled with various fun and spirit-filled activities to rally the Dawgs before the big game against the Logansport Berries at 7:30 p.m. on the Husky Field that night.

Monday, Sept. 22 through Friday, Sept. 26 will be designated "spirit" days where students and staff can participate and show their spirit. Monday is Pajama Day, Tuesday is Hawaiian Day, Wednesday is Class Shirt Day, Thursday is Dress as your Decade Day, and Friday is Orange and White Day.

All grades will vie for bragging rights at the annual Power Puff football game on Tuesday, Sept. 23. The night will start with an inner squad scrimmage with the Unified Flag Football team at 6:30 p.m. On Wednesday, Sept. 24, the Powder Puff game begins at 7 p.m. and will take place at the high school football field. Admission is free.

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Riverview Health team, the Foundation is calling on the community to help with this vital project and funds for those most in need, ensuring Riverview Health can continue to serve its patients with the highest standard of care for years to come.



Hyatt

“The community’s continued support of Riverview Health Foundation is an investment in our shared future,” Riverview Health President and CEO Dave Hyatt said. “With the support of individuals, families and businesses, Riverview Health is able to invest in the resources and infrastructure necessary to meet our community’s evolving healthcare needs.”

The 2025 Gratitude Gala was made possible because of support from the

following sponsors: community presenting sponsor Parkview Health; platinum sponsor Innovare; gold sponsors Barnes & Thornburg and Riverview Health Auxiliary; silver sponsors Gaylor Electric, Krieg Devault, and Riverview Health Medical Staff; diamond sponsor Smith’s Jewelers; beverage sponsors Big Red Liquors and Tito’s Handmade Vodka; silent auction sponsor Plum Creek Partners; entertainment sponsors American Senior Communities, American Structurepoint, Hematology Oncology of Indiana, and Meyer Najem.

For more information about the Riverview Health Foundation, call (317) 776-7317 or visit riverview.org/foundation.



Photo provided by Riverview Health Foundation

HOMECOMING

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On Friday, a student pep session featuring the Hamilton Heights band, cheerleaders, and football team will be held at the football field from 1:40 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. The parade line-up begins at 3 p.m. in the north/west high school parking lot. The award-winning Hamilton Heights High School Band and Amber Guard will lead the parade with the school song and impressive flag routine through the streets of Arcadia beginning at 4 p.m. Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

Halftime festivities include recognition of alumni from the classes of 1976, 1986, 1996, 2006, and 2016, followed by the presentation of the 2025 Homecoming Court and the crowning of this year’s Homecoming King and Queen.

On Saturday, Sept. 27 Hamilton Heights will honor and induct the Class of 2025 to the Athletic Hall of Fame with lunch (ticketholders only) at noon followed by



Photo provided by Hamilton Heights School Corporation

Hamilton Heights High School’s annual Homecoming is a long-standing tradition that involves students, faculty, staff, families, organizations, and businesses in the greater Northern Hamilton County area. This year’s Homecoming Parade is set for 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 26.

the induction ceremony in the high school gymnasium. The Fall Homecoming Dance will be held from 8 to 10 p.m. that night at The Bell at the football field.

Hamilton Heights Homecoming Parade Route

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

Paul Poteet ... Your Hometown Weatherman!

CEREAL

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Photos provided by Amy Shankland

Don’t be surprised to find cereal bowls like these in our columnist’s cupboards.

Back to my story ... after thinking about these memories, I didn’t argue any further with John. For our next date night, I think we’ll mosey on over to our favorite thrift stores to see what vintage bowls speak to us.

Perhaps we’ll find other ones with just the right amount of depth featuring cartoon characters ... in or-

ange, blue, yellow, or pink ... all guaranteed to bring out the inner child and joy within us.

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'It's called progress': Owners of farmland eyed for Google data center speak out

By **TIM SPEARS**
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

The property owners who have agreed to sell a large piece of farmland in Franklin Township in Marion County to Google for a data center believe it's the best option available for the land.

Kevin Pelko, who owns the proposed data center site, said, "I wish we could back up time to 1966 and there wouldn't be any thought of this, but times change."

About to turn 69 in November, Kevin said he's ready to retire and doesn't want an unexpected health issue to leave his wife, Cathy Pelko, caring for hundreds of acres of farmland by herself.

Kevin's also frustrated with what he sees as a growing disrespect for local farmers, telling News 8 that it's

common for people to hunt or drive their four-wheelers through his land without permission. "The community's changing. This is no longer a farm-friendly neighborhood."

The Pelkos said potential buyers have reached out in the past, but the couple had several criteria for suitors to meet: an American buyer, no high-density housing, and a commitment to improve the land along the roads.

Cathy said, "Basically, how it was going to leave [the land] and benefit the neighborhood was the most important thing to us."

They told News 8 a then-unknown buyer, since identified as Google, reached out about the property in the summer of 2024.

They weren't told it was Google, or the site would be developed into a data center, but could ask questions until

they were satisfied.

"I think Google would be a good community partner," Kevin said.

Some neighbors still aren't satisfied, displaying signs in their front yards protesting the data center.

Opposition has swelled to the point that City-County Councilor Michael-Paul Hart, who represents that portion of Franklin Township, called down the rezoning petition for a council vote that will be made Monday.

A Google spokesman told News 8 in a statement:

"These are complex projects and development of the site is subject to a variety of factors. We appreciate the collaboration with both local and state leadership as we evaluate the opportunity together."

On Wednesday afternoon, representatives for Google met with Hart and

a "remonstrance group" representing opposition to the project to find possible compromises. Hart said it's a standard part of the process when votes are called down to the council.

The most vocal opposition has been over utilities. According to Indianapolis Department of Metropolitan Development documents from May, water provider Citizens Energy has indicated from two million to three million gallons of water is available to the project on a "max day," and Google is working with electricity utility AES Indiana to complete generation studies to ensure

power to the site.

The Pelkos believe Google has addressed the concerns over utilities, and are enthusiastic about 93 acres of green space planned and the 150-foot setbacks to keep the data center generally out of the way.

Google representatives told Metropolitan Development that they planned to keep the land between Ficher Ditch and Troy Avenue as open space and create a multiuse path along Troy Avenue.

Cathy said, "I guess the most frustrating thing for me is that you ask somebody [against the project] 'What do you want?' Well,

they don't want warehouses, they don't want high-density housing. What they want is a farm, or two- to three-acre lots with houses, and that absolutely will not happen here."

Kevin said, "It's called progress. It happens. You can't stop it."

The Pelkos said a non-disclosure agreement prevents them from revealing the sale price, but said Google's purchase is contingent on the city government approving the rezoning.

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DATA

farmland near East Troy Avenue and Davis Road, near the Pelko home, was up for sale in recent years and received zero bids.

"That went up for sale a few years ago," Cathy said. "We didn't own that at that time. It went up for sale and nobody called about it. Nobody even looked at it — even other farmers. It was 40 acres and they didn't buy it, so we bought it. I don't know why another farmer didn't try to buy it, but Kevin's the only one that even called."

Kevin said his farm and others around him are too expensive for other farmers to buy.

The Pelko land is near I-74 and I-465, making it a good location for development, driving the value up. The Pelkos cannot sell their land to another farmer and have thus far been denied the option to sell their land to any non-farmer.

"Kevin gets approached constantly for these high-density [housing developments] when builders that want to come in and buy it for that," Cathy said. "Franklin Township has rejected that. They've rejected warehousing in the area. They've rejected everything, and you ask them. 'Well what do you want?' They can't tell you."

One of the appeals of the data center for the Pelkos is, as they told The Reporter, that they want the land to go to someone who will use it to benefit the community.

"Franklin Township needs a business tax base in the worst way," Kevin said. "They don't really need more housing. They need a business tax base."

No one has spoken to the landowners

"Not a single person has spoken to us," Cathy said. "And the councilman even — I sent him an email because I was concerned that he hadn't even bothered. He'd been giving all this negative information and a lot of it was misinformation and I was concerned about it. So I wrote him and I said, 'You haven't even bothered to come out to talk to any landowner. You haven't bothered to ask our opinions of why we are doing what we're doing or any reason for this.' His response to me

was, 'I'd be happy to come out and talk to you, but I've already made up my mind.'"

The Pelkos said that left them stunned.

"How do you make up your mind without even speaking to the people who've grown up here, who were born and raised here?"

After other developments have been denied in their area, in this instance, the Metropolitan Development Commission voted in favor of the data center by an eight-to-one margin.

Franklin Township Community School Corporation also supports the development. The district had not supported it as recently as last month, but voted to approve it on Sept. 16.

Now, the future of this sale rests in the hands of the Indianapolis City-County Council, which will vote on rezoning the land on Monday, Sept. 22. That rezoning is necessary for the sale to move forward.

Fishers Kiwanis connection

Cathy is a member of the Fishers Kiwanis and told The Reporter that if the Google sale is approved, she would like to make a donation to at least one of the annual projects that has touched her heart.

"I've been with them for a little over the past year and they do so much, especially there in Fishers," Cathy said. "A friend of mine was asking me if I would come help with some projects because they didn't have that many members at the time. We've done Holiday Hopes where they provided Christmas shopping for kids in the area. We volunteer for some other things, too."

The Fishers Kiwanis chapter is much larger than it was when she started helping them, but she still wants to give back.

"A while back when this came up — it was before really any of this got hot and heavy — I talked to Lisa [Burd, from Fishers Kiwanis] and I said, 'I don't know what's going to happen with this, but I know that you guys need money for Holiday Hopes.' I said if this goes through, I want to talk to my husband because we had mentioned

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each year that we would like to do some type of charity donation."

Who gets to choose?

In the end, the Pelkos are not going to be able to farm forever. Without this option, they do not know how long it might be before they get another offer to buy their land for a project that they themselves would approve of, much less the various government entities that have final approval on anything other than a straight farmland transfer.

"I understand that people will have concerns when you sell to a business or even housing, but ultimately it is our farm," Cathy said. "I know that things affect other people, but we've been trying to address all of that and trying to make good decisions for the people that are left here."

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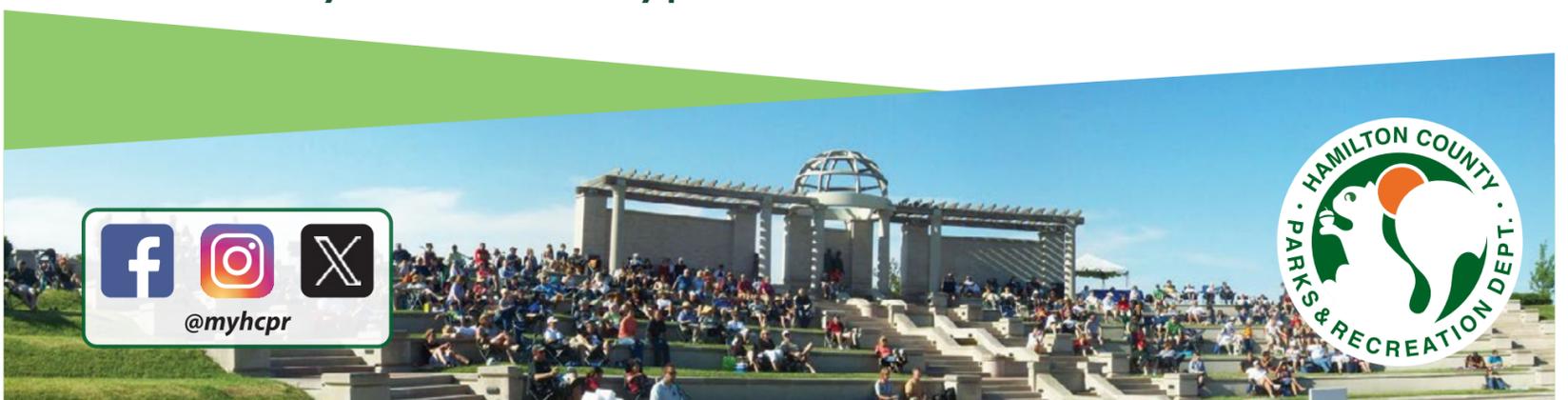
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From the desk of Hamilton Heights Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood

Update No. 156

Last week, Hamilton Heights Middle School hosted EMS and First Responders Day, offering more than 350 students an up-close and personal look at careers in public service.



DR. DEREK ARROWOOD
Heights Superintendent

From emergency medical teams to police officers and firefighters, students gained an insider's view of the vital work these professionals do every day to keep our schools and community safe. The event not only highlighted the importance of these roles – it also gave students the chance to meet the dedicated individuals who live in and serve our community.

Special thanks to Connor James, CTE Business and Preparing for College and Careers teacher and Reaching New Heights contact at HHMS, along with our talented in-house team and community partners, for creating such an interactive and inspiring career exploration experience.

Next week is the official kick off to College GO!, the initiative that provides information and resources designed to help Hoosier K-12 students explore and plan for education beyond high school. The annual event focuses on helping students

learn the value of continuing education and training, explore career pathways, and discover the variety of postsecondary options to pursue their passion.

Bonus! Students can apply at some Indiana colleges for free! Indiana has compiled these colleges and their respective application links into one list [here](#).

Hamilton Heights High School is seeking a generous partner to help bring real-world experience to students enrolled in our Civil Construction course this semester. To make this possible, we're looking for a company or individual willing to loan a Track Steer and a larger Mini Excavator for student use on campus

one to two days a week this year. This equipment is invaluable in helping our students, who are OSHA 30 certified, gain hands-on experience and work toward earning industry certifications that prepare them for careers in construction and skilled trades.

These machines will be used under close supervision as part of a structured curriculum designed to simulate real jobsite conditions at The Sandbox. Your support will directly impact students' readiness for the workforce – and help build a pipeline of skilled, safety-conscious professionals as part of our highly recognized Construction Trades Education program.

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Correction

The Reporter incorrectly spelled incoming Cicero Fire Chief Chris Frazier's name in our Tuesday, Sept. 16 edition. Frazier is shown here with his wife Nikki. The Reporter regrets the error.



File photo / Vicki Cooper

Last year's Saving Second Base Ride raised \$4,825 for cancer research.

Songbook Foundation names new board members

The REPORTER

Five new members have been elected recently to the Board of Directors for the nonprofit Great American Songbook Foundation, headquartered at Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel.

The new board members are serving three-year terms on a volunteer basis. They are:

Viviana Koukoulomatis of Carmel is semi-retired as an international marketing and sales consultant and is a member of private equity firms Bayhill Capital LLC and Bayhill Realty LLC. She holds a bachelor's

degree in graphic design and a master's degree in communications and marketing from Missouri State University.

Jim Money of Carmel retired as president of Automotive Finance Corporation, a subsidiary of OPENLANE Inc. He holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Indiana University and is a licensed certified public accountant.

Rose Popovich of Carmel retired as executive director of Performance Improvement for Community Health Network. She holds a Master of Social Work degree from Indiana University



The Great American Songbook Foundation
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Kara Seward of Indianapolis is 2nd Vice President, Corporate Communications & Community Engagement, for Carmel-based Allied Solutions. She holds a Master of Communication Management degree from the University of Southern California and a bachelor's degree in Journalism/Public Relations from Indiana

University Bloomington.

Jill Zaniker of Carmel is a community activist, philanthropist, and entrepreneur. She holds a bachelor's degree in Retail Management from Purdue University.

The board's current officers are Don Gottwald, chair; Libby Brown, vice chair; Adam Arceneaux, secretary; and Tory Purvis, treasurer.

'Saving Second Base' ride set for Saturday

Submitted

The 10th annual Saving Second Base Ride hosted by American Legion Riders Post 341, Cicero and Phi Beta Psi Sorority, Delta Chapter takes place this Saturday, Sept. 20.

Registration is from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Breakfast will be offered for a free-will donation.

Kickstands up at 10:30 a.m., and the ride will start at Cicero American Legion, 50 Washington Ave., and end at Northbrook Brewing, 119 W. Main St., Arcadia. Cost to participate is

\$20 per bike or \$10 per passenger.

The Saving Second Base Ride benefits the Phi Beta Psi Sorority with all proceeds going to the organization's National Cancer Research Project.

Among auction items at the end of the motorcycle run at Northbrook will be:

- Four-hour pontoon ride for six people with appetizers, wine, beer, other drinks
 - Two tickets to Colts/Raiders football game on Oct. 5 with lower level seats and parking
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Syd Loomis takes his final bow at The Farmers Bank

The REPORTER

The Farmers Bank announces the retirement of Sydney S. Loomis – known to all simply as “Syd” – who will retire on Friday, Sept. 19 after an incredible 45½-year career in community banking.

Loomis began his career as a 19-year-old teller at American National Bank in Noblesville on March 18, 1980. Over the next four decades, he worked through five bank buyouts and nine banking names, eventually joining The Farmers Bank on Sept. 19, 2010. Just a few months later, he opened the Noblesville Financial Center on Jan. 26, 2011, where he has faithfully served customers and colleagues ever since.

Most of his career has been spent on the retail side of banking as a branch manager and consumer lender, where he set the gold standard for relationship banking.

“Perhaps Syd’s greatest legacy and contribution to The Farmers Bank was the effort he put into developing professionals – and especially young professionals – into the leaders they are today,” said Steve Walter, Senior Vice President of Consumer Banking at The Farmers Bank. “More people than we can count can

trace their professional development back to Syd or their engagement with the bank back to his leadership. Beyond that, hundreds, if not thousands, of loyal customers have stayed with The Farmers Bank because they met a staff member who genuinely cared – a culture that Syd modeled and instilled daily. He truly set the tone for what a relationship bank should be.”

A life rooted in community

Outside of banking, Loomis has been a vibrant presence in the Noblesville and Hamilton County communities, performing in more than 25 community theatre productions since 1999 and serving as a past board member of the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce, Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance Program (Treasurer), and Hamilton County Shepherd’s Center (Treasurer).

Family & future

Loomis and his wife Jeanine have been married for 43 years and have three children – Caryn (Kent) Provence, Amy (Kurt) Robison, and Spencer Loomis – as well as four granddaughters, Caylee & Kennedy Provence and Evelyn & Vivian Robison. Retirement will give him



Photo provided by The Farmers Bank

Not only does the Banker of Oz leave big shoes to fill, but he also has a very large card to take home.

more time to enjoy family life, cheer on his granddaughters, and maybe even take the stage in a few more community theatre productions.

A fun farewell

Syd Loomis’ playful personality and heart for people have left a lasting impression on his colleagues and customers alike. The Farmers Bank invites the community to join in celebrating his career by stopping by the Noblesville Financial Center this week between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. to shake his hand, share a hug, and thank him for his

many years of service to The Farmers Bank.

It’s also a great opportunity to meet Jamie Loughman, who has been promoted from Assistant Director to the Noblesville East Financial Center Director, and Sam Crisci, a longtime Universal Banker who has also been promoted to the role of Assistant Director. They will assume their new responsibilities on Saturday, Sept. 20.

For more information about The Farmers Bank and its continued commitment to the community, visit thefarmersbank.com.

Sen. Young introduces Brake for Kids Act

Submitted by Office of U.S. Sen. Todd Young

On Tuesday, U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.) and Gary Peters (D-Mich.) introduced the Brake for Kids Act, legislation to increase public awareness about the dangers of illegally passing a stopped school bus.

In 2024, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported that 24 percent of people were unaware that it is illegal to pass a stopped school bus with its lights flashing and stop arm displayed. To raise awareness, the Brake for Kids Act would direct the Secretary of Transportation to carry out a national public safety messaging campaign on the dangers of illegally passing stopped school buses.



Young

“Every school year, far too many illegal school bus passings occur, which puts the lives of students at risk,” Sen. Young said. “Our bill will raise awareness about the dangers of passing a stopped school bus to help ensure that our kids make it to and from school safely.”

U.S. Representatives Rudy Yakym (R-Ind.-02), Pete Stauber (R-Minn.-08), Seth Moulton (D-Mass.-06), and Julia Brownley (D-Calif.-26) introduced companion legislation in the House of Representatives.

Young and Peters have previously worked to help prevent illegal school bus crossings, introducing the Stop for School Buses Act in 2019 and again in 2021.

[Click here](#) to read the Brake for Kids Act.

HEIGHTS

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If your company can assist and/or to learn more about this opportunity, please reach out to Kevin Sheets at ksheets@hhschuskies.org or call (317) 984-3551 ext. 1229. We’d be proud to spotlight your partnership as part of our commitment to career readiness and community collaboration.

Congratulations to senior Mariyah Sexton, who has been named a College Board BigFuture Ambassador, the first in Hamilton Heights history! This national honor recognizes student leaders who help their peers navigate life after high school through college and career planning.

Mariyah will connect with ambassadors across the country, share valuable resources, and gain leadership experience while inspiring her classmates to take bold

steps toward their futures. Her achievement reflects our district’s commitment to student empowerment and career readiness through programs like Reaching New Heights.

Next week is our fall Homecoming Week which is, without a doubt, one of my favorite weeks of the year. There’s a unique energy that fills our hallways and stadium, an unmistakable blend of tradition, pride, and community spirit. I love seeing our students step into leadership roles, our alumni return with stories and smiles, and our families rally together to celebrate what it means to be a Husky.

Fall Homecoming reminds me why Hamilton Heights is so special: we’re not just a school district, we’re a family.

#WeAreHuskies

Republicans gather to hear from state legislators



Reporter photos

The Hamilton County Republican Party Chairman’s Breakfast was held Wednesday morning at Matteo’s Ristorante Italiano, 40 N. 9th St., Noblesville. This month’s speakers were State Representatives Chris Jeter and Alaina Shonkwiler (above left), who talked about potential redistricting efforts. Many Hamilton County elected officials, candidates, and business leaders were present, including Superior Court 4 judge candidate Trampas Whalin and Superior Court 9 judge candidate Paul Sweeney (above right).

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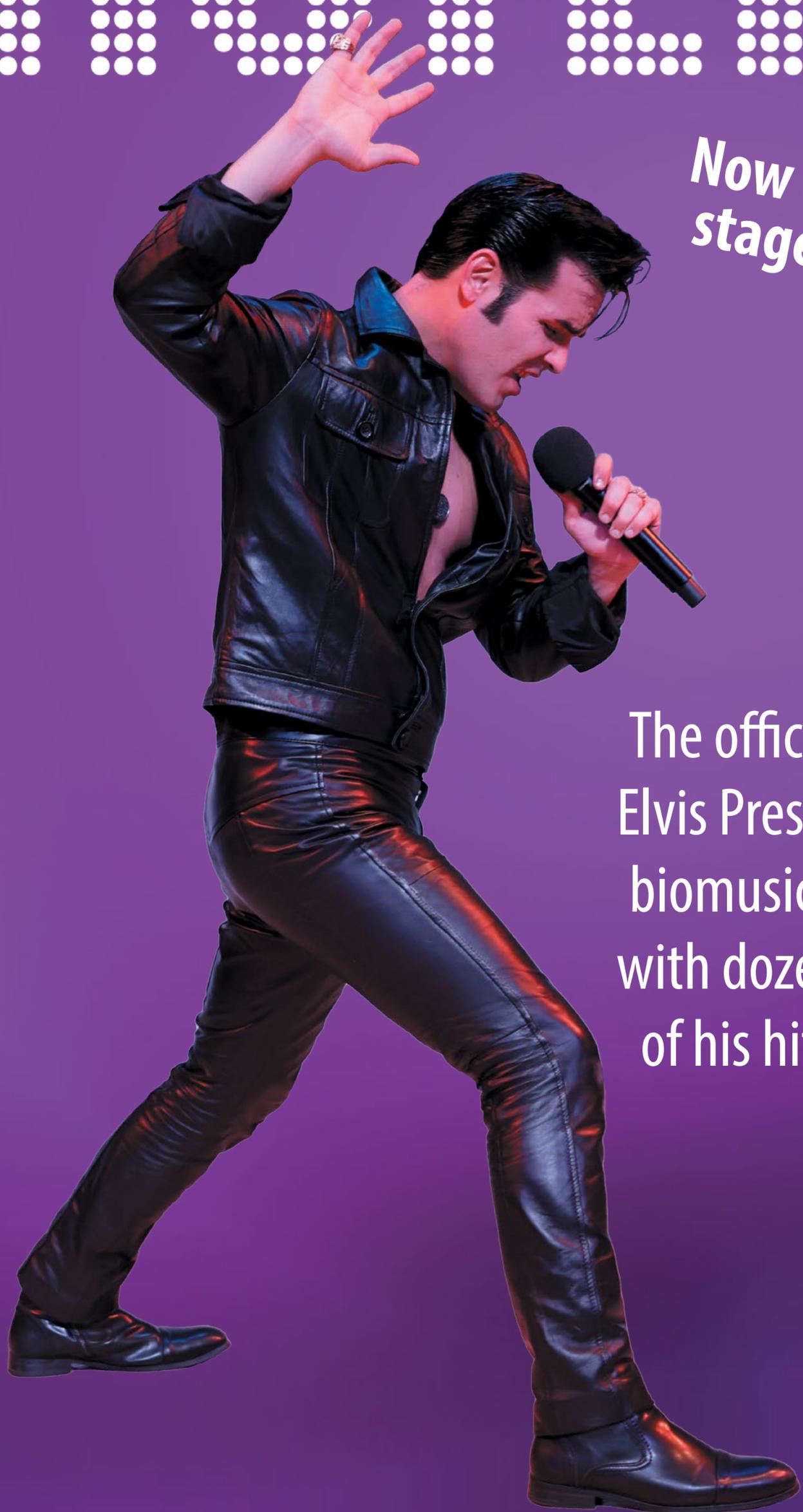


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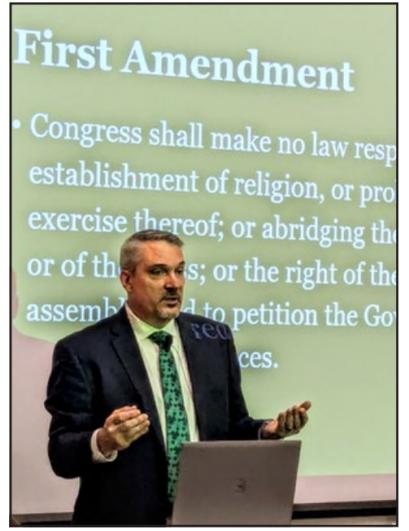


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Your Honor, could we get a sidebar?



Photos provided

Hamilton County judges and court magistrates met with students this week to celebrate Constitution Day, Sept. 17. (ABOVE LEFT & CENTER) Earlier this week, Superior Court 1 and 2 Magistrate Sarah H. Shields read to students at both Geist Elementary School and LeafSpring School at Geist. (ABOVE RIGHT) Title IV-D Court Commissioner Christopher J. Barrows spoke to more than 800 Westfield Middle School students over six different presentations. Constitution Day is important because it offers the chance for young Americans to deepen their understanding of our country's foundational legal document.



DING DONG! NO DITCHING!

Be on the lookout! As the self-reporting period ends, official Census canvassers will be going door-to-door to households that did not respond online.

westfieldin.gov/census

Gov. Braun: Special legislative session on redistricting Indiana 'increasingly likely'

By GARRETT BERGQUIST
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Gov. Mike Braun on Tuesday said a special session to redraw Indiana's congressional map is "increasingly likely."

The Republican governor made those comments to the media following a Tuesday morning event at the Statehouse.

Braun says he still wants to wait until he gets a clear signal from Republicans whether they want him to call a special session. More state lawmakers who were previously against redistricting now say they support it. A notable example is Rep. Jim Lucas, R-Seymour, who in August called the idea of mid-cycle redistricting a "dangerous precedent" but posted on X days ago he is now "a rock solid HELL YES" on doing so.

"All I'm telling you is that we're gonna look at it, we're gonna poll our legislators, and if it's there, we'll do it," Braun said. "My feeling is, it probably will happen. There will be some other issues we talk about but I'm going to let it happen organically at the pace we put in place. I think we'll get there. That's my opinion."

Braun says other issues a special session could tackle might include adjusting state law to fit with new regulations in the federal budget bill.

Rep. Ed DeLaney, D-Indianapolis, said the fact Braun is considering lumping other issues into a special session suggests Republicans still don't have enough support for a session focusing only on redistricting. He said he's in wait-and-see mode at this point. State law-

makers traditionally return to the Statehouse for one day every November to organize and prepare for the upcoming legislative session.

Braun said Democrats would redistrict "in a heartbeat" if they were in power and pointed to Massachusetts as an example. That state has slightly more people than Indiana but has no Republicans in Congress.



Braun

DeLaney called that example irrelevant, pointing to the vast differences in the political leanings of the two states' populations.

"The Republicans passed [Indiana's current] maps without our agreement for those Congressional seats," he said. "Are they saying they under-stole? They didn't shoplift enough seats?"

Under the Indiana Constitution, the governor has the sole power to call a special session. Braun said if he does so, it would take place sometime between early November and the beginning of the regular legislative session in January, adding, "likely earlier rather than later."

Braun has consistently said he will only call a special session if legislative Republicans clearly signal they want one and they could have one successfully. It's up to House Speaker Todd Huston, R-Fishers, and Senate President pro tempore Rod Bray, R-Martinsville, to communicate with Braun where their caucuses stand on the issue. Huston and Bray's offices did not return News 8's request for comment on Braun's remarks.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/politics/governor-braun-redrawing-map.

Sen. Banks presses Discord CEO on platform's role in violence across United States

Submitted by Office of U.S. Sen. Jim Banks

On Tuesday, Senator Jim Banks (R-Ind.) sent a letter to the CEO of Discord, Mr. Humam Sakhnini, regarding Discord's recent connections to violent acts in the United States. The recent revelation that Charlie Kirk's shooter used Discord to discuss the assassination is the latest example.

In part, the letter reads: "Unfortunately, Charlie Kirk's murder is not Discord's first connection to extremism. In 2024, The Washington Post reported that the cybercriminal gang 764 'thrives on Discord' and used the platform to groom children. 764 en-

courages children to engage in self-harm and to create and send sexual content. Videos and police records document the use of Discord to car-

ry out this abuse. One Oklahoma mother told the Post she holds Discord responsible for her daughter's abuse. A school shooter in Georgia last year - Colin Gray - went to Discord to declare that he would



Banks

commit a mass shooting. At least one other school shooter discussed school shootings on Discord and described "gearing up" moments before attacking a school in Iowa."

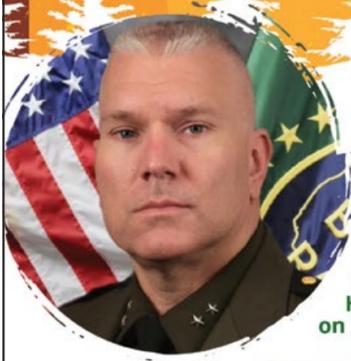
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Something Rotten is afoot at Civic Theatre

The REPORTER

Civic Theatre will stage *Something Rotten* from Oct. 3 to 18 at The Tarkington at the Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel.

Created by Grammy Award-winning songwriter Wayne Kirkpatrick, and successful screenwriters Karey Kirkpatrick and John O'Farrell, *Something Rotten* was lauded by audience members and critics alike, receiving several Best Musical nominations and hailed by Time Out New York as "the funniest musical comedy in at least 400 years."

Set in the 1590s, bro-

thers Nick and Nigel Bottom are desperate to write a hit play but are stuck in the shadow of that Renaissance rock star known as "The Bard." When a local soothsayer foretells that the future of theatre involves singing, dancing and acting at the same time, Nick and Nigel set out to write the world's very first musical. But amidst the scandalous excitement of opening night, the Bottom Brothers realize that reaching the top means being true to thine own self, and all that jazz. (MTI)

Click here for more information and to purchase tickets.



Mayor Willis to present State of the City address

The REPORTER

The Westfield Chamber of Commerce invites business leaders, community members, and guests to attend the State of the City address from Mayor Scott Willis, set for 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13 at the IMMI Conference Center, 18880 East St.



Willis

Mayor Willis will share highlights of the past year's accomplishments and offer a preview of what's ahead in 2026.

Please plan to attend for what is sure to be an insightful afternoon. This event typically sells out due to high interest, so register today to reserve your seat.

First Farmers Financial Corp. declares record quarterly dividend

The REPORTER

First Farmers Financial Corp., the parent company of First Farmers Bank & Trust Co., announced that on Sept. 16, the Board of Directors approved a record quarterly cash dividend of \$0.50 per share, payable on Oct. 15, to shareholders of record as of Sept. 30.

This quarterly dividend represents a 4.2 percent increase over the \$0.48 dividend declared in September 2024.

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Photos provided by Jim Kissling

Sheridan senior spends summer selling tasty “Tacho” truck treats

The REPORTER

Sheridan High School senior Ethan Kissling has been running the Chef

Karyn Tacho Trailer all summer. He has been responsible for every aspect of the food truck,

including hiring, firing, ordering food, and prepping the food. He is also ServSafe-certified. Under his watch, the Tacho Trailer sold nearly \$50,000 in food this summer. (He has also paid thousands in sales tax, too!)

On Wednesday, the Tacho Trailer served lunch to Sheridan school teachers. This was an event negotiated between Kissling and the senior leadership of the school.

“I could not be more impressed with Superinten-

dent Mundy and Principal Davis for not only believing in a student that much, but to also give him the real-world experience at a place he loves so dearly,” said Jim Kissling, Ethan’s father. “I sincerely feel like the Sheridan Schools deserve some strong recognition for building leaders!”

Assisting Ethan Kissling in the food truck was close friend Jackson TerHorst. The Tacho team this summer also included Sheridan’s Ruby Mason and Scarlett Whitbrod.

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Community News

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

Sheridan Lions & Phi Beta Psi invite you to all-you-can-eat Fish Fry

The Sheridan Lions Club and Phi Beta Psi invite you to their all-you-can-eat fish fry from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27 at the Sheridan Elementary School cafeteria.

In addition to fish, the menu will include French fries, Caesar salad, applesauce, desserts, lemonade, iced tea, and water.

The cost is a free-will offering, and all proceeds will support benevolence projects for the Sheridan community. Please plan to attend.

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 Deshane 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.

NHS Theatre Trunk-or-Treat

Noblesville High School Theatre will hold a free Trunk-or-Treat from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4 at Noblesville High School, 18111 Cumberland Road.

In addition to free candy, kids can also enjoy games, stories, and concessions.

If you are a parent or a Noblesville business who would like to provide a trunk, email Mrs. Nieten as susan_nieten@nobl.k12.in.us.



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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!!!

Starting Sept 29th We Go Smoke FREE

Breakfast Buffet Every
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

Carmel Post 155 Commander - Kim Kilburn
Website <https://post155.org> Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100094085413679>

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

Fishers Post 470 Commander - Eric Stanley
Website <https://legion470fishers.org> Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61579386337708>

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

Non-Profit Veteran Orgs

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

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Hamilton County Military Veteran

Fishers American Legion Art Fair Sept 27th

Sept 24 & 25 830am-5pm Both Days, Suicide Prevention Training to Train the Trainer at Franciscan Health Orthopedic Hospital 10777 Illinois St in Carmel



What Does ASIST Offer?

LivingWorks ASIST is a two-day, two-trainer, workshop designed for members of all caregiving groups. Family, friends, and other community members may be the first to talk with a person at risk, but have little or no training. ASIST can also provide those in formal helping roles with professional development to ensure that they are prepared to provide suicide first aid help as part of the care they provide.

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

To Register

Contact Tina Hoffmann
Community Health Improvement Coordinator
Franciscan Health
Tina.Hoffmann@franciscanalliance.org
(317) 528-6609
*Must Register by September 17

Date	Time	Location
Wednesday, September 24 and Thursday, September 25 (must be present both days)	8:30 AM – 5:00 PM Eastern Standard Time (both days)	Franciscan Health Orthopedic Hospital Carmel 10777 Illinois Street Carmel, IN 46032

Carmel VFW Breakfast 2nd & 4th Sat 8am-11am

Activities & Events

Oct 11 Hamilton County Community Resource Fair, 10am-3pm at Boys & Girls Club Noblesville Come Get Connected to the Resources/Services You Need To Live a Fulfilled Life Here at Home

Hamilton County Community Resource Fair



October 11, 2025 from 10am till 3pm

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Humane Society for Hamilton County hires its first vice president & COO

Submitted

The Humane Society for Hamilton County (HSHC) announced Wednesday it has hired Terry Massey as its first-ever vice president and chief operating officer.

In this role, Massey will oversee HSHC's shelter programs, human resources, daily operations, IT services, and software development/integration projects.

"We are thrilled to welcome Terry as our new VP and Chief Operating Officer," HSHC President & CEO Rebecca Stevens said. "As our shelter has grown immensely over the years, so has our need for additional senior-level leadership that will guide us through our next chapter. Terry's proven leadership and deep commitment to animal welfare will strengthen our mission to save lives, educate communities, and complete families."

Massey is an experienced operational leader



with a focus on team development and servant leadership. Most recently, he spent four years as senior director of human resources shared services for The Heritage Group (THG), where he was responsible for the frontline support team, benefit administration, HR information services, project management, and compliance. Prior to THG, he spent 13 years in numerous positions at Franciscan Alliance Information Services, concluding his time as director of the program management office and health connect.

With over 17 years in project management, Massey has successfully led all phases of diverse tech-



Massey

nology projects. He has planned and managed million-dollar projects, aligning business goals with enterprise technology solutions to drive process improvements and bot-

tom-line gains.

When it comes to saving lives, HSHC takes in over 4,000 animals each year, including hundreds at risk for euthanasia in other Indiana shelters. Operating under a truly no-kill philosophy, the shelter has consistently achieved a 98 percent or higher live placement rate since 2014.

For more information about HSHC and how you can support the organization, please visit Hamilton-Humane.com.

Noblesville & Westfield disabilities councils partner for sensory nature walk

Submitted

The Noblesville Advisory Council on Disabilities and the Westfield Mayor's Council on Disabilities have partnered to hold the inaugural Sensory Nature Walk from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 4 along the Midland Trace Trail.

Parking, sensory friendly activities, resource booths, and complimentary refreshments will be located at Hazel Dell Elementary, 3025 Westfield Road, Noblesville, where the walk will commence.

"I'm proud that the Noblesville and Westfield Councils on Disabilities are partnering for a sensory walk that offers an opportunity to all residents to enjoy nature and be a part of a fun fall activity that is inclusive to all," Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen said. "I look forward to joining Mayor Willis and all the participants for a walk on the Midland Trace Trail and continuing collaborations that showcase accessibility

in our communities."

"Ensuring residents feel seen, heard, and respected is a value Westfield and Noblesville share, which makes this collaboration a natural fit," Westfield Mayor Scott Willis said. "I'm proud to partner with Mayor Jensen and our Noblesville neighbors on this inclusive walk, and I look forward to welcoming participants alongside him."

The sensory nature walk will be led by the Noblesville and Westfield Parks & Recreation Departments. There will be four interactive, sensory activities focusing on the senses during the walk. The Midland Trace Trail is ADA accessible, allowing individuals of all ages and abilities to par-



Jensen



Willis

icipate. Participants may choose to walk as much of the 1.5-mile route (three miles round trip) as they wish. Resting spots will also be available along the path. We politely request no bicycles are used during this program.

Interact with resource and activity booths:

- Hamilton East Public Library
- Noblesville Advisory Council on Disabilities

- Noblesville Police Department
- Noblesville Schools
- Noblesville Township Trustee
- Westfield Family Network
- Westfield Fire Department

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Rick Braun & Mindi Abair
 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4
 Payne & Mencias Palladium
 Drewry Simmons Vornehm Jazz Series

With a sound compared to legends like Chet Baker and Miles Davis, trumpet/flugelhorn player Rick Braun has scored more than 20 No. 1 smooth jazz hits as an artist and producer. He has collaborated with jazz and pop greats including Kirk Whalum, Norman Brown, Dave Koz, Rod Stewart, Natalie Cole, and Sade, among others.

Saxophonist/vocalist Mindi Abair has earned two Grammy nominations and won over jazz and blues fans with her soaring melodies and powerhouse style. She has been a featured saxophonist on *American Idol*, sat in with the house bands on top late-night shows and toured with acts including Duran Duran and Aerosmith.

II Divo by Candlelight
 with special guest *Simply Three*
 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9
 Payne & Mencias Palladium

Telamon Passport Series
 Since their debut in 2004, the quartet II Divo have redefined classical crossover, captivating audiences worldwide and selling over 30 million albums while earning 160 Gold and Platinum certifications across 35 countries. Currently comprising Urs Bühler (tenor, Switzerland), Sébastien Izambard (tenor, France), David Miller (tenor, USA) and new member Steven LaBrie (baritone, USA), they recently marked their 20th anniversary with their 10th album and first independent release, *XX*. II Divo By Candlelight will take audiences on a journey through two decades of romance, heartache, and joy, supported by Phoenix-based string trio *Simply Three*.

Aida Cuevas: 50 Years Singing to Mexico
 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10
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Telamon Passport Series
 Prepare for an unforgettable evening of passion, tradition, and soul-stirring music as Aida Cuevas, the unrivaled "Queen of



Photo by Lukas Beck

See the Vienna Boys Choir, one of the oldest choirs on the planet, next month at the Payne & Mencias Palladium in Carmel.

Ranchera Music," graces the stage on her 50th Anniversary U.S. Tour 2025. With one of the most powerful and emotive voices in Mexican music, Cuevas has received multiple Grammy and Latin Grammy nominations, winning one of each. On this tour, she and her world-renowned mariachi ensemble invite audiences on a journey through five decades of iconic hits such as "El Pastor," "Quizás Mañana," and many more, all performed with elegance, artistry, and heartfelt authenticity.

Matthew Morrison: Rhythms & Revelations
 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17
 Payne & Mencias Palladium

BHI Senior Living Songbook Series
 Known for his standout role as Will Schuester on *Glee*, Matthew Morrison is a dynamic performer whose charisma and versatility have captivated audiences for years. With a background in musical theater, Morrison effortlessly blends his impressive vocal talents with a strong acting presence, bringing depth and charm to his performances. He describes his new program of timeless songs, *Rhythms & Revelations*, as "a car wash for your soul" and "a world where music and dance become more than just entertainment – they become a journey into the heart of what makes us human."

Tommy Emmanuel CGP: Living in the Light Tour
 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18
 Payne & Mencias Palladium

Katz, Sapper & Miller Pop/Rock Series
 Often cited among the world's top acoustic guitarists, Tommy Emmanuel is one of only five musicians to earn Chet Atkins' honorary "Certified Guitar Player" title. At age 6, Emmanuel began touring his native Australia with his family's band, and by his early 20s, he was performing and recording chart-topping hits with acts like Air Supply and Men at Work. The Grammy winner also has collaborated with artists including David Grisman, Jerry Douglas, Billy Strings, Jason Isbell, Michael McDonald, and Mark Knopfler. His new album *Living in the Light*, set for release in October, fuses his pop, jazz, classical, and roots influences into a virtuosic masterwork.

Vienna Boys Choir
 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19
 Payne & Mencias Palladium

Printing Partners Encore Series
 The Vienna Boys Choir is one of the oldest and most famous choirs in the world. Boys have been singing at Vienna's Imperial Chapel

since at least 1296. In 1498, Holy Roman Emperor Maximilian I established a Court Chapel in Vienna where he declared that boys would be among the singers, thus laying the foundation for the Vienna Boys Choir. Today, the former imperial ensemble is a private, nonprofit organization with a primary and grammar school for 330 boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 19, with a focus on choral music and singing. The four boys' choirs perform almost 300 concerts per year.

Squirrel Nut Zippers: Jazz from the Back O' Town
 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24
 Payne & Mencias Palladium

Katz, Sapper & Miller Pop/Rock Series
 Squirrel Nut Zippers will take fans on a magical, musical voyage to the birthplace of jazz as they present *Jazz from the Back O' Town*, a show exploring the New Orleans Back O' Town jazz scene of the late 19th century through the Roaring Twenties. Performing in era-appropriate attire, the Zippers provide a delightful view into this mystical era with reverent but exciting renditions of such seminal classics as Jelly Roll Morton's "Animule Ball" and Louis Armstrong's "Back O' Town Blues," as well as favorites from their own catalog, adapted and arranged to more closely echo the sounds of 1920s New Orleans.

Jesse Cook: Live in Concert
 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26
 The Tarkington Katz, Sapper & Miller Pop/Rock Series

In a career spanning three decades, master of the Spanish guitar Jesse Cook has sold out performance halls from London to Los Angeles and attracted over 900 million streams and views online. He studied at Canada's Royal Conservatory, Toronto's York University, and Berklee College in Boston, developing a compositional style that mixes flamenco with everything from classical and jazz to Zydeco, blues and Brazilian samba. Cook has released over a dozen albums and five PBS television specials, earning honors including *Acoustic Guitar Magazine's* coveted Player's Choice Silver Award and 11 Juno Award nominations with one win. For this performance, he will be accompanied by a four-piece band.

Other October activities include:

Live from the Stand-Up Comedy Class
 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3
 The Studio Theater

Tickets: \$10, limited seating
 Students from Allied Solutions Center's Intro to Stand-Up Comedy class perform their original five-minute routines in this "graduation" show hosted by professional comedian and class instructor Mat Alano-Martin. Recommended for mature audiences only.

Peanut Butter & Jam: Grupo Bambé – Latin Rhythm, Melody & Movement
 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 11
 The Studio Theater

Tickets: \$10 per child, includes two free adult admissions

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with Puerto Rican band Grupo Bambé on a musical journey across Latin America. With styles including bomba, plena, salsa and bachata, the band's music is a wonderful mix of lively rhythms, catchy melodies and meaningful lyrics that reflect the island's heritage and traditions. PB&J sessions are designed to engage children ages 1-7 in the performing arts.

Songbook Library & Archives Group Tours
 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 25 (Oct. 15 sold out)
 Cost: Free; register for address and details

The Great American Songbook Foundation hosts a free behind-the-scenes group tour of the Songbook Library & Archives, which preserves more than 500,000 historical items from the foundational era of American popular music. The facility is located near Allied Solutions Center.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING**THE FESTIVAL OF TRUMPETS**

The Lord said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites: 'On the first day of the seventh month you are to have a day of sabbath rest, a sacred assembly commemorated with trumpet blasts. Do no regular work, but present a food offering to the Lord.'"

THE DAY OF ATONEMENT

The Lord said to Moses, "The tenth day of this seventh month is the Day of Atonement. Hold a sacred assembly and deny yourselves, and present a food offering to the Lord. Do not do any work on that day, because it is the Day of Atonement, when atonement is made for you before the Lord your God."

Leviticus 23:23-28 (NIV)

Stacy D. Goodman-Anderson

September 26, 1972 – September 15, 2025

Stacy D. Goodman-Anderson, 52, Elwood, passed away on Monday, September 15, 2025, at Community North Hospital in Indianapolis, surrounded by her family. She was born in Noblesville on September 26, 1972, and was a 1991 graduate of Noblesville High School.

Stacy was preceded in death by her parents, Donald Goodman and Nancy Capps; sister, Cynthia Britton; nephew, Cody Goodman; maternal grandparents, George and Barbara (Capps) Bell; paternal grandparents, Alva and Eva Goodman; as well as several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She is survived by her three daughters, Sierra and David Smith of Carmel, Christie Anderson of Fishers, and Hannah Martin of Campbellsville, Ky.; her companion, Dennis Harmon of Elwood; sister, Candace and Terry Wilburn of Lebanon; brother, Michael and Mary Goodman of Alexandria; three step-siblings, Teresa and Frank Ricketts of Noblesville, Randy and Carla Capps of Russell Springs, Ky., and Daniel Butcher of Grand Rapids, Mich.; her cat, Garfield; and her grandkids that she was crazy about, Hudson Smith, Ryker Smith, and Rose Smith.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to noon, with services at noon, on Friday, September 19, 2025, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made at [gofund.me/96cf8e1a3](https://www.gofund.me/96cf8e1a3).

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Marion Keith Brewer, known lovingly as Keith, passed away on September 10, 2025.

Born on April 19, 1938, in Burnettsville, Ind., Keith was a creative soul with an enduring love for his family. As a retired electrician from Delco Electronics, he was known for his ability to build and fix just about anything, a testament to his generous and helpful nature. He enjoyed the great outdoors, loved to garden, and in his youth, he liked to hunt, trap, and practice target shooting, an expertise recognized with several awards during his service in the Army. Keith also had a passion for cars, with a particular fondness for his black and white '57 Chevy.

Keith was a compassionate individual and an active member of his community. He was very spiritual, finding great joy in his studies, and served as a youth leader, Deacon, and Elder at the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He participated in mission trips and was a regular participant in "A Journey to Bethlehem." He was also a talented woodworker and loved attending meetings with his woodworking club in Zionsville. His love for masonry was evident in his creations. Keith had a sweet tooth, enjoyed antique tractors, and always liked to be busy, preferably outdoors. Above all, he was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather who cherished his family and the Lord above all else.

Keith is survived by his wife of 64 years, Carol (Denny) Brewer; his daughters, Kim Brewer, Kathy (Randy) Griffin, and Karen (Doug) Byrd; his grandsons, Mitchell (Katie) Griffin and Gabe Griffin; his great-grandson, James Nicholas Griffin; and his sister, Carole Rogers. He is preceded in death by his parents; his son, Kenneth Brewer; his grandson, Nicholas Griffin; his brother, Raymond Jr.; and his sister, Marjorie Strasser.

Visitation for Keith will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, September 20, 2025, at the Cicero Seventh-day Adventist Church, followed by the funeral service at 4:15 p.m. The graveside service will be conducted at 6 p.m. at Hinkle Creek Cemetery, 21617 Hinkle Road, Noblesville.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Cicero Adventist Elementary School Endowment Fund, 24089 State Road 19, Cicero, IN 46034; or online at [sdachurch.com](https://www.sdachurch.com) – look for giving on drop-down menu.

In memory of Keith, we invite you to share your memories, stories, and photographs on his memorial page. His spirit will live on in our cherished memories and shared stories. His life was a testament to his love for his family, his faith, and his community. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

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Clifford "Pokey" Pickett

November 5, 1927 – September 14, 2025

Clifford "Pokey" Pickett, 97, Sheridan, passed away peacefully at his home in Sheridan, surrounded by his loving family, on Sunday morning, September 14, 2025. Born November 5, 1927, in Sheridan, he was the son of the late Howard "Hap" and Pearl T. (Thompson) Pickett.

Pokey was a 1946 graduate of Sheridan High School. Following high school, he proudly served his country as a soldier in the United States Army.

Following his time in the military, he went to work with his uncle moving houses; he quickly realized that was not the career path that he wanted to follow. He later went on to own and operate the family business, Pickett Oil Company and Pickett's Point Service Station. During his 40-year career in the business, Pokey saw a little of everything, but one of his favorite parts was always the customers. He loved providing a valuable service in the town that he called home. One of the best-known services that the station provided, although he was never able to capitalize on it, was being a local landmark. For as long as anyone can remember, those who live in and around the Sheridan area have used Pickett's Point as a directional reference. Even today "the point" is still being used when giving directions. That certainly qualifies the family business as both a legacy, and a landmark, for the community.

Pokey was always civic-minded. Throughout his lifetime, he found many, many ways to give something back to the community he loved. He was a Boy Scout leader in the community for several years and served as Sheridan Town Council President for four years. One of the lesser-known ways he helped care for the community was through his 40-year term as a board member with Crown View Cemetery.

Pokey was a member of the Sheridan First United Methodist Church, where he served on the Board of Trustees for a number of years. He was also a past member of the Sheridan Rotary Club, past member of the Scottish Rite in Indianapolis, and a 50-year member, and Past Master, of the Fidelity Lodge F&AM 309 in Sheridan.

Pokey had many hobbies. He loved working with wood, both building and carving, and was also very fond of working with stained glass. However, it was his broom making skills that were known by many. He made brooms the old-fashioned way, on an antique broom making machine. For many years, he regularly stopped by the Sheridan Historical Society to make brooms in this unique way. Sometimes people would visit specifically to watch him work; at other times they would happen across a broom-making session. No matter the circumstances, they left glad for having visited with Pokey, and of course, watching him make a broom. Later in life he enjoyed spending summer nights sitting on his front porch, watching the Sheridan Horseshoe League pitch at the park. He had the best seat in the house and never had to leave the property.

Pokey is survived by the love of his life, his wife, Dortha Phyllis (Myers) Pickett, whom everybody knows as Dort. Pokey and Dort were married on June 26, 1949. In addition to being life partners, she was also an integral part of the family business. But more than that, she was a true companion in every way. During the '80s and '90s they served on many mission trips to Alaska, Texas, New Mexico, and Kentucky. Also surviving are son, David J. Pickett (Meg) of Sheridan; two daughters, Melanie Bales (Lee Bayer) of Westfield, and Michelle Jones (Stan) of Tipton; seven grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren; two brothers, Jack Pickett of Noblesville and Phil Pickett of Carmel; and his canine partner in crime, Cocoa.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Howard "Hap" and Pearl T. (Thompson) Pickett; son, Bruce Wayne Pickett; and two brothers, William Pickett and his wife Elanor, and Kenneth Pickett and his wife Donna.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, September 19, 2025, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the time of service, with Masonic Services being conducted at 1:30 p.m.

Burial with Military Honors will follow at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. Pastor John Meunier will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to the Sheridan First United Methodist Church, 207 E. 2nd St., Sheridan, IN 46069.

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— CARMEL —**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF GROWERS MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY**

Growers Mutual Insurance Company hereby gives notice that it will hold a special meeting of its members at which the proposed merger of St. Celestine Mutual Fire Insurance Company with and into Growers Mutual Insurance Company will be discussed and voted on.

The special meeting will be held:

Date: October 15, 2025

Time: 1 p.m. E.S.T.

Place: Growers Mutual Insurance Company
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All members of Growers Mutual Insurance Company are invited to attend.
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Meeting Notices

The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2025, at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St.

The Hamilton County Commissioners will meet in an Executive Session at 12:15 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22, 2025.

A regular meeting will follow at 1 p.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

A second Executive Session will follow at 3:30 p.m., pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B) Discussion of Pending Litigation IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B).

The Westfield Plat Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, Sept. 22, 2025, has been canceled. Business items will be carried over to a future meeting.

The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees will hold a pre-bargaining hearing at 8 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 25 at the Westfield Washington Schools Administration Center, 19500 Tomlinson Road, Suite B.

The Westfield Board of Public Works and Safety meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2025, has been rescheduled to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15.

The Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District Board will meet at noon on Monday, Sept. 22, 2025, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

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Volleyball

Royals edge out Rocks in 1 vs. 2 showdown

By **RICHIE HALL**
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WESTFIELD – The No. 1 vs. No. 2 showdown volleyball showdown between top-ranked Westfield and second-ranked Hamilton Southeastern lived up to the hype.

In front of a large crowd at CSI Gymnasium on Wednesday, both teams played an exciting and tense five-set match. The Royals wound up as the victorious team, edging out the Shamrocks 26-24, 20-25, 22-25, 26-24, 15-13, handing Westfield its first loss of the season.

“We’ve had some ups, we’ve had some downs, but just really proud of this group the way they grinded,” said Southeastern coach Jason Young. The Royals had to recover from a match point in the fourth set, then were down 13-12 in the fifth set before winning the last three points.

Southeastern led 7-1 in the first set, with Maye McConnell serving a pair of aces. The Royals never trailed in that set, although they had to withstand several Westfield comebacks, including one towards the end of the set. Southeastern led 23-17 before the Rocks ran off six straight points, including two aces from Brooke Neale and a kill from Georgia Bresnahan. The

score was then tied at 24-24, but the Royals won the last two points.

Westfield took an early lead in the second set and held it from there. Bresnahan hit a kill to put the Shamrocks ahead 20-15, then Carsyn Comer blasted a kill to give Westfield set point at 24-19. HSE’s Madi Miles saved one with a tip, but the Rocks won the next point to tie the match at one set all.

The third set was back and forth until Westfield won three consecutive points for a 13-10 lead. Jordyn Blair started the run with a kill. The Royals fought back to tie the set at 21-21, after which Comer caught fire, smacking three straight kills. Audrey Davis blasted a set-point kill at 24-22 and the Rocks had a 2 sets to 1 lead.

Miles made a block to give Southeastern a 9-6 lead in the fourth set, and a block from Mia Zabel pushed the Royals ahead 20-14. Westfield came back, cutting the HSE’s lead to two points three different times. Bre Morgan’s kill put HSE ahead 23-20, but Audrey Bassett hit a kill to start a four-point Shamrocks run.

Comer hit an ace at 23-23, and Westfield had a match point. The Royals won the next three points on kills to force a fifth set. The Rocks led 10-7 in that deciding set and were still up



(LEFT) Hamilton Southeastern’s Madi Miles **(right)** makes a dig during the Royals’ match with Westfield Wednesday night. Southeastern won the match in five sets, with Madi one of three Royals players to hit 19 kills. Also pictured is Maye McConnell, who had 20 digs and four aces. **(RIGHT)** Westfield’s Kendyl Strack (2) collected 21 digs and served three aces, while Kenna Robinson (left) dished out 22 assists.

11-10, then both teams hit a flurry of kills, keeping the match tied at 13-13. Morgan made a successful block to give HSE a match point, which the Royals won to finally clinch the match.

“That’s something that we’ve been preaching all year, to be able to grind and grind a win out,” said Young. “And that’s exactly what they did tonight, so really, really proud of that.”

Madi Miles, Morgan and Sliwa all hit 19 kills for the Royals. Morgan also collected nine blocks, followed by six for Raegan Miles, and five each for Brooklyn Sigler and Madi Miles. McConnell finished with 20 digs and served four aces.

Paige Rudolph hit 18 kills for Westfield, followed by Comer with 14 and Bresnahan with 13. Emily Blevins dished out 31 as-



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

sists, while Kenna Robinson handed out 22 assists. Kendyl Strack collected 21 digs and served three aces, while Neale gathered 14 digs.

“I think our girls stepped up, played great,” said Shamrocks coach Sean Keeve. “I think it was just a matter of a couple of points. I think Hamilton Southeastern did a good job of taking care of the more important moments and not shying away from

doing what they’re supposed to do.”

The match was also a Hoosier Crossroads Conference contest, and the Royals stayed unbeaten in the league at 4-0. Westfield is 3-1 in the conference, both teams are 15-1 overall.

Southeastern plays at the New Castle Invitational on Saturday, while the Shamrocks host Mt. Vernon Monday.

Girls Soccer

Royals shut out Rocks, extend unbeaten streak to a dozen

By **RICHARD TORRES**
For The Reporter

FISHERS – The top-ranked Class 3A Hamilton Southeastern Royals don’t care how they win.

They just want the W.

On Wednesday night, the unbeaten Royals grabbed their 12th consecutive and proved margins of victory are far from the objective after shutting out Hoosier Crossroads Conference rival 3A No. 4 Westfield, 1-0.

A quick goal in the third minute by senior Sloane May, a Michigan commit, off an assist by senior Blair Satterfield, an Indiana recruit, put the nationally-ranked Royals in front where they stayed behind junior goalkeeper Hannah Dodge’s ninth shutout of the season.

“We haven’t had this close of a game, so they’re feeling like, ‘Did we do OK? Is this good enough?’ At the end of the day, a win’s a win in our conference against a quality team, 1-0 is enough,” HSE head coach Greg Davidson said.

Ranked first in the nation by MaxPreps and second by the United Soccer Coaches Association, Hamilton Southeastern (12-0, 6-0 HCC) is averaging 5.0 goals per match with 60 scored in a dozen contests.

Prior to Wednesday

against Westfield (9-1-1, 3-1 HCC), the Royals’ closest match score was 3-1 in the season opener at 3A No. 2 Carmel.

“I feel like we’ve been one of the top two teams in the state in the last five or six years, gotten everybody’s best game,” Davidson said. “Obviously, that target got a little bigger this year.”

Their meeting with Westfield was a test between two unbeaten HCC teams, and the Royals’ pressure offense and defense handed the Shamrocks their first loss.

HSE fired eight shots in the first half and finished with 18 overall in addition to 10 shots on goal. With nearly 30 attacking opportunities, the Shamrocks fended off another goal with five saves from senior goalkeeper Emma Deitsch and three more from sophomore Leah Hunsucker in the second half.

Westfield matched HSE with eight shots in the first half, but the Royals’ defense limited the Shamrocks to 10 shots total and five shots on goal.

“Games like these are so special to us because they’re challenging, and they make us better. They prepare us for a tight game that we could face in sectional, regional or state,” May said. “Just showing



Satterfield



May



Dodge

we can give the effort to the very last minute, we can fight, we can secure and not get scored on, is really important to us.”

The Royals’ confidence in one another continues to grow, especially in Dodge, who logged six saves to preserve the clean sheet. Dodge has allowed three goals in 12 contests.

Westfield trailed in attacks early on 6-2, but the Rocks evened it up 11-11 before HSE nearly doubled

them up by the final horn.

“A lot of it has been the defense, too,” Dodge said. “I’m not getting it to my hands, and I think it just shows all of our offense, too. We keep scoring, so a lot of times, I’m not even in the play. It’s a trust thing where they can protect me, and then they know that they can have confidence in me.”

Westfield entered the night ranked 10th in the nation by MaxPreps, but all it

took was one goal by HSE to defend their home field and keep their streak going.

“I went forward, and I didn’t have the greatest touch, but something that we work on is just that second effort. Always fighting through,” Satterfield remarked on their assist to May near the top of the box. “Sloane was making a great run in, and all I had to do was find her, and we were able to get a goal off that.”

They got the W, too.

“We play a very hard schedule. Every team around us is a very good team, so we take a lot of pride in the record we have, and props to all the teams that we play,” May said. “Even though sometimes we may score a decent amount of goals, every team that we’ve played has given us a good game, and we’ve been able to grow from each and every game.”

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SPORTS SCHEDULE *Football Previews, Part 2*

Thursday, Sept. 18

BOYS SOCCER

Shortridge at Sheridan, 6 p.m.
 Muncie Central at Hamilton Heights, 7 p.m.
 Westfield at Carmel, 7 p.m.
 Hamilton Southeastern at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.
 North Central at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

University at Tipton, 6 p.m.
 Brebeuf Jesuit at Sheridan, 7 p.m.
 Hamilton Heights at Logansport, 7 p.m.

GOLF

Westfield vs. Carmel, 4 p.m. at Wood Wind
 Hamilton Heights vs. Lebanon, 4:30 p.m. at Bear Slide

TENNIS

Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet, 4 p.m. at Avon
 Hoosier Conference meet, 5 p.m. at Twin Lakes
 Bishop Chatard at Carmel, 5:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Delphi at Sheridan, 6 p.m.
 Noblesville at Zionsville, 7 p.m.
 Brownsburg at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 19

BOYS SOCCER

Carmel at Homestead, 8 p.m.

FOOTBALL

Clinton Prairie at Sheridan, 7 p.m.
 Columbus North at Carmel, 7 p.m.
 Fishers at Brownsburg, 7 p.m.
 Hamilton Heights at Western, 7 p.m.
 Roncalli at Guerin Catholic, 7 p.m.
 Westfield at Hamilton Southeastern, 7 p.m.
 Zionsville at Noblesville, 7 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Park Tudor at University, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 20

BOYS SOCCER

Hamilton Heights Husky Invitational, 9 a.m.
 University at Pioneer Conference placement game, 10 a.m.
 Hamilton Southeastern at Perry Meridian, 11:30 a.m.
 Westfield at East Central, noon
 Louisville Trinity at Guerin Catholic, 3:30 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

Carmel boys, Fishers, Hamilton Heights at Shelbyville Golden Bear Invitational, 8:30 a.m.
 Sheridan at Tipton Invitational, 9 a.m.
 Carmel girls, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville, Westfield at Flashrock Invitational, 9:30 a.m. at Northview Church
 University at Decatur Central Invitational, 9:30 a.m.
 Guerin Catholic at Jim Leffler Invitational, 10 a.m. at Yorktown

GIRLS SOCCER

Fishers at Harrison, 11:30 a.m.
 Westfield at Brebeuf Jesuit, 11:30 a.m.
 Brownsburg at Noblesville, 12:30 p.m.
 Castle at Carmel, 2:30 p.m.
 Guerin Catholic at Evansville Memorial, 6 p.m.

TENNIS

Hoosier Conference meet, 9 a.m. at Twin Lakes
 Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet, 9 a.m. at Avon
 University at Whiteland Invitational, 9 a.m.
 Carmel at Michiana Classic, 10 a.m. at Culver Academies

VOLLEYBALL

University at Shortridge Showdown, 9 a.m.
 Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern at New Castle Invitational, 10 a.m.
 Guerin Catholic at Lafayette Jefferson Tournament, 10 a.m.

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



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Carmel's Anthony Coellner (5), shown here in an earlier game, threw for three touchdowns and 236 yards during the Greyhounds' game at Louisville Trinity Friday, Sept. 12. Also pictured is Ayden Johnson (21); he scored a touchdown against Trinity.

Carmel hosts Columbus North, Homecoming game at Noblesville

By **CRAIG ADKINS**
For the Reporter

No. 13 Columbus North Bulldogs (3-1) at No. 5 Carmel Greyhounds (3-1)

Carmel and Columbus North have met just twice on the gridiron. The Greyhounds have won both times with the last time being the home and season opener 27-7 on Aug. 17, 2012. The 'Hounds dominated the Bulldogs in the opener in Columbus on Aug. 19, 2011, 58-17.

North snapped its three-game winning streak at Roncalli last week, 41-20 to the Royals. In the first three games, the Bulldogs dominated Whiteland, Columbus East and Southport by a combined score of 155-14.

The Greyhounds started the first third of the season on a mission. A convincing win at Fishers (49-24) and then home wins over Westfield (34-10) and Centerville (Ohio) 48-0 gave Carmel confidence heading into

their trip to Louisville.

Last week, Carmel got down but battled back. Trinity scored first, but the Greyhounds responded when Anthony Coellner threw a 25-yard touchdown pass to Spencer Sell.

Throughout the rest of the first half, the Shamrocks outscored the 'Hounds 24-7 heading to halftime. Coellner hit Dominic Shockley with a 65-yard touchdown for a 34-14 deficit.

Carmel got a third period score from Shockley again from Coellner. Ayden Johnson ran in the final score, but it wouldn't be enough to overcome Trinity's 24-point second quarter.

Coellner passed 18 of 28 for 236 yards and three TDs. Andrew Pemberton rushed 14 times for 120 yards and Shockley caught five of Coellner's passes for 98 yards.

Zionsville Eagles (1-3, 0-2 HCC) at Noblesville Millers (1-3, 0-2 HCC)

Tomorrow night's game at Beaver Stadium is

Homecoming for the Millers. Zionsville head coach Scott Turnquist and Noblesville head coach John Hebert reunite. They were assistants together at Carmel and most recently met up in the sectional last year when Turnquist's Eagles edged Hebert and Carmel on a last second score, 29-28.

For the 27th time, the Eagles and Millers get together on the football field. Zionsville has won 20 of those to Noblesville's six. Noblesville has won two of the last three and each has won three in the last six meetings, including playoffs. Last year's regular season game was won by Zionsville, 35-28.

Zionsville started off with a solid season-opener at home over Pike, 27-7. Since then, they've lost three consecutive at Lawrence Central (40-30) and have themselves sitting at 0-2 in the Hoosier Crossroads Conference with losses to Westfield (27-3) and at

Franklin Central (20-16).

The Millers followed the same trend with a season-opening win at Mt. Vernon, 21-6. Since that point, they lost narrowly to Homestead (13-10) in the home opener and followed with two lopsided losses to start HCC play against two top 10 opponents in No. 6 Fishers (42-17) and No. 4 Westfield (41-7).

Noblesville's defense allowed 14, 13 and 14 points in the first three quarters on the road at Westfield and unfortunately were searching for positives for the majority of the night as the Rocks overwhelmed the Millers, 41-7.

The Millers were able to get a touchdown on the board with 2:00 left in the ball game when quarterback Windsor Hutchins threw an eight-yard touchdown pass to Nick Morris.

Hutchins completed 5 of 6 pass attempts. Luke Hile was the leading rusher with 52 yards and Noah Shinkle had 32.

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Girls Golf

Karis Reid qualifies for Drive, Chip, Putt finals

The REPORTER

Carmel's Karis Reid will get the opportunity to win another Drive, Chip and Putt championship.

The Greyhounds freshman qualified for the annual tournament at Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga. — the home of the Masters tournament — by winning the Drive, Chip and Putt regional qualifier Sunday, Sept. 14 at Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville. Reid qualified in the Girls 14-15 division.

"It feels great," said Reid. "It's really a blessing from God. It's just amazing to get another opportunity to go back."

Reid won the Drive, Chip, Putt championship in 2024 in the Girls 12-13 division. She scored 27 points out of a possible 30, winning by an eight-point margin.

The 2026 Drive, Chip and Putt National Finals take place April 5 at Augusta National.



Photo provided
Karis Reid qualified for the 2026 Drive, Chip and Putt National Finals at Augusta National Golf Club. Reid won the Girls 14-15 regional qualifier at Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville Sunday, Sept. 14 to qualify, giving her a chance to win a second national title. She won the Girls 12-13 division in 2024.



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Volleyball

Golden Eagles beat Knights

The REPORTER

The Guerin Catholic volleyball team swept Lafayette Central Catholic on Wednesday, 25-12, 25-14, 25-8.

Emery Cardinal hit 11 kills for the Golden Eagles. Reese Canada collected 10 digs and served eight aces, while Claire Ducey dished out 33 assists. Julia Easters

made six blocks and Cardinal had three blocks.

Guerin Catholic is 11-4 and plays Saturday at the Lafayette Jefferson tournament.

Jim Irsay's Carmel estate sells for \$11.75M

By HANNAH MORDOH WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Some lucky person is now the owner of Jim Irsay's home in Carmel.

According to real estate listing from **The Decatur Group of Century 21 Scheetz**, the late Indianapolis Colts owner's estate sold for \$11.75 million.

The gated property spans 9.4 acres alongside the Crooked Stick Golf Club and was **originally listed in July for \$12 million**.

The main home of the estate boasts over 24,000 square feet of refined living space. The listing originally said "rarely does a property of this scale, provenance, and privacy become available — a true legacy estate in the heart of the Midwest."

main house, there are two standalone guest homes: The Cabin, a newly built 2,700-square-foot retreat with three bedrooms and three and a half baths; and The Cottage, which includes two bedrooms and two baths.

Other notable features include:

- Two expansive primary suites (main and upper level)
- Seven fireplaces
- Full nanny's quarters with kitchen
- Indoor pool pavilion, Full-size indoor basketball court
- Home theater and speakeasy
- Outdoor resort-style pool with an expansive entertaining space
- Tennis court with viewing pavilion
- Zen garden

- Custom children's play area
- Private Par-3 golf hole
- Six-car garage at the main residence, plus two-car garage at the gatehouse.

The buyer's name has not been disclosed. *This story originally appeared on WISH-TV at wishtv.com/sports/indianapolis-colts/irsay-estate-sold-carmel-indiana.*

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

7:00 pm Zionsville 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 Sccecina 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

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

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6:50 pm Delta vs Mt Vernon | Indiana SRN

7:00 pm Zionsville vs **Noblesville** | Homecoming | HCTV Sports

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