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Atlanta is ready for influx of New Earth Festival visitors

Here's what 70 looks like

The REPORTER

The population of Atlanta is approximately 760, but by the weekend this little northern Hamilton County town will see 60,000 to 100,000 visitors at the 52nd annual Atlanta New Earth Festival, which started in 1974.

The downtown district has changed over the years and businesses have come and gone, but the Atlanta New Earth Festival continues as Hamilton County's largest and longest-running festival.

The Reporter had the opportunity to speak with event organizer Jennifer Farley about what visitors can expect this year.

"We estimate 600 vendors lining Atlanta's streets," said Farley, who also serves as the Town Clerk-Treasurer. "The town has three different areas it rents: Main Street, Dolles Park, and Broadway Street, but homeowners also get involved. This year we have extended booths on Broadway Street to accommodate more vendors."

According to Farley, Main Street will be reserved for vendors offering handmade goods. There you will find artistic and



File photo

The streets of Atlanta will be packed this weekend with tens of thousands of people.

unique items.

"On Broadway Street you will find antiques, collectibles, vintage and seasonal home décor, just to name a few," Farley said. "Vintage and repurposed items are very big right now."

There will also be Gatewood Farmers Market on Broadway Street offering fresh fruits and vegetables.

The New Earth Festival social media is handled by Annie

Farley, about whom Jennifer Farley said, "Annie is the deputy clerk for Atlanta and co-organizer for the festival. Part of her job is handling all social media. She does an amazing job and I really could not do all this without her, especially in festival season."

Farley emphasized the importance of the sponsors and volunteers who make this festival happen every year.

This year's top sponsors

are Commissioners Mark Heirbrandt and Christine Altman, Ace Scrap metal, Atlanta BP (the new gas station in town) Mid-Indiana Marine, Weihe Construction, Nickloy Albright Gordon & Siebe Attorneys-at-law, Endeavor Communications, Hamilton County Tourism, IU Health Tipton ... just to name a few.

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36,817,200 minutes. 25,550 days. This is 70 years old.

On September 3, I entered into my seventh decade. I thought my mother was old when she turned 70. I don't feel old ... well, my increasing aches and pains might argue with that. I find myself wondering if a new ouch will become a frequent visitor or a constant companion.

I now have parts that cannot be replaced. I'm no longer given a yearly PAP exam because Medicare says that part is no longer under warranty.

This break into my 70s has given me food for thought and fodder for my column. I would like to say I've reached the age where wisdom has arrived looking like Glenda the Good Witch from *The Wizard of Oz*. That's so not true. Wisdom has arrived, looking rather weathered and weary, more like the *Mayhem Man*.

The journey to 70 has taken a few not-so-fun detours and yet delivered some glorious revelations. On the road to wisdom, I've met some strange characters, evil Cruella de Vils, and Dastardly Doolittles. They have taught me lessons I never imagined learning.

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COLUMNIST



JANET HART LEONARD
From the Hart

Answering the \$625 million question

The REPORTER

Senate Enrolled Act 1 (SEA 1) is the so-called "property tax relief bill" that reduces individual homeowner property tax bills by a minor amount. It is continuing to cause problems for government entities across the state. Hamilton County is going through a recertification process for 2026 tax revenue coming from the net assessed value (NAV) of real estate.

The Reporter spoke to Hamilton County Auditor Todd Clevenger about the error, its cause, and the solution.

A critical component of this issue is that the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) had certified Hamilton County's NAV, but the DLGF later came back to say there was an error and the DLGF should not have, in fact, certified the NAV.

The difference in Hamilton County tax revenue will be just under \$625 million less than originally anticipated.

"It came to our attention that Hamilton County's certified statement of net assessed values did not align with the new provisions under SEA 1," Clevenger said. "Because of this, we must go through a recertification process."

The error only involves properties with a NAV over \$600,000. The DLGF first discovered that other counties had made the exact same error. When they found it elsewhere, the DLGF reached out to Hamilton County because this is a densely populated county with a large number of homes with values over \$600,000.

An email from DLGF Budget Director Anna Culy to Clevenger on Sept. 11 reads, in part, "I was spot checking counties after noticing something in another CNAV I was reviewing. While doing this, it came to my attention that there might be some differences in the homestead and homestead supplemental calculation."

SEA 1 is 345 pages and makes numerous changes to property taxes. Some of those changes are retroactive to Jan. 1, 2025, repealing some deductions for select people as of the Jan. 1 assessment date. That is just one example of how SEA 1 adds to the complexity of applying the law correctly in a short time.

Clevenger told The Reporter he and his team had to read

the entirety of SEA 1 looking for changes that affect this county because the DLGF did not supply counties with a clear and complete summary of how the new law would affect them.

"I keep everything, but I couldn't find anything," Clevenger said. "DLGF is very good about sending explanatory emails, newsletters, or memos. I read the memo they sent us on SB 1 I couldn't find this in there anywhere. I have since asked the state, 'Can you tell me where the exact language is that you have told us we missed so I can find it to make sure that our people see it?' I have not heard back. They just basically [passed SEA 1 and] said, 'Here you go.'"

Once the error was discovered, Clevenger and his team corrected the error, notified all government entities in Hamilton County that would be impacted, and began the recertification process - all within a matter of days.

"Pursuant to IC 6-1.1-17-1, we have advertised a public hearing for Friday, Sept. 26 at 9 a.m. Following that hearing, we will submit the updated values

to the State for approval, after which the CNAV process begins again," Clevenger said.

That notice appears in today's edition of The Reporter and was first published in our pages on Sept. 16. After that meeting, the Auditor's office will submit updated numbers to the state for recertification.

Recertification is not uncommon. According to Clevenger, 19 counties, including Hamilton, went through recertification just last year.

As soon as the error was discovered, Clevenger told local government units they would have corrected NAV numbers on Tuesday, Sept. 23, before the upcoming public hearing. His office had them distributed a full week early, sending them on Sept. 16.

"I'm not trying to hide anything," Clevenger told The Reporter. "It was a mistake. SEA 1 is 345 pages long and we missed it. We've already redone the numbers and sent it back to all the local government units."

Clevenger answered this newspaper's first call to him about the issue, took immediate responsibility, and supplied numerous documents detailing the facts.



Clevenger



Heirbrandt



Wanninger

County pauses plans for domestic violence shelter

The REPORTER

Hamilton County officials are pausing plans for a domestic violence shelter due to the financial impacts of Indiana Senate Bill 1 (SB 1). Passed earlier this year by the Indiana General Assembly, SB 1 lowers property taxes for homeowners while providing fewer dollars for cities and counties to spend on projects and services.

"This is a very difficult and disappointing decision," County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt said. "The new law has created enormous financial constraints. While this project is paused indefinitely, we remain committed to keeping it at the forefront of our strategic priorities and are hopeful that, once the full impact of SB 1 is clear, we can move forward."

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Embrace the weirdness on stage in Westfield

"The Rocky Horror Show" comes to Basile Westfield Playhouse this week

By STU CLAMPITT
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The doors to Dr. Frank-N-Furter's castle are creaking open at the Basile Westfield Playhouse, 220 N. Union St., Westfield, as Main Street Productions presents *The Rocky Horror Show* Sept. 25 through Oct. 5.

There will be all the classic songs, abundant weirdness, the first live band performing during a musical at the playhouse, and, in fine *Rocky Horror* fashion, there with audience participation props as well

Get Your "Rocky Horror" Tickets

When: Sept. 25 to Oct. 4. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday shows at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28 is at 2:30 p.m. The Oct. 4 show starts at 11:59 p.m.

Where: Basile Westfield Playhouse, 220 N. Union St., Westfield

Cost: \$19 for adults 18 and older, \$17 for seniors 62 and older and for students with ID. Free for active military and veterans with ID. The Wednesday, Oct. 1 show is \$10.

Where to buy: Go to BasileWestfieldPlayhouse.org/showtickets or call (317) 815-9387 for tickets.

as a one midnight showing.

This show has two directors: Brandon Schuhlitz and James H. Williams. The Reporter spoke with Williams about what it takes to put on this particular show and what audiences can expect.

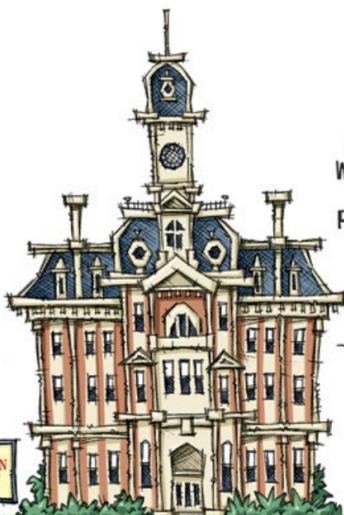
"We work really well together," Williams said. Brandon and I are in the same Masonic Lodge, and we were just tossing things out there. Both of us have

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Photo by Drake Lockwood

Follow Brad and Janet, played by Kelby Herwehe-Schounce and Dezaray Dagey, as they venture into the castle of Dr. Frank-N-Furter on a dark and stormy night.



TIM CAMPBELL
HAMILTON COUNTY REPORTER

WASN'T THERE A NEW FORMULA WE NEEDED TO USE TO CALCULATE PROPERTY VALUE?

THE \$625 MILLION DOLLAR SHORTFALL QUESTION

The Oz-man goeth

By **STU CLAMPITT**
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The Reporter caught up with Syd Loomis, or as we call him in the pages of The Reporter, “The Banker of Oz,” at his retirement party on Sunday, Sept. 15 at Osprey Pointe Pavilion, 19777 Morse Park Lane, Noblesville. Loomis will put in his last day at The Farmers Bank on Friday, so you have a very limited amount of time to stop by his office and see the Oz connection.

Jason Spartz told The Reporter he will miss having Syd in the bank because he has been very helpful with his family’s finances over the decades.

Moments after suggesting that Loomis should perhaps have planned to leave his retirement event in a hot air balloon like the Wizard of Oz himself near the end of that classic movie, Loomis pointed out the ironic appearance of a hot air balloon



Reporter photo
Syd Loomis (left) and Jason Spartz took a moment to speak with The Reporter and pose for our camera.

floating over Morse Reservoir in the background.

Because The Reporter did not stay until the final moments of his party, we can neither confirm nor deny rumors that said

balloon may have landed outside the pavilion to take Loomis over the rainbow.

Wherever you land, we wish you well, Syd. Here’s hoping it will be on a stage in Hamilton County!



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High West Wild West is sponsored by High West and is 21+. It is a 2-hour train ride with a bourbon tasting from High West and a full BBQ meal from City BBQ. Tickets are \$82 per person.



Photos provided by Hamilton Heights School Corporation
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.

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 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.



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Noblesville Lions welcome Indy Honor Flight & induct new club members

Submitted by Lisa Dick
Noblesville Lions Club

At their Sept. 10 meeting, the Noblesville Lions welcomed Ed and Sherry Sweetland from Indy Honor Flight.

Veteran and Lion John Grimes participated in Indy Honor Flight's (IHF) 45th trip to Washington, D.C., earlier this year. The program has a two- to three-year waiting list, but applicants are prioritized based on age and health status.

The purpose of IHF is to celebrate veteran service through a trip to see the memorials built in their honor. The program is 100-percent free for veterans. There are four hubs in Indiana and 128 across the U.S. The first flight out of Indy was Sept. 12, 2012. Since then, more than 3,800 veterans have flown on 46 flights.



Photos provided by Lisa Dick, Noblesville Lions Club
(LEFT, from left) First Vice President John Einsfeld, veteran and Lion John Grimes, IHF volunteer and board member Ed Sweetland, and IHF volunteer Sherry Sweetland. (RIGHT) Also at this meeting, Lion Julia Kozicki inducted new members Ken and Christina Jackson. (From left) Ken Jackson, Christina Jackson, and Julia Kozicki.

Veterans who wish to apply must have a DD-214 and fill out an application. Each veteran needs a guardian to travel with them who donates \$500 to the cost of the flight. They always fly on Saturdays and each flight includes 86 veterans, 86 guardians, four paramedics, and 10

staff. They visit Arlington Cemetery for the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. They also visit the World War II memorial and the Vietnam Wall. If time permits, they also visit the Air Force Museum and the Iwo Jima memorial, among others.

After the flight, the IHF

volunteers plan monthly meals and an annual reunion for all who have flown. Veterans who have participated are encouraged to recruit other veterans. The organization is run solely on donations and has no paid employees. An upcoming flight is scheduled for Oct. 25.

It's Millers time!



Photo provided by Steve & Lori Schwartz
Friday afternoon, Sept. 19, Noblesville High School's homecoming pride took over the town with an incredible parade. While we could only squeeze in this one photo today, read The Reporter on Tuesday for more homecoming parade pics than you can shake a pretzel at!

Cicero gives first responders huge "Thank you!"



Cicero Friends of the Park invited everyone to thank the town's first responders during an annual celebration on Sunday, Sept. 14 at the Red Bridge Park Community Center. If you weren't able to attend but want to support the Cicero Fire and Police departments, donations can be sent to Cicero Friends of the Park, P.O. Box 754, Cicero, IN 46034. (ABOVE LEFT) Dan Strong, Jerry Cook, and family members were happy to pose for The Reporter in front of the sign at Red Bridge Community Center thanking local first responders. If you missed out on the fine food and good community fellowship Sunday afternoon, just make a donation. It will make you feel better. (TOP RIGHT) Current Cicero Fire Chief Lance Overholser and his wife Melinda. (ABOVE RIGHT) Incoming Cicero Fire Chief Chris Frazier and his wife Nikki.

Reporter photos

Community News

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.

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 at susan_nieten@nobl.k12.in.us.

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Hamilton Heights Homecoming set for this Friday

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corp.

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.



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 lineup 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.

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.

Halftime festivities include recognition of alumni from the classes of 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.

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.

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 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

SHELTER

The county purchased an eight-acre site in Noblesville for the shelter back in 2022. Initial designs have been drafted, and the county had tapped Prevail, Inc. to operate the campus. Prevail provides crisis intervention and restorative support but does not have on-site housing. It has long relied on shelters in neighboring counties or hotel stays for clients in urgent need.

"This project represents years of thoughtful collaboration. We remain steadfast in our commitment to pursuing innovative and sustainable solutions that honor survivors' needs and their healing journey."

"The need for safe and affordable housing for survivors in Hamilton County is urgent and deeply felt," Prevail Executive Director Tami R. Wanninger said.

SB 1 gives families a 10 percent property tax credit (up to \$300), but it also freezes certain local funds and changes how local income taxes are collected. Hamilton County officials emphasize that the pause is not an end to the project, but a necessary step in ensuring long-term fiscal responsibility amid the new state-level budget realities.

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NEW EARTH

A big draw for Hamilton County visitors is the live entertainment. "This year's free entertainment is made possible by the sponsorship of Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt," Farley said. "Commissioner Heirbrandt was one of the first sponsors of the festival and we appreciate his continued support."

Annie Farley has the entertainment line up on social media.

"There is something for everyone!" she said. "We offer a FREE kid's zone located in Dolles Park, bounce houses, and face painting. WIBC 93.1 will host their Saturday morning Home & Garden show at the festival. For extra excitement you can contact Nickel Plate Express to ride the train from Noblesville to the festival."

Once again, the festival is also partnering with Good Samaritan Network (GSN) on a festival food drive. They will have several barrels around the festival for donations. You can also give by scanning the QR code at the festival or right now by going to gsn-live.kindful.com.

County Commissioner Christine Altman along with IU Health Tipton is sponsoring the public safety health awareness area, which will offer a variety of interactive learning experiences. There will be a fire safety trailer offering kids the opportunity to learn how to stay safe around fire. Agencies including the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, Indiana State Police, P.A.I.D., Hamilton County Emergency Management, and others will be present to help teach health and safety to the next generation.

Jennifer Farley especially thanked the Arcadia Police Department, Chief Carter, and the Jackson Township Fire Department, as well as Atlanta town officials, the Street/Utility Department, and a few faithful residents for all they do to help make the Atlanta New Earth Festival a success.

"We are a very blessed community!" she said. On Sept. 27 and 28, the Atlanta New Earth Festival has plenty to offer. Visit AtlantaIndiana.com for more information.

This year's New Earth Sponsors

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I've embraced the fact that the "hereafter" has become a frequent discussion. *What did I come in here after?* Also, I have hide-and-seek issues. *Have you seen my ___?* It's interesting how many things I find that I forgot I lost while looking for something else.

The fact is, it goes deeper and is more involved than the obvious physical and mental aging issues. On occasion, I hear my mother in my voice, and even my actions are like hers.

There is a commercial on TV with a man training young people not to become like their parents. The battle is futile.

Whenever the grandkids come over, they rarely leave empty-handed. I intentionally prepare extra food for them to take home. No, I do not save food containers for leftovers. My mother's refrigerator was always a guessing game; a good plastic container was never thrown away. A Cool Whip container could hold chicken livers. Surprise! I buy inexpensive plastic containers in case they forget to return them. I've also been known to purchase platters

and dishes at thrift stores in which to send leftovers home. I got this idea from the Red Geranium Presbyterian Church Bake Sale.

A hymn sung or hummed early in the morning makes the day feel better. My mother did this most mornings. Strength, as well as peace, is found while singing a hymn. Psychologists talk about "grounding." Nothing will ground you like a hymn.

I find myself being like my mother, as I strike up conversations with random strangers in the grocery store. I hope others come to appreciate the value of two cents' worth of my vintage wisdom. Did you know that green beans, even the canned ones, taste better if you add a little chicken broth and bacon?

I keep a sweater for restaurants in the car. As you get older, you tend to feel colder. Why are restaurants always kept so cold? "Eat Fast and Dash" seems to be their motto. I'm more of a "Sip and Linger" diner. I wonder why someone doesn't organize a Celebrate the Seniors' event where we have dinner at 4:30 with a singer singing soft oldies

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Photo provided by Janet Hart Leonard
Jim and Audrey Hart in their early 70s.

music. Weekly? Monthly? Do I hear an offer?

The day after my birthday, I told my daughter and my husband that I will be less hesitant to share my opinions. Emily fell over in the booth at First Watch and said, "I don't think we can handle that!" Chuck laughed. They believe I've already found my voice and am not afraid to use it. Time will tell. Stay tuned.

At 70, I have the bruises of life's bitter ups and downs. I still shake my head at the things I put up with far too long. My should-haves and could-haves still haunt me. I do not dwell on past bad decisions. I realize they have shaped me

into who I am today. Stronger and wiser, a force to be reckoned with, but a gentle and kind force.

I want to make every minute and day I have left the best they can be. My mother passed at 94. I still have people tell me that she made a difference in their lives until the day she passed away. I hope others can say the same about me.

BTW, my mother WAS a force to be reckoned with... but a kind and gentle force.

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HORROR

very similar creative ideas. We just thought, 'Hey, let's try this together and let's make it work.' We started throwing the show around about three years ago. One thing after another, and here we are now."

Casting had a few challenges, but Williams said he is quite proud of this cast.

"Because of the popularity of the show, we expected a lot to come out to audition," Williams said. "We didn't have the numbers that we had wanted, but we were able to cast with them and have been very pleased with who we have. They are jelling well together."

Williams has a long history with *Rocky Horror*.

"I've seen it a few different times, and I've also

seen shadow casting of it, as Brandon also has," Williams said.

Shadow casting is a type of performance where actors on stage will act out a movie as it is being shown on a screen behind them.

"My first time seeing *Rocky Horror* was in 1983, sneaking out of scout camp with some of the older senior staff members in Muncie to catch the midnight show," Williams told The Reporter.

The tradition of midnight shows is a component of this run at Basile Westfield Playhouse. The final performance will be at 11:59 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 4.

Williams called this a tech-heavy show.

"One of the big challenges is this will be our first production at the Playhouse where we have a live pit versus [music] tracks," Williams said. "They're going to be incorporated onto the set. We have a two-story set and there are a total of six musicians divided on both sides of the stage."

For the experienced *Rocky Horror* fans, there will be prop bags available in the lobby for \$8.

"Those will have everything that you see if you've gone to the shadow cast," Williams said. "We've got toast, party hats, our program is actually pretty cool. It won't be a normal playbill. It's actually a newspaper. A lot of the *Rocky* fans, if they've ever been to it,

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they're going to know what these are for. And it's also in the program: what they are, when to use it, and different things like that."

Audiences are not allowed to bring in their own props.

"Just come in and have fun," Williams said. "I would say don't be afraid to come out of your comfort zone and enjoy it. Don't be afraid to break away from the norms that we have – that we think are normal. Embrace the weirdness of it."

The Rocky Horror Show hits the stage Thursday, Sept. 25 and runs through Saturday, Oct. 4 at a moment before midnight. Go to BasileWestfieldPlayhouse.org/showtickets or call (317) 815-9387 for tickets.

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Family battles Noblesville HOA for safe wheelchair ramp for teen

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Corban Phillips in late August was partially paralyzed while on a trampoline during gymnastics practice in Westfield.

At 16 years old, in December, he left rehab. He and his family are preparing to move to a new home in Noblesville. But, his parents said on Sept. 15, they've been unable to get approval from the homeowners' association (HOA) for a safe wheelchair ramp because of the way it's designed.

The family sold their previous home to help pay for Corban's medical expenses. They're in temporary housing until their house in the Morse Pointe subdivision is ready.

Before they can move in to the house, they need a wheelchair ramp for Corban to get from the front door to the driveway.

Corban's mom, April Phillips, said asking for approval from the Morse Pointe homeowners' association has been gut-wrenching.

"After the initial phone call we had with the HOA and the management company, we were made to feel kind of criminal for asking for such a thing," she said.



April Phillips, pictured at top left, said that during the call the family made to the HOA, they were "made to feel kind of criminal" for asking about getting approval for a wheelchair ramp for her son, Corban, shown above left.

Corban's dad, Matthew Phillips, said their contractor helped the family to navigate the Americans with Disabilities Act and recommended a U-shaped ramp that leads to a level area of the driveway. Matthew said the HOA's recommendation, though, is an L-shaped access that leads to a slope in the driveway, making it dangerous for his son.

Matthew also said the L-shaped access ends in the middle of the driveway blocking the garage.

The Morse Pointe homeowners' association told News 8 in a statement that "The claim that the HOA is denying an accessibility ramp is false."

The association said it didn't receive an alternative ramp request:

"The Morse Pointe HOA has been communicating with the owners to identify a solution to their request for an improvement to their home, and has offered to meet with the owners and their contractor to discuss construction of a ramp and deck that will accommodate their needs."

April says aesthetics are the reason why the homeowners' association declined the U-shaped ramp.

"Our son and other disabled people are very important, and they matter, too," she said. "It's hurtful that aesthetics and everyone else's opinion means so much more than our 17-year-old son."

Corban is at the center of it all. He said on Sept. 16,



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"I think it's weird that we care more about looks than disabilities; after all, it's just access to the house. That's my thoughts on it. It's a little sad."

Corban has moved forward. He has learned to drive. He said that he's motivated by "family and friends just being thankful for what I can do. Driving is a big part of being independent."

Neighbors and friends showed up on Sept. 15 to support Corban. They wanted to let the family know that they want to make sure the teen is treated fairly.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/politics/family-battles-noblesville-neighborhood-for-safe-wheelchair-ramp-for-teen.

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

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 the Sheridan Airport.



Maki



Dillinger

"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.

Cicero Edwards Jones welcomes community to brand-new office



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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.

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The Election Board did not approve the vote center proposal during its Thursday meeting. (From left) Elections Administrator Beth Sheller (not a member of the board), County Clerk Kathy Williams, Ray Adler, and Greg Purvis.

No voting centers for county in next election

The REPORTER

Voting centers are not coming to Hamilton County for the 2026 primary election.

A Hamilton County Election Board meeting at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 18 included a vote on the possibility of replacing the county's precinct-based voting system with vote centers. In order to pass, the vote needed to be unanimous.

To be enacted, the proposal would then have to be adopted by both the County Council and the County Commissioners.

County Clerk Kathy Williams said she believed the county was ready to make the move.

"With our growth, to over 280,000 registered voters, it was the right fit at the right time," Williams said. "We have been

patient, worked through the process, and were at a point where it would have worked for us. It all came down to needing three votes and we were one short."

The final vote was 2-1 with Hamilton County Clerk Kathy Williams and Democrat-appointed Member Greg Purvis voting in favor of the vote center change and Republican-appointed Member Ray Adler voting nay.

Adler explained his reasoning for voting against the measure, citing Allen County's approval on Sept. 15.

"I just think we should let Allen County go through it and see what problems they have," Adler said. "We're changing voting for hundreds of thousands of people and I want to make sure it's not an experiment."

Of Indiana's 92 counties,

68 have switched to vote centers.

"It's disappointing because I know there was a lot of bipartisan support for the measure," Purvis said. "I wish Mr. Adler had shared some of his concerns more openly. Maybe we could have worked through it. We've spent a lot of time trying to make sure this worked right just to have it go nowhere."

If approved, the vote centers would have reduced the number of required staff to hold an election from 111 inspectors to 57, from 255 clerks to 228 (bipartisan), and from 356 judges to 228 (bipartisan).

Cost of renting voting locations was not expected to change by a significant amount if the change was made.

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Fight for it Sharon's challenge: put down the cell phone for a day & enjoy life

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.

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.

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Heal loudly

Editor's note: The Sheridan Student Column is brought to readers by Sheridan High School's 10th grade honors English class, taught by Tanya Busailah.

I fear it is not said enough: heal loudly, choose yourself, and let others support you.

My column is about mental health, though it has grown in some light. I want to share my personal experience and thoughts. September is National Suicide Prevention Month, and because I have my own experience, I would like to dedicate this column to anyone else who has struggled. I want everyone to know that, although it is not easy, you are not alone.

My name is Lorelai Grace Ter Horst, and I don't have a pretty story. I am not afraid to talk about my life. When I was young, I didn't have everything. My mom, my brother, and I made the best of what we had. At the time, I lived with an angry man. I can say I'm hurt to call him my father. Regardless, he is my dad, a man who hurt me in many ways, showed me how to grow to the light away from him.

Around my early teenage years, I was angry and I was sad. I was hurt. I had been put through things I believe no kid should go through. Yet I've never been more grateful for that; it has strongly influenced how I act and treat situations today.

I want to bring attention to the after and during struggles. A thing that as humans we all go through. We make mistakes. We regret, heal, fix, give up, and try again. It is not easy, and I will never say it is for anyone.

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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 saucepan 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.

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.

In fact, I continued to use them throughout my ten 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.

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AMY SHINNEMAN
Disability in the City

"The desire for safety stands against every great and noble enterprise."

— Tacitus

This quote made me wonder, just what is our desire for safety?

In posing this question I do not intend to imply that I am speaking of safety as it might relate to criminal activity against our person but rather personal safety over which we have much control. In my observation it appears to me that in recent years many of us have neglected our personal safety in lieu of our attachment to electronic devices, namely – cell phones.

Let me explain . . .

In preparation for writing a column on this topic, I have kept a log of how many times I have either witnessed safety issues or occurrences where I have been the potential victim. I imagine that many of you have experienced similar issues. And let's face it – those of us of a certain age do not need more safety hindrances in our lives! So here goes.



SHARON McMAHON
Be Well

People strolling across parking lots engrossed in looking down into their cell phones.

I have often wondered if they are reading a novel, looking at darling family photos, or simply unable to look away from

that very important text about some celebrity. These people wander aimlessly through the lot with an iron grip on their devices with no concern about large mechanical, fast-moving vehicles which could cause them great harm. The drivers of these vehicles are forced to slam on brakes, be prepared for quick maneuvers to avoid those mesmerized by their phones while hopefully not staring at their own very important messages. In the past two months I have witnessed this common scenario nearly 50 times and actually nearly been run down in a parking lot by a distracted texting driver!

People who are shopping and suddenly stop in the middle of the aisle to consult their very important messages causing

other shoppers to nearly hit them and cause others to back up as well.

Not only have I nearly run into those people (21 times in two months) but I have also had those pushing carts while texting/reading run into me (17 times in two months) and that is quite uncomfortable. In fact, typing (texting) or reading a text alters a pedestrian's gait, speed, and walking pattern, according to a recent study by the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons.¹ If you wish to learn more about the injury statistics log on to the website noted at the bottom.)

Dear Readers, once upon a time in this land of long ago, we were able to leave our homes and forage about without clutching a cell phone to our bodies for dear life. Just the other day I realized I forgotten my phone and nearly turned around to drive back and then I thought . . . WHY? So, I journeyed on my merry way and tasted freedom . . . you might want to try that sometime.

In reflection, I believe the only time I truly suffered by not having a phone attached to my body was as a 15-year-old

when I was forced to spend a few summer Sunday afternoons on my parents' boat and did not have that teenage direct line to my friends for several hours. Guess what I did instead? Enjoyed the waves, the picnic, and a good read. My friends were still there when I returned to shore.

Technology is great and has, mostly, been a boon to business and personal productivity. However, I challenge you – and myself – to a "cell-free day" once in a while. As we spend far more time on our phones and computers than we realize, you might find you have more time for a nature hike, catching up on your latest book, talking with a friend (in person), playing with your dog, having a spa day, or even maybe writing a book or . . . a newspaper column?

¹ orthoinfo.aaos.org

Sharon McMahon, CNWC

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Cranberry Pecan Cheeseball: a taste of celebration & community

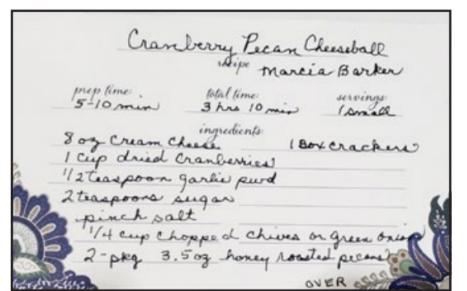
September is my birthday month, and this year I felt extra special. I had not only my birthday to celebrate, but also a new role at Community First Bank.

One of the sweetest traditions at the bank is that every new hire is asked to share their "favorites." At the time, I thought it was just a fun icebreaker. Little did I know that my team would remember every detail and bring those favorites to life for me.

When I walked into the office this week, I was greeted by a table filled with homemade dishes – Rice Krispies treats, fresh ravioli made with garden-grown tomatoes and peppers, and then the star of the table: a cranberry pecan cheeseball.

This cheeseball wasn't just delicious – though it absolutely was. The cranberries brought sweetness and color, the pecans added the perfect crunch, and the creamy texture tied it all together in harmony. What made it even more meaningful was learning where the recipe came from.

My co-worker, who is part of New Life Church in Kokomo, had discovered it through her women's group. At one of their gatherings, where they were celebrating Christmas and the love of God through serving and sharing, a friend brought this cranberry pecan cheeseball to the table. She shared not only the dish, but also the recipe – a gift of food and fellowship. Now that recipe has found its way into our workplace,



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where it instantly became a team favorite.

I love how food has this power to travel – from a church gathering, to a women's circle, to an office birthday celebration – and in each place, it carries with it connection, joy, and gratitude. Those hands that prepare and those hearts that share are what transform a simple recipe into something far greater: a moment of instant celebration, a reminder of what we hold in common.

Whether it's for a birthday or any ordinary Tuesday, celebrations like these remind me that the sweetest moments come not from cake and candles, but from community – one cheeseball, many hands, and a lot of love.

Pooja Thakkar is working to build connections through cuisine. You can read her column each week in the pages of *The Reporter*.

The ripple effect of giving selflessly

This is my 50th Feeding Team feature column, and even as I shake my head in disbelief over that statement, I'm taken back by the very nature of what is happening in our county.

It will come as a shock to no one that life is particularly hard right now. The costs of energy, food, housing, healthcare, and just getting by are as tough to manage as we've seen in the last several years. The "rising cost of getting by" as Don Williams sang about, forces tougher choices onto families. Yet, here in Hamilton County people still give. The redeeming qualities of the people in Hamilton County are both a light of encouragement and a demonstration of how charitable folks around here really are.

Then there's Edgar (not his real name). Edgar is in his early 20s, and we met him recently at one of our office food pickup days. He was born and raised

right here in Hamilton County. Edgar lives in a lean-to on a horse farm. He rides his bike to various pantries around the county to secure his meals. Edgar's backstory is none of my business. He needs food to get by and Feeding Team can help him along his present path.

His story reminded me of the "ripple" effect of giving and now its impact on Edgar's life. As a young boy, I learned about the impact of dropping a heavy rock into a pond – the initial splash combined with that distinct "plop" sound, followed by dozens and dozens of ripples flowing through the water. It was particularly fun to do as a kid, unless my dad was fishing, in which case I'd be sentenced to sitting quietly on the lawn chair for scaring off the bass he was trying to catch.

Here is the point: Four layers of giving had to occur for Feeding Team to receive the MRE (Meals Ready to

Eat) that ultimately ended up in Edgar's backpack: from volunteers to donors to other volunteers to other donors ultimately to Feeding Team and then to Edgar.

The ripple impact of your charity has a real and tangible impact on neighbors in Hamilton County. When you donate non-perishable food items or monetary donations to Feeding Team, it is just like the stone tossed into the water. It has a ripple effect, helping many of our neighbors. Ultimately your donation blesses the families receiving the donation, but it also blesses those involved.

The volunteers who loaded Edgar's backpack with food were incredibly impacted while doing so. They were moved to tears learning his story and making sure that he had what he needed for the next week. Your charity has a ripple effect on you, too, those who you help, and those who serve your donations to others. It makes you feel good helping others, and we, too, are honored to receive your dona-

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tions, and then those families that receive from your donations feel better about their situation.

Together, we help families meet basic food needs and as a result our community benefits.

With over 44,000 food-challenged neighbors in Hamilton County, FeedingTeam.org is a registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that provides outdoor 24/7/365 no-questions-asked free food pantries throughout the county. Would you like to get involved? Volunteer opportunities are available. We are evaluating new pantry locations. If you think you have a potential location, please contact us. Mark and Lisa Hall are the founders of Feeding Team. They may be reached at lisa@feedingteam.org and mark@feedingteam.org or by calling (317) 832-1123.

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Careful: words create reality Simple pleasure

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.



ISAAC TAYLOR
Things That Matter

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.*

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."

Then everyone is silent. No words to offer with no Creator to inspire them.

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*.

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MEGAN RATHZ
When Nature Speaks

I love to read. It is simple pleasure that brings me profound joy.

I spend my days teaching first graders how to read and once I'm at home, I love to curl up with a good book. I love seeing my little girl blossom and learning new words daily. I love to listen to her sound words out and the excitement and sense of accomplishment she feels when she figures out a word unassisted. I love the word wall that I have in my classroom and the bright eyes of my students as they excitedly realize that they are becoming readers.

I love sharing the growth of my students with their parents. It is so rewarding to see a little boy or girl start at the beginning of the school year with little confidence and struggle with reading only to see them grow and flourish into successful readers by the end of the school year.

There are few things in my life that provide an escape for me more than reading. It is fuel for my brain. It is a way to make you think about things from a different perspective. It is a break from the day. It's a chance to sit in my comfy spot with a warm cup of coffee and my lighthouse mug and get away without having to leave home.

I love it when I read a book and picture someone I know as one of the characters. I love reading a book about a place that I've never visited and feel like I know the culture and the people by the time I'm done reading the book.

If you're like me and you're reading a book that you have fallen in love with, you start to feel a bit sad when you realize the book is winding down and you soon must say goodbye to some characters that have become people you feel that you know.

I love introducing kids to books that I used to read when I was a little girl.

I love talking to other people who enjoy reading as much as I do and exchanging different titles and authors. I love it when I am introduced to a new author and fall in love with a new series. I love it when you have an author who has characters from previous books make an appearance in different books. It's like an old friend dropping in to say, "Hello."

I love following authors on social media and seeing their engagement with readers. I love to see what other people have to say about a book when I'm done reading it. I love to see if others felt the same way as I did about a book.

I love setting a reading goal for myself at the beginning of the year and keeping track of my progress on Goodreads. I love stalking other people and their Goodreads pages. It's the new Facebook, you know. You can learn a lot about someone from what they love to read and how different stories resonate with them. Nothing can bond you to someone quicker than a shared love of the same book or author. You think the person you're talking to might not have much in common with you only to find out that they, too, read similar things and it opens a whole new world of conversations for you to have with them.

My little girl said the other day, "Mommy, you are such a reader!" She was proud of me when she said it and thought it was so cool. I don't know why it meant so much to me for her to say that because I realized that she really does pay attention and notice the things I'm doing and saying – both good and bad. It made me happy to see that she knows I place value on reading and that it isn't something I do because I must, but because I love it. I hope my kids grow up and have the same relationship with books that I read.

So much of a child's opinion of reading is based on whether they think they're good at it. If a child is intimidated or doesn't feel successful as a reader, they are reluctant to do it. If they know they are smart and capable, they are more open to it. If I can build up a child who otherwise would not have thought of themselves as a strong reader, feel like they are capable and develop a love of reading, I cannot think of anything more rewarding as a teacher.

Reading is truly a gift. You don't have to have money and can see the whole world. It is something that regardless of your age you can enjoy and appreciate. I am grateful that I have a front row seat watching kids learn how to read in my own classroom and play a role in building the confidence of budding readers, so they can hopefully fall in love with it for themselves and become lifelong readers.

Megan Rathz is a wife, mother, and teacher. She says everything she has ever learned in life came from her Master Gardener mother.

FIGHT

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.

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 the trip. Constantly adapting on the fly is part of traveling with

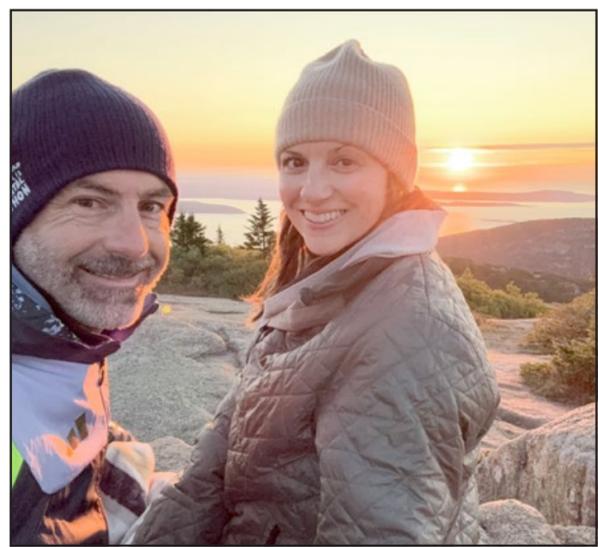


Photo provided by Amy Shinneman
Our columnist and her husband Jamie reached the top of Cadillac Mountain in Acadia National Park last week.

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 finding it is worth it every time.

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HEAL

Healing loudly is something important to me. I have learned through myself, friends, and family that we often try to hide the pain we have. Others fear pain, and I feel that is why it may seem shameful, but carrying guilt for something that is not your fault is painful. Healing loudly is accepting yourself. Healing loudly tells me I am here and I value myself; if you don't, that's okay. Support systems are important as well. Surround yourself with people who love to see you grow. It is not easy, and it hurts to change. I'm still learning myself.

As humans, we will all con-

tinue to learn our whole lives. Healing loudly can be scary; it's not easy to say "I got this or I believe in myself." It takes time; unfortunately, it also takes a mental war in your head. It is becoming who you want to be and not being sorry for it. When you heal loudly, you give yourself space to heal, grow, and explore.

It is vulnerable. I can attest to that.

I felt ashamed and isolated, but the community I built around me built me up. If you or a loved one feels this way, I ask everyone to try. Get help. Talk about it, live through it, to any-

one reading and know you are strong. You can get through this.

Help is not easy to ask for, but there are solutions. If you do not have that community, many spaces and organizations can help. They include getting in contact with 988, which is the Suicide and Crisis Hotline; 211, the national number for getting in contact with mental health services and professionals; and ISSP. All of these sources are open to the public and can help a person find therapists, support groups, and the community that everyone needs.

Although I have been in positions where these resources

didn't feel available to me, as I felt scared to reach out to a professional, I found other sources. If that is your case, talk to your friends, talk to a teacher, talk to your pet if you need to, but it is proven that it is better to get it out than to hold it in. The best thing my therapist gave me was a sheet of paper. I didn't have to talk; I could write, draw, burn, fold, tear apart, throw away, flush down a drain, anything with that piece of paper as long as it was how I felt.

Choose you for you. Be kind. Be patient. Most importantly, stay strong when it feels easy to give up.

from Page A6

CEREAL

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.

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

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



Photos provided by Amy Shankland
Don't be surprised to find cereal bowls like these in our columnist's cupboards.

from Page A6

A few completely random book & author recommendations

The Push by Ashley Audrain
Freida McFadden (author) **love the *Housemaid* series**
Verity by Colleen Hoover
Elin Hildebrand (author) **love the *Nantucket* and *Winter Street* series**
Fight: Inside the Wildest Battle for the White House by Jonathan Allen & Amie Parnes
Reminders of Him by Colleen Hoover
The Last Mrs. Parrish by Liv Constantine
Anne of Green Gables by L.M. Montgomery
The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis
The Secret Garden by Frances Hodgson Burnett

CCHA Law welcomes Richmond, expands litigation practice group

Submitted

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



Richmond

client service and her commitment to public entities make her an excellent addition to our litigation practice.”

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

Richmond 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.

Obituaries

Constance L. Womer

December 3, 1948 – September 12, 2025

Constance L. Womer, 76, Noblesville, passed away peacefully on Friday, September 12, 2025, while in hospice care. She was born on December 3, 1948, to the late Willis and Mary (Martin) Sisson in Anderson, Ind.



Connie was a 1967 graduate of Madison Heights High School and earned her BS in 1971 and MS in 1975 from the Butler University School of Education. She was an active member of the Alpha Chi Omega sorority, where she held many positions, including Vice President.

A dedicated educator and guidance counselor, Connie served multiple schools in the Anderson Community Schools district for 43 years, including Highland High School, South Side Middle School, East Side Middle School, and Highland Middle School. One of Connie's supervisors noted, “[Connie] goes above and beyond what is expected of her in her job duties and is always willing to help ... Regardless of who contacts her for services or help, she cares about people and tries to help them in any way she can.”

Connie was a member of Grace Community Church for 15 years, where she enjoyed participating in Rooted, one of their small group programs from 2018 to 2024.

In her youth, Connie enjoyed spending time at Lake Wawasee, staying at her family's lake cottage and waterskiing. Through adulthood, she visited several attractions and states throughout the U.S. During retirement, Connie became a dedicated supporter of Butler University basketball attending their home games and traveling to tournaments to cheer on the team. Over 30 years, Connie adopted four rescue cats and loved their company and caring for them.

She is survived by her devoted husband of 52 years, David Womer; son, Wes Womer; daughter, Lauren (Matthew) Symons; and her beloved grandchildren, Levi and Lydia Symons, who brought her immense happiness as she watched them grow.

Visitation will be from 1 to 3 p.m., with a service beginning at 3 p.m., on Thursday, September 25, 2025, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Burial will follow at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society for Hamilton County, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038 (hamilton-humane.com) or to Rescue Me R.C.H.S. (rescuemerchs.org).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

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).

HSE students break barriers

Olio Road Productions' "11:17" selected for 34th Heartland International Film Festival

Submitted

In a feat almost unheard of in the world of independent cinema, a group of high school students from Hamilton Southeastern High School have done what most filmmakers only dream of: their feature film, *11:17*, has been officially selected for the 34th Heartland International Film Festival, one of the nation's premier Oscar®-qualifying festivals.

11:17 wasn't created in a classroom, for a grade, for financial gain, or with professional resources. This film was entirely written, produced, and brought to life outside of school by teenagers, working purely for the love of moviemaking. Now, these students find themselves competing on the same stage as veteran, professional filmmakers from around the world.

“This isn't just unusual – it's extraordinary,” said Jamie Follis, founder of Olio Road Productions and an award-winning educator who guided the project as a producer. “For a film created by high school students in their free time to be recognized by Heartland is proof that passion and creativity can rival experience and budgets. These students have set a new standard for

what young filmmakers are capable of. Imagine if a high school sports team was invited to compete with adult professional athletes.”

The Heartland International Film Festival has a reputation for discovering powerful, inspiring films – the kind that go on to Oscars® and beyond. That makes *11:17*'s selection even more stunning: a youth-driven production has broken through one of the most competitive gates in the industry.

Olio Road Productions, founded by Follis, has long been dedicated to empowering young filmmakers. With *11:17*, its mission reaches new heights: what started as a small student-driven passion project now stands shoulder to shoulder with some of the best independent films in the world.

Click here to watch the trailer on YouTube.

The 34th Heartland International Film Festival will run in Indianapolis Oct. 9 to 19, spotlighting the work of filmmakers who dare to inspire – and among them, a group of teenagers proving the future of cinema is already here.

For tickets and showtimes, go to tickets.HeartlandFilm.org.



Photo provided by Olio Road Productions (From left) Joely Jensen as Kai, Lola King as Evelyn, and Kayla Wease as Riley.

Film Synopsis

High school seniors Kai, Riley, and Evelyn have built their lives around each other – bike rides, coffee shop stops, and late-night traditions defining their friendship. But when tragedy strikes, their world fractures, leaving Kai desperate for distraction.

As Riley struggles to hold them together, Kai drifts toward a reckless group whose adrenaline-fueled nights offer escape. The deeper she's pulled into this volatile world, the more tension grows between her old life and the new one threatening to consume her.

Surreal yet familiar visions flood Kai's conscience, mirroring her frac-

tured state of mind and the rift in her relationships. Moving forward seems impossible as her own mind leaves her trapped.

11:17 is a solemn portrait of adolescence in the wake of devastation, balancing realism with dreamlike imagery to explore how tragedy reshapes bonds, fractures identity, and forces us to confront who we become when we face loss.

About Olio Road Productions

Olio Road Productions was envisioned and founded by teacher Jamie Follis as a space where students could discover the power of filmmaking beyond the classroom. Learn more at OlioRoadProd.com.

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



Photos by Allison Waitt

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

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

“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. Zo-

la'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.

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 dessert 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. “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.”

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 communi-



Wiles



Hyatt

ty and support the dedicated members of the 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.

“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 Innovacare; 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 Structure-point, Hematology Oncology of Indiana, and Meyer Najem.

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

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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 Sept. 17, 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 Superintendent Mundy and Principal Davis for not only believing in a student that much, but to



Photos provided by Jim Kissling

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 Sher-

idan 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.

Heights’ Mariyah Sexton named College Board BigFuture Ambassador

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corp.

Hamilton Heights School Corporation announces that Mariyah Sexton, a senior at Hamilton Heights High School, has been selected as a College Board BigFuture Ambassador, a prestigious honor that marks a first for the district.

Sexton’s acceptance into the national program places her among a select group of student leaders across the country who are committed to helping their peers navigate life after high school. As a BigFuture Ambassador, she will serve as a resource and role model, sharing tools and opportunities that support college and career planning.

The BigFuture Ambassador Program, created by the College Board, empowers students in grades 9 through 12 to lead outreach efforts in their schools. Ambassadors use social media, peer engagement, and digital platforms to promote resources like scholarship opportunities, college search tools, and career exploration guides. They also provide real-time feedback to improve the BigFuture experience for students nationwide.

Sexton will participate in virtual meetings, collaborate with other ambassadors across the country, and gain valuable communication and leadership skills, all while helping her classmates take meaningful steps



Photo provided

Hamilton Heights Senior Mariyah Sexton has been selected as a College Board BigFuture Ambassador, a prestigious honor and a first for the district.

toward their futures.

Her involvement also aligns with Hamilton Heights’ commitment to career readiness and student empowerment, core values reflected in initiatives like Reaching New Heights, which ensures students have access to real-world learning and leadership opportunities.

Congratulations to Mariyah Sexton on this outstanding achievement. The Hamilton Heights communities looks forward to seeing the impact she’ll make as a BigFuture Ambassador and the inspiration she’ll bring to her peers.

Your Honor, could we get a sidebar?



Photos provided

Hamilton County judges and court magistrates met with students last week to celebrate Constitution Day, Sept. 17. (ABOVE LEFT & CENTER) Early last 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.

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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 Lavonne Kinnaman (Earp) & 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 and services were held Thursday, September 18, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville, with Dr. Richard Bailey officiating. A private burial was 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).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

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 and services were held 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 were held Friday, September 19, 2025, at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens, 9700 Allisonville Road, in Indianapolis.

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Marion “Keith” Brewer

April 19, 1938 – September 10, 2025

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 and funeral services for Keith were held Saturday, September 20, 2025, at the Cicero Seventh-day Adventist Church. The graveside service was conducted 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 – 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.

Condolences: hartleyfuneralhomes.com

Savoy White

May 12, 1940 – September 13, 2025

Savoy White, 85, Elwood, passed away on Saturday, September 13, 2025, at Community Hospital in Anderson. She was born on May 12, 1940, to Carl and Carrie (Stacy) Buchanan in Saint Charles, Va.

Savoy loved to bowl and was on three bowling teams. She enjoyed watching movies, playing cards, and rolling dice, which she taught her grandchildren how to play.

Savoy is survived by her daughters, Joanie England and Jennifer (Aaron) Hamilton; stepson, Danny White; grandchildren, Ethan and Shadow England, and Conner, Collin, and Colton Hamilton; great-grandchildren, Zayden, Ellie, and Remi England; as well as many more she loved as her own.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, William White; brother, Earnestly Buchanan; sister, Anna Ruth Muncie; stepdaughters, Linda Scott, Diane Matherly, and Peggy Sue Robinson; and her stepson, Clifford White.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Breast Cancer Research Foundation, 28 W. 44th St., Suite 609, New York, NY 10036 (bcrcf.org).

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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 and services were held Friday, September 19, 2025, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Burial was at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made at gofund.me/96cf8e1a3.

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Nancy Ann Hartley

June 10, 1940 – September 11, 2025

Nancy Ann Hartley (Correll) passed away peacefully on September 11, 2025, in Fishers.

Born on June 10, 1940, she was a lifelong resident of Hamilton County and the daughter of James and Velma Correll of Arcadia. On November 26, 1961, Nancy married Ralph Lee Hartley, and together they shared 53 years of marriage until his passing in 2014.

Nancy lived a life centered on family, faith, and community. A lifelong member of Arcadia Church of the Brethren, she was active there for more than 60 years, devoting her time to service and fellowship. She was a loving mother who dedicated herself to raising her four children with care, encouragement, and strong Christian values. Her home was always a place of warmth and activity, and she spent countless hours volunteering at school, serving as a classroom parent, and supporting her children in sports, music, drama, Girl Scouts, and other activities. Wherever her children were, Nancy was close by, cheering them on with love and pride.

Gifted with remarkable artistic ability, Nancy spent more than four decades decorating beautiful, prize-worthy cakes. She also hand-painted Bundy Duck Decoys for over 30 years, each piece crafted with attention to detail and patience. Her talents touched many lives and left a lasting creative legacy.

In addition to her work at home, Nancy held several jobs throughout her life. She served as a secretary at AUL in Indianapolis and later at Nations Title, and for a time worked as a church secretary at Cicero United Methodist Church. For many summers, she also served as a camp counselor at Camp Alexander Mack in Milford, Ind., where her love for children and faith shone brightly.

Nancy is survived by her children, Beth (Michael) Deming, Kerri Young, Arika (Seth) Estep, and Devin (Hollie) Hartley; her brother, David Correll; grandchildren, Beth Young, Spencer Young, Calvin Deming, Gabriel Young, Max Deming, Miles Deming, Aubree Young, Aleis Whaley, Angel Whaley, Corbin Estep, and Emmett Estep; and great-granddaughters, Astra, Davina, and Alexandria. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Ralph, and her grandson Cameron Young.

Visitation and services were held Monday, September 22, 2025, at Arcadia Church of the Brethren, 8989 E. 266th St., Arcadia, with Pastor Ben Poole officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Xia-Gibbs Society, Inc., in support of research and programs for individuals with Xia-Gibbs Syndrome, including Nancy’s beloved grandson, Emmett.

Nancy’s care has been entrusted to Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Home, Cicero.

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Hamilton County High School Football, Week 5

Rocks beat HSE; Hawks, Hounds win big



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(ABOVE) Sheridan crowned its Homecoming King and Queen on Friday, Sept. 19. Chance Spencer was named King, while Meredith Krupp was named Queen. (BELOW) Alex Cravens scored three touchdowns for Sheridan during its 40-6 win over Clinton Prairie during the Blackhawks' Homecoming game. The game was also a Hoosier Heartland Conference contest, and Sheridan is 2-0 in the league standings. "Things are coming together at the right time," said Blackhawks coach Jake Chesney. "We're trying to win the games in Tuesday and Wednesday practices. They're bought in. Practices are fun, but we're getting a lot done."



Reporter photo by Richie Hall



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

The Carmel Greyhounds rebounded from their loss at Louisville Trinity to cruise past Columbus North 56-7 Friday, Sept. 19 at Carmel Stadium. Pictured is Andrew Pemberton (22), who scored two touchdowns and ran for 89 yards. The Greyhounds improved to 4-1 for the season with the victory.



Photos by Joshua Herd

Westfield won its third consecutive game Friday, Sept. 19, coming from behind to beat host Hamilton Southeastern 21-17. Cooper Melvin threw a 55-yard touchdown to Andrew Noble in the fourth quarter, and that put the Shamrocks in the lead. Pictured for Westfield (above left) is Deacon King, who scored a third-quarter touchdown that tied the game at 14-14. Pictured for Southeastern (above right) are Kyle Jenkins, who dives to make a tackle, and linebacker Adam Hoog (32).

Unified Flag Football ignites culture of inclusion & pride

By **QUINN MATTHEWS**
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Forget Friday night lights – Hamilton County's biggest plays are happening in Unified Flag Football.

Since its launch in 2018 by the Indiana High School Athletic Association in partnership with Special Olympics Indiana, Unified Flag Football has seen impressive growth in Hamilton County. Designed as an inclusive sport, Unified Flag Football (UFF) was created to bring together students of all abilities, including those receiving special education services for cognitive, developmental, or intellectual disabilities. What began as a state-wide school sport to build teamwork, healthy competition, and connection, has created an awareness for inclusion across Indiana's high school athletic community.

As its impact spread, it became clear that the demand for inclusive athletic opportunities in Hamilton County was far greater than anyone initially realized. Since county schools have implemented a UFF team,

they have seen an amazing increase in interest in their programs.

"When I started my first year coaching six years ago (2019) we had a team of about 15, and this year we have a team of 50," said the UFF coach for Fishers High School, David Rawlings.

At first, many schools had trouble recruiting students for their teams; now they're dealing with the opposite issue: overwhelming interest.

"Our biggest challenge right now is the large team size." Said Rawlings, "in flag football, we play five on five, and we have athletes paired with partners and there must be at least three athletes on the field at all times. When we can only field five players at one time, and have a team of 50 players, playing time becomes pretty limited."

With expanding team sizes in many schools, the bonds formed among players have grown a supportive and inclusive environment that feels like home.

"We have 15 seniors this year which breaks my heart. Our goal is to give them a



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(LEFT) Conner Kirch carries the ball for the Noblesville Unified Flag Football team. (RIGHT) Unified Flag Football has seen tremendous growth in Hamilton County since its launch in 2018. Since county schools have implemented a UFF team, they have seen an increase in interest in their programs. Pictured here are Noblesville student-athletes Eli Griggs (3) and Aarshan Gill (15).

good end of the season and make sure they have fun and come back, because even after they graduate,

they are still a part of our family," said the UFF coach for Westfield High School, John Moore.

No matter how different the teams are across Hamilton County, they all have the same goal; to have fun

and make lasting memories together.

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Hamilton County High School Football, Week 5

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 Sheridan 40, Clinton Prairie 6
 Westfield 21, Hamilton Southeastern 17
 Zionsville 30, Noblesville 7
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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, Sept. 17, 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



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

(LEFT) Hamilton Southeastern’s Madi Miles (right) makes a dig during the Royals’ match with Westfield Wednesday, Sept. 17. 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.

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 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 assists, 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.

Boys Tennis

Carmel sweeps Chatard for Senior Night win

The REPORTER

The Carmel boys tennis team swept its Senior Night meet on Thursday, Sept. 18 beating Bishop Chatard 5-0.

The Greyhounds won all five matches in straight sets. In singles, No. 1 Wesley Worobel got a 6-2, 6-4 victory, No. 2 Mahesh Duvvuri won 6-3, 6-1 and No. 3 David Weissbach was a 6-3, 6-3 winner.

In doubles, No. 1 Vishal Shankar and Nikhil Gupta won 6-1, 6-0. No. 2 doubles Karan Devanaboina and Isaac Qian got a 6-0, 6-0 shutout. Carmel played with an all-senior lineup.

In a Wednesday match, the Greyhounds beat Brebeuf Jesuit 3-2. Carmel won all three singles matches, with Worobel taking the No. 1 match 6-2, 6-3. Andrew Kim won 6-1, 6-0 at No. 2 singles, while



Reporter photo by Richie Hall Carmel No. 1 singles player Wesley Worobel won his Senior Night match 6-2, 6-4 during the Greyhounds’ dual meet with Bishop Chatard on Thursday, Sept. 18.

Shankar was victorious 6-0, 6-2 at No. 3 singles.

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



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.

by an eight-point margin. The 2026 Drive, Chip and Putt National Finals take place April 5 at Augusta National.

Blackhawks sweep Delphi

The REPORTER

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

On Monday, Sept. 15, 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, Sept. 16, 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.

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.

Sheridan finished the week by sweeping Delphi Thursday, Sept. 18 in another conference match, 25-12, 25-6, 25-15.

Mendenhall led the Blackhawks’ offense with 18 kills and served two aces. Jump totaled 15 service points and five aces to go with seven kills. Adams had 18 service points and four aces, with Eva Todd serving three aces.

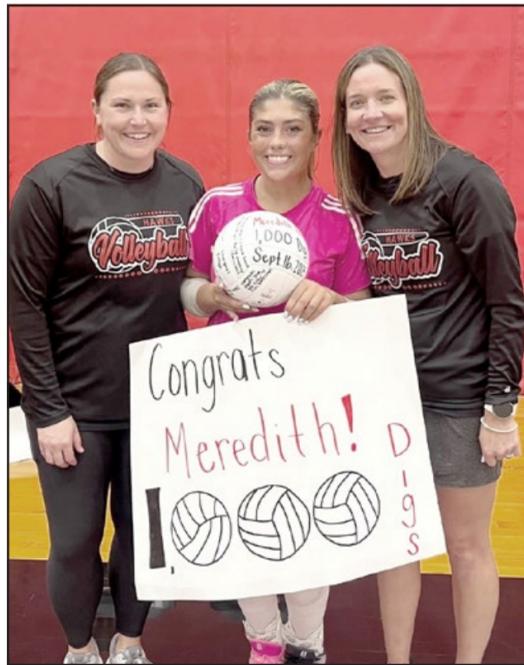


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Sheridan’s Meredith Krupp was honored Tuesday, Sept. 16 for clearing 1,000 career digs during the Blackhawks’ win over Clinton Prairie.

Doss put down five kills, while Hagan hit three. Jump dished out 24 assists and Krupp handed out six.

Krupp gathered 13 digs to lead the defense, with Jump

collecting 10. Adams had nine digs, Mendenhall totaled six and Hagan had five. Doss made two solo blocks, while Jump and Mendenhall both had one solo block each.

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“When it comes down to it, our biggest goal is creating an atmosphere of compassion and sportsmanship and give them a team to call their own. That’s what it’s all about,” said the UFF coach for Noblesville High School, Andrew McCormick.

Not only are these students having fun, but they are growing mentally and physically and reaching goals they never thought possible.

“We could go kid by kid and talk about their biggest accomplishment. We had kids that didn’t want to be in the huddles to begin with, then mid senior year they’re right in the middle [of the huddle],” said the UFF coach for Hamilton Heights High School, Whitney Gray. “Every single kid could pinpoint an accomplishment that they have made, but never expected to experience.”

This growth has extend-

ed beyond the field, spreading positivity throughout the schools and across all of Hamilton County.

“The culture has shifted inside our school to having so much support and inclusion,” said the UFF coach for Hamilton Southeastern, Courtney Lawhead. “The joy that it gives you is infectious, and it really spreads, and it’s great”

The joy that these tight-knit players have on the field is unmatched by any other sport, and some want this excitement to be shared with everyone—it’s creating a culture of belonging and pride, with coaches and players dreaming of packed bleachers, roaring crowds, and the kind of Friday night energy that defines high school sports in our amazing county.

“I would like for someday to have a night where we’re running low on seats in the bleachers because we just have that much support.” Said the UFF coach for Carmel High School, Jamie Stephen, “I want us to be the next Friday night lights.”



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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, Sept. 16 and rolled to a 4-0 Hoosier Crossroads Conference win over the Shamrocks. 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. HSE coach Chris 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 connected. 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 played to a 1-1 tie with Noblesville Thursday, Sept. 18 in another HCC game at the Millers' Hallmark Orthodontics Soccer Complex.

Ashton Hancock scored the Millers' goal, while Jake Borcharding scored the Royals' goal.

Southeastern is 2-1-3 in conference play, while Noblesville is 2-2-2 in the league. In an earlier HCC



Reporter photo by **Richie Hall**
Hamilton Southeastern's Jonathan Ramos Perez scored two goals for the Royals during their Tuesday, Sept. 16 win at Westfield.

match, Noblesville beat Zionsville 1-0 on Tuesday, Sept. 16. Brady Frayer scored the goal, with David Henriques making the assist.

Carmel was a 2-0 winner over Westfield Thursday,

Sept. 18 in an all-county game at Brian Murray Stadium.

Xander Dora and Troy Enslin both scored goals for the Greyhounds, with Evan Bardos and Arjun Yardav each making one assist.

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, Sept. 17, the unbeaten Royals grabbed their 12th consecutive and proved margins of victory are far from the objective after shutting out Hoosier Crossroads Conference rival 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 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



Satterfield **May** **Dodge**

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 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."

Refined Indiana combines faith & family with basketball success

By **RICHIE HALL**
sports@readthereporter.com

AJ Field always had a dream of running his own youth basketball program.

This past March, Field realized his dream, not too far from where he played high school basketball.

Field, a 2019 graduate of Hamilton Heights, has started Refined Indiana. The new program's website, refined-indiana.org, says that its goal is to provide "top-notch sports instruction while fostering a strong connection with God."

"Me and my dad [Robert Field] wanted to have our own faith-based basketball team," said Field. "We had a really great group of parents that wanted us to start a Christian-based basketball team. That had always been my dream to start my own program. One of the parents of that team approached me around Thanksgiving, and said, 'I'm building this facility and I want you to run Refined Indiana out of the facility.'"

Refined Indiana began about two and a half years ago with the program's first team, which consisted of players from the Class of 2028. The team was practicing at local schools at first, then moved into a new facility called The Shop about a year ago.

The Shop is located at 21213 Oak Ridge Road (technically in Westfield, although it has a Sheridan address) and was fully finished in May. "I have been training and coaching teams out of there ever since," said AJ Field.

Refined Indiana currently has four teams, start-



Photos provided
Refined Indiana is a new basketball program run by Hamilton Heights graduate AJ Field, seen below. Refined Indiana is a faith and family-oriented program that has already seen success at Midwestern tournaments.

ing with two Class of 2028 teams (this year's sophomores). There are also one 2029 team (current freshmen) and a 2030 team (current eighth graders). All are boys teams, but Field said Refined Indiana is "100 percent wanting to start a girls side of the program."

Field said that running the program has been "awesome" and "very fulfilling."

"It's always been something I wanted to do, run things the way I think they should be ran," he said.

"On the training side, it's been amazing watching players of all ages, young elementary through college develop and learn different aspects of the game and to the game as I see it. I've learned from them just as much as they've learned from me. It's been very, very rewarding. It's been very successful so far."

Refined Indiana's teams played in local tournaments during the summer, with the 2028 team competing on the PrepHoops circuit.

That team finished 4-0 at the Queen City Clash event, which took place April 18-19 in Cincinnati, when the players were still freshmen.

The Refined Indiana team placed second in the standings and won their games by a point differential of plus 42. The 2028 squad also went 3-0 at the Midwest Clash, which took place during early May in St. Louis, and were 4-0 at the Next Level Invitational in Indianapolis May 16 to 18.

"They were very successful over the summer," said Field. He said the 2028 team has "six players that are definitely college-basketball bound," with the younger teams fielding players that also have college potential.

While the early success has been fun, Field said he wants Refined Indiana to be a family- and faith-oriented program.

"Obviously, we want to push God into their lives, however that looks, which is different for every play-

er," said Field. "We want to create disciples out of each player that comes into the program. We want them to go to their schools or to their communities and make an impact on people around them. Everyone needs a little bit of Jesus in their life and can't go wrong with it."

Field also wants his players to make an impact on their local schools as well.

"This program is going to be geared towards developing players for varsity basketball," said Field. "I am familiar with most of the county schools, offensive and defensive philosophies and I'm very big on pushing those and creating an identity in being a successful program that develops varsity players and successful humans out in the real world."

Refined Indiana is offering tryouts later this month, with the dates Sept. 27 for high school players and Sept. 28 for middle school players. More information is available on refined-indiana.org.

— FISHERS —

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE BY CITY OF FISHERS COMMON COUNCIL.
Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of Fishers, during a regular meeting, on August 18, 2025, approved and adopted Ordinance No. 081825. An Ordinance amending Chapter 157 of the City of Fishers Code of Ordinances (Property Maintenance Code). This Ordinance amends Chapter 157 of the Fishers Code of Ordinances as follows:

§ 157.99 VIOLATIONS
The City's exercise of options specified in this section are not prerequisites for taking any other action against an alleged violator, nor do they prohibit the City from taking any further action.
(A) Notices of Violations; Citations for Violations
(1) Notice of Violation. An enforcement official from the City's Code Enforcement, Planning & Zoning or Health Department or Zoning Administrator may issue a notice of violation to a person in violation of any section of this Chapter. The Notice of Violation shall state:
(a) The enforcement official issuing the Notice of Violation.
(b) The date and time of the violation.
(c) The section or subsection number of Chapter 157 that has been violated. Each separate section or subsection is considered a separate offense and subject to a separate time of correction and fines.
(d) The corrective action needed in order to come into compliance with Chapter 157.
(e) The specific date that the violation should be corrected in order to avoid fines and penalties. The date of correction should be at least ten days but no more than sixty days from the date of the Notice of Violation. Separate violations may have their own time of correction.
(f) The date of the next inspection by the enforcement official to avoid a citation for violation.
(2) Citation for Violation. If the violation has been corrected by the date listed in the Notice of Violation, no further action will be taken, and no fines will be imposed. If the violation is not corrected by the date listed in the Notice of Violation, then a citation for the violation shall be issued for each violation of this Chapter. The enforcement official must advise the alleged violator that the violation may be admitted or denied and, if admitted, is subject to payment of the fixed civil penalty listed in §36.08, and if denied a trial will be set.
(3) Form of Citation. Citations must contain the following information:
(a) The date and time of issuance;
(b) The specific ordinance violation for which the citation is issued;
(c) The amount of the civil penalty fixed for that violation, per day;
(d) A statement that fines begin the date of the citation and will continue to accumulate until the violation is corrected, even if the violation is denied;
(e) The date and location of the violation;
(f) The name and address of the person alleged to have committed the violation, if known or readily obtainable;
(g) The signature of the enforcement official issuing the citation or the enforcement official's name; and
(h) The duty of the alleged violator to appear at the Ordinance Violations Bureau Clerk.
(4) Service of Citation. A citation shall be served by the enforcement official upon the alleged violator. If the alleged violator is present, the citation must be delivered personally to the alleged violator. If the alleged violator is not present and the violation involves specific premises, it must be served on the owner or other person in possession of the premises either in person or by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by posting the citation on the front door.
(B) Duty to Appear. Any person receiving a citation must appear in person or by attorney at the Ordinance Violations Bureau, or other place approved by the violations clerk, to admit or deny the alleged violation within 30 days of the date the citation is issued as set forth in § 36.08. Payment of the civil penalty fixed under §36.08 within 30 days of the date the citation is issued fulfills the duty to appear in person or by attorney and is deemed an admission of the violation. If the violation is not corrected, however, the fines and penalties will continue to accumulate until the violation is corrected, beginning from the date of citation, pursuant to §157.99(C)(1). Failure to pay the citation and correct the violation shall result in enforcement as set forth in §157.99(C)(2) and fines shall increase as set forth in §36.08.

R6607 8/11/25

— WESTFIELD —

PUBLIC NOTICE
Please be advised that the Westfield-Washington Township Advisory Plan Commission will meet at 7:00 p.m., Monday, October 6, 2025 at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana, or in a virtual format viewable at <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofWestfieldIN>, for the purposes of holding a public hearing and reviewing and acting on the following petitions:
• 2509-PUD-18; Schlegel Commerce Park Planned Unit Development (PUD); Generally located at 20125 Grassy Branch Road; Austin Schlegel, represented by Pleasant Cities, LLC, requests a change of zoning for 3 acres +/- from the AG-SF1: Agricultural / Single-family Rural District to the Schlegel Commerce Park Planned Unit Development (PUD).
• 2510-ZC-01: A modification to the Oak Park Commitments pertaining to certain real estate within the Oak Park submission in regards to a setback modification.
Specific details regarding the requests may be obtained from the Westfield Community Development Department, 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074 or by calling (317) 804-3150, option 5.
Written suggestions or objections relative to the requests may be filed with the Secretary of the Commission at the Westfield Community Development Department, 2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074 or before the hearing will be considered. Oral comments concerning the proposals will be heard at the aforementioned public hearing. In the case of a virtual meeting, written comments concerning the proposals can be provided before and during the aforementioned public hearing by emailing planners@westfield.in.gov. Such hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.
Westfield-Washington Township Advisory Plan Commission
Westfield Community Development Department
2728 East 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074
www.westfieldin.gov
R6823 9/22/25

COURT NOTICES

SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA) In The Hamilton County Superior
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) Court, Civil Division Room 2
CAUSE NO. 29D02-2507-CT-007689

NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the Defendant above named, and any other person who may be concerned.

Michael E. Morken
Attorney for Plaintiff
2162 North Meridian Street, Suite A
Indianapolis, Indiana 46202

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Court
R6751 9/8/25, 9/15/25, 9/22/25

SUMMONS - SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE HAMILTON
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO. 29C01-2506-MF-007110

NOTICE OF SUIT
The State of Indiana to the Defendants above-named, and any other person who may be concerned.

ATTEST:
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Circuit Court

Respectfully submitted,
David M. Bengs, #16646-20
Email: dbengs@mlg-defaultlaw.com

R6756 9/8/25, 9/15/25, 9/22/25

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT I
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) SS:
CAUSE NO.: 29D01-2509-AD-001227

NOTICE OF ADOPTION
The grandparents of Addalynn Nicole Veronee are notified that a petition for adoption of the child was filed in the office of the clerk of Hamilton Superior Court 1, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060.

Kathy Kreag Williams,
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court 1

R6757 9/8/25, 9/15/25, 9/22/25

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Notice is hereby given that, Mandi Marie Revis, Next Friend of minor child, self-represented, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name on November 10, 2024 to change the name of Reese Donovan Revis to Reese Donovan Revis.

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Court
R6749 9/8/25, 9/15/25, 9/22/25

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT

NOTICE OF HEARING
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, ROXINETH MELENDEZ, Next Friend of minor child, pro se, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name of Minor to change the name of GUSTAVO ALONSO CABARCAS to GUSTAVO ALONSO CABARCAS MELENDEZ.

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Court
R6784 9/15/25, 9/22/25, 9/29/25

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT COURT

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Notice is hereby given that Petitioner, Mary Doty, as a self-represented litigant, filed a Verified Petition for Change of Name on December 16, 2024 to change the name of Arabella Lynn Straley to Arabella Lynn Doty.

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Court
R6782 9/15/25, 9/22/25, 9/29/25

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CLARENCE RICHARD WOODBURY, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that RUTH ELLEN WOODBURY, was on the 3rd day of September, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the ESTATE OF CLARENCE RICHARD WOODBURY, deceased.

Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court
R6772 9/15/25, 9/22/25

WESTFIELD

Notice is hereby given that SEALED BIDS will be received:
BY AND AT: Hagerman, Inc.
C/O Westfield Washington School Corporation
Administration Building
19500 Tomlinson Road
Westfield, IN 46074

FOR A NEW: Westfield Middle School West - Centennial Road Reconstruction
17707 Centennial Road
Westfield, IN 46074
(Now Project Address)

Until: 11:00 A.M., local time, Thursday, October 16, 2025
DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: New Centennial Road Reconstruction

RECEIPT OF BIDS: Bids received by mail or other carrier must be addressed to: Hagerman, Inc. c/o Brian Kelly, Westfield Washington School Corp.

BID OPENING: Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on Thursday, October 16, 2025, at 11:00 A.M., local time, at Westfield Washington School Corp. Administration Building, 19500 Tomlinson Rd., Westfield, IN 46074.

PRE-BID MEETING: A pre-bid meeting for interested parties will be held on Wednesday, October 1st, 2025, at 11:00 A.M., local time. The meeting will be held at the Westfield Washington School Corp. Administration Building located at 19500 Tomlinson Road, Westfield, IN 46074.

CONTRACT TYPE: The project(s) will be constructed utilizing the Construction Manager as Constructor (CMc) delivery method for public work.

Subcontractor Prequalification: All prospective bidders for the new Westfield Middle School West project are required to complete the Hagerman Inc. Corporate Prequalification process as condition before the subcontract award or the issuance of the subcontract agreement.

Documents Prepared by:
CSO Architects Inc.
8831 Keystone Crossing
Indianapolis, IN 46240

Construction Manager as Constructor (CMc)
Hagerman, Inc.
10315 Allisonville Road
Fishers, IN 46038-2017

BID DOCUMENTS: Interested Prime Bidders may purchase Bidding Documents at Eastern Engineering. Documents will be available on or after September 15th, 2025. Documents are available electronically by contacting: Mike Holtkamp, Hagerman, MHoltkamp@Hagermangc.com or Cell: 317.627.2138

Hagerman, Inc. Main Office (Fishers, IN): 317.577.6836
Michael Uhrig, Hagerman, MUhrig@Hagermangc.com or Cell: 317.317.4937

Hagerman, Inc. Main Office (Fishers, IN): 317.577.6836
Documents will also be available from Eastern Engineering
http://distribution.easternengineering.com/View/Default.aspx
Contact at Eastern Engineering is:

Henry Clayton
Email: Henry.Clayton@easternengineering.com or Office: (317) 598-0661
Any questions concerning bidding this project, project completion, scheduling, project administration, etc. shall be directed to:

Mike Holtkamp, Hagerman, Inc., MHoltkamp@Hagermangc.com or Cell 317.627.2138
Hagerman, Inc. Main Office (Fishers, IN): Cell Phone 317.627.2138
Michael Uhrig, Hagerman, MUhrig@Hagermangc.com or Cell: 317.617.4937

Hagerman, Inc. Main Office (Fishers, IN): 317.577.6836
BID DOCUMENTS - REVIEW: Construction will be in accordance with the bid documents, which may be viewed at the following locations, as well as local plan rooms:

- 1. Hagerman, Inc
10315 Allisonville Road
Fishers, IN 46038
317-577-6836
2. CSO Architects Inc.
8831 Keystone Crossing
Indianapolis, IN 46240
3. Eastern Engineering
9901 Allisonville Road
Fishers, IN 46038

BID SECURITY: Bidders are required to submit a Bid Security in the form of a Bid Bond in the amount of 10% of the Base Bid or certified check in the amount of 10% of the Base Bid made payable to Hagerman, Inc.

BID DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED: Bidders are to submit one (1) hard copy of the following bid form, and other documents enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to Hagerman, Inc. C/O Westfield Washington School Corporation:

- 1. One (1) copy of Hagerman Bid Form.
2. One (1) copy of Bid Security in the form of an AIA A310 Bid Bond in the amount of 10% of the Base Bid or a certified check in the amount of 10% of the Base Bid. Note: The Bid Bond and/or Certified check made payable to Hagerman, Inc.
3. One (1) copy of the Indiana State Board of Accounts Form 96 (revised 2013) including a signed Non-Collusion Affidavit.
4. Bid Submittal Checklist

PERFORMANCE BOND AND PAYMENT BOND: A Performance Bond and Payment Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Amount may be required of the successful bidder. Bidders will provide a cost for this bond on the bid form.

NOTE: The Subcontractor Material and Supplier List will be due within 24 hours after the receipt of Bid.

E-VERIFY AND BACKGROUND CHECKS: The Contractor and subcontractors shall fully comply with all the E-Verify requirements set forth in Ind. Code 22-5-1.7. https://www.uscis.gov/e-verify and background checks.

SAFETY: All Contractors shall comply with OSHA and IOWA rules and regulations regarding Safety for this project and All contractors shall abide by the 2020 Hagerman Safety manual. The safety manual can be found accessible at www.thehagermangroup.com using password "safety."

TAXES, PERMITS, INSPECTIONS: All Bids shall be submitted without inclusion in the bid price for the amounts, if any, of Indiana State Gross Retail and Use Tax (generally called the "Sales Tax") for materials and properties that are to be purchased by the Bidder that will become a permanent part of the Project. The Owner will provide a tax-exempt form.

R6787 9/15/25, 9/22/25

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

Pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-5, notice is hereby given that the Board of School Trustees of the Westfield Washington Schools has preliminarily determined to issue bonds in one or more series in the aggregate amount of \$10,000,000 to fund the proposed renovation of and improvements to school facilities, including deferred maintenance improvements, site improvements, and the purchase of buses, equipment, and technology.

Dated: September 15, 2025
/s/ Secretary, Board of School Trustees
Westfield Washington Schools
9/15/25, 9/22/25

R6771 9/15/25, 9/22/25

NOTICE OF DECISION TO ENTER LEASE AGREEMENT
The taxpayers of the City of Westfield Redevelopment District (the "District"), are hereby notified that on August 18, 2025, the City of Westfield Redevelopment Commission (the "Commission"), did adopt a resolution determining that the Commission will take all actions necessary to enter into a lease agreement (the "Lease") with the City of Westfield Redevelopment Authority (the "Authority"), which in turn will allow the Authority to issue certain revenue bonds (the "Bonds"), payable from the lease rentals received from the Commission pursuant to the terms of the Lease.

The Bonds may be issued in one or more series or issues, in an original aggregate principal amount not to exceed Thirty-Five Million Dollars (\$35,000,000), for the purpose of procuring funds to pay for all or a portion of the costs of the Projects, as defined and fully described in the respective resolution adopted by the Commission on August 18, 2025. The Authority adopted a resolution on August 18, 2025, approving the form of the Lease and authorizing the execution thereof. Following the public hearing and approval of the form of the Lease by the Commission, the Common Council of the City adopted an ordinance on September 8, 2025, approving the Lease, the issuance of the Bonds and other matters related thereto.

The Lease will have a term beginning on the date on which the Commission begins to make lease rental payments under the Lease, and ending on the day prior to a date not later than twenty-five (25) years thereafter, with a maximum annual lease rental payment not to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) payable in semiannual installments commencing no earlier than December 15, 2025, and thereafter on June 15 or December 15 of each year during the remaining term of the Lease (or on such other dates as may be agreed upon by the Authority and the Commission prior to the sale of the Bonds, based upon the advice of the financial advisor to the Authority and the Commission).

Dated this 12th day of September, 2025.
CITY OF WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
9/12/25, 9/15/25, 9/19/25, 9/22/25

Public Notice
Vikan North America (4735 W 106th Street, Zionsville, IN 46077) is submitting a Notice of Intent to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management of our intent to comply with the requirements of the Construction Stormwater General Permit to discharge stormwater from construction related activities associated with the Vikan North America Headquarters project, located in Hamilton County, Indiana. More specifically, the project is located at 2255 E. 196th Street, Westfield, IN 46074, part of the NE Quarter of Section 30, Township 19N, Range 4E. Cool Creek is the receiving water for this project site. Please direct questions to Nathan Winslow, PE of American Structurepoint at 317-547-5580 or by email at nwinslow@structurepoint.com.

R6805 9/22/25

HAMILTON COUNTY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Pursuant to IC 5-3-1-2(b) Notice is hereby given that the Hamilton County Auditor will conduct a Public Hearing on Friday, September 26, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room 1A, 1st Floor of the Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, IN. This public hearing is for public comment on the proposed amendment to the certified statement of assessed values for pay 26.

Respectfully, Hamilton County Auditor
R6791 9/16/25, 9/22/25

FISHERS

PUBLIC NOTICE (UPDATED)
Hamilton East Public Library is requesting proposals from interested professionals for Construction Services for the Hamilton East Public Library 2025 Small Projects. The Hamilton East Public Library 2025 Small Projects, in Hamilton County, Indiana is inclusive of select interior remodeling and minimal added exterior amenities. All work for the complete construction of the project shall be performed under the form of contract set forth in the Bidding Documents. Invitations inclusive of the Bid Documents will be sent out via Meyer Najem Construction, LLC's SmartBid - Document Management Software, upon request. An electronic PDF of the bid form outlined in the Bidding Documents should be emailed to Eric Harris, Project Manager at eharris@meyer-najem.com

A Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2025, at 10:00 am local time at Hamilton East Public Library - Fishers 5 Municipal Dr, Fishers, IN 46038.

Deliver to: Hamilton East Public Library - Fishers
5 Municipal Dr, Fishers, IN 46038
Bid Due Date & Time: October 9, 2025, at 2:00pm (local time)
For all questions, please contact Eric Harris, 317.967.1125, eharris@meyer-najem.com, at Meyer Najem.

R6703 9/22/25, 9/29/25

TIPTON COUNTY

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TIPTON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Tipton County Board of Zoning Appeals, on the 1st day of October 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the 1st Floor meeting room of the Tipton County Courthouse, 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana, will hold a public hearing to consider the following:

CO-V-27-25: Patrick Maloney, petitioner and owner, requests one (1) development standard variance to reduce the required setback for an accessory structure in the AG Agricultural zoning district from 91.5 feet to 60 feet from the center of the road.

The property is more fully described as: Part of the Northwest Quarter (1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of Section Twenty-three (23), Township Twenty-one (21) North, Range Three (3) East, and more specifically described as follows:

Beginning at the Northeast Corner of the Northwest Quarter (1/4) of the Northeast Quarter (1/4) of Section Twenty-three (23), Township Twenty-one (21) North, Range Three (3) East marked by an iron pin; thence South on and along the Quarter (1/4) Quarter (1/4) Section line of said section, Three Hundred Forty-three point Two (343.2) feet to a point marked by an iron pin; thence South Eighty-three degrees (83°) and Nine minutes (9') West, Two Hundred Fifty-five point Four (255.4) feet to a point marked by an iron pin; thence North Four degrees (4°) and Fifty-five minutes (55') West, Three Hundred Forty-eight point zero (348.0) feet to the North section line of said section marked by an iron pin; thence North Eighty-four degrees (84°) and Thirty-three minutes (33') East, Two Hundred Eighty-four point Six (284.6) feet to the point of beginning.

The above described plot contains Two and Fourteen hundredths (2.14) acres. The Address of such real estate is commonly known as 3038 South 775 West, Tipton, Indiana 46072.

Interested persons desiring to present their views upon this case will be given an opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place or comments or objections shall be submitted in writing to the Planning Office at 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana 46072 prior to 12:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing.

The proposal may be viewed in the Planning Office prior to the hearing. The hearing may be continued from time to time. Tipton County Board of Zoning Appeals

R6798 9/19/25, 9/22/25

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TIPTON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Tipton County Board of Zoning Appeals, on the 1st day of October 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the 1st Floor meeting room of the Tipton County Courthouse, 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana, will hold a public hearing to consider the following:

CO-V-29-25: Steven & Melissa Alfont, petitioners and owners, request one (1) development standard variance to reduce the required setback for an accessory structure in the AG Agricultural zoning district from 95 feet to 65 feet from the center of the road.

The property is more fully described as: Tract I Part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 23 North, Range 5 East, Wildcat Township, Tipton County, Indiana described as:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of said Section 34 marked by a brass plug; thence East on and along the North Section line of said Section 34 777.30 feet to the point of beginning marked by an iron pin; thence East on and along said North Section line 120 feet to a point marked by an iron pin; thence South 00 degrees 44 minutes West 363.00 feet to a point marked by an iron pin; thence West 120 feet to a point marked by an iron pin; thence North 00 degrees 44 minutes East 363.00 feet to the point of beginning, said in previous deed to contain 1.0 acre, more or less.

More commonly referred to as 3161 E 700 N, Windfall, Indiana 46076

Interested persons desiring to present their views upon this case will be given an opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place or comments or objections shall be submitted in writing to the Planning Office at 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana 46072 prior to 12:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing.

The proposal may be viewed in the Planning Office prior to the hearing. The hearing may be continued from time to time. Tipton County Board of Zoning Appeals

R6799 9/19/25, 9/22/25

SHERIDAN

Notice
Tillman Infrastructure, LLC is proposing to build a 205-foot self-support tower (215 ft w/appurtenances) located 603 feet SE of the intersection of 1200 E & State Rte 38, Sheridan, IN 46069. Structure coordinates are: (N40-08-50.4)(W86-14-29.5). The tower is anticipated to have FAA Style E (dual medium intensity) lighting. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Antenna Structure Registration (ASR Form 854) file number is A1335793.

Environmental Effects: Interested persons may review the application at www.fcc.gov/asr/applications/ by entering the file number. Environmental concerns may be raised by filing a Request for Environmental Review at www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest within 30 days of the date that notice of the project is published on the FCC's website. Online filings are strongly encouraged. Mailing address for a paper filing is: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, ATTN: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

R6800 9/22/25

Notice
FA Wilhelm Construction, 3914 Prospect St., Indianapolis, IN 46203 on behalf of Sheridan Regional Lift Station (Greenwood, IN) regarding 2400 W 226th St., Sheridan, IN 46069. "is submitting a Notice of Intent to notify the Indiana Department of Environmental Management of our intent to comply with the requirements under National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permit ING420000 to discharge non-process groundwater on a temporary (less than 364 consecutive days) basis. This site will discharge wastewater "(discharge of clean water to be disposed into existing stormwater drainage system) to (Finley Creek via Outfall 001).

"Any person wishing further information about this discharge may contact (Jason Workman at (317)832-5463 or email: jasonworkman@fawilhelm.com. The decision to issue coverage under this NPDES general permit for this discharge is appealable as per IC 13-15-6. Any person who wants to be informed of IDEM's decision regarding granting or denying coverage to this facility under this NPDES permit, and who wants to be informed of procedures to appeal the decision, may contact IDEM's offices at OWQWEEER@idem.in.gov to be placed on a mailing list to receive notification of IDEM's decision."

R6818 9/22/25

NOBLESVILLE

Request for Bids to Purchase Surplus Technology Equipment
Noblesville Schools (NS, the District) desires to dispose of surplus technology equipment pursuant to Indiana Code 5-22-22-5.

Deadline for Submission: prior to 4:00 pm local time (EST) September 30, 2025
Recording of Proposers: 9:00 am local time (EST) October 1, 2025
Location: Noblesville Schools Administration, 18025 River Rd. Noblesville, IN 46062

NS's surplus equipment includes working devices listed below:

Table with 4 columns: Apple Mac Mini Model #A1347 Working/good condition Qty 54, Apple Mac Mini Model #A1347 Working/good condition Qty 20, Apple Mac Mini Model #A1347 Working/good condition Qty 1, Apple Mac Mini Model #A1347 Working/good condition Qty 4. Includes rows for 250 GB hard drive/4-8 GB RAM Core i5 1.4-2.7 GHz (varies by device), 500 GB hard drive/4-8 GB RAM Core i5 2.5 GHz, 500 GB hard drive/4 GB RAM Core 2 Duo 2.66 GHz, 1 TB hard drive/8 GB RAM Core i5 2.6 GHz, Power cables included.

All items are sold as is. Vendors shall submit bids according to the Instructions, Provisions and specifications stated in the notice documents posted on the Noblesville Schools website. Questions should be addressed via email to the Noblesville Director of Technology, Andrew Swickheimer (andrew_swickheimer@nobl.k12.in.us)

NS will select the highest responsible bidder. Payment must be made at the time the devices are picked up. R6802 9/22/25

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF NOBLESVILLE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Notice is hereby given that the City of Noblesville Redevelopment Commission (the "Commission"), being the governing body of the Department of Redevelopment of the City of Noblesville, on September 11, 2024, adopted Resolution No. 2025-08 (the "Declaratory Resolution") (i) declaring that a certain area within the City of Noblesville, Indiana, designated as the "Granary Economic Development Area" (the "Economic Development Area"), is an economic development area within the meaning of Indiana Code 36-7-14, as amended (the "Act"), (ii) approving an economic development plan for the Economic Development Area (the "Economic Development Plan"), and (iii) designating the Economic Development Area as an "allocation area" for the purpose of the allocation and distribution of certain property taxes (commonly referred to as "tax increment") under Section 39 of the Act.

Notice is hereby given that the Commission will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, October 9, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. local time in the Council Chambers of the Noblesville City Hall, located at 16 S. 10th Street, Noblesville, Indiana, to receive and hear remonstrances and objections from all persons interested in or affected by the proposed projects for the Economic Development Area (as more particularly described in the Economic Development Plan) and the proceedings pertaining thereto. Following the public hearing, the Commission will determine the public utility and the benefit of the proposed projects.

Maps and plats have been prepared and, along with the Economic Development Plan, can be inspected at the office of the Economic Development Department in City Hall at the address listed above.

CITY OF NOBLESVILLE REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
R6819 9/22/25

CICERO

NOTICE
Bullseye Towing llc
22271 u.s. 31 n #100
Cicero, IN, 46034
date of sale: 10/02/2025
2A4RR5D19AR376467 2010 Chrysler town & country \$4,750

R6795 9/16/25, 9/22/25

HAMILTON COUNTY

LEGAL NOTICE

Hamilton County Plan Commission

The Hamilton County Plan Commission will meet on Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hamilton County Council/Commissioners' Courtroom located in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Building at One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana in order to hear the following petition:

DOCKET NO. PC-0004-10-2025

A subdivision application concerning the Hamilton County Unified Development Ordinance Article 27 in order to subdivide 36.31 acres to create a total of 4 lots. Petitioner is also seeking a waiver because the created lots will not meet the minimum development standards requirements for road frontage.

Project Address: 11737 East 211th Street, Noblesville, IN 46060

Parcel No: 10-07-16-00-00-006.000

Zone District: R-1

Legal Description: Acreage 36.31 Section 16, Township 19, Range 5

The petition may be examined at the office of the Hamilton County Plan Commission, One Hamilton County Square, Suite 13, Noblesville, Indiana.

Please call (317) 776-8490 should you have any questions.

Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing or may file written comments concerning the matter to be heard by 12 noon the day of the Hearing.

The Hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.

Petitioner's Name: Roberto & Julie Molini

Date: 09/16/2025

R6822

COURT NOTICES

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)

Cause No. 29C01-2507-MI-7987

IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:)
Kaitlyn Marie Myetich)

Petitioner)

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR)
CHANGE OF NAME)

Kaitlyn Marie Myetich, whose)
mailing address is: 7103 Oxfordshire)
Boulevard, Noblesville IN 46062, in)
Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby)
gives notice that Kaitlyn Marie)
Myetich has filed a petition in the)
Hamilton County Circuit Court)
requesting that name be changed)
Kaiden Stanley Myetich.

Notice is further given that the)
hearing will be held on said Petition)
on: December 15, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.)
Kaitlyn Marie Myetich)
Petitioner)
Date: July 22, 2025)

Kathy Kregg Williams)
Hamilton County Clerk)

R6783 9/15/25, 9/22/25, 9/29/25

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)

Cause No. 29C01-2509-MI-9969

IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF)
MINOR:)

SOPHIA RENEE GIGUERE)

NOTICE OF HEARING)

Notice is hereby given that)
Petitioner, ANGELA MARIE RILEY,)
Next Friend of minor child, pro se,)
filed a Verified Petition for Change of)
Name of Minor to change the name of)
SOPHIA RENEE GIGUERE to)
SOPHIA RENEE RILEY.)

The petition is scheduled for hearing)
in the Hamilton Circuit Court on)
January 5, 2026 at 10:00 am, which)
is more than thirty (30) days after the)
third notice of publication. Any person)
has the right to appear at the hearing)
and to file written objections on or)
before the hearing date. The parties)
shall report to One Hamilton County)
Square, Suite 337, Noblesville, IN)
46060.)
Date: September 10, 2025)

Kathy Kregg Williams)
Clerk, Hamilton County Clerk)

R6793 9/15/25, 9/22/25, 9/29/25

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)

Cause No. 29C01-2509-MI-10030

IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:)
JILLIAN LaBETH PRICE)

NOTICE OF HEARING)

Notice is hereby given that)
Petitioner, JILLIAN LaBETH PRICE,)
pro se, filed a Verified Petition for)
Change of Name to change her name)
from JILLIAN LaBETH PRICE to)
JILLIAN LaBETH MINTON.)

The petition is scheduled for hearing)
in the Hamilton Circuit Court on)
January 5, 2026 at 10:00 am, which)
is more than thirty (30) days after the)
third notice of publication. Any person)
has the right to appear at the hearing)
and to file written objections on or)
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shall report to One Hamilton County)
Square, Suite 337, Noblesville, IN)
46060.)
Date: September 11, 2025)

Kathy Kregg Williams)
Hamilton County Clerk)

R6794 9/15/25, 9/22/25, 9/29/25

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)

Cause No. 29C01-2509-MI-10142

IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:)
DARSEY RENEE GABBARD)

NOTICE OF HEARING)

Notice is hereby given that)
Petitioner, DARSEY RENEE)
GABBARD, pro se, filed a Verified)
Petition for Change of Name to)
change her name from DARSEY)
RENEE GABBARD to DARSEY)
RENEE WALTERS.)

The petition is scheduled for hearing)
in the Hamilton Circuit Court on)
February 20, 2026 at 10:00 am, which)
is more than thirty (30) days after the)
third notice of publication. Any person)
has the right to appear at the hearing)
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before the hearing date. The parties)
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Square, Suite 337, Noblesville, IN)
46060.)
Date: September 16, 2025)

Kathy Kregg Williams)
Hamilton County Clerk)

R6808 9/22/25, 9/29/25, 10/6/25

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
SUPERIOR COURT)
PROBATE DIVISION)

IN THE MATTER OF THE)
UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF)
JOHN CHASE,)
Deceased)

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION)

Notice is hereby given that)
Melissa Chase was on the 8th day of)
September, 2025, appointed Personal)
Representative of the Estate of John)
Chase.)

All persons having claims against)
said Estate, whether or not now due,)
must file the same in said Court)
within three months from the date of)
this Notice or said claims will be)
forever barred.)

Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this)
8th day of September, 2025.)

Kathy Kregg Williams)
Clerk, Hamilton Superior Court)
Probate Division)

R6809 9/22/25, 9/29/25

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
SUPERIOR COURT)
PROBATE DIVISION)

IN THE MATTER OF THE)
UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF)
PATRICIA A. RAINS, DECEASED)
G. Richard Slater, Attorney)
SLATER LAW OFFICE LLC)
600 E. Carmel Drive, Suite 128)
Carmel, IN 46032)
317-571-9600)

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION)

In the Superior Court 3 of Hamilton)
County, Indiana.)

Notice is hereby given that Randall)
Pieron was on September 17, 2025)
appointed Personal Representative of)
the Estate of Patricia A. Rains,)
deceased, who died on August 24, 2025.)

All persons who have claims against)
this estate, whether or not now due,)
must file the claim in the office of)
the clerk of this Court within three)
(3) months from the date of the first)
publication of this notice, or within)
nine (9) months after the decedent's)
death, whichever is earlier, or said)
claims will be forever barred.)

Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, on)
September 17, 2025.)

Kathy Kregg Williams)
Clerk Hamilton Superior Court 3)

R6824 9/22/25, 9/29/25

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JACQUELINE EWING was, on the)
28th day of April, 2025, appointed)
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of HANNAH M. SCHRÖDER,)
deceased, who died on the 29th day)
of December, 2024. All persons that)
have claims against this estate,)
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION)

In the Superior Court 3 of Hamilton)
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Notice is hereby given that)
JACQUELINE EWING was, on the)
28th day of April, 2025, appointed)
personal representative of the estate)
of HANNAH M. SCHRÖDER,)
deceased, who died on the 29th day)
of December, 2024. All persons that)
have claims against this estate,)
whether or not now due, must file a)
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this court within three (3) months)
from the date of the first publication)
of this notice, or within nine (9))
months after the decedent's death,)
whichever is earlier, or said claims)
will be forever barred.)

Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, on)
September 17, 2025.)

Kathy Kregg Williams)
Clerk Hamilton Superior Court 3)

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Rajeev Ram comes home to his court

Carmel's main tennis court named after six-time Grand Slam champion

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CARMEL – When Rajeev Ram graduated from Carmel High School in 2002, he was already a state champion.

On Thursday, Sept. 18, Ram returned to his alma mater as a six-time Grand Slam champion, Olympic medal winner and one of the few players to rank No. 1 in the world in doubles. In a moment that brought his career full circle, Ram had the main court at the Todd Witsken Tennis Center named after him: it is now “Rajeev Ram Court.”

“It’s really cool,” said Ram. “I take a lot of pride in representing my school, my city, my state whenever I play. For them to honor it in this way, for me to have this award, it means so much.”

The ceremony took place before the Greyhounds boys tennis team’s Senior Night meet with Bishop Chatard. Ram’s family was there, along with many members of the community, including Carmel Clay school board members, city councilman Adam Aasen and Carmel

Mayor Sue Finkam.

Carmel High School athletic director Jim Inskeep read a long list of Ram’s accomplishments, calling him “a household name in American professional tennis.” Before turning pro, Ram played at the University of Illinois, helping the Fighting Illini to an undefeated record and the 2003 national championship.

Ram won four Grand Slam titles in men’s doubles, all with British partner Joe Salisbury. The team won the 2020 Australian Open, then triumphed at the U.S. Open in three consecutive years, 2021-22-23. Ram teamed with Czech player Barbora Krejčíková to win two Australian mixed doubles titles, in 2019 and 2021. He was also a silver medalist twice at the Olympics, in mixed doubles with Venus Williams in 2016 and with Austin Krajicek in men’s doubles in 2024.

Overall, Ram has won 32 doubles championships since 2009. He reached the top of the ATP Tour’s doubles rankings three times, first for a five-week run in 2022. Ram then had a pair of two-week runs at No. 1



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

(ABOVE) Carmel’s Rajeev Ram takes a group picture with the Greyhounds boys tennis team on what is now “Rajeev Ram Court.” Carmel’s main court at the Todd Witsken Tennis Center was named after Ram, a six-time Grand Slam champion and Olympic medalist, during a ceremony Thursday, Sept. 18. (BELOW) Rajeev Ram speaks during the ceremony. Pictured from left are Carmel Clay Schools Superintendent Tom Oestreich, Carmel High School principal Tim Phares, Ram and CHS athletic director Jim Inskeep.

in early 2023, giving him a total of nine weeks on top.

Ram played singles until 2017. His career-high ranking was No. 56, and he twice won the Hall of Fame Tennis Championships in Newport, R.I., in 2009 and 2015.

In addition to his tennis accomplishments, Ram has given back to the Carmel community, forming the Rajeev Ram Foundation in 2010. The foundation raises

money for college scholarships and tennis programs through EntouRaj for Kids.

“His foundation works to empower youth from diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds through tennis and educational programs, fostering growth, inclusivity and lifelong opportunities,” said Inskeep.

“If I can inspire the next person to do what I did and more in any field at all, I think that’s what it’s



all about,” said Ram. He also said he saw himself in the players that are on this year’s Carmel team.

“I was in their shoes,” said Ram. “It was a long

time ago, but I was definitely that person and I feel like there’s just so much that all of them can do. There’s so much potential and I certainly wish them all the best.”

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, Sept. 16 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 Noblesville 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 Southeastern won a three-team 18-hole

meet Wednesday, Sept. 17 at Prairie View Golf Club.

The Royals scored 310 and had the meet medalist in Janelle Garcia, who scored 70. Sophie Roberts totaled 71, followed by Maya Cieply with 83 and Taylor Wetzel with 86.

Carmel placed second with 313. Maya Fujisawa Keuling and Karis Reid both scored 74s for the Greyhounds, followed by Maddie Headlee with 81 and Allie

Thompson with 84.

Noblesville scored 318 for third place. Josie Kelley led the Millers with 77, followed by Olivia Fowler with 78, Presley White with 81 and Kate Murphy with 82.

Hamilton Heights won a three-team meet Tuesday, Sept. 16 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, Sept. 15, 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.

Heights closed out its regular season Thursday, Sept. 18 with a 204-242 win over Lebanon at Bear Slide.

Morrison won medalist honors with 42, followed by Penwell with 50, Powers with 53 and McDonald with 59. The Huskies finished 10-5 for the season in dual matches.

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