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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Showers likely.
Some thunder possible.
Rain could be heavy.
Tonight: Showers.
Some thunder.



HIGH: 74 LOW: 61

Sheridan Youth Assistance's Denim & Lace raises \$44,000

Submitted

The Sheridan Youth Assistance Program (SYAP) held its annual Denim and Lace fundraising event on Saturday, Sept. 13, at West Fork Whiskey in Westfield. The evening was a tremendous success, raising \$44,000 to support programs and services that strengthen youth and families in the Sheridan community.

The night began with a social hour, followed by a catered dinner provided by Jacquie's Gourmet Catering and desserts from Nothing Bundt Cakes. Guests enjoyed bidding on silent auction items, participating in raffles and games, and hearing more about SYAP's mission to provide meaningful opportunities and experiences that promote growth for local youth.

Indiana State Police Officer John Perrine returned as emcee, a role he has held since the first Denim and Lace event. The eve-



The 2025 Denim & Lace Committee made sure this year's fundraiser was another success, all for the benefit of the Sheridan Youth Assistance Program.

ning also featured retired Early Intervention Advocate, Lisa Samuels, as she introduced the new Advocate Beth Sabelhaus. SYAP expressed deep grat-

itude to this year's sponsors, whose generosity made the evening possible:
• Title Sponsor: Godby Furniture

- United Animal Health
- The Farmers Bank
- First Farmers Bank & Trust

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Power of a picture

I was visiting with my mom recently and we were looking through old photo albums. I mentioned that I was going to be writing my column later in the day and told her I was not exactly sure what I would write about.

She said, "Write about pictures. Pictures are a tremendous gift."

I never regret taking and having tons of photos and videos to look back on. I wish that I had more of both from my childhood to see what my legs looked like then, or to see how my walking has changed throughout the years. I would give anything to be able to watch myself as I learned to walk with my disability.

My husband and I take a lot of pictures. Part of that for me is because I live with a progressive disease. I know my strengths I have today are likely to change. I want to remember the stronger times. Somehow that is helpful to me, although also a little sad at times.

COLUMNIST



AMY SHINNEMAN
Disability in the City

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White River Township approves new local tax rate, gets update from fire chief

The REPORTER

The White River Township Board and Trustee recently held their budget meeting. Board members Trent Gordon, Suzanne Flanders, and John Dean joined Trustee Jamie Rulon.

The upcoming budget's local rate is set at 0.2833, which is much lower than last year's rate of 0.4483.

The Board passed the required capital improvement plan and also gave the trustee authority not to be required to spend all of the budget that the state has approved. The

township's insurance company agreed to pay \$107,982 for the damaged generator.

A budget line item was added to omit any road tax in White River Township.

Fire Chief Garry Harling will hold grain bin training in the near future, with an anticipated cost of \$195 per student for the eight-hour class. Chief Harling reported 270 runs so far this year, with 360 runs expected in 2025 total, a 30 percent increase.

Learn more about the township at WhiteRiverTwp.org.



(From left) John Dean, Suzanne Flanders, Jamie Rulon, and Trent Gordon.

Westfield's 2026 budget proposal prioritizes public safety, drops tax rate amid funding loss

Submitted by City of Westfield

Westfield's proposed 2026 Civil City budget was introduced to the City Council at its Monday, Sept. 22 meeting and will be eligible for adoption at the Oct. 13 meeting.

The proposed 2026 budget totals \$124,630,158, including an operational budget of \$80,141,497, which excludes bond payments.

Mayor Scott Willis said the proposed budget is designed to balance the city's rapid growth while mitigating the negative financial impacts of Senate Enrolled Act 1 (SEA-1), enacted earlier this year by the Indiana General Assembly.

Westfield's property tax rate of 71.63 cents per \$100 of assessed value is a slight decrease from 2025. However, the city anticipates declining revenue from SEA-1 in the years ahead. In 2026 alone, Westfield is projected to lose approximately \$2 million, with cumulative losses expected to reach over \$10.5 million by 2028. In 2029, it is projected the city will lose nearly \$11.25 million.

"With the anticipated revenue loss this year due to SEA-1, there will be an impact to the budget," Mayor Willis said. "I've tasked our department leadership with thinking out-

side the box to continue being innovative. I do not want any services to the public impacted by this."

For the second year in a row, department leaders used zero-based budgeting to build their budgets from the ground up. In addition, departments (except for public safety and economic development) were asked to reduce their budgets by approximately 5 percent. The city will also implement a "train the trainer" initiative to help reduce duplicate continuing education costs across departments.

Fifty percent of the total budget is allocated to public safety, continuing the city's strategic investment in essential services, infrastructure, and quality of life improvements, as in the 2025 budget.

Key features of the 2026 proposed budget include:

Public safety

- Construction of a new Police Department Headquarters
- Construction of Fire Station 85

• Hiring of additional personnel for Westfield Fire and Westfield Police to meet community growth

Roads & infrastructure

- Increased funding for the resurfacing program
- Construction of Phase 1 of the 191st Street expansion

2026 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

Department	Recommended Budget
Administration	\$3,142,544
Board of Public Works	\$2,475
City Council	\$190,185
Clerk Treasurer	\$1,509,374
Communications	\$986,822
Community Development	\$2,674,793
Economic Development	\$1,523,880
Facilities and Events	\$2,611,527
Fire Department	\$24,432,424
Human Resources	\$9,850,471
Informatics	\$3,408,926
Mayor	\$264,291
Parks and Recreation	\$3,333,114
Police Department	\$15,605,620
Public Works	\$5,107,444
Public Works - MVH	\$5,472,604
Total Recommended Budget	\$80,141,497

Graphic provided by City of Westfield

- Design and construction of Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects, including roundabouts at: 181st Street and Grand Park Boulevard; and Grand Park Boulevard and John Dippel Boulevard

- Design funding for roundabouts at: 169th Street and Oak Ridge Road; 186th Street and Casey Road; and 193rd Street and Casey Road

Economic development

- Continued funding for economic development incentive packages

- Investment in marketing and videography

Quality of life

- Completion of Simon Moon Phase 2
- Installation of pickleball

courts and permanent restrooms at Freedom Trail Park

- Construction of a new playground and restrooms at Woods Family Park near 191st Street and the Monon Trail

• Continued funding for: Neighborhood Vibrancy Grant Program for common space improvements; and Community events including Westfield Rocks the 4th, Jams at the Junction, and Westfield in Lights

• Additional funding for Westfield Rocks the 4th in celebration of America 250

For the latest updates and detailed information, visit westfieldin.gov/budget. This page will be regularly updated as the budget moves through the approval process.



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See previously lost film for free this weekend

Submitted

The Noblesville Cultural Arts Commission continues its Vintage Film Series this month with *It's the Old Army Game* (1926), starring W.C. Fields and Louise Brooks.

A pharmacist (Fields) has a dream of getting ahead in the world. His neighbors annoy him, the fire department destroys his place, he wrecks the porch on his house, and finally he had a chance to make good on a real estate deal.

Long thought to be a lost film, this was rediscovered around 1970 and is now available again. If the plot sounds familiar, that's because it was re-used in *The Pharmacist* (1933) and *It's a Gift* (1934). Don't worry . . . it's still a blast.

It's the Old Army Game will air this Saturday, Sept. 27 at Preservation Hall, 1274 Logan St., Noblesville. Doors open at 7 p.m., and showtime is 7:30 p.m.

Admission is free, and complimentary popcorn and beverages will be served.

The Noblesville Cultural Arts Commission and The Lacy Arts Building invite you to step back in time to enjoy this vintage film. Live piano score by Roger Lippincott.

Noblesville selected as site for USA Gymnastics Training & Wellness Center

Submitted

USA Gymnastics announced on Tuesday, Sept. 23 it has selected Noblesville's "Innovation Mile" as the location for its proposed Training & Wellness Center (TWC) and new office headquarters.

With Noblesville located just 20 miles north of USA Gymnastics' current headquarters in downtown Indianapolis, USA Gymnastics will launch a fundraising campaign to support the construction and operation of the TWC. The campaign will determine the scope and development of the project, which will bring together the sport of gymnastics from youth development through National Team camps.

"We are excited to announce Noblesville as the future site of the Training & Wellness Center," USAG President & CEO Li Li Leung said. "The city is an incredibly enthusiastic and

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GYMNASTICS

supportive partner as we look to develop a facility that is the heart and hub for the sport of gymnastics in this country. We look forward to working with the City of Noblesville, the greater Indianapolis sports

community, and supporters of the sport nationwide to make our vision for this facility a reality.”

“Noblesville is thrilled to welcome USA Gymnastics’ new HQ to Innovation Mile, furthering our invest-

ment in sports, research, development, and innovation,” Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen said. “USAG’s investment in our community, athletes nationwide, and the future of the sport speaks to the commitment

to excellence and heart of their team. The new Training and Wellness Center will not only train Olympic level athletes, but host community focused events to develop young gymnasts. We look forward to this facility fostering growth among the sport by investing in the training facility to equip athletes with the tools and training needed to compete on the global scale. Noblesville is honored to be chosen and look forward to a great partnership with USAG for many Olympic cycles to come!”

The USA Gymnastics Training & Wellness Center will be a key part of Innovation Mile and also will help advance the Indiana Sports Corp’s 2050 Vision to make Indiana the global epicenter of sports. While gymnastics is a robust sport for men and women in a range of disciplines, the Training and Wellness Center also will be an especially critical part of the 2050 Vision’s pillar of Indiana as “the women’s sports capital of the world.” The USA Gymnastics women’s artistic team has won the last seven World Championship titles and is the reigning Olympic team champion.

“Seeing USA Gymnastics take the next step to bring a Training and Wellness Center to life, practically in my backyard, is amazing,” said Jaycie Phelps, a 1996 Olympic gold medalist with the “Magnificent Seven” and USA Gymnastics Hall of Famer who



Rendering provided
This artist’s rendering shows the proposed USA Gymnastics Training & Wellness Center. Note that it is not necessarily representative of the final design.

owns and operates the Jaycie Phelps Athletic Center in her nearby hometown of Greenfield. “Having a state-of-the-art facility will be a benefit to everyone who has the opportunity to come here for a camp or clinic, including athletes and coaches. I am excited about what this will do for the sport of gymnastics as a whole, especially here in Indiana.”

The proposed USA Gymnastics Training & Wellness Center will host USA Gymnastics National Team camps, educational workshops, community outreach events and competitions throughout the year in all disciplines, including artistic, rhythmic, trampoline & tumbling, acrobatic, parkour, and gymnastics for all.

“The USA Gymnastics athlete community has been very excited about the prospect of a permanent training center,” said Indianapolis native Alex Renkert, the chair of USAG’s Athletes’ Council and a World Cham-

pionships and The World Games medalist in double mini trampoline. “Finally having a home for gymnastics, where athletes from every discipline can train, connect and thrive under one roof, is incredibly special.”

Innovation Mile is a nearly 600-acre district fronting Interstate 69 focused on becoming a dynamic sports, business and technology hub. Officially opening last month, The Arena at Innovation Mile is a 4000-capacity, multi-sport venue. It is home to the Noblesville Boom, the NBA G League Affiliate of the Indiana Pacers and will host select USA Gymnastics competitions as part of the build-out.

Noblesville emerged as the finalist after a thorough process that attracted more than a dozen proposals from cities across the country. Further details and specifications about the project will be determined pending the successful completion of the fundraising campaign.

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FREE-WILL OFFERING

PICTURE

It helps me to be grateful in the moment for the strength that I do have because I know, someday, I will look back on pictures of me now and wish I were still as strong as I am today.

With each decade my physical abilities have looked a little different.

In my childhood, although I could not run or jump, I was fortunate to be able to ride a bicycle. If there is one thing I remember about my early childhood elementary school years, it is riding that bike all over town almost every day. What fun that was!

As we continued through the albums, my mom said, “There is a closeness you get from looking at what used to be and how happy they can make you feel.” I totally agree.

She said, “Looking back

at pictures is kind of a moment in heaven, they can transport you to the past with loved ones who have passed, and you are immediately back in that time in your life.”

Even the pictures from when I was a surly teenager are great to look back on! Those are just funny.

My husband makes a video every year that he puts to music of all the pictures and videos we take throughout the year. Those are such a gift to have to look back and remember those times. It is like being able to relax and relive the moments that were at times a little lost in the sometimes-stressful days of parenting.

Our boys also love to look back on these and go back in time in their own childhoods.

We were recently watching a video of our boys and their cousins dancing when they were little. In the video, my mom and sister even got up and joined in on the fun. I heard my voice off camera asking my husband to not video me dancing. That made me so sad.

I was sad that I did not feel comfortable enough in my own skin to just be myself. That I was even thinking about how my dancing looked compared to everyone else. I also regret that my boys heard me saying that about myself.

On my recent trip to Maine with my husband, I was fortunate to be able

to do a few short “hikes.” It has been a while since I have done that after my bad fall over the summer.

He videoed a few moments of each of these “hikes.” I could not help but wonder if someday, I would look back on those moments and wish, *if only I could get outside and walk on my own again.*

We both feel the urgency for me to do all that I can while I still can. Living with a disease that continues to slowly rob me of abilities that I long to hold onto is not for the faint of heart. In many ways I feel grateful for having such acute awareness of physical abilities others may take for granted. It is a gift for both of us both, really.

I am glad that I am at a place where I can now look at myself on a video and embrace the person that I am. For so long, I was embarrassed of who I was. That is tough to even think about.

My mom is right; pictures are a tremendous gift documenting the life we have.

Until next time ...
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DENIM

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- Beck’s Hybrids
- Riverview Health
- Drayer Family Foundation
- The Town of Sheridan
- Normal & Miller Eye-care
- Biddle Memorial Foundation
- Gaylor Electric
- Central Outdoors, LLC
- Dr. Trenton Schmale
- Dr. Kent & Bobbi Erb
- Mark Heirbrandt
- Alexander and Kitchel Families

The Denim and Lace fundraiser serves as a reminder of the important role SYAP plays in supporting Sheridan Community Schools. From mentoring

and afterschool tutoring to summer camps, weekend food backpacks, school supplies, and financial assistance, the organization works to meet the needs of students and families.

To those who attended Denim and Lace, SYAP extends a heartfelt thank you for helping make the evening such a success. It’s an unforgettable evening that raises money for a truly worthy cause: the students of Sheridan. Community members are encouraged to learn more about SYAP’s work by visiting sheridanyap.org or contacting Early Intervention Advocate Beth Sabelhaus at (317) 758-4431 ext. 4460.

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Dan's Fish Fry to benefit food pantry & missions

Submitted

Fishers United Methodist Church, 9691 E. 116th St., Fishers, will have a Dan's Fish Fry from 4:15 to 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7.

The menu is all-you-can-eat fish and chicken, with sides of baked beans, coleslaw, or applesauce, and pie or brownies. Cost is \$14 for adults and \$8 for chil-

dren age above 5. Tickets can be purchased online at fishersumc.org/fishfry or at the door.

Dine-in, drive-thru, and carry-out are all available.

Proceeds from the event will be divided between the Come To Me Food Pantry and church missions. The pantry serves families in Hamilton County, as well as

McCordsville and Fortville. Each Wednesday the pantry distributes between 5,000 and 8,000 pounds of food from 1 to 7 p.m.

The youth and adult mission teams serve deprived areas within the United States doing Bible schools, classes, repairs, cleaning, and building of areas in need.

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HIGH WEST WILD WEST AT 4 PM

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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.

What to Expect

Each ride will have our wild west posse onboard for photos and entertainment. A good ole' train robbery hold up will happen at the halfway point. Passengers are encouraged to bring cash for the train hold up as our robbers will be collecting donations for train preservation.

Tickets



SCAN TO PURCHASE

Lopez supports inaugural Carmel VFW Military Ball



Photos provided by Office of State Rep. Danny Lopez
State Rep. Danny Lopez and his wife Sofia recently joined the VFW Post 10003 in Carmel for its inaugural Military Ball, a special celebration of local veterans and a fun way to honor those who have served in defense of our nation. The event, spearheaded by Carmel veteran Oscar Taylor and VFW Post 10003 Commander Darin Bibeau, was a tremendous success and will only continue to grow in support into the future. For more on the VFW Post 10003 Carmel, visit vfw10003.org.

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High school homecoming, Blackhawk style

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

Last week, Sheridan held its fall homecoming festivities. The week was filled full of exciting activities such as dress-up days, challenges, community events, and much more.

This is such an exciting time of year and, per Superintendent Dave Mundy, "It was a HUGE success and a lot of fun!"

Student Council members Sadie Timme and Beth Adams also shared their excitement leading up to the week. Adams noted, "I always look forward to helping plan the dress days for homecoming," with Timme adding, "[we] have been working really hard on making sure everything is set for Wednesday's events and are super excited for the parade and Powder Puff."

The week held a lot, but it all started with the dress-up days. At the high school, Monday was comfy day, Tuesday was "rhyme without a reason," Wednesday was class shirt, Thursday was jersey day, and Friday was the standard spirit wear day. Students and staff showed their school spirit and enthusiasm throughout the week as they participated each day.

Wednesday held both the Homecoming parade and the Powder Puff game. Clubs, sports teams, and other groups participat-

ed in the parade as family, friends, and members of the community lined the streets. The parade was especially exciting this year as it occurred at a new time. This new time proved to be a success as more people were able to be involved. Following the parade, the high school held the Powder Puff game. Each grade level fought to the end as they tried to bring home the win! However, the senior girls came home victorious.

On Friday, Homecoming week came to a close. The morning began with the Senior Sunrise Breakfast, put on by the Senior parents. Almost the entire senior class attended breakfast on the football field Friday morning. This time was special to the seniors as it brought them all together to enjoy the final months of their high school experience.

At the afternoon Pep Session, various sports teams were honored as the Cheerleaders and Band completed their routines. Games were played between various students and staff members before the anticipated Teacher Lip Sync Battle. Mathew Hewitt and Brett Zachary, high school social studies teachers, came home victorious as they danced in inflatable shark costumes to Katy Perry's "Firework."

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Sheridan streets run black with 'Hawks

HOME *from Page 5*



Friday evening was the grand finale, and the Blackhawks came home victorious. The team took on Clinton Prairie and came home with a 40-6 win! Throughout the game there were other festivities taking place. The Blackhawk Alumni Club welcomed and honored the classes of 1976, 2006, and 2016 with a reception and introduction to the fans. They were fortunate to have the majority of the honored alumni (former football players and cheerleaders) join them. During halftime, the Homecoming King and Queen were announced, with Chance Spencer and Meredith Krupp taking the crown.



Finally, on Saturday evening, high school students came together to dance the night away at the annual Fall Homecoming Dance.

High School Principal Rick Davis thanks all those involved.

"Thank you to Student Council, SALT, Blackhawk Alumni Club and everyone who was involved in planning and presenting all of the Homecoming activities and events! What a fun week!"

Superintendent Dave Mundy continued the praise.

"The Student Council, Alumni Club, SHS Administration and others put on a tremendous Homecoming week."



Photos by Allison Waitt

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Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

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Starting Sept 29th We Go Smoke FREE

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Come Check Out Your Family Friendly American Legion

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

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

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

Website - <https://legion470fishers.org>

Sept 27 Craft Fair



HamCoIn Veteran Service Orgs

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American Legion Posts

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

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

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

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

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

VFW Posts

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

Noblesville Post 6246 Commander - Izzy Manchaca
Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61566071286753>

Non-Profit Veteran Orgs

Hamilton County Veterans Corp
P.O. Box 503
Noblesville, in 46061
secretary@hamiltoncountyveterans.com
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Hamilton County Military Veteran

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Hamilton County Community Resource Fair

October 11, 2025 from 10am till 3pm
Boys and Girls Club - 1700 Conner St Noblesville, In

The Hamilton County Veterans Corp is hosting a county wide Resource Fair again in 2025! We hope to reach as many of our Military/Veteran population as possible and to encourage our whole community to stop in and see what we are doing in Hamilton County. The more we know about the resources readily available to address all our issues and needs, the more connected and stronger we will be as a community of friends helping friends/Veterans Serving Veterans.

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| County/City Health | Dental Health | Financial Help | HVAF |
| IDVA | Employment | Homeless | Faith Based |

Tell all your friends and neighbors about this great Resource Fair that is for all of us here in Hamilton County, Indiana.

Bring a neighbor, bring a friend, bring a Veteran!!!

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Nominations Are Open For Military Child of the Year 2026 through Operation Home Front

MILITARY CHILD OF THE YEAR® AWARDS
Nominations Open

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Danielle Campbell
Program Coordinator, Family Support Services
(210) 439-0321
Danielle.Campbell@OperationHomefront.org
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Activities & Events

Oct 18th 12-930pm Rise Music Fest Raising Money for Local Non-Profits – Come Help our Hamilton County Veterans Corp

RISE FEST 2025
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Naptown Hecats	Broken Reins
Curt Cannabis & The Highflyers	The Founders
Kam 'n Jett's Jammin' Duet	Traci and Jimmy Friends Band

Patio Line Up ◆◆◆ 8:30PM The Amanda McClaran Experience

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Michelle Goudy of Westfield Washington Schools to speak at next Chamber Coffee

The REPORTER

The Westfield Chamber of Commerce will welcome Westfield High School Internship Coordinator Michelle Goudy for the September Coffee Connections from 8 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30 at Westfield Washington Public Library, 17400 Westfield Blvd.

Enjoy coffee and conversation while you get to know more about internship programs at Westfield



High School and what work-based learning looks like students. Employers who have worked with high school interns, including Chelsea McCarty from the Westfield Washington Township, will also share more on their experiences.

Click here to register for September Coffee Connections.

What's next at 116th & Allisonville

Submitted by City of Fishers

After additional design work and updated traffic studies, the intersection will no longer be built as a roundabout. Instead, the project will move forward with lane improvements to enhance safety and traffic flow while reducing construction impacts and addressing increased traffic flow through the area.

What's changing

- Intersection improve-



ments will focus on better turn lanes and traffic operations.

- Design refinements showed this option delivers benefits more efficiently and with less disruption.

What's not changing

- The city's commitment

to safety and congestion relief.

- Ongoing investments in the Allisonville Corridor revitalization.

Good things already happening

- The new Kroger is now

open.

- White River Park is set to open in 2026.
- Streetscape upgrades: sidewalks, trails, lighting, and landscaping.
- Traffic operations improvements to ease daily travel.

What's next

More details on construction timing will be shared as design is finalized.

Stay informed on this and more by visiting the [Allisonville Corridor page](#).



Huston



Lopez



Jeter



Shonkwiler



Smith

Local schools awarded state funding for safety improvements

The REPORTER

Hamilton County schools recently received nearly \$1 million for safety upgrades through the state's **Secured School Safety Grant Program** supported by area lawmakers.

House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers) said the funding is part of the state legislature's investment in school safety this year, which totaled \$27 million in state matching grants across 494 schools statewide. Lawmakers also advanced **legislation** this year to move the Office of School Safety to the Department of Homeland Security, centralizing safety efforts and providing additional support and resources to schools.

"Indiana has continued to prioritize school safety, adding funding in the state's new two-year budget to help schools make security improvements," Huston said. "I'm grateful to our Hamilton County schools for pursuing these projects and helping to ensure the

safest possible learning environment for our kids."

State Rep. Danny Lopez (R-Carmel) said awarded funds can be used for a wide range of safety needs like support for resource officers, equipment and technology, active event warning systems, threat assessments, and student-parent support service programs.

"Our goal is to equip our schools with the resources they need to keep students safe," Lopez said. "This funding helps strengthen safety plans and gives families confidence in their local schools."

Area schools receiving grants include:

- Carmel Clay Schools, \$91,566;
- Fishers Christian Academy, \$32,375;
- Guerin Catholic High School, \$18,652;
- Hamilton Heights School Corp., \$46,250;
- Hamilton Southeastern Schools, \$92,500;
- Midwest Academy,

\$41,625;

- Noblesville Schools, \$92,500;
- Options Schools, Inc., \$92,500;
- Our Lady of Grace School (Noblesville), \$32,375;
- Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School, \$15,262;
- Saint Maria Goretti School, \$28,526;
- Sheridan Community Schools, \$92,500;
- St. Louis de Montfort Catholic School, \$32,375;
- University High School of Indiana, \$15,246; and
- Westfield Washington Schools, \$92,500.

"Our community has always prioritized the wellbeing of students," said State Rep. Chris Jeter (R-Fishers). "These grants are one more way we can give educators the tools they need to maintain safe schools."

State Rep. Alaina Shonkwiler (R-Noblesville) said since the program began in 2013, Indiana has invested more than \$214 mil-

lion in school safety through state matching grants.

"Student and teacher safety is a top priority and Indiana continues to assist schools with the resources they need to update, maintain and improve their security," Shonkwiler said. "This funding can supply new warning systems, hire more officers and provide other essential tools schools need to ensure safety."

"The funds from this program are a tool for schools to build on their existing security plans," said State Rep. Hunter Smith (R-Zionsville), a member of the House Education Committee. "Each school is unique, so allowing them to make upgrades where they see fit is a great opportunity for them to keep students and staff safer."

To learn more about the Secured School Safety Grant Program and what Indiana's doing to keep schools safe, visit the state's school safety hub at [in.gov/schoolsafety](#).

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NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS Board Highlights
Sept. 16, 2025 Meeting

Submitted by Noblesville Schools

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

- Stony Creek Elementary presented on the success of their reading tutoring partnership with United Way's ReadUP Program.
- Executive Director of Student Services Julie Thacker shared employee survey data that measured staff perceptions and knowledge of student mental health supports. This was part of the district's Compassionate Care and Support strategic plan objective.
- The board approved consumable fees for items that students use or keep such as art supplies or lab materials. The district will continue to cover textbook and iPad costs and students who qualify for free/reduced lunch will not be billed for consumable fees.
- The board approved moving forward with the purchase of two parcels of land on Field Drive across from Noblesville East Middle School.
- The board approved new employee insurance carriers.

Go to [noblesvilleschools.org/leadership/school-board](#) for meeting agendas, minutes, videos, and more.

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Famous Hoosier poet inspires newest production in ATI LAB Series

Submitted

The Actors Theatre of Indiana (ATI) LAB Series returns this fall with a new play by Keith Miller about a famous Hoosier poet.

On Saturday, Oct. 11, ATI will present "An Evening with James Whitcomb Riley." This play, directed by Richard J. Roberts, stars Paul Hansen as James Whitcomb Riley and Nolan Daugherty as Caleb Johnson.

Many Indiana natives have heard of James Whitcomb Riley. His poems have remained part of early childhood reading classes for decades. But how did this Hoosier poet go from passing a hat after his lectures in little towns across Indiana to sold out performances in Madison Square Garden in New York City? How did a scandal nearly end his literary career before it

had even begun? Why was Mark Twain so apprehensive about performing with Riley?

You may know his name, but you don't know his story. "An Evening with James Whitcomb Riley" is based on a real event that happened 132 years ago when Twain and Riley appeared at Madison Square Garden for a sold-out performance titled "A Night with the Gods."

Imagine, long before social media, a simple country poet from Indiana was able to sell out Madison Square Garden. Riley has contributed greatly to the fabric of society, from Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls to the adventures of Little Orphan Annie in both newspapers and radio, and most eventually the hit Broadway musical *Annie*.



This new play explores how a simple country poet, born in Greenfield, became one of the best-selling authors of his time.

Following the LAB Series reading of the play, it will be presented by ATI in a fully staged production as a benefit for Riley Children's Hospital Foundation and the James Whitcomb Riley House. The benefit performance will be held at The Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre on the campus of the Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 19, 2026. Tickets for the benefit performance will be available in late October.

The LAB Series program is ATI's way to show commitment to nurturing new plays and playwrights. Chosen plays will have a reading and a talk-back session with ATI audiences, staff, cast, and the playwright at the Carmel Clay Public Library, 425 E. Main St. Join the staff, cast, and playwright at 2 p.m. Oct. 11 to share this amazing slice of history.

The public reading event is free, but seats should be reserved at [this link](#).

To learn more about this season's productions and other upcoming events with ATI, visit their website at [atistage.org](#).

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.

Birthday celebration to raise money for school lunches

This year's Tiffany Pascoe is celebrating her birthday by raising money to pay for school lunches for local children in need.

From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 4 at Sweet Peas Flower Farm, 11351 E. 156th St., Noblesville, families can enjoy an open house-style event. Complimentary portraits will be provided by The Pure Paintress. Donations can be made via Venmo to [@Tiffany_Pascoe](#).

Make a plan to give blood with the Red Cross this fall

The REPORTER

As fall officially begins, the American Red Cross urges people to mark the new season with a life-saving blood donation to help keep the blood supply strong. Donors of all blood types, especially those with types O positive and B negative blood, are needed now.

For many, daily routines shift as the seasons change, but blood donations must remain top of mind. Every single donation is key to making sure all patients relying on critical transfusions, including car accident victims, those living

Upcoming donation opportunities	
Carmel	Oct. 8 from 1 to 5:30 p.m.: Cool Creek Nature Center, 2000 E. 151st St.
	Oct. 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.: IU Health North Hospital, 11700 N. Meridian St.
Fishers	Oct. 9 from 1 to 6 p.m.: Billerica Park Multi-Purpose Community Building, 12690 Promise Road
Zionsville	Oct. 3 from noon to 5 p.m.: Security Federal Savings Bank, 10880 N. Michigan Road

with sickle cell disease and those facing cancer, get the care they need.

Fall into donating blood. Make an appointment to give now by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](#), calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by

using the Red Cross Blood Donor App. All who come to give blood, platelets or plasma through Oct. 19 will receive a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. For details, visit [RedCrossBlood.org/Fall](#).



AG Rokita offers guidance for schools on addressing some educators' disruptive speech

Submitted by Office of AG Todd Rokita

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita has sent legal guidance to school superintendents and public university administrators explaining their authority consistent with the First Amendment to discipline or terminate educators who make public statements that are disruptive to school operations.

The assassination of Charlie Kirk has generated grief and outrage across the nation. Disturbingly, some Indiana educators have exacerbated the pain and sorrow that many parents

and students are feeling by making divisive statements that excuse or even celebrate Kirk's death.

"When teachers or professors entrusted with shaping young minds cheer the violent death of a political figure, they forfeit the moral authority to stand in front of a classroom," AG Rokita said. "Free speech is not a license for public employees to disrupt government operations by destroying public trust through callous, crude,



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and controversial speech. Schools and universities have legal authority to act to restore public confidence in our schools by disciplining these teachers – up to and including termination."

The Attorney General's guidance makes clear that while educators retain First Amendment rights, those rights are not unlimited in the government employment context. Courts have

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Noblesville Flower Market happy it's officially fall

By KELLY McVEY

President, Indiana Peony Festival, Inc.

Autumn is here, and we're excited to celebrate the official change of the season with our monthly flower market this Thursday, Sept. 25. Visit the more than 25 vendors in Seminary Park from 5 to 8 p.m. to embrace the aesthetics of fall. You won't want to miss it, as this is our largest monthly flower market to date.

We've got an awesome lineup of local makers, so bookmark this for easy referencing. Make sure to stop and shop from this amazing group of small businesses. Our monthly flower markets are sponsored by Noblesville Ace Hardware and Keep Noblesville Beautiful.

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- Bounded Brand Golf
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- Susanna Rose Art

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- Caravan Classes

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- Flying Dirt Farms
- Cedar Rose Flowers
- Double Dog Farm & Florals

- Timeless Blooms
- Abloom Farms

Sips & sweets

- Primeval Brewing
- Sprinkle Joy Bakes
- Hi and Mighty
- Beefree Bakes
- Bouge Cookie Co.
- Kaylie's Bites

Other vendors

- Rylee & Co.
- Bigelow Build & Design

- Ace Hardware

In addition to unlimited shopping, we'll have **peony roots for sale** at the Indiana Peony Festival tent (last chance to pre-order in person!), peony care tips and tricks at the Ace Hardware tent, live music, a fall photo opportunity (hint ... we might be bringing back a crowd favorite installation from the festival!), and plenty more.

Grab your wallet, a blanket, and your favorite flannel; we'll see you Thursday evening in Seminary Park.

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Gov. Mike Braun prioritizes entrepreneurial solutions in addressing utility rate increases

Submitted by Office of Gov. Mike Braun

Governor Mike Braun on Tuesday affirmed his commitment to protecting Hoosiers by calling for an entrepreneurial approach to address utility rates. He named three individuals to the nominating committee of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC), the administrative agency that makes decisions in the public interest to ensure utilities provide safe and reliable service at just and reasonable rates.

"It is important that the IURC nominating committee look at applicants through a lens that considers one's ability to protect ratepayers while objectively



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Sherman



Cochran

weighing the facts and proposals that will impact Hoosiers for years to come," Gov. Braun said.

The appointees to the nominating committee are Secretary of Energy and Natural Resources Suzie Jaworowski, former Indiana State Representative Dollyne Sherman, and Cory Cochran, a business exec-

utive from Floyd County. They will join four members previously nominated by the General Assembly.

With the nominating committee in place, Gov. Braun announced that applications are now open for three IURC commissioner vacancies. The nominating committee will review applicants and forward recom-

mended finalists to Braun.

Gov. Braun encourages entrepreneurial candidates who will objectively consider proposed energy-related filings and their impact upon Hoosier ratepayers to apply to serve on this commission. The roles are full-time positions.

"Ensuring that Indiana has efficient utilities without overburdening Hoosier families is critically important to me," Gov. Braun said. "If you are an entrepreneurial thinker and creative problem solver, I encourage you to apply to join the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission."

Interested candidates can apply [here](#).

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consistently recognized that public employers may regulate government employee speech – including speech made in an employee's private capacity – when it disrupts government operations. As the Supreme Court has said, "when a citizen enters government service, the citizen by necessity must accept certain limitations on his or her freedom." *Garcetti v. Ceballos*, 547 U.S. 410, 418 (2006). That is especially true for teachers, who occupy uniquely sensitive

and important positions.

The Attorney General's guidance also explains that, in many if not most cases, the noxious speech some public-school teachers have engaged in with respect to Charlie Kirk could be proper subjects for disciplinary action by schools.

"Schools don't need to wait for chaos to break out," Rokita emphasized. "The law permits administrators to act proactively when a teacher's speech threatens disruption or corrodes community confidence. Schools

are well within their legal authority to prioritize protecting students and preserving public trust."

The Attorney General's Office has received hundreds of complaints from parents and other concerned Hoosiers about troubling comments made by educators on social media and in other forums. To promote accountability and transparency, the Attorney General encourages citizens to continue submitting complaints to the Eyes on Education portal on the At-

torney General's website.

"Parents are the most important voice in their children's education," Rokita said. "By sharing items of concern, you ensure that Indiana classrooms remain safe, supportive, and focused on educating our children, not indoctrinating them or exposing them to controversial political views. Together, we can and should hold educators to the highest standards."

[Click here](#) to read the full letter.

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It was like being in the Me Decade again

On Sunday, Sept. 21, there was a special Nickel Plate Express ride and, dare we say it, *EXPERIENCE* just for photographers. A very exclusive group of shooters had the opportunity to use 1970s vehicles, 1970s-clad extras, and the train itself as props to stage a variety of faux-vintage images for their portfolios. The Reporter's own Bill Miller was one of the lucky few who got to spend an entire day touring historic rail locations and telling everyone (including the train engineers) where to be for the perfect picture. We don't know what shots other people got, but our guy nailed it. [Editor's note: We should have processed all these to look like Kodachrome snapshots. Opportunity missed.] (Reporter photos by Bill Miller)



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Lions & Feeding Team help families in need



Photo provided by Lisa Dick, Noblesville Lions Club
 On Saturday, Sept. 13, the Noblesville and Westfield Lions Clubs, along with The Feeding Team, distributed food from Gleaners to families in need at Hamilton Heights High School.

Three Lions Club team up to test kids' vision



Photo provided by Lisa Dick, Noblesville Lions Club
 The Noblesville, Westfield, and Zionsville Lions Clubs performed a vision screening at Hazel Dell Elementary on Friday, Sept. 19, where a total of 180 third and fifth graders were checked. (Front row, from left) Vicki Neddenreip, Lisa Rhoe, Christy Oakes, and Kennedy Cardiff. (Back row, from left) Bill Nesbitt, Andy Luckey, Jeanne Auffrey, Walt Scheid, and Steve Shaw. *Not pictured: Dan Dumbauld.*

New at Sheridan Public Library

The REPORTER

Here are some of the new items that can be found at the Sheridan Public Library:

Fiction

- Countdown to Christmas Eve! – Dianna Houx
- Countdown to Halloween! – Dianna Houx
- Countdown to Thanksgiving! – Dianna Houx
- Don't Go Downstairs – Jack Dane
- Don't Say a Word – Allison Brennan
- Halloween Night Murder – Leslie Meier
- He Falls First – Jill Shalvis
- Riverside Dance Studio – Nicole Ellis
- She Didn't See It Coming – Shari Lapena

Non-Fiction

- 10 Rules for Raising Kids in a High-tech World – Jean Twenge

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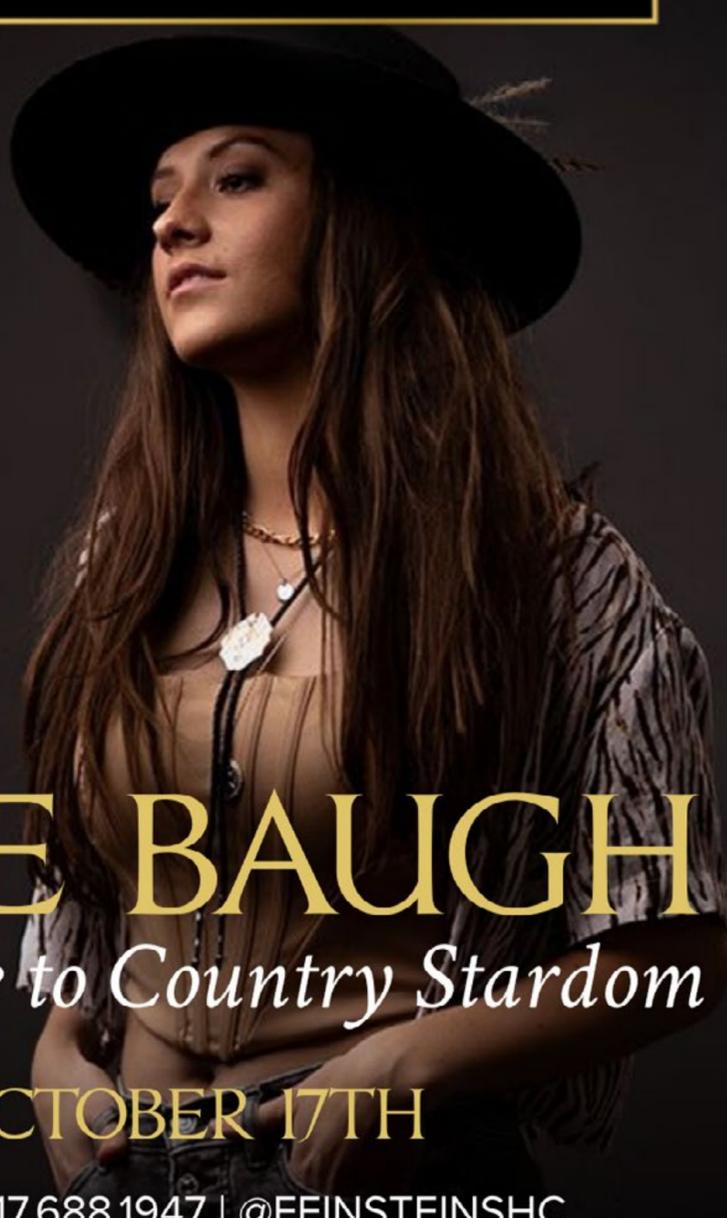
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Swingin' Sixties come back to the Switch

By **CARRIE NEAL**
A Seat on the Aisle

Neil Simon gave us a treasure trove of beloved plays, musicals, and films over the course of his legendary career. *Brighton Beach Memoirs* and *Biloxi*

Blues have always been particular favorites of mine. *Rumors* is the gold standard of farce for many, and *The Odd Couple* is so deeply entrenched in the collective consciousness that everyone knows what it means to be "an Oscar" or "a Felix."

Come Blow Your Horn was Simon's very first play, and while some may say it's a museum piece that would be better off left in the archives, it's fascinating to observe his meteoric growth as a playwright in such a short time.

For the uninitiated, of which I have to believe there are many, a brief synopsis:

Alan and Buddy are brothers. Buddy, the naive younger brother, looks up to Alan, who is something of a ladies' man. Buddy leaves the family home to move into Alan's Manhattan apartment, which jump starts his metamorphosis into a swinger just like his older brother. However, Alan's heart is broken when he develops feelings for one of his many girlfriends, just as she realizes his true nature and leaves him. In effect, the brothers swap places, but the shallow nature of the womanizing life is emphasized throughout the piece.

The stage is nicely set at the Switch Theatre for a swinging '60s bachelor pad. The period-appropriate furniture pops with bright yellows and oranges, and the graphic wallpaper is reminiscent of the paper in my sister's bedroom during that same era. The ladies are particularly well-costumed in vintage pieces that evoke the decade perfectly. Unfortunately, that attention to detail was inconsistent. Set dressing was incomplete, such as a huge five-shelf bookcase that only contained three or four objects and looked very bare. Two of the three male characters were in suits, but the third had no jacket and wore an extremely wrinkled shirt, as was the mother's apron. Just a few minutes with an iron before each show would make an enormous difference.



Photo by Rob Slaven / IndyGhostLight.com

Jeffrey Haber as Buddy and Adriana Menefee as Peggy.

As previously hinted at, the material is far from Simon's best. It's extremely dated, with many chauvinistic lines that didn't age well at all. One line compares a woman's high IQ to her high weight on the scale, where another refers to a woman as being too dumb to dial a telephone. The actors do their best, but it was clear that they were uncomfortable delivering such cringe-worthy clunkers. Josh Gibson as Alan and Jeffrey Haber as Buddy do the bulk of the heavy lifting for the show, and while they each have some nice moments, ultimately, they aren't able to make a silk purse out of the sow's ear of this material.

Alyssa Lay as Connie and Adriana Menefee as Peggy (the girlfriends) fare slightly better, partly because they don't have to deliver such duds. Both young women are adorable and look like a million bucks in their sixties togs. But the real scene-stealers are

Chris Otterman as Father and Vickie Phipps as Mother. The moment that Otterman enters as Father, his sonorous voice booms out and assures us that we're in good hands, with a veteran actor who knows how to take his time and let the story tell itself. Ms. Phipps is an acerbic delight as Mother, and her solo scene with the telephone is a master class in comic timing and delivery.

The Belfry has a long and celebrated history in Hamilton County, and is producing fewer plays this year because they no longer have a permanent home. They are searching for support from both audience members and volunteers, now more than ever.

Come Blow Your Horn can be seen at the Switch Theatre in Fishers through September 28th, and tickets are available online at TheBelfryTheatre.com.

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Treva B. Myerholtz Marcum-Rubsam

November 7, 1953 – September 17, 2025



Treva B. Myerholtz Marcum-Rubsam, 71, Clayton, Ind., passed peacefully from this life on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 11:09 p.m. in the comfort of her home, surrounded by her loving family. She departed with unwavering faith, assured in the promise of eternal life, and is now in the presence of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Treva was born on November 7, 1953, in Port Clinton, Ohio, to Emil George Myerholtz and Beatrice Mary Leutz. She enjoyed growing up on her parents' farm in Rocky Ridge, Ohio, and especially loved ice skating on the frozen stone quarry near their home. She was a 1971 graduate of Oak Harbor High School in Oak Harbor, Ohio, and Penta County Vocational High School in Perrysburg, Ohio.

On October 9, 1971, she married Roger Donald Marcum in Oak Harbor, Ohio. Although the marriage later ended, it was blessed with four children: Kirk Alan, Nicole Rae, Tiffany Jo, and Karl Ryan. On September 24, 2005, Treva married Daniel Paul Rubsam in Noblesville. She was a devoted, loving, and supportive wife until his passing in 2015.

Treva worked as a receptionist for decades at several central Indiana automotive dealerships and most recently spent nine years at Stoops Freightliner, where she truly loved her work. She was admired for her warmth, her kindness toward others, and her ability to brighten the day of those around her.

Faith and family were the heart of who Treva was. She was an active member of Plainfield United Methodist Church and lived her life with unwavering faith, trusting God through every season. She was also an extraordinary mother who lovingly raised four children as a single parent, sacrificing daily for their well-being. The love she carried for her family was immense and immeasurable in words yet deeply felt by all who knew her.

Her special touches brought joy to others. She delighted in sending greeting cards adorned with the newest postage stamps, often tucking inside a joke, word search, or a sprinkle of confetti. She will also be remembered for her love of the color purple, snow, nature, fireworks, and evenings around the glow of a fire. A proud Buckeye, she cheered for The Ohio State University, enjoyed Cedar Point amusement park, and laughed easily over silly jokes. She enjoyed summer fairs, especially tractor pulls, demolition derbies, and horse events, and throughout her life captured life's moments through photography, as cherished memories. She delighted in the simple tradition of playing Uno with her family, a pastime that never failed to fill the room with laughter. Treva lived with a heart for others, faithfully donating blood and joyfully caring for children at home and church, nurturing countless little ones through the years.

Left to treasure her memory are her loving children: Kirk (Shelley) Marcum, Nicole (Ched) Mobley, Tiffany (John) Shorb, and Karl (Stephanie) Marcum; along with her beloved "Terrific Ten" grandchildren: Tyler Alan and Riley Renee Marcum; Joel Branson and Seth Jayson Mobley; Oren August and Abner Otis Shorb; and Zachary Ryan, Kirstyn Elizabeth, Brayden Xavier, and Layne Alexander Marcum. Treva was "peacock proud" of them all.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her four older half-siblings: Marvin Myerholtz, Dorothy Jensen, Glenn Myerholtz, and Velma Kaiser Velliquette.

Visitation will be held on Friday, September 26, 2025, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Hall-Baker Funeral Home, 339 E. Main St., Plainfield. Funeral services will follow on Saturday, September 27 at 1 p.m. with visitation from 11 a.m. until services at Plainfield United Methodist Church, 600 Simmons St., Plainfield, with burial at Clayton Cemetery in Clayton, Ind.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Noblesville First United Methodist Church Pastor's Discretionary Fund (please specify support for an individual or family in need), the Plainfield United Methodist Church Family Assistance Fund, the Versiti Blood Center of Indiana, or to an organization of the donor's choice.

Condolences: bakerfuneralservice.com

Richard Allen DeWitt

September 8, 1960 – September 22, 2025



Richard Allen DeWitt (Rick), born in Tipton, Indiana on September 8, 1960, he peacefully left this world to go fishing in Heaven on September 22, 2025. He passed with loved ones by his side in Indianapolis after a short, but hard-fought battle with cancer.

He was the beloved son of James DeWitt Sr. and Ellen Mae Stoops, and stepson to Douglas Stoops. Richard had three children, Michael Crooks, Devin Crooks, and Danielle Dewitt, and one grandchild, Ambrielle Crooks. He was a devoted loving husband and partner to Dianna DeWitt for the last 18 years, and when they married, he gained two more children, Amber Ogle (Ryan Goodwin) and Terry (Monika) Ogle. The family has grown during their marriage and now includes 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He shared a special bond with his siblings: Debbie Anderson, James (Vickie) DeWitt Jr., Randy (Glenda) DeWitt, Sheila (Carl) Abbott, David (Chuck) Stoops, Doug (Melissa) Stoops, Tammy (Joe) Watson, and Angel (Rodney) Harris. He had numerous nieces and nephews, each claiming to be his favorite due to the love he shared with each and every one of them.

Rick dedicated nearly 45 years working for Industrial Dielectrics in Noblesville. He retired to his happy place in the woods in Mitchell, Ind., just three short years ago. He was an avid hunter, fisherman and was usually found in one of his favorite places: behind a grill, smoker or fish fryer, cooking up some delicious food to feed whatever crowd had gathered on the porch. His life was marked by his love for his family and friends, his dedication to those around him, and the loving sarcasm that he shared freely. He will be remembered with love and missed dearly by all who knew him.

When he arrived at that heavenly, peaceful fishing lake, Rick was greeted by his loved ones that preceded him: his son Michael Crooks, his mother Ellen Stoops, his father James Dewitt Sr., his baby sister Sonya Pearson, his brother-in-law Donnie Anderson, his paternal and maternal grandparents, and his favorite fishing buddies Chris & Donnie Lynch. He is leaving behind a legacy of love, family, and cherished memories.

The family invites you to celebrate Richard's life and share your memories during a visitation from 4 to 7 p.m., with services at 7 p.m., on Friday, September 26, 2025, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville.

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Arthur Vernon Thompson

November 24, 1943 – September 19, 2025



Arthur Vernon Thompson (Vern), 81, formally from Noblesville, passed away September 19, 2025, at his home in New Port Richey, Fla. He was born November 24, 1943, to Kelly and Gladys (Blankenship) Thompson in Hilton, Va.

Vernon recently celebrated his 59th wedding anniversary with his wife Dona. He worked as a machinist at Noblesville Casting Company, Fred Frozen Foods, and Kokomo Chrysler before he retired. Vernon coached his son's Little League baseball teams and his daughter's softball teams. He loved spending time with his family, playing softball, Euchre, and dominoes. After his retirement, he traveled to parts of the United States in his RV with his wife and became a Floridian Snowbird.

He is survived by his wife, Dona (Gunion) Thompson; daughter, Angela (Thompson) Rager (Ryan); son, Anthony (Tony) Thompson (Mihaela); daughter, Melissa (Thompson) Player (Joe); sisters, Lucille Brooks, Betty Godby, Connie Myers, and Patricia Myers; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Dorthy Pole, Bonnie Homer, and Nancy Jane Thompson; and brothers, Robert Thompson, Doyle Thompson, and Carlos Thompson.

Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. Services will be 2 p.m. Monday, September 29, 2025, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Burial to follow at Cicero Cemetery in Cicero.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

OLIVE OIL AND BREAD SET BEFORE THE LORD

The Lord said to Moses, "Command the Israelites to bring you clear oil of pressed olives for the light so that the lamps may be kept burning continually. Outside the curtain that shields the ark of the covenant law in the tent of meeting, Aaron is to tend the lamps before the Lord from evening till morning, continually. This is to be a lasting ordinance for the generations to come. The lamps on the pure gold lampstand before the Lord must be tended continually.

"Take the finest flour and bake twelve loaves of bread, using two-tenths of an ephah for each loaf. Arrange them in two stacks, six in each stack, on the table of pure gold before the Lord. By each stack put some pure incense as a memorial portion to represent the bread and to be a food offering presented to the Lord. This bread is to be set out before the Lord regularly, Sabbath after Sabbath, on behalf of the Israelites, as a lasting covenant. It belongs to Aaron and his sons, who are to eat it in the sanctuary area, because it is a most holy part of their perpetual share of the food offerings presented to the Lord."

A BLASPHEMER PUT TO DEATH

Now the son of an Israelite mother and an Egyptian father went out among the Israelites, and a fight broke out in the camp between him and an Israelite. The son of the Israelite woman blasphemed the Name with a curse; so they brought him to Moses. (His mother's name was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri the Danite.) They put him in custody until the will of the Lord should be made clear to them.

Leviticus 24:1-12 (NIV)

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Boys Soccer



(LEFT) Carmel's Gavin Fleming (pictured with his father Josh Fleming) scored the Greyhounds' goal during their 1-1 tie with Noblesville on Tuesday. Carmel hosted a Senior Night reception for its players after the game. (RIGHT) Noblesville's Sam Kattman scored the Millers' goal.

Reporter photos by Richie Hall

IFCA Week 5 poll

Courtesy Indiana Football Coaches Association website (ifca.net)

CLASS 6A

Rank	School	Record	Points
1	Brownsburg (10)	5-0	100
2	Center Grove	5-0	88
3	Carmel	4-1	76
4	Crown Point	5-0	69
5	Westfield	3-1	59
6	Lawrence North	4-1	46
7	Warren Central	4-1	35
8	Penn	5-0	30
T9	Avon	3-2	17
T9	Fishers	3-2	17

First place votes are in parentheses.

Other schools receiving votes

Hamilton Southeastern 6, Decatur Central 3, Elkhart 2, Fort Wayne Carroll 1, Lawrence Central 1.

CLASS 5A

Rank	School	Record	Points
1	New Palestine (9)	5-0	99
2	Bloomington South (1)	5-0	87
3	Cathedral	3-2	78
4	Plainfield	5-0	66
5	East Central	4-1	57
6	Lafayette Jefferson	4-1	52
7	Merrillville	3-2	38
8	Concord	4-1	38
9	Castle	4-1	15
10	Warsaw	3-2	7

First place votes are in parentheses.

Other schools receiving votes

Whiteland 6, Fort Wayne North Side 3, Evansville North 1, Floyd Central 1.

CLASS 4A

Rank	School	Record	Points
1	Heritage Hills (9)	5-0	99
2	Bishop Chatard (1)	4-1	91
3	East Noble	5-0	80
4	Mishawaka	4-1	64
5	Bishop Dwenger	4-1	50
6	Leo	4-1	37
7	Evansville Reitz	4-1	35
8	Pendleton Heights	4-1	33
9	Northview	5-0	21
10	Roncalli	3-2	15

First place votes are in parentheses.

Other schools receiving votes

Hobart 11, South Bend St. Joseph 11, Yorktown 3.

CLASS 3A

Rank	School	Record	Points
1	Evansville Memorial (10)	5-0	100
2	Gibson Southern	4-1	86
3	Cascade	5-0	76
4	Lawrenceburg	4-1	58
5	Knox	5-0	54
6	Mississinewa	5-0	48
7	Maconaquah	5-0	38
8	Tri-West	4-1	31
9	Evansville Mater Dei	2-3	15
10	Scottsburg	5-0	11

First place votes are in parentheses.

Other schools receiving votes

Bishop Luers 8, Guerin Catholic 8, West Noble 7, Indian Creek 6, Batesville 3, Twin Lakes 1.

CLASS 2A

Rank	School	Record	Points
1	Adams Central (7)	5-0	97
2	Brownstown Central (3)	5-0	93
3	Lapel	5-0	70
4	Andreon	4-1	67
5	Eastbrook	5-0	52
6	Indpls. Lutheran	4-1	48
7	Bluffton	5-0	43
8	Linton-Stockton	3-2	33
9	Triton Central	5-0	23
10	Wheeler	5-0	13

First place votes are in parentheses.

Other schools receiving votes

Northeastern 7, Eastside 4.

CLASS 1A

Rank	School	Record	Points
1	North Decatur (9)	5-0	98
2	South Putnam (1)	4-1	89
3	North Judson	4-1	78
4	Spring Valley	5-0	65
5	Providence	3-2	60
6	Pioneer	4-1	43
7	Frontier	5-0	41
8	Madison-Grant	4-1	28
9	Riverton Parke	5-0	17
10	North Daviess	5-0	9

First place votes are in parentheses.

Other schools receiving votes

Carroll 7, North Miami 7, Taylor 5, West Central 3.

Hounds, Millers play to 1-1 tie

By **RICHIE HALL**
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CARMEL – Believe it or not, Indiana high school soccer sectionals are two weeks away.

Tuesday's boys soccer game between Class 3A No. 5 Carmel and 3A No. 14 Noblesville at the Greyhounds' Murray Stadium could very well be a preview, since the two teams both play in Sectional 9, which the Millers will host the week of Oct. 6. There was no winner on Tuesday, as the teams played

to a 1-1 tie in a well-played and predictably intense game. "Every time we play Noblesville, it's intense and it's gotten more intense over the years," said Carmel Shane Schmidt, who has been the head coach of the Greyhounds team since 2007.

The Greyhounds scored the first goal of the game in the 25th minute. Gavin Fleming put a header into the net and Carmel held a 1-0 lead through halftime.

"It takes a lot of teamwork," said Fleming. "It's hard to keep that lead."

The Hounds tried to stay ahead, but the Millers scored the equalizer with 17:22 left in the second half. Sam Kattman took the ball down the field and kicked it into the net from about five yards.

Noblesville coach Thomas Doering gave credit to "everybody that came off the bench," noting that those players changed the energy of the game.

"They brought energy and made a difference," said Doering.

The game was Senior Night for the Greyhounds,

who are 8-1-3 and have three road contest left on their schedule. Carmel plays at New Palestine on Thursday, Oct. 2 at 3A No. 11 Hamilton Southeastern.

The Millers are 7-3-3 and have two home games left on their regular-season schedule. Noblesville hosts Center Grove on Thursday and finishes Hoosier Crossroads Conference play Tuesday, Sept. 30 against Franklin Central.

Football Previews

Carmel hosts North Central, Noblesville & Sheridan hit the road

By **CRAIG ADKINS**
For the Reporter

North Central Panthers (2-3) at 6A No. 3 Carmel Greyhounds (4-1)

Carmel is off to its best start since 2021 when they all but cruised through the regular season with an 8-1 record. Their only loss was at home to Center Grove (41-14) before a sectional championship defeat to Brownsburg.

Friday night's battle on the gridiron will be the 72nd in the all-time series between the Panthers and Greyhounds. Carmel has a 43-28 lead and has won 18 of the last 19. North Central last beat Carmel in 2019 in a thriller, 27-21. Carmel won last year, 48-14.

First-year head coach Collin Coffey has two wins in his first five games. Prior to that, the Panthers had lost 32 consecutive before their season-opening win over Brebeuf Jesuit. NC had lost three straight to Hamilton Southeastern (31-7), Warren

Central (49-7) and Lawrence North (55-21) by big margins before last week's outlasting of Harrison (West Lafayette), 41-28.

Chase Grove passes 60 percent (73-122) for 931 yards, 10 TD and just 2 INTs. Zion Murphy is the leading rusher with 252 yards (7.4 per carry). Tank Averitte had 135 yards and a pair of scores. Grove's favorite targets are Demetrius Averitte with 336 yards and three TDs. Javen Brooks has 248 receiving yards and a team-leading four touchdowns.

Anthony Coellner has 60 more passing yards than Grove (991) while completing 77 percent of his throws (70-91). Coellner has 11 TDs and five interceptions.

Senior receivers Jacob Bellin (402), Dominic Shockley (260), Spencer Sell (146) and sophomore Carson Clark (185) have combined for 55 catches and 13 TDs.

Andrew Pemberton has emerged as one of the best

tailbacks around with 61 carries for 491 yards and five touchdowns.

Noblesville Millers (1-4, 0-3 HCC) at Franklin Central Flashes (3-2, 1-2 HCC)

The Millers head to Franklin Township with hopes of ending their current four-game losing streak and more importantly, halting a four-game streak against the Flashes.

Friday night is the 10th meeting between Noblesville and Franklin Central with FC holding a 6-3 mark. Last year's game was won by the Flashes, 35-28.

After a season-opening 21-6 win at Mount Vernon (Fortville), the Millers have been edged by Homestead (13-10) and are ultimately searching for an identity on both sides of the football. Hoosier Crossroads Conference losses in the last few weeks to Fishers (42-17), Westfield (41-7) and Zionsville (30-7) have their backs against the wall.

Junior QB Windsor

Hutchins is 47 of 69 for 377 yards (68.1 percent) and two TDs. Alfred Alwine leads with 118 yards, but Cody Prater leads with 12 catches.

Noah Shinkle leads the ground game with 73 rushes for 274 yards and five touchdowns.

Starting with wins over Perry Meridian (48-6) and Roncalli (22-15), the Flashes sandwiched a Zionsville win (20-16) with ranked losses at Brownsburg (35-7) and Avon (35-10).

Franklin Central is led by QB Connor Moreland has 861 yards passing for 62 percent and 11 TDs. Nathan Sparks has carried 82 times for 279 yards and a TD. Markell Bailey has 15 catches for 283 and seven scores.

Sheridan Blackhawks (3-1, 2-0 HHC) at 1A No. 13 Taylor Titans (4-1, 2-1 HCC)

Sheridan visits Taylor in the southeastern part of Howard County for the

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Volleyball

Blackhawks sweep Elwood

The REPORTER
The Sheridan volleyball team swept Elwood Monday, 25-13, 25-11, 25-20.

Lainey Mendenhall led the offense with 16 kills, followed by Amiyah Doss and Beth Adams with five kills each and Emily Will with four. Adria Jump had 16 service points and served five aces, Adams collected 10 service points and hit three aces, while Eva Todd served four aces. Jump dished out 26 assists.

Meredith Krupp led the defense with 16 digs, followed by Jump with 11, Mendenhall with six and Todd with five. Mendenhall also made one solo block and one block assist, and Jump had one solo block.

The Blackhawks are 13-5 and host Lapel on Thursday.

Westfield picked up a Monday sweep of Mt. Vernon, 27-25, 25-15, 25-21.

Georgia Bresnahan hit 15 kills for the Shamrocks. Kendyl Strack served five aces, while Emily Blevins dished out 25 assists and Kenna Robinson handed out 11 assists.



Photo by Dwight Casler

Sheridan's Lainey Mendenhall hit 16 kills for the Blackhawks during their Monday win over Elwood.

Strack collected 13 digs to lead the defense, followed by Brooke Neale with 12, Bresnahan with 11 and Blevins with 10. Carsyn Comer made four blocks and Audrey Davis had three blocks.

Westfield is 16-1 and plays a Hoosier Crossroads Conference match at Brownsburg tonight.

Fishers was swept by Franklin Central Monday, 25-19, 25-22, 25-12 in an HCC away match.

The Tigers are 11-10 and play another conference match Thursday at Avon.

Boys Tennis

Royals finish second at HCC tournament

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern boys tennis team placed second at the Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet, which took place Saturday, Sept. 20 at Avon.

The Royals scored 35 points, just behind first-

place Zionsville, which scored 36 points. Southeastern won two flights: Brady Stump triumphed at No. 1 singles, while Parker Stump won at No. 2 singles.

Both players were named to the All-Conference team, along with the

Royals No. 1 doubles team of Logan Foust and Landon Osswald, which finished third in that division.

Avon finished third with 29 points, while Westfield took fourth with 26 points. The Shamrocks had two All-Conference

players: Parker Paramoure placed third at No. 1 singles, while Luke Stoecker finished second at No. 2 singles.

Fishers finished sixth as a team with 21 points, while Noblesville placed seventh with 11 points.



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Upcoming Broadcasts

Wed Sept 24 - Volleyball

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7:00 pm **Carmel vs Noblesville** | Varsity | HCTV Sports

Thur Sept 25 - Volleyball and Boys Soccer

5:58 pm Franklin Central vs **Noblesville** | Girls Volleyball | Noblesville High School
6:00 pm Center Grove vs **Noblesville** | Junior Varsity Boys | HCTV Sports
7:45 pm Center Grove vs **Noblesville** | Varsity Boys Soccer | HCTV Sports

Fri Sept 26 - Varsity Football

6:00 pm SSN GameDay: Pregame Show | Live from Zionsville | Southeastern Sports
6:45 pm **Sheridan vs Taylor** | Bragg Sports Media
6:50 pm Brownstown Central vs Seymour | Indiana SRN
6:50 pm Indpls Lutheran vs Covenant Christian | Indiana SRN
7:00 pm Avon vs **Fishers High School** | Fishers Sports Network
7:00 pm Logansport vs **Hamilton Heights** | PPV | Husky Sports

Sat Sept 27 - Freshman Football and Girls Soccer

10:00 am Avon vs **Fishers** | Freshman Football | Fishers Sports Network
10:00 am Penn vs **Noblesville** | JV Soccer | Noblesville High School
1:00 pm Penn vs **Noblesville** | JV Soccer | Noblesville High School

Sun Sept 28 - Concert

5:00 pm Concerts in the Centerpiece LIVE WITH Rodney Stepp AT THE Coxhall Gardens



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Girls Soccer

Royals stay perfect

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern girls soccer team stayed perfect on the season Monday, beating Pendleton Heights 9-0.

Rylie Brydges and Margaux Henning both scored two goals for the Class 3A No. 1 Royals. Addison McClain, Sydney May and Sloane May all scored one goal and delivered one assist. Rebekah Tekrony and Bailey Sapp each put in one goal and Kinsley Good dished out one assist.

Southeastern is 13-0 and plays at 3A No. 5 Zions-

ville tonight to finish Hoosier Crossroads Conference play.

Fishers dropped a 3-1 game to 2A No. 8 Bishop Chatard on Monday.

Georgia Scott scored the Tigers' goal. Fishers is 5-8-1 and hosts Avon tonight to complete their HCC season.

Guerin Catholic, ranked No. 9 in 2A, dropped a 2-0 game to 3A No. 11 Cathedral on Monday.

The Golden Eagles are 2-9-1 and play tonight at McCutcheon.

FOOTBALL

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11th matchup in their history. The Blackhawks won the first nine before Taylor edged out the Titans in the pouring rain last year, 12-11.

Week 1 saw the Hawks come back on the road to defeat Greenwood Christian 32-29, but they were upended in their home opener to Alexandria, 54-14.

After no game three weeks ago with Tri-Central forfeiting its season, Sheridan took it out on Hoosier Heartland Conference rivals Clinton Central (40-0) and Clinton Prairie (40-6) in its last two games.

Junior Hayden Alexander leads a three-headed rushing game with 384

yards on just 23 carries for 16.7 per carry and five TDs. Seniors Alex Cravens (371) and Jon Barnes (292) have combined for 83 carries and 10 touchdowns.

Brody Heck and Jalen Dunbar are tied for the team leader in tackles with 26 each. Dunbar has three sacks and a fumble recovery. Heck and Alexander each have two interceptions.

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Carmel gets sectional triumph at Pebble Brook



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The Carmel girls golf team won the Guerin Catholic sectional on Monday, which took place at Pebble Brook Golf Club. The Greyhounds scored 289, followed by Westfield with 303 and Guerin Catholic with 343. All three teams advance to the Lafayette Jefferson regional, which takes place Saturday at Battleground Golf Club.

Unified Flag Football pairings announced

The REPORTER

The IHSAA released the pairings for its Unified Flag Football sectional tournaments on Monday.

A total of 46 teams, including six from Hamilton County will play in the eight sectionals across the state. Hamilton Heights will host a seven-team sectional, with action starting on Saturday, Oct. 4.

The first game will see Fishers take on Carmel at 10 a.m., followed by two games starting at 11:15 a.m. Lawrence Central plays Hamilton Southeastern, while Warren Central takes on Hamilton Heights, with the winners facing off in the semifinals.

Noblesville got the bye and will play Fishers or Carmel in the other semi-

final. Both semifinal games begin at 12:30 p.m., with the winners advancing to the 2:15 p.m. championship game.

Westfield will play at the McCutcheon sectional, which also consists of seven teams. The Shamrocks take on Pike in a 2 p.m. first-round game, with the winner advancing to the semifinals to play the winner of

a first-round game between Zionsville and Twin Lakes. That semifinal will be the second semifinal game and start at 5 p.m.

Harrison and Blackford will play a first-round game, and the winner will take on McCutcheon in the first semifinal, which starts at 3:30 p.m. The semifinal winners play in the 6:30 p.m. championship game.

Special Olympics Indiana fall championships continue Sunday at Grand Park

The REPORTER

Special Olympics Indiana continues its fall competition schedule Sunday, Sept. 28, with EKS Weekend at Grand Park in Westfield. State championships for cornhole, distance run/walk, flag football, and soccer will take place at the Events Center on the north side of the Grand Park campus.

The event is named in honor of Special Olympics founder Eunice Kennedy Shriver.

Competition begins at 9:15 a.m. with a lunch break from noon to 1 p.m. Afternoon competition is scheduled to end at 4 p.m. Distance run/walk will only take place in the morning. The other three sports will continue throughout the day.

More than 2,700 athletes and Unified partners will take part in the eight cham-



Special Olympics Indiana

ampionship tournaments this fall. The others are:

- Equestrian. Results are [here](#).

- Softball and Golf. Results are [here](#).

- Unified volleyball, Nov. 15 at The Academy Volleyball Club in Indianapolis.

Admission to all events is free. Media members are welcome to attend. Schedules and results are available at soindiana.org/fall-games.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Sept. 24

GIRLS SOCCER

- Rossville at Sheridan, 5:30 p.m.
- Avon at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.
- Brownsburg at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.
- Carmel at Plainfield, 7:30 p.m.
- Guerin Catholic at McCutcheon, 7:30 p.m.
- Hamilton Southeastern at Zionsville, 7:45 p.m.

TENNIS

- Cathedral at Hamilton Southeastern, 5 p.m.
- Lebanon at Hamilton Heights, 5 p.m.
- Zionsville at Guerin Catholic, 5 p.m.
- Noblesville at University, 5:30 p.m.
- Plainfield at Carmel, 5:30 p.m.

UNIFIED FLAG FOOTBALL

- Avon at Fishers, 6:30 p.m.
- Carmel at Mooresville, 6:30 p.m.
- Hamilton Southeastern at Zionsville, 6:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

- University at Speedway, 6:30 p.m.
- Westfield at Brownsburg, 6:30 p.m.
- Carmel at Noblesville, 7 p.m.
- Hamilton Heights at Lapel, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 25

BOYS SOCCER

- Greenwood Christian Academy at University, 5:30 p.m.
- Sheridan at Eastern, 5:30 p.m.
- Hamilton Heights at Western, 7 p.m.
- Carmel at New Palestine, 7:30 p.m.
- Center Grove at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.
- Harrison at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

- University at Western Boone, 5:30 p.m.
- Hoosier Conference tournament, 6 p.m.

TENNIS

- Western Boone at University, 4:30 p.m.
- Carmel at Center Grove, 5:30 p.m.
- Westfield at Plainfield, 6 p.m.

UNIFIED FLAG FOOTBALL

- Brownsburg at Westfield, 6 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

- North Central at Guerin Catholic, 6:30 p.m.
- Hamilton Heights at Pendleton Heights, 7 p.m.
- Lapel at Sheridan, 7 p.m.
- Fishers at Avon, 7:30 p.m.
- Franklin Central at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.
- Hamilton Southeastern at Zionsville, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 26

FOOTBALL

- Avon at Fishers, 7 p.m.
- Bishop Chatard at Guerin Catholic, 7 p.m.
- Brownsburg at Westfield, 7 p.m.
- Hamilton Southeastern at Zionsville, 7 p.m.
- Logansport at Hamilton Heights, 7 p.m.
- Noblesville at Franklin Central, 7 p.m.
- North Central at Carmel, 7 p.m.
- Sheridan at Taylor, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 27

BOYS SOCCER

- Hamilton Heights at University, 11:30 a.m.
- McCutcheon at Fishers, 11:30 a.m.
- Westfield at Plainfield, 11:30 a.m.
- Guerin Catholic at Yorktown, noon

CROSS COUNTRY

- Pioneer Conference meet, 8:30 a.m. at Indiana University-East
- Circle City Conference meet, 9 a.m. at Brebeuf Jesuit
- Hamilton Heights at New Haven Classic, 9 a.m.
- Hoosier Crossroads Conference meet, 9:30 a.m. at Brownsburg

GIRLS SOCCER

- Hoosier Conference tournament, 11 a.m.
- Carmel at Zionsville, 11:30 a.m.
- Penn at Noblesville, 11:30 a.m.
- Crown Point at Westfield, 12:30 p.m.
- South Bend St. Joseph at Guerin Catholic, 2:30 p.m.

GOLF REGIONALS

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

TENNIS

- Fishers at Brebeuf Jesuit, 10 a.m.

UNIFIED FLAG FOOTBALL

- Westfield at Carmel, 10 a.m.

VOLLEYBALL

- Fishers at Warsaw Invitational, 9 a.m.
- Guerin Catholic at Clinton Central Invitational, 9 a.m.
- Hamilton Heights at Plainfield Invitational, 9 a.m.
- University at Pioneer Conference tournament, 9 a.m.
- Hamilton Southeastern at Crown Point Invitational, 10 a.m.
- Noblesville at Yorktown 3-Team, 10 a.m.

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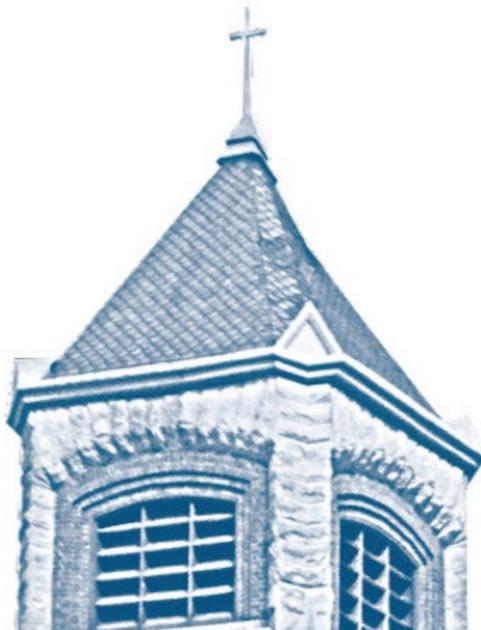
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