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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Partly to mostly sunny.  
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## With a rebel yell, Carmel Fire cried Mo Mo Mo(vember)!

By **TIM GRIFFIN**  
 Carmel Fire Department

The Carmel Fire Department invites you to join our November press conference at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 1 at the *Everyone Deserves Their Morning Sun* roundabout at the intersection of North Range Line Road/Lowes Way/Clay Terrace Boulevard to kick off the November campaign.

November speaks to the health of the fire service like no other month. November, with the slogan "No Shave November," generates awareness about men's health issues, specifically to prostate/testicular cancer and mental health. Firemen are famous for their mustaches, so this cause fits the fire service like a glove. Across Carmel's fire stations facial hair becomes more than a tradition – it's a conversation starter – opening the door



Photos provided by Carmel Fire Department

Deck the faces with moustaches, fa la la la, la la men's health.

to important, and often difficult health conversations. Those small exchanges can help break down barriers around topics that men often keep too private.

According to the International Association of Firefight-

ers, occupational cancer is the leading cause of death among firefighters. In a career field that is 96 percent male, it is apparent why November is a cause that is of paramount importance. Men are dying too

young from this health crisis. The fire service cannot continue without confronting these issues and bringing conversations to the forefront.

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## The Figurelli Family: a small farm making a big impact

Dear readers – I'm breaking away from my usual column to share an incredible story about a small family farm in Noblesville that's making a tremendous difference. I hope you enjoy it!

COLUMNIST



AMY SHANKLAND  
*Perfectly Imperfect*

Heather and Jeff Figurelli's farm may only be 11 acres, but it's already made a big impact in its three short years of existence. Their story started thanks to Heather's love of gardening, pigs, and her family's farming history.

"Our middle child, Tommy, also likes pigs," Heather said. "We visited Oinking Acres in Brownsburg and fell madly in love with it."

The family continued to enjoy Oinking Acres and found a sense of peace unlike any other, especially for Heather, who had recently lost her mother to brain cancer. This led to a strong desire to own a pig of their own. However, they lived in a subdivision in Fishers at the time. Heather had educated her HOA about native plants and had reached her limit with them on their property.

Eventually, the couple began to consider looking for their own piece of land, one they could gradually convert to native plantings that would also nurture small farm animals. In the spring of 2022, they searched and found a property for sale on Atlantic Road in Noblesville. Heather believes her mother's spirit guided them to it.

"It was just barren farmland with nothing on it," Jeff said. "We put in an offer and drew up a plan of native beds and spaces for animals."

As their house and property began to take shape later that summer, the couple would visit the land and have a picnic with their three children, Alexis, Tommy, and Joey. Tommy, now age 9, shared that, "It was the most peaceful part of my entire life."

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## County leaders celebrate opening of new crisis stabilization facility

*Rely Center offers immediate behavioral health support for residents*

The REPORTER

Hamilton County officials, healthcare partners, and community leaders gathered Wednesday, Oct. 22 to celebrate the grand opening of the new Rely Center, a 23-hour crisis stabilization facility designed to provide urgent mental health, substance use, and psychiatric care close to home.

Located on the Aspire Indiana Health campus in Noblesville, the Rely Center will serve as a first-of-its-kind access point in Hamilton County for individuals experiencing behavioral health emergencies. The center offers rapid triage, assessment, stabilization, and observation services, connecting patients to longer-term treatment and community support.

"This center is a game chang-

er," said County Councilor and retired Judge Steve Nation, who has championed the project for years. "Too many people in our courts and jails are there not because they're criminals, but because they're in crisis. The Rely Center offers a better way – one focused on treatment, not incarceration."

The Rely Center is operated by Aspire Indiana Health and supported by a broad coalition including Riverview Health, the Hamilton County Health Department, the Hamilton County Council on Alcohol & Other Drugs, and MindWell Solutions.

Aspire Indiana Health President & CEO Antony Sheehan emphasized the importance of access to immediate, compassionate care.

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(From left) Commissioner Christine Altman, Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt, Councilman Steve Nation, and Aspire VP of Service Access Vanessa Pataky cut the ribbon on the Rely Center, located at the Aspire Indiana Health campus in Noblesville.

## Local Lions & Feeding Team serve hundreds with help of Gleaners



Photo provided by Lisa Dick, Noblesville Lions Club

On Saturday, Oct. 11, the Noblesville and Westfield Lions clubs and The Feeding Team passed out food from Gleaners Food Bank. Altogether, the Lions served 106 families, or about 500 people.

## Ivy Tech Foundation celebrates 10 years of making an impact

The REPORTER

For 10 years, Circle of Ivy – Ivy Tech Foundation's philanthropic membership group – has focused on raising funds that drive student success across the College's 19 Indiana campuses.

On Oct. 10, Circle of Ivy members and leaders from the College came together at Newfields in Indianapolis to celebrate a decade of progress while looking ahead at ways to help propel students' futures.

Since 2015, more than 2,000 supporters have raised \$1.4 million – funding more than 600 projects that build opportunities and diminish barriers to higher education. Funds contribute to emergency needs, educational opportunities abroad, instructional support with classroom technology and textbooks, and other critical programs.

This year, Circle of Ivy will award more than \$240,000 that will fund more than 80 projects.

"Philanthropists who make up Circle of Ivy leave a footprint on Hoosier communities that will last for decades to come," Ivy Tech President Dr. Marty Pollio said. "From equipping students with resources for workforce readiness to eliminating obstacles for student success, Circle of Ivy removes barriers and opens doors for our students. Their support makes all the difference for our students."

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Mo Mo Mo

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Men are dying too young from preventable or treatable illnesses. Promoting early detection, screenings and open dialogue about physical and mental health is critical to protecting firefighters, their families, and their futures.

This year marks the third year of Carmel’s Movember campaign and it will again center around one of the most recognizable public art pieces: *Everyone Deserves Their Morning Sun* by artist Brad Howe. “I am very proud of this piece,” Howe said. “I’m honored and delighted that it will be used for such an important campaign.”

Located in one of Carmel’s iconic roundabouts, *Morning Sun*, with its rounded, rising shape, represents resilience and renewal, just like the sun that shines after every storm. Throughout November, it will once again become a symbol of remembrance, support and victory for men’s health.

Every \$5 donation to Movember will go toward placement of a blue flag in the center of the roundabout. Each flag will represent a survivor, a loved one, or a

supporter, creating a powerful visual tribute to unity and shared courage.

The goal is to fill the roundabout with flags that signify stories of triumph over the health challenges Movember seeks to confront. Together they will remind the community that overcoming these battles is not just a personal victory but a collective one.

With *Morning Sun* at the center of this movement, the Carmel Fire Department’s goal is to make it a beloved and meaningful site throughout November and beyond – a place that embodies resilience, community and unstoppable spirit of those who fight for better health outcomes for men.

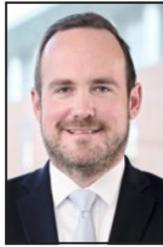
Please join us to kickoff Movember at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 1 at the *Morning Sun* roundabout, serving as both a celebration and a time for reflection – a moment of inspiration that will help Carmel shine brighter and stand united in the fight for men’s health.

Click or scan the QR code to make a donation to the Carmel Fire Department’s Movember campaign.



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Hyatt

“When someone is at their breaking point, they shouldn’t have to travel out of county or wait days for help,” he said. “Today, Hamilton County opens a door to healing, hope, and recovery.”

Riverview Health President & CEO David Hyatt added that the center will also reduce pressure on hospital emergency rooms.

“This specialized environment ensures people in crisis receive the right care at the right time, freeing

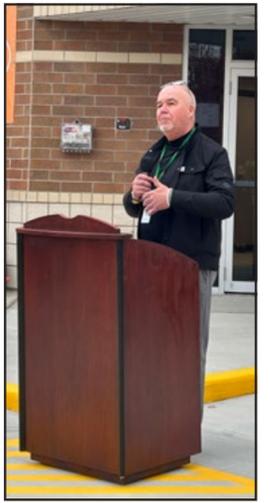
up hospital resources for other emergencies,” he said.

The \$3.5 million facility was funded in part by the Hamilton County Council and Commissioners and is open to all residents, no appointment or referral required. In addition to immediate stabilization services, the Rely Center will connect individuals with housing, employment, and other long-term supports aimed at building healthier and more stable lives.



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County Councilman Steve Nation emphasized that The Rely Center offers a better way – one focused on treatment, not incarceration.



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(RIGHT) Aspire Indiana Health President & CEO Antony Sheehan address the crowd.

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IVY TECH

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Lucy Keller, Circle of Ivy Founding Member and Hamilton County Circle of Ivy member.

Founded 10 years ago by 13 passionate individuals, Circle of Ivy has statewide reach with a focus on the needs at 19 campuses. Programs funded have a positive impact on students who attend Ivy Tech, Indiana’s largest open-access postsecondary institution and workforce engine. In the inaugural year, Circle of Ivy raised \$37,980 and welcomed 132 members. By 2022, \$1.1 million had been raised. Since that time, more than \$1.4 million has been raised to support Ivy Tech students.

“When passionate people come together with purpose, the impact echoes far beyond the moment. It shapes futures,” said Lucy Keller, Circle of Ivy Founding Member and Hamilton County Circle of Ivy member. “That’s what those 13 leaders did. They dreamed big and left a lasting legacy that has changed countless lives.”

This year’s in-person celebration – the first since before the pandemic in 2020 – was called “Honoring the Past and Propelling the Future.” Members from across the state had the chance to connect with one another, and together, shape Ivy Tech students’ futures.

“Circle of Ivy exemplifies the power of community and purpose,” said Dr. Rachel Kartz, Chancellor of Ivy Tech Hamilton County and Circle of Ivy member. “Since 2021, when we

came a full-service campus, our members have removed barriers to education and created opportunities for success by awarding more than \$56,000 to 22 projects. Their commitment ensures that Ivy Tech continues to be a place where students can thrive, dream big, and shape the future of Indiana.”

More than four out of five Ivy Tech graduates stay in the Hoosier State to pursue their careers, and Ivy Tech contributes nearly \$4 billion annually to Indiana’s economy. Today, 87 percent of people who graduate from Ivy Tech do so without the burden of student debt. To learn more about Circle of Ivy and join as a member, please visit [ivytech.edu/circleofivy](http://ivytech.edu/circleofivy).

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# FIG'S FARM

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They learned about the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and the local USDA after experiencing issues when they planted 100 saplings. Thanks to their guidance, Jeff and Heather hired a company to plant native prairie, who seeded part of their property in the fall of 2022. The prairie is on the existing county drain tile at the back of their farm. They did no-till seeding of three acres, with 13 forbs and six grasses.

Finally, in March of 2023, the family moved to what they affectionately call “Fig’s Farm.”

Fig’s Farm is a feast for the senses. It features native beds; rescue animals including chickens, mini pigs, bunnies, geese, ducks, and turkeys; a sledding hill; native trees; and a pond.

“We keep adding where we can,” said Heather. “We tried to put wet native plants in with 50 to 60 plugs, but the geese ripped them up.”

True to the “sleep, creep, leap” concept of native plants, the family was thrilled to see how much their efforts have paid off in 2025.

“This year was the coolest! We have massive amounts of dragonflies and butterflies, tons of frogs ... our pond is stocked, and we see heron and egrets fly in all the time,” Heather shared.

While Heather knew she came from a family of farmers, she didn’t realize that her maternal grandfather used similar practices on his larger farm in Perry County.

“He was innovative with farming, using no-till and water conservation practices,” she said.

In fact, her grandfather, Justine Etienne, was the

Perry County Conservationist of the Year in 1979 and a Master Farm Conservationist in 1992. According to a November 1992 issue of *Prairie Farmer*, his no-till results spurred widespread adoption. His sons, who inherited and worked the farm later, used those same practices.

The family awards continue to this day. Jeff and Heather were honored at the State Fair in 2025 with the River Friendly Farmer Award for Hamilton County.

“This was the same award my uncles won in 2007 for Perry County,” Heather said.

Jeff and Heather shared that they were surrounded by large family farms at the ceremony and “almost felt guilty.” However, Heather’s work friend reminded her that they were standing on generations.

“She pointed out that we’re creating our generation and legacy from scratch,” Heather stated.

Their daughter, Alexis, age 11, even won the SWCD photo contest in her age group last summer.

The Hamilton County SWCD has been a crucial partner for the Figurellis from the beginning. Together with the USDA, the SWCD helped them with erosion issues around their pond. The entire office toured Fig’s Farm last spring. Jeff and Heather buy native plants and trees during the SWCD’s sale each year.

“I feel like what they’re doing is an awesome example. I wish more people knew about them,” Heather shared. “If we can do this, other people can.”

Fig’s Farm goes beyond their own family by having

a farm stand that serves as an educational project for kids; hosting Girl Scout groups; and even helping Oinking Acres by donating a memorial garden for pigs who can’t be saved. Heather plans to continue giving her time to Oinking Acres.

Jeff and Heather share their practices on their Facebook page, Fig’s Farm. Their former neighbors in Fishers were inspired thanks to Facebook and now plant natives.

“Everybody has been supportive,” Jeff said. “We have so many friends that come over because they find it peaceful and amazing. Kids come out to learn about animal rescue and native plants. We’ve made friends through our farm stand.”

The couple loves watching their children play on their property along with friends. They run through the prairies, interact with the animals, and enjoy being out in nature.

Heather and Jeff will continue to expand their practices. Plans include a berm around their pond, re-seeding a low spot on their property that geese had destroyed, expanding their beds, buying shrubs from the SWCD fall sale to surround their pool, and creating a diverse winter habitat for birds and other animals. They’ll also do winter sowing to yield little starts of plants for springtime.

Their front yard will eventually be all native, and their prairie is growing on its own thanks to seeds blowing over from the wind.

“My goal is to get a small grower nursery license,” Heather said. “I’d like to help HOA’s accept more natives, such as prairie smoke, which is a small-



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(ABOVE) Fig’s Farm at sunset. (BELOW) The Figurellis love their farm and helping to educate others. (Front) Joey; (center) Tommy, Heather, and Alexis; and (back) Jeff.



er plant.”

The couple is certainly busy, since Heather works full-time as a gastroenterologist, while Jeff is a stay-at-home dad/farm/house manager. Both believe that Fig’s Farm will be their legacy.

“When we started, we wanted it just for us. Now, we educate people,” Jeff said. “If just one person can rethink about what they plan in their yard, we’re making a difference.”

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# Lace up for the holidays

The Ice at Carter Green returns to Carmel Nov. 22

**The REPORTER**

Get ready to lace up your skates and step into a winter wonderland. The Ice at Carter Green, sponsored by Allied Solutions, is set to kick off the 2025-26 season on Saturday, Nov. 22, bringing the sparkle of the holidays to Carmel.

**Tickets are on sale now** for this local wintertime favorite event. To guarantee your spot on the ice and beat the holiday rush, be sure to purchase your tickets in advance.

Popular weekend and evening slots will fill up quickly, and only a limited number of tickets will be available for sale onsite. Secure your spot before the season even begins.

The Ice is open for regular sessions (except for special events noted on the calendar) during the follow-



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ing hours, perfect for holiday outings, family fun or a festive date night:

**2025-26 Schedule**  
Nov. 22, 2025 to Feb. 1, 2026

- Wednesdays and Thursdays: 4 to 9 p.m.
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- Sundays: 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
  - Closed Thanksgiving (Nov. 27) and Christmas Day
  - Limited hours on Christmas Eve: 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- The Ice is closed most

Mondays and Tuesdays for private rentals. For more information about rentals, contact Kenna Dishmond at [kdishmond@carmel.in.gov](mailto:kdishmond@carmel.in.gov).

Learn more (and grab those tickets!) at [TheIceAtCarterGreen.com/tickets](http://TheIceAtCarterGreen.com/tickets).

## From the desk of Hamilton Heights Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood

**Update No. 158**

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a restful and rejuvenating fall break.

As we dive into the second nine weeks, it's great to see our students back in action – refreshed and ready to learn. There's a lot to look forward to in the weeks ahead, and we're excited to keep the momentum going together.

This week marks National School Bus Safety Week, serving as a timely reminder for all motorists to slow down, stay alert, and exercise caution when approaching school buses in our community. While school buses remain one of the safest modes of transportation for students, accidents and injuries can occur when drivers disregard flashing lights or fail to stop for extended stop

**COLUMNIST**



DR. DEREK ARROWOOD  
Heights Superintendent

arms. Your attentiveness behind the wheel helps protect lives.

As we spotlight bus safety, I want to extend heartfelt thanks to our exceptional team of school bus drivers. These professionals navigate thousands of miles each year often through challenging weather and unpredictable traffic to ensure our students arrive safely at school and school-sponsored events. Their dedication, vigilance, and care for the children entrusted to us do not go unnoticed. They are the quiet heroes of our daily routines, and we are deeply grateful for their service.

Thank you for helping us keep safety a priority on the road and in our schools.

For a ghoulish good time for the whole fami-

ly, Hamilton Heights High School FFA is hosting its annual **Trunk or Treat** on Tuesday, Oct. 28 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the high school parking lot.

At the same time, just steps away inside the high school, the HHS theatre arts class will transform the stage into a spine-tingling **Haunted Auditorium**. Open to the public (\$1 per person) this immersive experience is geared toward older audiences and includes blood, gore, and jump scares galore!

On Tuesday, Nov. 11, Hamilton Heights Elementary School will host its annual Veteran's Day celebration beginning at 9:30 a.m. We are looking for veterans (active members or retired) to read a veteran's book in Kindergarten through second-grade classrooms before the program (books will be provided). Our students in third and fourth

grade will be attending our Veteran's Day program following the book reading.

If you have a son, daughter, grandchild or any loved one and would be willing to come read to a class, complete this google form [here](#).

*Note: Readers will need to have an active school background check on file. Background checks can be accomplished through the link [here](#).*

In addition, HHES staff are creating a video with pictures of loved ones currently serving or have served in a branch of the military as part of the program. If you would like your loved one to be included, send an email with the veteran's name, branch of the military, years of service, and name of student or staff member in which you they are related to [HHES-veteransdaypictures@gmail.com](mailto:HHES-veteransdaypictures@gmail.com) by Nov. 5.

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*Letter to the Editor*

### Reader wonders where is the king protestors speak of

Dear Editor:

As I have discussed previously, there is a great divide in our country presently. One side seems to really be struggling to know what to do. Their politicians stand against getting anything done until they are salvaged by the passing of spending bills which they think will make their base proud and happy enough to vote for their party in 2026.

That's politics for you.

Their base proudly floods the streets with a misguided effort to show us that they don't want President Trump to be their King – which is certainly not something he is trying to be. And even if 7 million people hit the streets – that is hardly a strong movement against the president when compared to his millions of supporters. And I question any actual gains that the demonstrations brought to their cause.

On top of that is the unrest aimed at stopping the lawful deportation of illegal immigrants who came in by the millions during the previous administration, the worst of whom brought with them a wave of drugs, gangs, and crime.

Conversely, the other side waits in a fairly quiet manner – no marching, no demonstrations, their politicians taking advantage of the governmental lull – trimming funds and work forces as per the DOGE findings of earlier this year.

So why are we at this juncture? To my mind, the Libs just plainly will not ever be happy until Trump has completed his term. (Some of them wouldn't mind if that happened through his death.) The politicians of liberal ilk are trying to show their base that they are up for the fight, that they will not allow the President any advantage, even if it means doing nothing and gaining nothing. The base's actions seem suspicious at times in the manner of organization and deployment – seemingly there is an outside force which is monetarily stepping up to cover the expenses necessary to make these insane shows of resistance happen.

Also in play is the ever present liberal news media – highlighting only what is advantageous to their side. It has been noted that even with all this “beneficial” media coverage – there is little if any positive result in the Dems' dismal poll numbers.

It all gets very tiresome. The show of displeasure by the masses is so clumsy, so ridiculous at times.

I ask you: how can you rail against something such as a kingship when there is none? How can you oppose the quashing of violent street demonstrations that endanger federal officers or of immigrant criminals who endanger American citizens?

None of this seems to matter to the liberal side, and to me it makes no sense at all.

**Morris Bedlam**  
Noblesville

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# Sheridan Elementary School’s Wilderness Club visits McCormick’s Creek State Park



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On Oct. 10, the Sheridan Elementary School Wilderness Club visited the well-loved McCormick’s Creek State Park in Owen County. Five students attended this excursion as they hiked Wolf Cave. This strenuous two-mile round-trip trail was beautiful, and these young explorers were brave enough to make it all the way through. While at McCormick’s Creek, students were also able to enjoy the playground and the Nature Center. Inside the center, students were able to learn about the history of the area as well get a sneak peek into some other aspects of the park. “It was a great day with beautiful weather!” Club Sponsor Michelle Ells said. “We are looking forward to another field trip on November 1 to Prophetstown State Park.”

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## Celebrate life, creativity & community at Noblesville Creates’ Day of the Dead celebration

**Submitted**  
Noblesville Creates invites the community to join its colorful and creative Day of the Dead celebration from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1 on the Noblesville Creates on 8th campus. This festive event honors the memory of friends and family members who have

passed while celebrating life, art, and community. Rooted in ancient Mexican traditions, Day of the Dead is a vibrant holiday filled with music, food, and artistry. Noblesville Creates’ version amplifies the artistic aspects of the celebration, offering a fun and engaging experience for the young and young at heart. This year’s highlights include:

- **Food Vendors**
  - Tex Mex: Enjoy tamales, esquites, churros, fruit water, and Mexican candy.
  - Heydi’s Fruit Bar: Savor fresh fruit with chili, candy apples, and more.
- **Art Market:** Browse and purchase unique works from local artists! This event is a unique opportunity to experience local culture through art. Discover talented makers and artists as they share their cultural traditions through the pieces they create. It’s the perfect chance to shop for one-of-a-kind items while enjoying a fun, family-friendly outing.
- **Live music:** Performances by Mariachi Solo.

- **Face painting:** Fun for all ages. \$10 per person.
- **Ofrenda:** Arts Community Ofrenda.
- **Hands-on craft activities:** Engage in Mexican-inspired crafts like Wax Resist Calavera Paintings, Alebrije Paper Creatures, and more. Each activity will be \$5.
- **Costumes encouraged:** Bring your creativity and dress in festive attire. Families will have the opportunity to explore Mexican art and culture through interactive experiences, traditional treats, music, and crafts. With food, music, and hands-on activities, this artsy spin on the popular holiday ensures a memorable experience for all. Local businesses and organizations interested in participating as sponsors or partners are encouraged to contact Noblesville Creates Executive Director Aili McGill at [amegill@noblesvillecreates.org](mailto:amegill@noblesvillecreates.org). For more information, visit [noblesvillecreates.org/dayofthedead](http://noblesvillecreates.org/dayofthedead).



## HEIGHTS

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Hamilton Heights Middle School students are welcome to invite a veteran they know (family, friend, neighbor, etc.) to school for its annual Veteran’s Day luncheon in Media Center on Tuesday, Nov. 11. Students can eat with their

invited guest who need to complete [this form](#) by Friday, Oct. 24. We are deeply grateful to our veterans for their selfless service, steadfast courage, and enduring commitment to our nation. #WeAreHuskies



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**THE REPORTER**

# Last-minute information on Carmel’s Diwali celebration

**The REPORTER**

Everyone is encouraged to attend the second annual Diwali Festival of Lights set for 5 to 9 p.m. tonight, Oct. 23 at Carter Green in Carmel.

[Click here](#) to see a detailed map.

Due to the anticipated attendance, the Diwali Committee has worked with city officials to provide dedicated parking and transportation options.

**Parking & Transportation**

**Park & walk from**

**Carmel United Methodist Church**

Thank you to Carmel United Methodist Church, 621 S. Range Line Road, for permitting use of the church parking lot. This location is conveniently located in walking distance from the festival.

**Bike parking**

Ride your bike to Diwali. Look for the temporary bike racks on the northeast corner of Carter Green, west of the Monon Greenway.

Remember that the Monon is closed at the tunnel under City Center Drive. (See more closure information below.)

**Road closures**

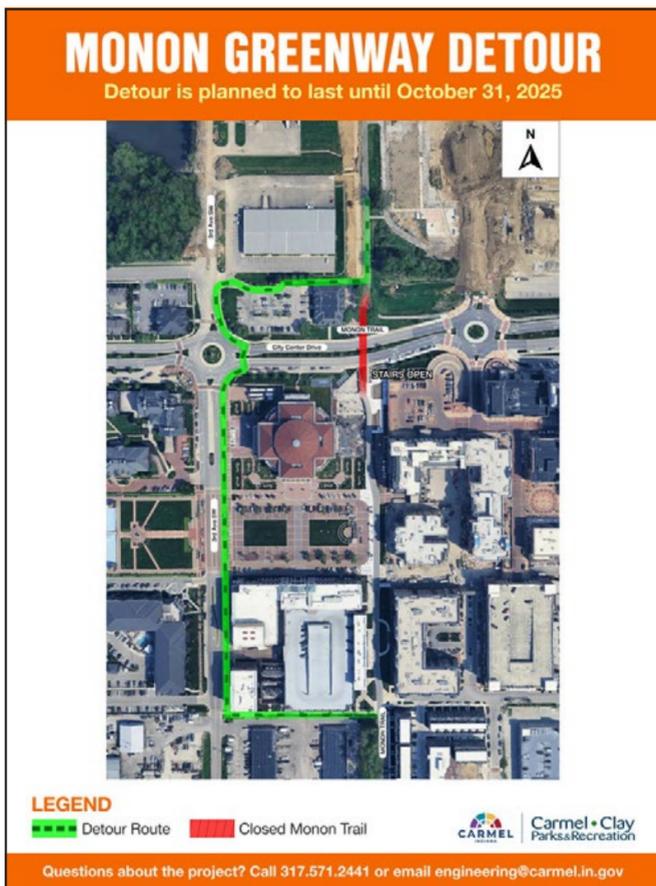
**3rd Avenue SW**

From 4 to 9:30 p.m. today, Oct. 23, the southbound lane of 3rd Avenue SW will be closed to vehicular traffic.

The northbound lane of 3rd Avenue SW will be open to vehicles.

**Monon Greenway under City Center Drive**

If you plan to walk or ride your bike to the event, please note that Phase 3 of the Monon Boulevard expansion requires the closure of the Monon Greenway at the tunnel under City Center Drive.



Graphic provided by City of Carmel

# HOPE Family Care Center to present free Medicare workshop

**Submitted**

You are invited to attend a free Medicare workshop from 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28 at Cicero Christian Church, Room 107, 1715 Stringtown Pike.

Join HOPE and “Medicare Mama” Sylvia Gordon, a Medicare expert and national speaker with The Medicare Family in Noblesville, to learn everything you need to

know about Medicare, Social Security, and more. Whether you are already enrolled and receiving benefits, or just starting to think about them, this workshop is for you.

There is no cost to attend and walk-ins on the day of the event are welcome. For more information, visit HOPE Family Care Center on Facebook or go to [hope-familycare.org](http://hope-familycare.org).

# CCPR’s Extended School Enrichment Students shine during Lights on Afterschool celebration

**The REPORTER**

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR)’s Extended School Enrichment (ESE) students will join thousands in celebrating Lights on Afterschool today, Oct. 23. Hosted by the Afterschool Alliance, this annual event shines a light on the vital role afterschool programs play in helping students grow both personally and academically.

“Our program gives students a place to learn, create and connect after school,” ESE Director Jennifer Brown said. “We’re proud to provide these opportunities while giving parents and caregivers peace of mind knowing their children are safe and supported.”

Since its founding in

2000, Lights on Afterschool has brought together families, educators and communities nationwide to celebrate programs that keep kids safe, inspire them to learn and support working families.

ESE has provided afterschool care for the Carmel Clay community for nearly 20 years. Through its partnership with Carmel Clay Schools, CCPR offers ESE at 11 elementary schools across Carmel. Each day, students explore a variety of clubs and activities – ranging from STEM and art to sports and other hands-on activities – that encourage curiosity and lifelong learning.

For more information or to enroll in ESE, visit [carmelclayparks.com/ese](http://carmelclayparks.com/ese).



Photo provided by Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation

# Indiana’s trick-or-treaters have 35 percent chance of getting candy corn

**Submitted**

The Action Network uncovered the odds for what candy trick-or-treaters will get on Halloween.

Trick-or-treaters have a 22.52 percent chance of receiving candy corn. However, kids in some states are far more likely to receive the controversial candy corn than others.

Trick-or-treaters in Indiana have 35 percent odds of

receiving candy corn, compared to the national average of 22 percent. Indiana ranks No. 6 out of 50.

The Action Network’s analysis took into consideration candy sales, trick-or-treating habits, candy preferences, and population density to make this (and other) tasty discoveries.

**Fun findings**

- Mississippi trick-or-treaters are more likely to

receive candy corn (45.53 percent chances) than anywhere else in the country.

- 1.9 percent of unfortunate trick-or-treaters can expect to receive a toothbrush in their bucket.

- Hawaii is the state where trick-or-treaters are least likely to receive the dreaded candy corn, with odds of only 11.3 percent.

- A lot of trick or treaters, a whopping 66.83 per-

cent, will score Reese’s Peanut Butter Cup – talk about hitting the candy jackpot!

- Peanut M&Ms and Plain M&Ms are close runners-up, with 64.95 percent and 62.17 percent odds of ending up in your pumpkin and pillowcases.

You can view more about these findings, including the full list of candy odds [here](#).

Visit us online for more local news and sports!

# Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

## Hero Hut Harvest Celebration 11/22 For Military, Veterans, First Responders and their Families



Hero Hut is a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization with a mission to support and encourage Veterans of all generations to discover a civilian life defined by service and surrounded by community. By bringing together a diverse group of like-minded Veteran serving organizations we seek to create a welcoming, relaxed place for Veterans to learn about the services and opportunities available to them, build relationships and forge a connection to their local community. In conjunction with that, we take pride in Honoring others that serve our communities in a variety of fashions, including first responders, volunteers and nonprofits.

On November 22, 2025, from 3-7pm at the Wild Blackberry Farms, 10728 South 700 West Fortville, IN. Hero Hut will host their first annual Harvest Celebration so they may continue to Honor and serve our Military Veteran and First Responder Community. This celebration will include free food/BBQ, live music, Veteran resources and a silent auction to help raise funds. Everyone needs to go here to register and get your tickets - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hero-hut-harvest-celebration-tickets-1590524364189?aff=oddtcreator>. Veterans, First Responders and their families are free to enter while everyone else will purchase their tickets... plus, we may all follow our heart to make a kind donation so we may continue to serve our community.

**Community** drives us towards a sense of belonging and being a part of something bigger than ourselves. It allows us to connect and be there for each other. Community enables a group to share resources, help those in need, and collectively accomplish or overcome obstacles that would otherwise be more challenging alone. **Collaboration** We believe in promoting our partner Veteran Support Organizations because together we can make a lasting change on many of the issues plaguing the veteran community. **Service** for veterans does not have to stop after the military. It can and should continue after the transition to civilian life. Service is a contributing factor to being a part of something bigger than ourselves and key to community. **Respect** We value professionalism in all our efforts, from fundraising to volunteering at local events. Living by the golden rule of treating others how we want to be treated, **Humility** We strive to tackle Veteran issues by reaching out to the strengths of our partners and feedback from our communities. We are a part of a larger mission that is shared amongst many other organizations and without those organizations, we cannot succeed, regardless of our own.

respect is essential in establishing and maintaining a supportive environment for our veterans and volunteers. **Humility** We strive to tackle Veteran issues by reaching out to the strengths of our partners and feedback from our communities. We are a part of a larger mission that is shared amongst many other organizations and without those organizations, we cannot succeed, regardless of our own.

### 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>  
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**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](mailto:secretary@hamiltoncountyveterans.com)  
Meets 7pm the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday Monthly at the Fishers American Legion. Our website <https://www.hamiltoncountyveterans.com/> has 40 pages of resources for our Military Veteran community

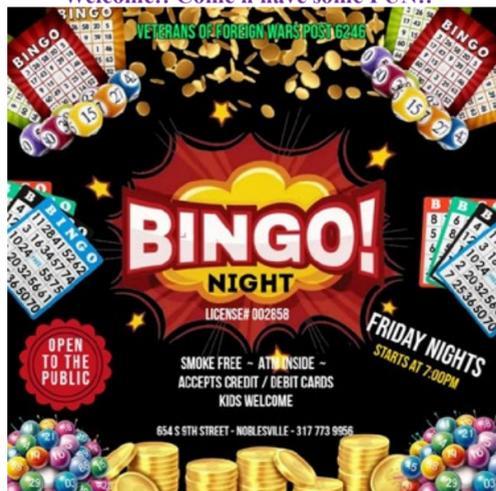
**Navy Club Hamilton County Ship 29**  
Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Wed 530pm dinner 630pm meeting at Gingers Cafe 1111 S 10<sup>th</sup> St Noblesville

**Stronger Veterans Stronger Communities Coalition**  
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**Noblesville VFW Friday Night Is Bingo Night and it starts at 7pm. Public and Kids are Welcome!! Come n have some FUN!!**



### Hamilton County Military Veteran Noblesville VFW Oct 25 KIDS Costume Party



### Carmel VFW Halloween Party Oct 31, 7pm-?



Veterans Day, Nov 11 from 5-9pm, at the Carmel American Legion, Cars 4 Heroes & Rescue Success will Give a Car to a Veteran at 5:45pm!! We will have music, a silent auction and plenty of ways to give back to those who served on this Veterans Day!

### Activities & Events

#### Carmel American Legion Oct 25 Costume Party

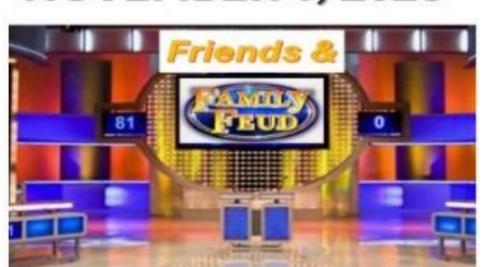


#### Sheridan American Legion Oct 25 Family Fun Day



#### Carmel American Legion Family Feud Game

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Noblesville VFW Polar Bear Supply Run – We Need Pajamas for the Indiana Veteran's Home

The 4TH Annual AVR POLAR BEAR SUPPLY RUN is currently collecting new PAJAMA PANTS for the 109 Veterans at the Indiana Veteran's Home of which 17 are Female Veterans. This is a great way to Thank THOSE WHO SERVED. Currently, AVR has 3 ways to help and it must be done between now and Christmas to give them time to receive the pajamas and deliver them Jan 3, 2026.

- [1] Tap below to the AMAZON WISH LIST website to search and purchase any Pajama Pants.
- [2] Locally purchase the PJ and bring it to the VFW in Noblesville Post 6246 at 654 S 9<sup>th</sup> St. Noblesville, In. or the Kokomo Post 1152.
- [3] Donate to AVR via PayPal: [AVRTRROOPS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:AVRTRROOPS@GMAIL.COM) <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1JIZV2E9ZDK78...>

Cicero American Legion Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 10am-4pm Vendor Fair & Bake Sale at the Red Bridge Park Community Center



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# 34<sup>th</sup> Heartland International Film Festival announces winners & presents \$60K in cash prizes

## The REPORTER

The 34th Heartland International Film Festival (HIFF) presented by Alamo Drafthouse Cinema at The Square ran Oct. 9 to 19 and showcased more than 100 films, including 19 World/U.S. Premieres, 27 regional premieres, 17 Special Presentations from major distributors and nine Indiana Spotlight films.

The festival’s Opening Night and Closing Night titles both played to sold-out crowds and received Audience Choice Awards. Opening Night film, **“Rental Family,”** directed by HIKARI from Searchlight Pictures won the Narrative Special Presentation Audience Choice Award. The Closing Night film, **“Nuremberg,”** directed by James Vanderbilt from Sony Pictures Classics received the Overall Narrative Audience Choice Award.

The festival presented more than \$60,000 in cash prizes to recipients at the Awards Party on Saturday, Oct. 18 at The Jazz Kitchen. **“Happy Birthday,”** directed by Sarah Goher, received the \$20,000 Narrative Feature Grand Prize, marking the first time that a husband and wife have separately directed films that have won the Narrative Grand Prize (Mohamed Diab, **“Cairo 678”** in 2012). It is also Egypt’s official entry for Best International Feature Film at the 98th Academy Awards®. **“Jimmy & The Demons,”** directed by Cindy Meehl, won the \$20,000 Documentary Feature Grand Prize. This documentary followed the 79-year-old artist Jimmy Grashow as he poured four years into

his magnum opus. Jimmy passed away in September of 2025. Film subject Lesley (Guzzy) Grashow, Jimmy’s widow, accepted the award during the presentation.

Audience Choice Award winners were announced on Monday, Oct. 20. James Vanderbilt’s **“Nuremberg”** from Sony Pictures Classics won the Overall Narrative Audience Choice Award, while the Overall Documentary Audience Choice Award went to World Premiere title **“Best Day Ever,”** directed by Ben Knight and Berne Broudy. Among major studio special presentation offerings, **“Rental Family”** from HIKARI and Searchlight Pictures earned the Narrative Special Presentation Audience Choice Award and **“John Candy: I Like Me,”** directed by Colin Hanks from Prime Video, was voted Documentary Special Presentation Audience Choice Award winner. The Heartland International Film Festival attendees also voted on winners in the categories of Narrative Official Selection, Documentary Official Selection, Indiana Spotlight and Horror.

“Congratulations to this year’s winners,” Artistic Director Greg Sorvig said. “Honoring such an international slate of powerful stories right here in the Heartland is truly an honor. I would like to thank every single storyteller who has spent the past 11 days with our audiences.”

Heartland Film has the distinct honor of being the only festival in the world sanctioned by the Stewart Family to present an award in honor of classic actor Jimmy Stewart. **“The**

**Eyes of Ghana,”** directed by Ben Proudfoot, received the \$5,000 Jimmy Stewart Legacy Award. This is Ben Proudfoot’s feature film debut after being an alumnus of the Indy Shorts International Film Festival with several short films, including Oscar®-winning documentaries **“The Last Repair Shop”** and **“The Queen of Basketball.”**

The Hoodox Indiana Spotlight Award goes to a film that highlights stories from the Hoosier state or created by filmmakers right here in Indiana. Director Andie Redwine accepted the \$2,000 Hoodox Indiana Spotlight Award for the world premiere documentary **“The Tenderness Tour.”** The film also went on to take home the Indiana Spotlight Audience Choice Award. Since 1989, Indianapolis native Richard D. Propes has traveled over 5,000 miles by wheelchair, raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for charities worldwide in his nationally-recognized effort known as the Tenderness Tour. A paraplegic/double amputee with spina bifida, Propes completed the 35th year of the acclaimed event last year. He is the founder and publisher of **TheIndependentCritic.com**, a member of the Indiana Film Journalists Association and the recipient of numerous honors, including the Sagamore of the Wabash.

Propes is also the namesake to two Heartland International Film Festival’s social impact awards. **“Comparsa,”** directed by Vickie Curtis & Doug Anderson, received the \$2,000 Richard D. Propes Documentary Social Impact



Photo provided by Heartland Film

Award. **“Shakti,”** directed by Nani Sahra Walker, received the \$2,000 Richard D. Propes Narrative Social Impact Award, as well as the \$2,500 Best Narrative Premiere Award.

**“Tight & Nerdy”** is another title that took home two honors. The documentary is a hilarious and unexpectedly moving portrait of the fearless women behind the world’s first (and only) burlesque tribute to **“Weird AI”** Yankovic. The film had its world premiere at HIFF in partnership with the Indy Dance Council who performed a **“nerdlesque”** routine before the screening. Directors Jeff Nucera and Jonathan Ruane attended the awards ceremony and received the \$2,000 Humor & Humanity Award. The film also received the Documentary Official Selection Audience Choice Award.

The Indiana Film Journalists Association (IFJA) announced its winner for best English language Special Presentation Narrative Feature. This year, the IFJA Award went to **“Blue**

**Moon,”** directed by Richard Linklater and starring Ethan Hawke, from Sony Pictures Classics.

On Saturday, Oct. 18, HIFF hosted the third annual **PitchDox Main Event** presented by Hoodox where five local documentary filmmakers presented their project ideas to a live audience for a chance to receive \$10,000 to complete their film. The \$10,000 Grand Prize went to **“Barbara Boyd: On Top of the World,”** directed by Manon Voice. Set in Indianapolis during the upheaval of the civil rights era, this documentary explores the groundbreaking career of Barbara Boyd, who became the first African American woman on-air in Indiana in 1969. This film also won the \$2,500 PitchDox Audience Choice Award.

The 2025 Heartland International Film Festival hosted screenings at Alamo Drafthouse Cinema at The Square, Indy Art Center, Living Room Theaters, Kan-Kan Cinema and Newfields. The festival theme,

**“Connect to What Matters,”** was inspired by the early days of the World Wide Web and excitement around connecting people and stories from all over the world. Attendees were encouraged to connect to new places, people and perspectives as they browsed through festival films. Festival photos can be viewed [here](#).

In 2023 and 2024, the festival made MovieMaker Magazine’s Top 25 Coolest Film Festivals in the World list. Audiences still have time to be a part of the festival. Select award-winning titles will also be available to stream through Sunday, Oct. 26 at [HeartlandFilm-Festival.org](#).

Heartland Film is a non-profit arts organization that runs the 11-day Heartland International Film Festival in October, the Academy Award®-Qualifying Indy Shorts International Film Festival in July and other year-round programs. More information about the festivals and programming can be found at [Heartland-Film.org](#).



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## If you really want to, now you can walk, bike, or run all the way to Indy

### The REPORTER

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the city of Indianapolis celebrated the completion of the Nickel Plate Trail on Tuesday, Oct. 21 with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

The 10-foot-wide, asphalt, multi-use trail was constructed by the city of Indianapolis with support from a \$5 million grant from the DNR announced in April 2022.

The new trail follows the historic Nickel Plate railroad corridor, running 10.3 miles northeast from the Indiana State Fairgrounds to the Marion-Hamilton county line at 96th Street. The new trail connects to the Monon Trail near the state fairgrounds. After the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) finishes the I-465/I-69 section, the new trail will connect to the Nickel Plate Trail in Fishers with a bicycle and pedestrian bridge over 96th Street that is currently under construction.

“Across Indiana, we see communities coming together to support strong trail



Photo provided by Indiana DNR

connections like this new connection through Indianapolis’ section of the Nickel Plate Trail,” DNR Deputy Director Chris Smith said. “DNR is proud to support communities as they build trails that connect people to each other and Indiana’s great outdoors.”

With the bridge connection, the Nickel Plate Trail will run more than 19 miles across Marion and Hamilton counties, connecting through Indianapolis, Fishers and Noblesville to Forest Park. The portion of the trail under the I-465/I-69 interchange will be completed by INDOT in 2026.

“The Nickel Plate Trail is set to become a huge public asset in Indianapolis – one

that I have no doubt will soon be just as revered as the Monon Trail or the urban Indianapolis Cultural Trail,” Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett said. “The level of investment and partnership we have seen for this project across Marion and Hamilton County is the sort that comes only once in a generation.”

DNR has led the largest infusion of trails funding in state history, with \$180 million in dedicated trail funding administered through DNR that facilitates critical trail connections within and between Hoosier communities. To date, 54 of the 89 projects are complete, totaling more than 159 miles of trail built since the program’s inception.

## No, it’s not a marketing campaign, geckos really are invading (colonizing?) Indiana

### The REPORTER

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) asks the public to report sightings of Mediterranean geckos (*Hemidactylus turcicus*), an exotic lizard species that is not dangerous and has been observed at several locations across the state.

Please email sightings, especially those backed by photographs, to [HerpSurveys@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:HerpSurveys@dnr.IN.gov), including the photograph(s). This will help the DNR track locations of this introduced species.

Mediterranean geckos are native to the Mediterranean region of Europe and northern Africa. They are four to five inches long and are tan or pink with brown blotches on their body. They can also be identified by

their warty skin, banded tail, and large, bulging eyes that have vertical pupils. The lizards are most active at night and can be observed near outdoor lights, feeding on insects during the warm season, or inside buildings at any time of year.

DNR biologists have received photo-backed reports of Mediterranean geckos in recent years. Most involve a small number arriving as hitchhikers on shipments.

Mediterranean geckos are the most widespread exotic lizard species introduced to the United States.



Photo by Drew Davis, Ph.D., Eastern New Mexico State University

These lizards are closely associated with man-made structures and typically live in and around buildings. They cannot easily spread in Indiana because they need a heated building to survive winter; therefore, they are not considered a threat to Indiana’s natural resources.

For more information on Mediterranean geckos, visit [wildlife.IN.gov/wildlife-resources/animals/mediterranean-gecko](http://wildlife.IN.gov/wildlife-resources/animals/mediterranean-gecko).

## ISO cellist Austin Huntington awarded use of 1695 Pietro Guarneri of Mantua cello through Rare Violins of New York ‘In Consortium’

### The REPORTER

Cellist Austin Huntington, Principal Cellist of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra (ISO), has been awarded an extended loan of the only known cello by Pietro Guarneri of Mantua, crafted in 1695, owned by cellist and pedagogue Ronald Leonard. The loan has been facilitated through Rare Violins of New York’s “In Consortium” Artists and Benefactors Collaborative program.

Huntington, who studied with Leonard during his teenage years at the Perlman Music Program and later during his undergraduate degree at the Colburn School, is very familiar with this instrument.

“I am beyond honored to be entrusted with this cello,” Huntington said. “This is the very sound I imagine when I think of the perfect cello. I grew up musically listening to this cello across from me in lessons every week, and it has been a huge part of my development as a cellist. In every possible way, it is my dream cello.”

“We are thrilled to facilitate this exciting loan for Austin. Having worked with many investors to place their Stradivari and Guarneri del Gesu violins in deserving hands, we are proud to add this rare and exceptional cello to our collection,” said Bruno Price, Founding Partner of Rare Violins of New York and Chairman of ‘In Consortium.’

ISO patrons may watch Huntington perform on the Guarneri cello at concerts this season. See all ISO events [here](#).

#### About Austin Huntington

Huntington was appointed principal cellist of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra at the age of 20, making him one of the youngest principal musicians in a major American orchestra. He is a former first prize winner of the Stulberg and Irving M. Klein international competitions and has been featured as guest principal cellist with the San Francisco Symphony, Toronto Symphony Orchestra, Utah Symphony, and the Florida Orchestra.

#### About Rare Violins of New York ‘In Consortium’

In Consortium was founded as a platform where benefactors and artists collabo-



Photo provided by Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra  
**ISO Principal Cellist Austin Huntington been awarded an extended loan of the only known cello by Pietro Guarneri of Mantua, crafted in 1695, owned by cellist and pedagogue Ronald Leonard.**

rate to maximize the potential of exceptional instruments. By loaning their valuable assets to deserving musicians, benefactors not only reduce the costs of ownership but also play a pivotal role in shaping the careers of tomorrow’s virtuosos. Providing extensive expertise in the fine instrument market, In Consortium offers a comprehensive support system including insurance, maintenance, and artist matching, unlocking the full potential of fine instruments – turning opportunities into legacies. For more information go to [RareViolins.com](http://RareViolins.com).

# FISHERS PARKS

## Don't miss Fishers Boo Bash on Saturday

Submitted by City of Fishers

Boo Bash, presented by GBC Bank, returns to the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. this Saturday, Oct. 25, bringing the community together to celebrate the season.

While at Boo Bash, you can look forward to experiencing live, interactive stage entertainment, themed costumes and costume parades across the AMP stage, decorated booths from local businesses, organizations, and City of Fishers department booths that will hand out Halloween goodies.

Take part in games, photo ops, and live entertainment throughout the event, from music and DJs to easy Halloween-themed dance demonstrations with 31SVN Street Dance Academy, to close-up magic, puppets, and more. Vote for your favorite themed booth before leaving to see who takes home the Judge's Choice and People's Choice prizes.

Food trucks, vendors, and passive, family-friendly games and activities round out this event that's a tradi-

tion for Fishers families.

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### Trick or Eat Food Drive

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### Mark David Reed

November 13, 1962 – October 15, 2025

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of Mark David Reed, 62, Carmel. He went to be with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Wednesday, October 15, 2025. Mark passed away unexpectedly, but peacefully in his sleep.



He was born on November 13, 1962, to the late David and Elizabeth (Little) Reed in Indianapolis. After graduating from Carmel High School in 1981 and being a legendary member of the “Bowlskis” group, Mark went on to study at Indiana University as a member of the Theta Chi Fraternity, where he was famously known as “Mongo Man.” Mark retired as Partner/Owner of Manufacturers Marketing Incorporated (MMI) in December 2024.

During college, Mark met the love of his life, Wendy, in the summer of 1982, and they married on July 20, 1985. They recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. One of the greatest achievements in his life was becoming a father to three beautiful children, Brian, Scott, and Kelli. He was devoted to being the #1 fan, supporter, and mentor in their lives.

As a professional “foodie,” Mark was a big fan of Guy Fieri and the show *Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives*. Mark enjoyed watching NASCAR and IndyCar racing and was always prepared to watch the Indianapolis 500. He was an avid fan of Indiana University football and basketball, the Indianapolis Colts, and the National Hockey League. Expressing his love for sports, he enjoyed supporting his sons as members of the Carmel Ice Hounds hockey program. He loved spending time outside in nature and had a true heart for all animals. Including his grand-dogs, grand-cats, and especially the neighbor's cat, which became one of his special little friends, “Frank” aka Francois. His lake-life mentality and passion for boating would heavily influence his family to take yearly family vacations to their favorite destination Lake Leelanau, Mich.

Mark is survived by his wife, Wendy (Noakes) Reed; sons, Brian Reed (Kelly Janowski), Scott (Aleesa) Reed, daughter, Kelli Reed (Brandon Price); brother, Greg Reed (Amanda Duncan); sisters-in-law Angela (Ernie) Ford, Michelle (Todd) Taylor, Penny (Michael) Thomas; several nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Family and friends are invited to attend a Celebration of Life Open House beginning at 3 p.m. Saturday, October 25, 2025, in the Carmel VFW Post #10003, 12863 Old Meridian St., Carmel.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Pets for Vets ([form.jotform.com/PetsforVets/one-time-donation](http://form.jotform.com/PetsforVets/one-time-donation)) or the Hamilton County Humane Society ([hamiltonhumane.com/how-to-help/memorial](http://hamiltonhumane.com/how-to-help/memorial)).

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the family in arrangements.

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### TODAY'S BIBLE READING

THE CENSUS

From the descendants of Simeon:

All the men twenty years old or more who were able to serve in the army were counted and listed by name, one by one, according to the records of their clans and families. The number from the tribe of Simeon was 59,300.

From the descendants of Gad:

All the men twenty years old or more who were able to serve in the army were listed by name, according to the records of their clans and families. The number from the tribe of Gad was 45,650.

Numbers 1:22-25 (NIV)

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

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### Meeting Notices

The Carmel Board of Zoning Appeals' regular meeting scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27, 2025, has been canceled due to no items for consideration.

The Hearing Office meeting will take place at 5 p.m. as scheduled.

The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners will meet at 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27, 2025, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Cicero Stormwater Utility Board will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2025, at Cicero Town Hall, 70 N. Byron St.

The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27, 2025, at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St.

The Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District Board will meet at noon on Monday, Oct. 27, 2025, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

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# REPORTER SPORTS THURSDAY

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## Cross Country

# Endurance & excellence: a long run legacy

By QUINN MATTHEWS  
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The Carmel boys cross country team has captured 18 state championships since its first title win in 1976. Known for their consistent performances and impressive winning streaks over the decades, the team continues to uphold its tradition of victory. Currently ranked fourth in the state, Carmel plans to continue this tradition.

"In 2022 we won the state meet by over 100 points, you could have taken our top two runners out and we still would have won that year," said Carmel's head coach, Colin Altevogt.

The pressure of upholding a record of success can be overwhelming, but Carmel chooses to stay grounded instead, staying focused on their goals and what they can control.

"When a program has been as successful as we have over the last 15 years, it would be easy for us to only care about winning the state championship, and that's a lot of pressure on the kids," said Altevogt.

"Focusing on their running goals isn't the only thing they pay attention to.

An important part of their team is being united.

"When a team gets that good, it sometimes unfortunately gets more individual, so we're really trying to get back to being good teammates and being excited for each other and not being competitive with each other, but racing with each other," said Altevogt.

Team bonding to develop unity with one another with such a large roster looks different than a typical-sized team.

"There are 130 boys on the roster, so it's not the stereotypical team like when I was in high school where every Friday you go to the coach's house for pasta dinner," said Altevogt. "Their friendship and camaraderie is more informal interactions, not a get together that the coaches plan out."

With a team of over 100 runners, it would be easy for individuals to get lost in the crowd. However, Carmel ensures that every athlete feels valued and recognized as important.

"We try to keep it one big team and show them that we value what they bring to the team," said Altevogt. "We like to make sure that there's something in it for every-

body."



Photos provided

The Carmel boys cross country team has over 130 members, but coach Colin Altevogt said the team makes sure there's something in it for everyone that runs.

## Boys Soccer

# Greyhounds, Golden Eagles ready for semi-state

By RICHIE HALL  
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It's been all defense this post-season for the Carmel boys soccer team.

In five games, the third-ranked Greyhounds have yet to give up a goal. It's not a tournament thing, either: Carmel has pitched 14 shutouts for the entire season on its way to a 16-1-3 record.

The Greyhounds will travel to Martinsville on Saturday for the Class 3A south semi-state game, where they take on No. 7 Bloomington South.

The Panthers are 17-1-3 and, like Carmel, have not give up any post-season goals. Bloomington South began its run by winning the Mooresville sectional, defeating Bloomington North 2-0 in the first round, Martinsville 1-0 in the semifinals and the host Pioneers 7-0 in the championship.

The Panthers went to

Whiteland for the regional semifinal and took care of the Warriors 4-0. That advanced Bloomington South to the championship at Seymour, where it beat Evansville North 2-0 to claim the program's seventh regional title.

Senior Konrad Polit is the Panthers' top scorer with 15 goals, followed by junior Andrew Wiley with 10. Junior Nathan Orth leads the assists with eight.

Carmel's semi-state run began at the Noblesville sectional. The Greyhounds beat North Central 2-0 in the first round, then got past the host and No. 11-ranked Millers in the semifinals by winning a penalty-kick shootout after playing to a scoreless tie. Carmel defeated No. 19 Zionsville 2-0 in the championship for the Hounds' fifth consecutive sectional.

Back home at Brian Murray Stadium, Carmel avenged a regional semi-

final loss to Lawrence North 1-0, then knocked off top-ranked Brownsburg 2-0 for its seventh regional title and first since 2021.

Senior Troy Enslin leads Carmel's goal total with nine, while senior Quinn Wu and sophomore Jet Truitt each have six goals. Junior Mikey Kubek leads the assists with eight, followed by Wu with six.

### Golden Eagles play Hanover Central

Guerin Catholic is making its seventh appearance in the semi-state – not bad, since the Golden Eagles became tournament-eligible only in 2006.

No. 2 Guerin Catholic will play No. 4 Hanover Central in the first game at Chesterton for the Class 2A north semi-state. In contrast to the Golden Eagles' experience at this level, the Wildcats are making their inaugural appearance at semi-state.



Reporter photo by Richie Hall



Photo by Mike Navarro

(LEFT) Carmel's Quinn Wu has scored six goals and dished out six assists for the Greyhounds team this season. (RIGHT) Guerin Catholic's Will Scheu leads the Golden Eagles in goals scored this season with 21.

Hanover Central (17-4) claimed its first-ever regional title by beating No. 12 Leo 1-0 in the championship game at Mishawaka Marian. The Wildcats hosted the regional semifinal and beat South Bend St. Joseph 2-0.

In the sectional, Hanover Central rolled over Boone Grove 9-0 in its first-round game, then beat Griffith 2-0 in the semi-

nals. That put the Wildcats up against host Bishop Noll, which also happened to be the No. 1-ranked team in 2A. But Hanover Central won easily, 5-2 to claim its first-ever sectional title.

The Wildcats' leading scorer is a freshman: Kevin Otworowski has scored 29 goals. Two other HC players have double-digit goal totals: senior Logan Zilz has put in 18 goals and junior Aldo Desiderio has 11 goals.

Hanover Central also distributes the ball well, as four players have 10 or more assists. Senior Owen Furman leads that category with 13, followed by Zilz with 12, Otworowski with 11 and Desiderio with 10.

Senior Owen Sosnowski is the Wildcats' main goalkeeper, with 109 saves and a 0.889 goals-against aver-

age, including 10 shutouts.

Guerin Catholic will come into semi-state with a 16-4 record. The Golden Eagles had no trouble winning their regional, beating Delta 5-1 in a semifinal on the road, then taking care of West Lafayette 6-0 to claim the title at Concordia Lutheran.

In the sectional, Guerin Catholic defended its home turf with a 12-0 semifinal victory over Western Boone, then edged out Park Tudor 3-2 to win its seventh sectional championship.

Two seniors have led the Golden Eagles' scoring this season. Will Scheu has 21 goals and 19 assists, while Christian Zermeno has scored 17 goals and made 22 assists. Senior Ryan McGrath has 60 saves and a 1.049 goals-against average.

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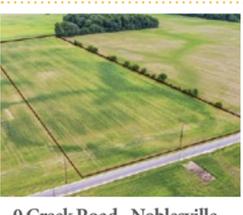
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# SPORTS SCHEDULE

<b>Friday, Oct. 24</b>	
<b>FOOTBALL</b>	
Sectional 29	
Cascade at Indpls. Washington, 7 p.m.	
Tri-West at West Vigo, 7 p.m.	
Speedway at Crawfordsville, 7 p.m.	
Guerin Catholic at Hamilton Heights, 7 p.m.	
Sectional 46	
Clinton Central at Cloverdale, 7 p.m.	
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## IFCA Week 9 poll

Courtesy Indiana Football Coaches Association website ([ifca.net](http://ifca.net))

### CLASS 6A

Rank	School	Record	Points
1	Brownsburg (9)	9-0	99
2	<b>Carmel (1)</b>	<b>8-1</b>	<b>90</b>
3	Center Grove	8-1	73
4	Crown Point	9-0	68
5	<b>Westfield</b>	<b>7-2</b>	<b>58</b>
6	Lawrence North	7-2	53
7	Penn	9-0	41
8	Decatur Central	7-2	28
9	<b>Fishers</b>	<b>6-3</b>	<b>26</b>
10	Warren Central	5-4	6

First place votes are in parentheses.

#### Other schools receiving votes

Avon 3, Fort Wayne Carroll 3, Hamilton Southeastern 1, Lawrence Central 1.

### CLASS 5A

Rank	School	Record	Points
1	New Palestine (9)	9-0	99
2	Cathedral	6-3	85
3	Bloomington South	8-1	76
4	Lafayette Jefferson	8-1	75
5	Merrillville	7-2	60
6	Concord	8-1	51
7	East Central	7-2	41
8	Whiteland	7-2	31
9	Floyd Central	8-1	16
10	Plainfield	7-2	7

First place votes are in parentheses.

#### Other schools receiving votes

Michigan City 6, Evansville North 3.

### CLASS 4A

Rank	School	Record	Points
1	East Noble (9)	9-0	99
2	Heritage Hills	8-1	86
3	Bishop Chatard	7-2	84
4	Mishawaka	8-1	70
5	Pendleton Heights	8-1	58
6	Bishop Dwenger	7-2	49
7	Roncalli	6-3	38
8	Leo	7-2	24
9	Yorktown	7-2	18
10	Northview	8-1	11

First place votes are in parentheses.

#### Other schools receiving votes

South Bend St. Joseph 9, DeKalb 4.

### CLASS 3A

Rank	School	Record	Points
1	Evansville Memorial (10)	9-0	100
2	Gibson Southern	8-1	86
3	Cascade	9-0	80
4	Lawrenceburg	8-1	68
5	Knox	9-0	63
6	Mississinewa	8-1	34
7	Tippecanoe Valley	7-2	25
8	Tri-West	6-3	16
9	Twin Lakes	7-2	14
T10	Bishop Luers	4-5	13
T10	Maconaquah	8-1	13

First place votes are in parentheses.

#### Other schools receiving votes

Scottsburg 12, West Noble 10, Indian Creek 6, Evansville Mater Dei 4, Guerin Catholic 4, Griffith 2, Western 1.

### CLASS 2A

Rank	School	Record	Points
1	Adams Central (6)	9-0	95
2	Brownstown Central (3)	9-0	92
3	Lapel	9-0	76
4	Andean (1)	8-1	72
5	Eastbrook	9-0	60
6	Indpls. Lutheran	8-1	52
7	Triton Central	8-1	32
T8	Bluffton	8-1	20
T8	Linton-Stockton	6-3	20
10	Rochester	8-1	12

First place votes are in parentheses.

#### Other schools receiving votes

Eastside 6, Wheeler 6, Eastern 3, Alexandria 2, Rensselaer Central 2.

### CLASS 1A

Rank	School	Record	Points
1	Springs Valley (8)	9-0	97
2	South Putnam (2)	7-2	85
3	Pioneer	8-1	76
4	Providence	6-2	70
5	North Judson	7-2	53
T6	Frontier	9-0	49
T6	Riverton Parke	9-0	49
8	North Decatur	6-2	30
9	North Daviess	8-1	16
10	South Adams	6-3	10

First place votes are in parentheses.

#### Other schools receiving votes

West Central 8, Carroll 4, Sheridan 3.

# Sheridan cross country wraps up incredible season



Photos provided by Sheridan Community Schools

Over the course of the season, Sheridan cross country has improved every day. Every single runner dropped at least 40 seconds from their personal record at the start of the season, a huge accomplishment in itself. Some student-athletes even dropped around five minutes from their time over the course of the season. While the season came to a close on Oct. 11 with the Hoosier Heartland Conference meet, there were incredible performances all around. For the middle school boys, Thomas Rusk got first place by 15 seconds. Noel Roberts placed 11th, and Cooper Newby placed 31st. “We are so proud of all of our runners, but these performances in particular stood out!” Head Coach Elaine Morgan said.



## Girls Soccer

# Royals, Hounds to play top 10 teams

By **RICHIE HALL**  
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The Hamilton Southeastern and Carmel girls soccer teams are only one game away from a possible Class 3A state championship showdown.

But first, both the No. 1-ranked Royals and No. 3-ranked Greyhounds have to get past top 10 teams in this Saturday’s semi-state games.

Southeastern travels to Chesterton for the 3A north semi-state, where it will play No. 7 Crown Point. The Bulldogs are 18-2 for the season.

Crown Point won two easy games to claim the Munster sectional title. The Bulldogs beat the host Mustangs 5-0 in the semifinals, then cruised past No. 14 Lake Central in the championship.

Crown Point hosted the regional semifinal, where it beat No. 20 Chesterton 1-0. That sent the Bulldogs to the regional championship at Penn, and they edged out the host and No. 17 Kingsmen 1-0 for the trophy. It was Crown Point’s sixth regional championship.

Two seniors lead the Bulldogs’ scoring. Addy Sabau has put in 20 goals for the season, while Hannah Pesich has added 19 goals. Sabau has also dished out a team-leading 11 assists, while sophomore Ariana Schutt has 10 assists.

The Royals are 20-0-1 and have been ranked No. 1 all season. Southeastern hosted the sectional this year and beat Anderson 10-1 in the first round. The Royals beat No. 16 Noblesville 4-0 in the semis and Fishers 1-0 in the championship to claim their first sectional title since 2012.

Southeastern traveled to McCutcheon for the regional semifinals and defeated the Mavericks 2-0. That set up a No. 1 vs. No. 2 showdown with Homestead for the championship at Kokomo. The Royals came back to beat the Spartans 2-1, with Sloane May scoring the winning goal with 11 seconds left in the game.



Reporter photo by Julie Brown



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

(LEFT) Hamilton Southeastern’s Margaux Henning is one of four Royals that have scored 10 or more goals this season. (RIGHT) Carmel’s Adalyn Cameron has scored 39 goals for the Greyhounds, the second-most for a Carmel player in a single season.

Sloane May, a Michigan commit, is one of five double-digit goal scorers for HSE this season, leading the team with 15 goals. She also leads in assists with 13. Senior Riley Boyd is next for scoring with 13 goals, followed by junior Kherington Patton (11), sophomore Sydney May (11) and sophomore Mrgaux Henning (10). Junior Hannah Dodge has 25 saves and a 0.238 goals-against average.

**Carmel takes on Center Grove**  
Carmel plays at the Martinsville semi-state this Saturday, where the Greyhounds will play last year’s 3A state finalist, No. 6 Center Grove.

The Trojans are 19-2 and began their postseason with a win at the Greenwood sectional. Center Grove beat Columbus East 13-0 in the semifinals and No. 20 Columbus North 3-1 in the championship. (Columbus North and Chesterton were tied for 20th in the final coaches poll.)

The Trojans hosted No. 9 Bloomington South in the regional semifinal and won that game 2-1. Center Grove traveled to Seymour for the final and beat No. 11 Evansville Memorial 1-0 to win its state-leading 20th regional championship.

Four Trojans are scoring in double figures. Junior Mia Marlin leads with 18 goals, while freshman

Kinley Tolbert has scored 13 goals. Junior Lexi Wilson has put in 11 goals and freshman Jocelyn Franklin has scored 10. Sophomore Reese Killinger leads the assists with nine, followed by Marlin with eight.

Sophomore goalkeeper Ava Matthews has 80 saves and a 0.599 goals-against average.

The Greyhounds are 18-2-1 and came out of the tough Zionsville sectional. Carmel won the sectional by defeating the No. 4 Eagles 1-0 in the first round, No. 10 Cathedral 3-0 in the semifinals and No. 5 Westfield 2-1 in an overtime championship game.

The Hounds hosted the regional semifinal and took care of Avon 6-1. Carmel

returned to Brian Murray Stadium for the championship and won a rematch of last season by defeating No. 18 East Central 2-0 for the program’s 18th regional title.

Senior Adalyn Cameron has been a force for the Greyhounds, scoring 39 goals, the second most in a season for Carmel. Cameron and junior Elsie Flanders both have dished out a team-leading eight assists.

Senior Emma Ehret has put in eight goals and handed out six assists, with Flanders scoring six goals. Junior Olivia Ade has six assists.

Freshman goalkeeper Gwyneth Provost has 37 saves and a 1.297 goals-against average.

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