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**TODAY'S WEATHER**

Today: Partly sunny morning.  
More clouds in the afternoon.  
Tonight: Mostly cloudy.  
Scattered showers late.

HIGH: 61 LOW: 43



## It's pronounced *Fronkensteen*



Actors Theatre of Indiana boasted a sold-out opening night of its production of Mel Brooks' *Young Frankenstein*. The show is on stage through Nov. 9 at The Studio Theater at Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. Get your tickets at [atistage.org](http://atistage.org) or by calling (317) 843-3800. Read a review of the show from Ken Klingensmeier on Page 7. (ABOVE) The cast celebrates after opening night at Vivante at Hotel Carmichael.

## It's time to ban menthol in vapes & cigarettes

In 2009, Congress enacted legislation authorizing the U.S. Federal Food and Drug Administration to comprehensively regulate tobacco and nicotine products. Included in that legislation was the prohibition of flavorings in cigarettes. But the statute excluded menthol as a compromise with the tobacco industry. The law did, however, allow the FDA to examine potential justifications for banning menthol based on public health benefits.

Menthol in tobacco is a serious public health problem. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, menthol increases the addictiveness of nicotine. Additionally, menthol cigarettes are an easy entryway for adolescents to initiate smoking since they blunt the harshness of tobacco smoke.

Furthermore, according to the CDC, menthol cigarettes have been aggressively marketed to African Americans, creating a significant disparity in use. That marketing has been extraordinarily successful. Eighty percent of Black smokers use menthol cigarettes compared to 34 percent of White smokers. In the 1950s, less than 10 percent of Black smokers used menthol cigarettes.

The Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids (TFK) states that the tobacco industry's targeting of Blacks "...has been deliberate, sophisticated, and comprehensive ... through magazine ads, sponsorships of community

See *Menthol* ... Page 2

**COLUMNIST**



RICHARD D. FELDMAN, M.D.  
State of Our Health

## Sheridan High School exchange students learn life as a Blackhawk

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

This semester, Sheridan High School has the pleasure of having five foreign exchange students join the student body. Bartomiej Bukowski is from Poland, Lorenzo Alonso Borau is from Spain, Emil Kucur and Jonathan Faupel are from Germany, and Chanupakarn Chumphet is from Taiwan.

Each of these individuals has been able to experience life as a Blackhawk by taking the typical classes and joining sports and clubs of the school. Bukowski, Kucur, Faupel, and Alonso Borau all joined soccer



Bukowski



Alonso Borau



Kucur



Faupel



Chumphet

in the fall. As well, Kucur joined cross country and Faupel joined football. Three of the exchange students gave a sneak peek into their life in Sheridan and how they have adapted to a different environment.

Bartlomiej Bukowski said

he decided to join the exchange program because wanted to try something new by meeting new people and trying to improve his English. When he first arrived in the U.S., he noticed how everything was so much bigger: the cars, the roads, the

schools, and even the food. He shared that he has experienced some culture shock moments due to the higher and more intense focus on school here in the United States.

See *Exchange* ... Page 2

## Westfield Lions wrap up Dictionary Project

*Total of 810 third graders now have their own dictionaries*

Submitted by Westfield Lions Club

On Friday, Oct. 17, the Westfield Lions Club completed its annual dictionary delivery project by passing out 130 dictionaries to Maple Glen Elementary School third graders. It was the last of six stops the Lions made to deliver Webster dictionaries to all the third graders in the Westfield school system.

This is the 12th year the Westfield club has participated in the "Dictionary Project" - a nationwide effort to distribute free dictionaries to third-grade students. The Dictionary Project was started in Georgia in 1992 and since then more than 31 million children all over the U.S. have received dictionaries.

The program has been adopted and refined by individuals, businesses, and civic organizations all over the country, including the Westfield Lions Club.

The Westfield Lions purchase the dictionaries from the Dictionary Project and then schedule deliveries with each of the elementary school principals. The Lions have been well received by the students, teachers, and principals.

"It's a lot of fun for us Lions to visit with all of these third graders and give them a little background on what the Lions Club is all about," said Lion Jeff Larrison, chair of the Westfield Lions Dictionary Project. "Some of the students have heard about us and our



Photo provided by Westfield Lions Club  
Lions Steve Hall, Rob Ginder, Craig Cooley, and Dr. Kathleen Busby pass out dictionaries.

programs or have been to our community center for an event. And it makes our day to see how excited they get when they find

out they each are getting their very own dictionaries."

See *Dictionary* ... Page 2

## Fishers Rotarians invite you to 15th 'WaterIsLife' ball

The REPORTER

The Rotary Club of Fishers announces that Mayor Scott Fadness will serve as the Honorary Chair of the 15th annual WaterIsLife Charity Ball, taking place on Friday, Dec. 6 at the Fishers Arts & Municipal Complex.

Presented by the Fishers Rotary Club, the WaterIsLife Charity Ball has become the city's most anticipated black-tie holiday celebration uniting community leaders, philanthropists, and changemakers in a shared mission to bring clean, life-saving water to communities in Sierra Leone.

This year's gala marks a milestone in the WaterIsLife initiative, which has now funded over 200 clean water wells, transforming the lives of more than 500,000 people. With Mayor Fadness as Honorary Chair, the 2025 event promises to be the most impactful and inspiring yet.

"We are thrilled to welcome Mayor Fadness as our Honorary Chair," said Tom Branum, chair of the WaterIsLife Project. "His leadership and commitment to community make him the perfect ambassador for this life-changing cause."

See *WaterIsLife* ... Page 2



Fadness



DICTIONARY



(LEFT) Westfield Lions Club Dictionary Project Chair Jeff Larrison speaks with Oak Trace third graders.

Over the past 12 years the club has presented almost 800 dictionaries to Westfield third graders. Now that the Lions have been at this for a while, they are now recognized by kids and families around the community while out in public in their Lions Club shirts. The Lions are often referred to as the “book guys.”

ies is just one of the many ways the Lions support local schools and students. Each year, the Lions contribute thousands of dollars to the Westfield Education Foundation, Westfield Theater & Choir Boosters, scholarships for WHS seniors, WHS Culinary Arts Program, sponsoring students to attend class trips and conferences, and paying for eye exams



Photos provided by Westfield Lions Club

(RIGHT, from left) Lions Rob Ginder, Norm Steele, Christal Steele, Carrie Larrison, Tom Balchik, and Steve Hall.

and glasses for students in need. There are also so many other ways the Lions provide support to Westfield students, including sponsoring local scout troops, contributing to the Open Doors Weekend Food Bag program for students in need, contributing to the Heart & Soul Free Clinic, and numerous other projects and programs.

The Westfield Lions Club has been serving the citizens of Westfield and Hamilton County since 1930. They welcome men and women interested in making a difference in the community. For more information about the Westfield Lions Club, including finding out how to become a member, visit [westfieldlions.org](http://westfieldlions.org).

MENTHOL

and music events, retail promotions, and even handing out samples in Black communities.” Menthol cigarettes continue to be more heavily advertised and priced cheaper in Black communities. The use of menthol cigarettes is also disproportionately high among other groups, including other communities of color, the LGBTQ+ community, socioeconomically disadvantaged populations, those with mental health conditions, and pregnant women. Excess tobacco initiation with resultant deaths due to menthol cigarettes among Blacks is well-documented.

According to TFK, menthol cigarettes have been responsible for 378,000 overall premature deaths from 1980 to 2018; 41 percent of those deaths involved Black Americans. TFK also reports that going forward, one-third of the lives that could be saved by banning menthol cigarettes would be among African Americans. Anti-tobacco public health advocates have long pressed for banning the sale of menthol cigarettes and flavored cigars. Finally, in late 2023, the FDA under the Biden administration was moving to do just that. The Biden administration

met with various groups that oppose the menthol prohibition, including some civil rights groups. There was opposition from some civil rights leaders due to potential concerns about prosecution of individual menthol smokers. The FDA was clear about to whom the menthol regulation would apply. The agency stated that “...it cannot and will not enforce against individual smokers for possession or use of menthol cigarettes or flavored cigars ... FDA enforcement will only address manufacturers, distributors, wholesalers, importers, and retailers... that are not in compliance with applicable requirements.”

would have banned menthol in cigarettes. The support for menthol prohibition includes the African American National Medical Association, the NAACP, and the Congressional Black Caucus. Other supporting groups include the U.S. Conference of Mayors, physician professional organizations, state attorneys general, faith leaders, and others. Beginning in 2019, a number of states have banned all or some flavored cigarettes, including flavored vapes. Many have included menthol. Despite the tobacco industry’s aggressive opposition to the menthol cigarette ban, it is time for the federal government to do the right thing and prohibit menthol in cigarettes and vapes.

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Unfortunately, the move was indefinitely delayed, likely due to fear of a political backlash from Black voters before the 2024 elections. The Trump administration failed to pick up the fumbled ball. In January 2025, the administration officially withdrew the proposed FDA rule that

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WATERISLIFE

The evening will begin with the official lighting of the city’s Christmas Tree and Holiday Lights, followed by a festive celebration featuring:

- A gourmet three-course dinner
• Live and silent auctions with exclusive items and experiences
• Holiday music, dancing, and joyful giving
• A spirited atmosphere filled with purpose and generosity

work of over 1.2 million Rotarians, the Rotary Club of Fishers continues to make a lasting impact both locally and globally from clean water initiatives in West Africa to mental health programs and accessibility projects right here in Fishers.

“Whether it’s your first time attending or your fifteenth, your presence at the WaterIsLife Charity Ball brings hope to others,” said Rich Phelan, the club’s 34th President. “Together, we can continue this life-saving work – one well, one village, one family at a time.”

For tickets, sponsorships, and more information, visit [FishersWaterIsLife.com](http://FishersWaterIsLife.com).

EXCHANGE

Lorenzo Alonso Borau has had a similar experience coming to the U.S. He decided to join the program because he was interested in learning more about life and the culture of the United States. As he is from Spain, he was most surprised at how flat it is here, and how small Sheridan is in comparison to surrounding schools. He noticed that school is much easier here and that people often drive with their cell phone. He was also shocked at the food prices. He shared, “I think this experience will help improve my English and help me learn how to be independent!”

unable to do much research before arriving. When he arrived, he was also shocked about the size of everything. “My first impression upon landing was just the sheer size of everything,” he said. “The cars are bigger, the roads are wider, and everything feels different. Flying into Indianapolis and then driving out here, I was amazed by all the cornfields and the vast, flat landscape. I was surprised by the feeling of open space.”

Kucur said he has been surprised by the constant driving and the near-inability to ride a bike everywhere. He has been surprised by the sheer amount of extracurricular activities that students can join in school. In Germany, you only join private teams. He has also been surprised by how open and friendly everyone has been.

The final student who shared a sneak peek into his time in Sheridan was Emil Kucur. His experience is a little bit different than the rest of the exchange students as he was selected to represent Germany as a Junior Ambassador in the United States. As an ambassador, he is tasked with sharing German culture, learning from U.S. culture, and encouraging a constant dialogue between the two cultures. Kucur’s experience started off a little rocky, as he didn’t know where he was going until 24 hours before his flight. He was surprised to learn that Sheridan would be his new home away from home, as he was

Exchange students at Sheridan are given a unique opportunity to do literally anything they want. They can join any sports or clubs and they can take a multitude of classes while learning and experiencing the culture of Indiana and the United States. Each of them has been able to take away something from this experience, whether it is just getting better at English or being able to learn something new.



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To enter the contest or explore event details, visit: westfieldin.gov/veteransdayceremony.

This event is free and open to the public.



# Bur Oak pedestrian bridge now open



Photos provided by Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation

On Monday, Oct. 20, Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation celebrated the ribbon cutting of the Bur Oak Pedestrian Bridge and the reopening of Hazel Landing Park. This \$11 million project was made possible thanks to a collaborative regional investment between Clay Township, Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation, Hamilton County, Delaware Township, and the City of Fishers.

## New at Sheridan Public Library

### The REPORTER

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

#### Fiction

- Beach Reads & Deadly Deeds – Allison Brennan
- Cinnamon Spice Inn – Harper Graham
- Four Engagement Rings of Sybil Rain – Hannah Brown
- Librarians – Sherry Thomas
- Mountain Home Christmas – Maggie Miller
- Secret of Secrets – Dan Brown
- Non-Fiction
- Biblio Diet – Jordan Rubin
- Book of Sheen – Charlie Sheen
- In Death Cookbook –

Theresa Carle-Sanders

- Shadow of the Bridge – Aine Cain
- Truly – Lionel Richie

#### Inspirational Fiction

- Christmas Ring – Karen Kingsbury
- Constant Love – Tracie Peterson
- Country Christmas – Lisa Carter
- Rancher for Christmas – Brenda Minton
- Children's
- Bakery Dragon – Devin Elle Kurtz
- Bakery Dragon & the Fairy Cake – Devin Elle Kurtz
- Group Hug at Christmas – Sophie Aggett
- Never Let a Unicorn Wear a Tutu! – Diane Alber
- Pete the Cat's Cool New Ride – Kimberly Dean

• Pocket Bear – Katherine Applegate

#### Young Adults

- Cruel is the Light – Sophie Clark
- Fable For the End of the World – Ava Reid
- Floating World – Axie Oh
- Hour of the Pumpkin Queen – Megan Shepherd
- Long Live the Pumpkin Queen – Shea Ernschaw
- Scammer – Tiffany D. Jackson
- Theory of Dreaming – Ava Reid
- Movies
- Accountant 2
- Cases of Mystery Lane – Hallmark Mystery
- Fantastic 4: First Steps
- Lilo & Stitch
- Nobody 2
- Unholy Trinity

## Latest Westfield road construction updates

### The REPORTER

#### Paving project: Towne Run Boulevard

Paving for the Court-yards of Towne Run is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 1. Minimal impact to traffic is anticipated on Towne Road and Towne Run Boulevard, but there will be a single lane closure during paving. Please use caution in this area.

#### Trail construction: 161st Street Path

Construction on the city's 161st Street Path project began Monday, Oct. 20. The path connectivity project will be constructed on the south side of East 161st Street between Oak Road and Carey Road. Intermittent short-term restrictions of the eastbound lane of 161st Street are possible throughout the duration of the project for activities, such as unloading heavy equipment and other construction materials. The project is scheduled to be substantially complete on Nov. 20, with final completion in June 2026.

#### INDOT closure: Moontown Road

The Indiana Department of Transportation contract crews will resume work on an intersection improvement project at State Road 38 and Moontown

Road/Hinkle Road. The project includes the installation of new traffic signals and turn lanes.

Moontown Road is closed at SR 38 for up to 45 days. The official detour will follow Grassy Branch Road, 191st Street, and Little Chicago Road.

During construction, both shoulders of SR 38 will be closed between East Street and Little Chicago Road, and the speed limit will be reduced to 45 mph. Hinkle Road is scheduled to close once Moontown Road reopens. Overall construction is anticipated to be complete by the end of January.

#### Lane restrictions: Grassy Branch Road

Intermittent lane restrictions are anticipated on Grassy Branch Road between Grassy Knoll Drive and Mere Boulevard for a sidewalk project. The project is expected to be completed by Oct. 31. Please use caution in this area.

#### Closure: Towne Road

On Sept. 15, Towne Road from 146th Street to Towne Run Road closed for construction of a roundabout tying into Old 146th Street. Please detour by using 146th Street to Ditch Road to 151st Street. This closure will tentatively last 60 days. All dates and time-

lines are subject to change due to weather, utilities, etc.

#### Partial closure: 171st Street

As of Sept. 11, a portion of 171st Street near Ditch Road is partially closed for 45 days. Ditch Road going north and south will remain open to through traffic, but please be aware of construction crews working in this area. There will still be access to Maple Glen Elementary. This construction is part of the 171st Street and Ditch Road roundabout.

#### Transmission line extension project

Citizens Gas will begin the second phase of its transmission line extension project that began in 2024. Operations will be along the east side of Oak Ridge Road between Oak Ridge and Holly Farms Drive (Viking Meadows entrance).

# TRUNK or TREAT

November 1st, 2025  
4:30 - 7:00

## Christ Lutheran Church

10055 E 186th St, Noblesville, IN 46060

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# Self-care & the holidays

## Submitted

On Saturday, Nov. 8 from 10 to 11:30 a.m., everyone is invited to "Self-Care & the Holidays," a free, practical workshop offering ideas for enjoying all the season has to offer. The workshop will take place at Noblesville Friends, 1055 Division St.



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Pastor Katherine Mur-

ray will serve as the Workshop Leader.

Come learn tips and simple techniques for lessening stress, prioritizing joy, navigating grief, and nurturing peace of mind and heart this holiday. All are welcome!

Questions? Email Pastor Katherine at [noblesvl.friends.kmurray@gmail.com](mailto:noblesvl.friends.kmurray@gmail.com).



Photo provided

# Have your say in Hamilton County's hazard planning

## The REPORTER

Hamilton County is updating its Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (MHMP). This federally required plan helps identify natural hazards, assess risks, and develop strategies to reduce damage and protect residents during disasters.

The public's input is needed.

A hazard assessment session will take place from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5 at the Fall Creek Township Trust-



ee's Office, 11595

Brooks School Road, Fishers.

This is a great opportunity to share your experiences, voice concerns, and help shape the county's emergency pre-

paredness strategies.

Your participation is important, and you can make Hamilton County a safer and more resilient place. For more information, call the Hamilton County Emergency Management Office at (317) 770-3381.

# Happy Hour at Sullivan's Steakhouse

One of the coolest things about Mrs. K. and I stopping into various restaurants for their Happy Hour is we get to go to places we generally would not try because our budget would not be happy with us.

Recently we checked out one in that category – Sullivan's Steakhouse, 3316 E. 86th St. This establishment has a reputation for fine dining; Happy Hour at Sullivan's is 3 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The location is in the Fashion Mall lot, adjacent to Seasons 52, which I reviewed previously. We sat in the bar room, which was very smartly appointed with polished wood walls, dimmed lighting, and many tables (no booths) with high seated chairs. Each table had a handy switchable, moveable lamp that was a nice aid for reading the menu.



**KEN KLINGENMEIER**  
A Seat at the Table

Their Happy Hour features three tiers of food items: plates for \$20, \$15, and \$10. For our first visit we opted for one \$20 item, Crab Cake Sliders described thusly: Two Abundant Jumbo

Lump Crab Cakes, Napa Slaw, Roasted Garlic Tartar Sauce, Brioche Bun, Roasted Garlic Parmesan Fries; and one \$15 item, Shaved Prime Steak Sliders: Caramelized Onions, Gruyère, Roasted Garlic Parmesan Fries.

Both were excellent choices – and we shared the sliders, one each for Mrs. K. and two Steak Sliders plus one Crab Cake Slider for me. Along with the yummy Parmesan Fries (offered in good sized portions and cups of ketchup) it was more than plenty for our dinner. We left the remainder of our fries because they gave us a bunch.

We added wine to our order, both of us picking the Chardonnay from their surprisingly limited offering of "a white and a red and a sparkling". I didn't catch the brand on the wine we had, but it suited us well enough. Three glasses at \$8 per (one and a half each) saw us through.

There were lots of other choices on the three staged menu. I was tempted by the \$15 Angus Burger and we could have picked the Angus Sliders from the \$10 tier. There were also plenty of drink options with \$5 off pricing on Select Martinis and Select Craft Cocktails.

The complete Happy Hour menu can be found here. By comparing the list of Happy Hour prices to the regular menu offerings, I discovered that Sullivan's lowers the price by \$2 on the listed fare for their Happy Hour.

Our tab came to \$60, so with the appropriate tip for the attentive servers it came to around \$72. That is a bit

more than we hope to spend in the future, but our choices were plenty good, and we think if we return we will concentrate more on the less costly tier and have one glass of wine each.

Being so close to the mall, we stopped in after the meal to have a brief walk and wound up in the food court at the new Amorino Gelato Al Naturale. This place offers a large variety of desert selections – from cups and cones to cakes, hot drinks, macarons, and even waffles and crepes. The gelato comes in 26 tempting flavors and we decided on the Hazelnut Chocolate (listed as L'Inimitabile) in a cup to share. It was plenty for us at around \$6 and it was delicious!

Ken Klingenstein offers this new series of columns, called "A Seat at the Table," wherein he will review Indy-area restaurants – specifically their Happy Hour offers. Keep reading The Reporter for future restaurant reviews.

# Hyperion Players to hold auditions for [title of show]

## Submitted

[title of show] is the first show of Hyperion Players' fourth season, and auditions arrive next month.

### Show synopsis

Jeff and Hunter, two struggling writers, hear about a new musical theatre festival. However, the deadline for submissions is a mere three weeks away. With nothing to lose, the

pair decides to try to create something new with the help of their friends Susan, Heidi and Larry/Mary on the eighty-eights.

With the cast in place, Jeff and Hunter begin a conversation about what to write about. Eventually, Jeff suggests they write about what to write about. They make a pact to write up until the festival's deadline and dream about the show changing their lives.

[title of show] – taken from the space on the festival's application form which asks for the "[title of show]" – follows Hunter and Jeff and their friends on their journey through the gauntlet of creative self-expression. In the span of 90 minutes they write and perform their show at the festival and learn lessons about themselves as people, friends and artists.

### Audition information

• **Dates:** Sunday, Nov. 9 and Monday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. each evening. Actors only need to attend one evening of auditions to be considered.

• **Location:** Preservation Hall, 1274 Logan St., Noblesville

• **Preparation:** Please be ready with a 45- to 60-second cut of a modern musical song that demonstrates your vocal strengths and range. A



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speaker will be provided for you to connect your phone or other device as a backing track.

The audition will be divided into two parts. First, all auditioners will sing their musical selection. After everyone has sung, you will be asked to cold read from selected scenes. If callbacks are necessary, they will take place at Lauren Taylor's home on Nov. 11. You will be contacted directly with the address if you are called.

Find more information at [hyperionplayers.com/auditions](http://hyperionplayers.com/auditions).

### Performance dates & location

• March 26-28, 2026  
• All shows performed at The Switch Theatre, Fishers.  
• Rehearsals will be held in Noblesville.

### Roles

- Jeff – a composer/lyricist, tenor/bari-tenor (C3-G4)
- Hunter – a book writer, high tenor (C3-B5)
- Susan – their actor friend, mezzo/alto (F3-F#5)
- Heidi – their actor friend, mezzo/alto with strong belt (F3-F#5)

All characters are generally in their 20s to 30s.

### Other information

Please note the rehearsal schedule for this show: Sunday afternoons and Wednesday/Thursday evenings from Jan. 4 to March 19 in Noblesville. Tech week March 22 to 28. Actors with any conflicts during tech week will not be considered for a role. Please bring known conflicts to auditions.

For questions, please email director Lauren Taylor at [L\\_Taylor2004@hotmail.com](mailto:L_Taylor2004@hotmail.com).

# Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

## Before Winter Comes, Housing Help for Our Military, Veterans and their Families

At Intecare Veteran Services, <https://www.intecarevets.org/> our goal is to transition Veterans from housing crisis to housing stability. Intecare’s Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) has served over 4,000 families. Our approach is built upon the evidence-based “Housing First” approach, which prioritizes housing Veterans, followed by providing them the following services as they relate to housing stability: outreach, case management, assistance obtaining VA and other public benefits, housing counseling and assistance with housing searches, financial planning as it relates to stabilizing housing, transportation, childcare, and temporary financial assistance as it relates to stabilizing housing.



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**Be a Veteran**  
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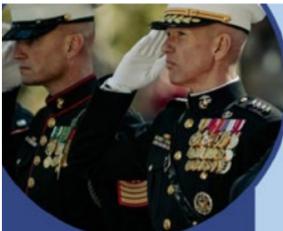
**Income Eligibility**  
Your household annual income cannot exceed 80% of the area median income (AMI)

**Imminent Risk**  
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- Temporary Financial Assistance as needed to stabilize housing
- Housing counseling and assistance with housing searches
- Financial planning as it relates to stabilizing housing
- Transportation Services
- Child Care Services as it relates to stabilizing housing

## Keys To Housing Based On Your Current Situation

Help is also available through the Coalition for Homeless Intervention & Preservation (CHIP) and the Indianapolis Continuum of Care (COC) - <https://www.chipindy.org/about-coc/>. They unite local organizations, individuals, and funders in a shared mission to prevent and end homelessness through aligned systems and community-centered actions. To achieve our goal of ending homelessness, we identify critical needs in the community and address them by building lasting systems of housing and service.



## Indianapolis “Keys to Housing” Resource Guide

### WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT SITUATION?



**I am staying outside or in a car and need help finding an emergency shelter or other immediate resources.**

Call Indiana 2-1-1. They can help you find shelter if you need it. Once you are safely in shelter, shelter staff can also talk to you about housing options. The phone line is available 24/7.

Indiana 2-1-1  
Dial 211 or (866) 211-9966

For all other needs, call 211 or visit the Handbook of Help

INDIANA 2-1-1  
Phone: Dial 211 or (866) 211-9966 (available 24/7)  
Text: Text your ZIP Code to 898-211 (available Monday-Friday 8am-5pm)  
Online: <https://indianacomunityconnect.in.gov/>

**HANDBOOK OF HELP**  
<https://www.chipindy.org/handbook-of-help.html>

**DON'T FORGET:** if any of your contact info changes, please notify an access point. We can't help you if we can't find you!

**I am staying in an emergency shelter, outside, or in a car and need help finding a long-term housing solution.**

Contact an access point. If you call, you might have to leave a message, but they should call you back. Please leave only one message but call back if you do not hear from anyone within 2-3 business days. Most are only open during regular business hours.

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OR  
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**Horizon House**  
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**VETERAN ACCESS POINTS:**  
H.V.A.F. of Indiana  
317-951-0688 | 964 N Pennsylvania St., 46204  
RRH Program Screener Line 317-789-8404

**Walk ins welcome M-F 8am-5pm**  
Intecare  
855-896-4345 or [ssvf@intecare.org](mailto:ssvf@intecare.org)

**Volunteers of America Ohio & Indiana**  
855-332-8387 | 1800 N. Meridian St. Suite 300 46202

**I am seeking assistance to maintain my current housing.**

**IF YOU NEED COMMUNITY RESOURCES:**  
Contact a community or neighborhood center. Most are open during regular business hours.

**Hawthorne Community Center**  
317-637-4312 | 70 N Mount St., 46222

**Indiana Legal Services**  
844-243-8570 | 1200 Madison Ave., Suite 300, 46225

**Indianapolis Urban League**  
317-693-7603 | 777 Indiana Ave., 46202

**John Boner Neighborhood Centers**  
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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, 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.

# Weather is unpredictable ... Paul Poteet isn't. Your Hometown Weatherman!



# A pumpkin for every kid & candy in every bag

The Town of Atlanta and the town’s churches hosted a Fall Party for the kids on Saturday, Oct. 25. Gatewood Vegetable Farm of Noblesville donated pumpkins, and area businesses donated candy for the trunk or treat. The churches provided a meal, and the Jackson Township Fire Department offered help as well. Thank you to everyone who made it a special day for local kids. (Photos provided by Town of Atlanta)



## Serving Those Who Served Free Meal for our Veterans



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**11:00am - 2:00pm**

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Lunch Courtesy of Community First Bank Employees | [CFBindiana.com/veterans](http://CFBindiana.com/veterans)

Letter to the Editor

New ZIP codes won't be as easy as 1-2-3-4-5

Dear Editor:  
 Carmel, Noblesville, and Westfield could get their own ZIP codes if federal legislation becomes law. The House of Representatives has passed a bill now before the Senate would direct the U.S. Postal Service to designate unique ZIP codes for 74 communities across the country. Communities in more than 20 states will get their own ZIP codes if the bill becomes law. And then the trouble starts. A friend provided this list of changes we face:

- Driver's license
- Vehicle registration
- IRS records
- Social Security records
- Voter registration
- Utilities
- Car insurance
- Home Insurance
- Life insurance
- Retirement account
- Investment accounts
- Disabled parking permit records

You probably can think of more. And you can bet your bottom dollar all those junk mailers will have the changes made instantly. Confiscating our money is one thing, turning us into all-day secretaries is quite another.  
**Bill Shaffer**  
 Carmel

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A very Mel Brooks musical stages at the Studio Theater thanks to ATI

Mel Brooks' musical version of his 1974 film *Young Frankenstein* opened this past week on the ATI stage in the Studio Theater in Carmel, directed by Darrin Murrell, with Musical Direction by Nathan Perry and Choreography by Carol Worcel.



**KEN KLINGEMEIER**  
*A Seat on the Aisle*

one-hour first act alone (and 11 more in the shorter second act) – and the company, bolstered by a corps of hard working and talented ensemble players, makes nearly every one of the songs a Brooksian spectacle.

The show is a direct relative of the movie, aiming to keep intact most of the shtick-filled comedic journey that was presented in the film version, while adding shtick-filled songs about nearly everything that occurs. If you loved the movie, you'll love the musical's crazy ride as most every gag and joke is present – the big knockers, the neighing horse, the roll in the hay (presented with panache on a hayride wagon), the 'he was my boyfriend', the moving hump, the hot soup in the lap, and the sweet mystery of life – indeed all the double entendre, innuendo-filled and wordplay gagging that Brooks is so famous for. (Some would say he is a genius, some would say he is just silly – I think he is just a silly genius.)

All this action is merrily presented by Murrell's top-notch cast.

Ben Asaykwee takes the role of Frederick Frankenstein and does a great job parodying the film's star Gene Wilder in tone and delivery. He is joined by John Vessels Jr. as the movable humped Igor, Sophie Jones as the quite comely lab assistant Inga, Julie Lyn Barber as Frau Blucher (cue the horse whinnies), Megan Arrington-Marks as Frederick's self-centered fiancée Elizabeth, and Craig Underwood, outstanding as the larger than life monster. Adam B. Shapiro joins in the fun as the blind Hermit and Eric Olson is notable as a shticky Inspector Kemp.

As I say, musical numbers abound throughout the show – there are 11 in the



Photo by Rob Slaven / [IndyGhostLight.com](http://IndyGhostLight.com)  
**Frederick (Ben Asaykwee) with Inga (Sophie Jones).**

comedy and storytelling. Admittedly, his is a specialized kitsch. ATI's efforts here are a shining celebration of the comic master's work – like it or not.

*Mel Brooks' Young Frankenstein* continues at ATI's Studio Theater in the Center

for the Performing Arts in Carmel through Nov. 9. You can get information about the schedule and tickets by calling (317) 843-3800 or by logging onto [atistage.org](http://atistage.org).

Read more great play reviews from *A Seat on the Aisle* at [asota.wordpress.com](http://asota.wordpress.com).

Elks announce 'Most Valuable Student' scholarship contest

Submitted

The Elks National Foundation (ENF) has kicked off the 2026 scholarship year. Here are the details for the Most Valuable Student (MVS) contest:

Applications can be found online at [enf.elks.org/MVS](http://enf.elks.org/MVS). The application deadline is Nov. 12.

ENF awards 500 four-year scholarships based on academics, leadership, and financial need. National awards range from \$1,000 per year to \$7,500 per year. The national awards will be announced in April 2026.

MVS scholarships are for high school seniors who plan to pursue a four-year degree on a full-time basis (minimum of 12 semester hours), at a U.S. college or university starting in 2026-27. Some important applicant details include:

- Current high school seniors (or equivalent) who are citizens of the United States are eligible to apply.
- Applicants do not have to be related to a member of the Elks.
- Male and female students compete separately.

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## Altrusa Club spends October feeding both body & mind



Photos provided



In the month of October, the Altrusa Club of Hamilton County had many projects. They collected food for food pantries in honor of World Food Day. President Pam Wesley delivered the food to Emmanuel United Methodist Church (left) and First Presbyterian Church both in Noblesville. Altrusa Club also had a fundraiser with Food Florist (above left). Their truck was located at Carmel Christian Church. It was very successful, and Altrusans are grateful for their friends who helped support us. In their continued support of Family Development Services Hamilton County Head Start, Altrusa Club's Make a Difference Day project for 2025 involved purchasing Dr. Seuss books for six classes and one early learning classroom (above right). Coming up at their Nov. 10 meeting at MCL in Carmel, Altrusa Club will feature Fay Eichelberger, who will share information about Saving Our Sisters Inc.



Photo provided by Westfield Fire Department

## No injuries in Westfield house fire

Submitted by Westfield Fire Department

At approximately 10:15 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25, the Westfield Fire Department (WFD) responded to a residential fire on Amberleaf Trail.

Upon arrival, the first engine reported flames through the roof of the home. Firefighters worked diligently for an hour to extinguish the blaze.

The home, where the fire began, sustained significant fire, smoke, and water damage, but no injuries were reported to civilians or firefighters. Firefighters were able to protect neighboring prop-

erties as well. The homeowners were alerted to the fire by functioning smoke alarms, which played a critical role in their safe evacuation.

WFD was assisted by Carmel Fire Department, Noblesville Fire Department, Hamilton County Public Safety Communications, and the Westfield Police Department.

No damage estimate is available at this time, and the cause of the fire remains under investigation.

WFD reminds residents to regularly check and maintain smoke alarms, as they are vital for early detection and safety.

## Candy corn rises on list of popular candy

Submitted

Candy sales reveal two changes among favorite Halloween candies in this part of the country. Kroger shoppers are choosing candy corn more often this year, moving that treat from third place to second on Kroger's list of local favorites.

Caramel Apple Tootsie

Pops moved into the Top 4, moving Milky Way bars down one spot in 2025 Halloween sales.

Kroger candy experts have done some other calculating to help shoppers prepare for trick-or-treaters, suggesting up to three pieces of fun-size candy per visitor, meaning homes will need as many as 300 pieces

for medium-size neighborhoods with up to 100 children.

For celebrations at home, more Halloween hosts are creating an alternative to charcuterie boards, featuring festive and decorative displays of their favorite candies. Those home celebrations elevated one other food to

special status. Halloween is now pizza's biggest night of the year.

For customers seeking Halloween hosting inspiration, Kroger offers these chilling **cocktail** and **mocktail** recipes, a step-by-step guide to making **boo-cuterie boards**, better-for-you Halloween **snack ideas** and other party ideas.

## SR 32 barricades moving

The REPORTER

Today, Oct. 28, at 4 p.m., the City of Westfield and INDOT will move the barricades at the corner of State Road 32 and Union Street to mark the completion of this phase of the 32 Connects project.

The area will still be an

active construction site, but SR 32 from Poplar Boulevard to Union Street will be open to traffic.

The barricades will be moved at 4 p.m. and the community is welcome to join in the celebration. Bring a friend – there will be giveaways.

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# Braun calls special session on redistricting, tax code changes

By **ASHLEY FOWLER**  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

Gov. Mike Braun (R) on Monday called a special legislative session to discuss redistricting.

The special session will convene on Monday, Nov. 3, according to a statement from Braun's office.

“I am calling a special legislative session to protect Hoosiers from efforts in other states that seek to diminish their voice in Washington and ensure their representation in Congress is fair,” Braun said in a statement Monday.

The announcement came following months of debate on whether Indiana would join **several other states** in deciding whether or not to pursue mid-decade redistricting.

Both **President Donald Trump** and **Vice President JD Vance** have discussed redistricting with Indi-

ana lawmakers a number of times in the last few months. Vance most recently visited the Hoosier State on Oct. 10, a handful of weeks after his first visit in **August**.

Redistricting has been a point of contention for Indiana lawmakers. Following Vance's August visit, several on the Democratic side of the aisle expressed frustration and discussed the dangers of redistricting. Late last week, some Republican lawmakers doubted whether a special session would happen.

On Thursday, a spokesperson for Indiana Senate President Pro Tempore Rod Bray (R-Martinsville) told News 8's Garrett Bergquist that **“the votes aren't there for redistricting.”** On Monday morning, less than an hour after Braun's



**Braun**

announcement became public, Bray's office said, “the votes still aren't there for redistricting.”

Later that day, **Gov. Braun said on X** that he was “still having positive conversations with members of the legislature” and was “confident the majority of Indiana Statehouse Republicans” would support a special session on redistricting.

So far, Texas, Missouri, and North Carolina have approved reshaping their districts to favor Republican seats. Meanwhile, California, a Democratic stronghold, may also push to redistrict to counter those Republican seats.

**Updating Indiana's tax code**

Redistricting is not the only topic lawmakers will discuss during the special

session.

Braun says he has asked the legislature to “conform Indiana's tax code with new federal tax provisions to ensure stability and certainty for taxpayers and tax preparers for 2026 filings.”

Indiana uses federal tax law as the starting point for its state tax return, and recent changes in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act affect Indiana's tax filings.

Braun says addressing these tax discrepancies in the special session “will provide taxpayers, accountants, and businesses the confidence and clarity ahead of filing season [and] avoid amended returns and filing delays.”

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# Baldwin: Indiana's voices are increasingly drowned out in Congress

Submitted by Office of **State Sen. Scott Baldwin**

State Sen. Scott Baldwin (R-Noblesville) issued this statement regarding Governor Mike Braun's call for a special session to address potential redistricting.

“As a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and former homicide detective, I've spent much of my life dedicated to protecting Americans and upholding the rule of law. That same commitment guides my work today at the Statehouse, and it's why I support efforts to strengthen Indiana's voice in Congress through redistricting.

“Lenient U.S. border policies have led to tens of thousands of American lives lost annually due to fentanyl trafficking. In fact, fentanyl now kills more

Americans every single year than the total number of U.S. service members killed in combat since the beginning of the Vietnam War.

“We need more voices in Washington who will join our congressional delegation in supporting meaningful action to confront this threat, and redistricting gives Indiana an opportunity to help send them.

“It's no secret that many blue states are already heavily gerrymandered to benefit the Democratic Party. They continue to squeeze out additional blue seats from already blue states, while the voices of states like Indiana are increasingly drowned out in Congress. Redistricting now stands to elevate Hoosier voices for critical issues in Congress.”



**Baldwin**

# Garcia Wilburn calls for action on cost of living, not new congressional maps

Submitted by Office of **State Rep. Victoria Garcia Wilburn**

On Monday, Oct. 27, Governor Mike Braun signed a proclamation requesting the Indiana General Assembly to convene a special session on Nov. 3 to redraw Indiana's congressional maps in the middle of the decade, going into effect for next year's midterm elections.

State Representative Victoria Garcia Wilburn calls this an unprecedented action following the majority party of the Indiana General Assembly redrawing the state's congressional maps in 2021 after the 2020 U.S. Census – maps which the majority party touted to be fair and representative of the people.

While Braun has called this special session, there

is no enforcement mechanism that requires the General Assembly to answer his call and pass new maps. The legislative process may gavel in on Nov. 3 onward and then gavel back out without completing any new business. It can also take up business unrelated to Braun's stated purpose for the session.

On the heels of House Democratic Leader Phil Giacquinta's statement, State Rep. Victoria Garcia Wilburn (D-Fishers) released the following statement in response:

“It is first important to note that we in Indiana hold close our traditions. Our tradition, and our long-held process, has been for decades



**Garcia Wilburn**

that our redrawing of state and federal district maps has been held after the results of national census. This predictable process has been what Hoosiers have come to expect, and it was what they deserve.

“A sentiment often said in both the House and Senate chambers is that our state government is in no way like the politics of Washington, D.C. This is no longer true, and working families in our district are struggling to get by right now. They're struggling to pay their energy bills. They're struggling to pay their property tax bill. They're struggling to pay for health care. This isn't the time to play political games by pursuing an

unprecedented redrawing of our congressional maps in the middle of the decade.

“Instead, our state government should be focused on the very real problems that Hoosier families are facing. That is what I have been doing and that is what I will continue to do, and this special session will only take me away from the very important work that I am privileged to do.

“I urge Hamilton County legislators to pose a united front and take a strong stance against redistricting. We can be patriots who are committed to our constituents and who are loyal to the importance of letting voters choose their representation. The leadership in our county is proof that there is a higher road our state can take instead of partisanship for partisanship's sake.”

# Ford calls for transparency & impartiality during impending special session

Submitted by Office of **State Sen. J.D. Ford**

State Senator J.D. Ford (D-Indianapolis) criticized Governor Mike Braun's decision to call the General Assembly back for a special session to deliver two congressional seats to the White House amid ongoing struggles for Indiana families.

“It is unconscionable that Governor Braun would ignore the real issues going on around our state and instead choose to focus on partisan politics,” Ford said. “He should be focused less on his relationship with Trump and more on delivering for Hoosier families.”

Ford, who serves as the Ranking Minority Member on the Senate Elections Committee, was quick to dismiss the false premise used to justify the now imminent special session.

“We have heard how Indiana has to rig our maps to respond to states like California and Illinois,” Ford said. “We cannot forget that this all started with Trump directing Texas to break precedent and steal seats.”

Ford also stressed the need for impartial voices and transparency when it comes to looking at any new map going forward.



**Ford**

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# Get ready to trick-or-treat in Westfield

**The REPORTER**

Get your costumes ready! The official trick-or-treating hours in West-

field are 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31.

Drivers, please keep an eye out for little ghosts and

goblins crossing the streets in search of candy. Parents and guardians of trick-or-treaters, please use caution

when crossing streets.

Let's make this Halloween safe and spooktacular for everyone.

# Help police find missing tortoises

**The REPORTER**

The Capitol Police Section of the Indiana State Police is asking for the public's help in locating two tortoises stolen from the Indianapolis Zoo earlier this month.

According to investigators, the theft occurred sometime between 10 a.m. on Oct. 11 and 10 a.m. on Oct. 12. Both species, an Egyptian tortoise and a Northern Spider tortoise, are currently listed as critically endangered species.

Both tortoises are microchipped, and the Egyptian tortoise is said to have



Photos provided by Indiana State Police  
**The missing Egyptian tortoise (left) and Northern Spider (tortoise) are both listed as critically endangered species.**

a prominent scar on its underside.

Anyone with any infor-

mation related to this theft is asked to call either the Capitol Police at (317) 234-

2131 or Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana at (317) 262-TIPS (8477).

# What is the future of property & income taxes?

**Submitted by Westfield Chamber of Commerce**

The Westfield Chamber of Commerce's October Coffee Connections is set for 8 to 9 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30 at the Westfield Washington Public Library, 17400 Westfield Blvd.

Bondry Consulting President Oscar Gutierrez will discuss the future of property and income taxes. Enjoy coffee and conversation while we get to know

more about how recent legislation is shaping the future of property and income taxes. Learn what these changes could mean for your business, your finances, and your community.

Whether you're a business professional or community member, come discover the power of morn-



**Gutierrez**

ing connections. [Click here](#) to register.

**About Oscar Gutierrez**

Oscar Gutierrez is the Founder and Principal of Bondry Consulting, bringing over 20 years of public finance experience to municipalities across Indiana. Previously, he served as the first Controller for the

City of Fishers, leading its transition to city status and earning a rare 'AAA' credit rating.

A veteran of the U.S. Air Force and Army Reserves, Gutierrez also held senior financial roles with The Mind Trust and the City of Lawrence. He serves on several nonprofit and community boards and has been recognized among IBJ's 40 Under 40 and Indy's Best and Brightest.

# FORD

"If President Donald Trump is pressuring lawmakers directly, we cannot ignore a blatant conflict of interest when it comes to making decisions on future congressional maps," Ford said. "If there were genuine concerns with our

maps, we should move forward with an independent redistricting commission to address them."

In 2021, Ford served on the committee that oversaw redistricting after the 2020 census, and recalled the praise that the current maps

received at the time.

"Just four short years ago, we heard how these maps were perfect," Ford said. "The only thing that has changed since then is our current administration has pushed through policy that is hurting families and knows

that they will pay the price at the ballot box in 2026 unless they change the rules."

Ford reiterated that he will stand alongside his constituents and caucus in pursuing every legal recourse to halt what he says is a map-rigging scheme.

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## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

**THE CENSUS**

*From the descendants of Benjamin:*

*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 Benjamin was 35,400.*

*From the descendants of Dan:*

*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 Dan was 62,700.*

*From the descendants of Asher:*

*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 Asher was 41,500.*

*From the descendants of Naphtali:*

*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 Naphtali was 53,400.*

*These were the men counted by Moses and Aaron and the twelve leaders of Israel, each one representing his family. All the Israelites twenty years old or more who were able to serve in Israel's army were counted according to their families. The total number was 603,550.*

*Numbers 1:36-46 (NIV)*

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# REPORTER SPORTS TUESDAY

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## Volleyball Regionals

# Huskies, Rocks win regional titles

### The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights volleyball team powered to its first-ever regional championship on Saturday, Oct. 25.

The No. 9-ranked Huskies won the Class 3A Norwell regional by beating the host team in a sweep, 25-18, 25-20, 25-21. The victory qualifies the Huskies for the 3A north semi-state, which will be played at Huntington North this Saturday.

"It was a great team win," said Heights coach Steve Ward. "We played some really good defense. We were able to pass really well and allowed our setters to set."

Senior Macie Smith was dominant on offense, putting down 22 kills. Sophomore Olivia Schifflit hit 10 kills. Senior Sierra Bramel dished out 19 assists, while junior Reece Blanton provided 10 assists.

Junior Addie Doak led the defense with 14 digs, while freshman Riley Suarez made four blocks.

"We talked about making history and playing together and putting that in front of us as a goal," said Ward. The coach said his team "played together as a whole team in every aspect," including defense, serving and blocking.

"We were able to come out on top tonight," said Ward.

The Huskies are 23-8 and play Bishop Dwenger in the first semifinal of the semi-state, which begins



Photo provided

(LEFT) The Hamilton Heights volleyball team won its first-ever regional championship on Saturday, Oct. 25. The Huskies swept host Norwell to win the regional and advance to semi-state. (RIGHT) Sheridan senior Eva Todd serves the ball during the Blackhawks' regional match with Benton Central on Saturday, Oct. 25.



Photo by Dwight Casler

at 10 a.m. NorthWood and Mishawaka Marian play the second semifinal at noon, with the winners advancing to the 7 p.m. championship.

### Rocks dominate Belmont

Westfield also played its regional match at Norwell Saturday, Oct. 25 and won easily.

The No. 2-ranked Shamrocks claimed the 4A regional title with a sweep of Belmont, 25-11, 25-16, 25-12. The regional win is the

second in program history for Westfield, which won its first regional trophy in 2011.

Senior Georgia Bresnahan led the Rocks' offense with 12 kills, while juniors Carsyn Comer and Paige Rudolph both put down 11 kills. Junior setters Kenna Robinson and Emily Blevins both handed out 21 assists.

Junior Kendyl Strack collected 20 digs for Westfield, which improved to 26-1 for the season.

The Shamrocks travel to

Rochester this Saturday to play in the Class 4A north semi-state. No. 5 Crown Point plays Penn in the first semifinal at 10 a.m., then the second semifinal will be a noon showdown between Westfield and No. 1-ranked Fort Wayne Carroll. The championship match is set for 7 p.m.

### Sheridan falls to Benton Central

Sheridan finished its historic season at the Class 2A Twin Lakes regional Satur-

day, Oct. 25, as the Blackhawks fell to No. 3-ranked Benton Central in a 25-14, 25-17, 25-8 sweep.

Lainey Mendenhall hit five kills for Sheridan, followed by Amiyah Doss with four, Lilli Thompson with three, Adria Jump with two and one each for Kelsie Hagan and Beth Adams.

Jump dished out 13 assists and served one ace. She also led the defense with 10 digs, followed by Mendenhall with nine, Mer-

edith Krupp with eight, Hagan with six and Eva Todd with five. Jump had one solo block and one block assist, Mendenhall made one solo block and Doss had one block assist.

"As we kept playing with the great and heart that this team has, I absolutely thought we would be here at the end of our season," said Sheridan coach Melissa Jump.

Sheridan finished its season 19-11.

## Soccer Semi-State

# Four county soccer teams reach state finals

### The REPORTER

Four Hamilton County soccer teams easily won semi-state games on Saturday, Oct. 25 to punch their tickets to this weekend's IH-SAA state finals.

The Class 3A girls state title game will be an all-county matchup. No. 1-ranked Hamilton Southeastern cruised past No. 8 Crown Point 5-1 to win the 3A north semi-state game at Chesterton. Meanwhile, No. 3-ranked Carmel defeated No. 6 Center Grove 5-2 to claim the 3A south semi-state game at Martinsville.

Carmel's third-ranked boys reached the 3A state title game with a 5-0 win

against No. 7 Bloomington South, also at Martinsville. In Class 2A, No. 2-ranked Guerin Catholic overwhelmed No. 4 Hanover Central 5-0 to win the 2A north game at Chesterton.

### Ehret the Equalizer

The Carmel girls overcame an early goal from the Trojans, who scored = during the third minute. The Hounds got the equalizer in the ninth minute. Elsie Flanders collected a throw-in ball down the center of the field and passed it to Emma Ehret in the right side of the box. Ehret got past one defender and made an easy five-foot kick to tie the game.

Lizzie Horoho scored

the go-ahead goal in the 15th minute, lobbing the ball just past the goalkeeper's reach from the right side. Horoho assisted Adalyn Cameron with a goal in the 29th minute; Cameron's kick hit the crossbar, but crossed the goal line and gave Carmel a 3-1 lead.

The Greyhounds added two goals in the second half. Olivia Joyce booted in a long kick for Carmel's fourth goal during the 54th minute, then Cameron passed to Ehret during the 68th minute, and Ehret blasted the ball into the net.

Center Grove scored a second goal during the 70th minute, with a header off a corner kick.

### Four assists for Sloane May

The Royals had to wait to get their first goal, but Margaux Henning broke the ice by kicking in the first of four assists by Sloane May during the 32nd minute. Three minutes later, Kherington Patton booted in Southeastern's second goal, with May again making the assist.

May assisted again five minutes into the second half, making a kick to Riley Boyd, who headed in the ball for the Royals' third goal. Rebekah Tekrony added HSE's fourth goal in the 51st minute off a pass from Blair Satterfield.

Crown Point scored its

goal during the 58th minute off a corner kick. Addison McClain put in the Royals' fifth goal in the 65th minute, off another May assist.

### Bardos' hat trick leads Carmel boys

The Greyhounds' Evan Bardos scored the first of his three goals in the 11th minute, beginning the scoring for the Greyhounds. Carmel led 1-0 at halftime, but the floodgates opened during the final 30 minutes of the game.

Bardos scored again with a big kick in the 53rd minute, then Alex Rubins made a penalty kick in the 59th minute. Bardos scored his third goal off a corner kick with eight minutes to go, then Quinn Wu scored off a deflection a few seconds later.

Xander Dora made two assists, with Troy Enslin and Wu both making one.

### Fast first goal from Zermeno

Guerin Catholic wasted no time getting on the board. Christian Zermeno weaved through several defenders and kicked in the Golden Eagles' first goal just 40 sec-

onds after the start.

Will Scheu scored GC's second goal in about the same fashion during the 29th minute, blasting through three defenders before kicking the ball in. The 2-0 margin would be half-time lead.

Zermeno scored the Golden Eagles' third goal, again getting through several defenders before making an easy kick in the goal box during the 47th minute. Scheu made a powerful kick from 20 yards for Guerin Catholic's fourth goal in the 53rd minute. Brayden Lindley scored the fifth goal off an assist from Zermeno in the 59th minute.

### State schedule

The Guerin Catholic boys will be the first team to play, taking on No. 11 Bishop Chatard in the 2A final, which is set for 6 p.m. Friday at IUPUI's Michael Carroll Stadium.

Carmel's boys play first on Saturday, facing off with No. 1 Harrison at 4 p.m. Saturday. Then, it's the showdown between the HSE and Carmel girls, which begins at 6:30 p.m. Saturday.

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Cross Country Regionals

# Noblesville boys defend title, Westfield girls break drought

**The REPORTER**

The Noblesville boys cross country team has been around for decades and has seen quite a bit of success during its long history.

But the Millers accomplished something they had never done before on Saturday, Oct. 25: Noblesville defended a regional championship.

Led by the 1-2 punch of Banner Barnes and John Libs, the Millers claimed the Shelbyville regional title at Blue River Park. Noblesville's dynamic duo, along with their teammates, cruised to victory with a score of 63 points, comfortably ahead of runner-up Center Grove's 88 points. Both teams are also headed to this Saturday's IHSA state finals in Terre Haute.

Barnes won the race in a time of 15 minutes, 30 seconds, with Libs not far behind, taking second place in a time of 15:33.8. Cooper Click also landed in the top 10, clocking in at 15:46.3.

Noblesville won its sixth overall regional title in program history.

The top five teams qualify for the state finals. Fishers placed third with 129 points, edging out fourth-place Hamilton Southeastern (135) and fifth-place Lawrence North (137).

The Tigers and the Royals both had two individual top-10 runners. Reece Torres placed sixth for the Tigers, while Nate Thomas took eighth. Southeastern's Isaac Smith powered to a fourth-place finish, with Liam Powers finishing 10th.

Westfield scored 176 points to take sixth, just missing a spot in the state finals. The Shamrocks will have an individual

qualifier: Bryce Pittman placed 19th and was one of the top 15 runners not on an advancing team.

Two other county runners qualified for state as individuals. Guerin Catholic's Cole Eckstein was 23rd and Hamilton Heights' Isaiah Heuer took 26th.

**Race winner:** Banner Barnes (Noblesville) 15:30.0. **Other Noblesville runners:** 2. John Libs 15:33.8, 9. Cooper Click 15:46.3, 17. Jack Rush 15:57.9, 39. Isaiah Vohs 16:18.5, 52. Noah Melton 16:26.5, 53. Matthew Huseman 16:27.3.

**Fishers runners:** 6. Reece Torres 15:37.0, 8. Nate Thomas 15:39.5, 31. Declan Mohr 16:10.0, 44. Brady FitzGerald 16:21.3, 52. Kale Ormes 16:25.2, 59. Grant Fasnacht 16:33.9, 60. Mason Lapp 16:35.2.

**Hamilton Southeastern runners:** 4. Isaac Smith 15:36.0, 10. Liam Powers 15:46.4, 24. Monroe Cluff 16:04.1, 46. Charles Ritter 16:21.9, 63. Will Henning 16:38.4, 65. Hayden Hoback 16:40.2, 123. Porter Key 17:32.4.

**Westfield runners:** 19. Bryce Pittman 16:00.6, 33. Nathan McKeever 16:12.6, 41. Carson Ackley 16:19.1, 49. Caleb Haney 16:23.4, 51. Luke Moulder 16:24.5, 67. Deagan Imel 16:42.9, 79. Chase Niccum 16:54.4.

**Guerin Catholic runners:** 23. Cole Eckstein 16:04.0, 86. Hunter Kinzle-Gorman 17:00.3, 100. Ashton Sommer 17:12.3, 110. Austin Rankin 17:23.9, 134. Timmy Galvin 17:40.6.

**Hamilton Heights runners:** 26. Isaiah Heuer 16:05.9, 102. Nicholas Bragg 17:14.8, 103. Aiden Clarke 17:17.3, 157. Will Monnin 18:04.1, 161. Charles Wedmore 18:05.7.

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In the girls race, Westfield ended its long regional drought by claiming the title at Shelbyville.

The Shamrocks scored 75 points, ahead of runner-up Fishers' 105 points. Noblesville (third place, 149), Guerin Catholic (fourth place, 153) and Franklin Central

(fifth place, 166) rounded out the top five and list of the state-qualifying teams.

Alivia Lozier led the Shamrocks by taking third in 17:47.8; she was the county's highest-placing girls runner. Westfield won its fourth regional title, its other three came in 2004, 2006 and 2007.

Caitlin Hawkins led the Tigers by taking fourth place in 18:03.3.

Jayde Stamm was the Millers' top runner, placing 20th. Noblesville had all five of its runners place in the top 45, which kept the Millers' score low enough for one of the top five team spots.

Chloe Tragesser was the Golden Eagles' top runner, finishing in seventh.

Hamilton Southeastern finished sixth with 206 points but will advance a runner to state. Zoe Gebhart finished sixth for the Royals. Hamilton Heights' Allie Bushey placed 12th, also qualifying for state.

**Race winner:** Libby Dowty (Indian Creek) 17:15.1.

**Westfield runners:** 3. Alivia Zoeller 17:47.8, 14. Jenna Burns 18:45.2, 21. Mackenna Condon 19:02.7, 25. Jordyn Landrum 19:07.2, 28. Emma Pitney 19:11.3, 42. Ella Bozarth 19:35.8, 48. Gianna Ferreri 19:41.1.

**Fishers runners:** 4. Caitlin Hawkins 18:03.3, 26. Riley Teurman 19:09.1, 27. Allie Belush 19:10.5, 34. Abby Lotter 19:24.8, 36. Lilah Gunn 19:26.5, 46. Kylie Lengner 19:41.0, 73. Mia Quagliaroli 20:10.3.

**Noblesville runners:** 20. Jayde Stamm 18:59.9, 33. Ansley Applegate 19:23.1, 37. Kate Mumaw 19:28.3, 41. Nelani Render 19:34.6, 45. Izzy Salinas 19:38.6, 57. Gretchen Graham 19:48.5, 70. Addy Scott 20:04.1.

**Guerin Catholic runners:** 7. Chloe Tragesser 18:29.4, 39. Katie Kolb 19:29.5, 40. Brinna Wolf 19:32.0, 44. Claire Flannagan 19:38.1, 49. Jillian Tichenor 19:42.4, 76. Taylor Tragesser 20:13.3, 128. Delaney Gould 21:14.9.

**Hamilton Southeastern runners:** 6. Zoe Gebhart



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Noblesville's Banner Barnes won the boys race at the Shelbyville cross country regional Saturday, Oct. 25 at Blue River Park. The Millers won the team regional and advance to this Saturday's IHSA state finals.

18:28.5, 30. Anissa Lammie 19:12.8, 62. Raegan Hisong 19:59.4, 64. Katelyn Evans 20:00.2, 78. Ali Johnson 20:15.7, 81. Aubrey Berger 20:17.6, 88. Kate Lux 20:21.1.

**Hamilton Heights runners:** 12. Allie Bushey 18:43.8, 55. Anna Monnin 19:47.7, 63. Lillian Higgins 19:59.9, 68. Matilda Higgins 20:02.8, 83. Ayla Madara 20:18.4, 89. Amira Leer 20:21.9, 193. Selah Heuer 22:58.3.

## Carmel sweeps at Brownsburg

By **RICHIE HALL**  
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**BROWNSBURG** – Carmel boys cross country coach Colin Altevogt had many good things to say after his team won the Brownsburg regional on Saturday, Oct. 25.

The Greyhounds cruised to another regional victory that morning at the Brownsburg East Middle School course. Carmel scored 81 points, nicely ahead of runner-up Avon's 105 points. Both teams, along with the remainder of the top five finishers, qualified for the IHSA state finals this Saturday at Terre Haute.

Altevogt talked about the "perfect weather" – temperatures that morning were around 45 degrees, which he said is "ideal weather for distance running." The flat course at Brownsburg East Middle School also ran fast, with the top 30 runners all finishing under 16 minutes.

"We feel good about it," said Altevogt. "We made it through. We won. We knew it'd be a close race, us, Avon, Brownsburg, North Central."

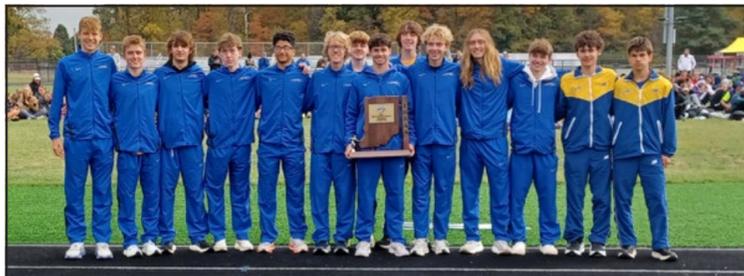
Each of Carmel's first five runners finished in the top 30, allowing the Greyhounds to close their scoring quickly. Jonah Kaul led Carmel by placing seventh in 15 minutes, 23.4 seconds. Carter Buhr also reached the top 10, taking 10th in 15:27.8.

Other Greyhounds runners were Zach Flint (12th, 15:31.1), Lucas Barlett (25th, 15:53.4), Ben Meisner (30th, 15:56.7), Cooper Szotek (35th, 16:02.7) and Grant VanNahem (66th, 16:20.7).

After the Hounds and the Orioles, the other three state-qualifying teams were North Central (108 points), Brownsburg (137) and Ben Davis (164). The Giants' Aboubakar Ibrahim won the individual title in 15:11.9, while his teammate Tesfaldet Hailu was fourth in 15:22.7.

The regional title was the 36th in Carmel's program history, the most in the state.

University also competed at Brownsburg. Trailblazers runners were Finlay Reid (88th, 16:45.9), Walter Wil-



Reporter photos by **Richie Hall**  
The Carmel boys and girls cross country teams swept the Brownsburg regional on Saturday, Oct. 25. Both teams will advance to this Saturday's IHSA state finals.

son (166th, 17:36.5) and Mario Buoscio (168th, 17:37.8).

**Girls Race**

The Carmel girls took care of business as well. The Greyhounds dominated the regional by scoring 53 points, well ahead of runner-up Zionsville's 109 points.

Carmel had four runners finish in the top 12, and all four broke 18 minutes. Sadie Foley placed second in 17:19.8, just off the Greyhounds school record. Sarah Leinheiser ran 17:19.2 at the Shelbyville semi-state in 2016.

"I think it's just crazy," said Foley. "I don't really know what causes it. We joke that it's 'track-flation' in practice."

Instead, Foley credits the team – "a whole bunch of fast girls together, just pushing each other."

"It just shows [that] working together in practice and working towards team goals just motivates everyone to run faster," said Foley.

Annabel Pollert placed third with a time of 17:31.4. Larkin Taylor was eighth, clocking in at 17:55.3 and Margo Halle finished 12th in 17:58.3.

Carmel's other runners

were Kaitlyn Oshimura (30th, 18:57.0), Lilliana Cate (35th, 19:02.0) and Arden Finley (59th, 19:38.1).

"Those girls, when they're putting pressure on other people's top five, that's a big part of the team equation," said Greyhounds coach Scott Williams.

Carmel claimed its 34th regional championship in program history and is now tied for first on the all-time regional list. Columbus North also has 34 regional wins. The Bull Dogs placed third at the Evansville

North regional on Saturday, Oct. 25.

The Greyhounds and Zionsville both qualified for the state meet. Bishop Chatard placed third with 113 points; the Trojans' Julia Score won the race in 17:04.8. Avon placed fourth (150) and Harrison was fifth (156) to take the other two team-qualifying spots.

University had two individuals run at the regional. Laurel Gough-McKeown placed 53rd in 19:26.2, while Navya Shah finished 180th in 22:08.3.

## Basketball

# Noblesville Boom make two selections in 2025 NBA G League Draft

**The REPORTER**

The Noblesville Boom today announced the selection of two players in the 2025 NBA G League Draft.

With the 27th pick of the first round, the Boom selected Ben Coupet Jr. of Chicago, Illinois. Coupet Jr. most recently played as a forward for the Windy City Bulls, the NBA G League affiliate of the Chicago Bulls, where he averaged 10 points, 1 assist and 3 rebounds per game during the 2024-25 season. He played basketball at Southern Illinois-Carbondale.

With the 53rd overall pick, Indiana selected Ahmad Rorie of Tacoma, Washington. He played as a guard for S.L. Benfica in Portugal last season. Rorie played basketball at the University of Montana for three seasons and the University of Oregon for one season.

In a related move, the Boom added Ithiel Horton out of the NBA G League

Available Player Pool. A Vauxhall, New Jersey native, Horton averaged 6.3 points, 1.3 assists and 1.3 rebounds last season as a guard for the Grand Rapids Gold, the NBA G League affiliate of the Denver Nuggets. He previously played basketball for the University of Texas.

The NBA G League's 25th season tips off on Friday, Nov. 7 and features an expanded playoff field and 31 teams.

The Boom will make its highly anticipated debut at The Arena at Innovation Mile at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 8, when they host Grand Rapids for their historic home opener. The Boom will begin the season one night earlier, on the road at Grand Rapids on Nov. 7.

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