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Tonight: Clouds increase.



HIGH: 59 LOW: 47



When getting help is not a SNAP

Tackling Hunger Together: friendly challenge aims to boost Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank

The REPORTER

Editor's note: The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is being partially funded during November as the government shutdown continues. Benefits will reportedly be 50 percent of what a person normally receives, and as this goes to press, there is no solid information on when recipients will receive their November payment.

Hamilton County has a rich history of helping neighbors in need during difficult times. Among other things, there are food banks across the county and ample opportunities to help keep them stocked through fundraising events and direct donations. Today, *The Reporter* highlights the "Tackling Hunger Together" initiative, a good-natured competition between Carmel and Westfield.

In the spirit of community and friendly competition, the mayors and city councilors of Carmel and Westfield have teamed up to launch a charita-



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ble challenge supporting Hamilton County Harvest (HCH) Food Bank.

Inspired by the upcoming much-anticipated football matchup between the Carmel Greyhounds and the Westfield Shamrocks, the cities are going head-to-head to see who can raise the most funds to fight hunger.

Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam and Westfield Mayor Scott Willis jointly created the "Tackling Hunger Together" challenge, inviting residents, businesses, and fans to show their team spirit not only in the stands but also through generosity and compas-



sion. Every dollar raised will go directly to HCH Food Bank, helping to provide nutritious meals for families in need across Hamilton County.

"This is about turning rivalry into unity," Mayor Finkam said. "No matter which team wins on the field, both communities can be proud to stand together in the fight against hunger."

Mayor Willis agreed, adding, "We all want bragging rights, but the real victory is making sure no one in our community goes hungry. Let's prove that teamwork

extends far beyond the game."

Donations can be made directly at **Tackling Hunger Together: Carmel vs. Westfield**, where contributors can designate their gift for either Team Carmel or Team Westfield. The winning team – determined by total funds raised – will be announced on Monday, Nov. 10, with all proceeds benefitting the food bank's vital hunger relief programs.

The Tackling Hunger Together Challenge runs through Sunday, Nov. 9, and every contribution, large or small, helps make a meaningful difference.

Be extra kind to retailers this season

As I pulled up to the Aldi parking lot at 8:25 yesterday morning, I was surprised to see at least 20 people waiting outside the door. Thanks to working for myself, I typically shop at Aldi right when they open on Wednesday mornings so I can be in and out as quickly as possible.

"Wow, this is a surprise ... what am I missing?" I asked a young woman.

"They're kicking off their Christmas sale items today," she replied.

Woah, I thought. *It's only November 5.* I then remembered commenting to my husband John last week how, as soon as Halloween ends, I'm amazed to see the stores shove aside the witches, ghosts, and goblins and bring out all things Christmas (well, the Christmas items have been in the stores since August, but more in the back).

For me, I like to reserve my mindset for most of November for Thanksgiving. I do, however, go Christmas shopping at Edinburg Outlet Mall one Saturday with girlfriends.

While checking out yesterday morning, I mentioned to my favorite Aldi employee, Conner, how surprised I was to see the rush so soon. He sighed.

"Yeah ... this is always our toughest time of year. My back hurts already," Conner replied. He was looking forward to having today and Friday off.

I wished him good luck during this crazy season and walked over to the counter to bag my groceries. As I was sorting through my items, I remembered my 2024 outlet mall trip with my friends.

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Five county nonprofits get \$350K in grants

United Way of Central Indiana says money will help Hoosiers in need

The REPORTER

United Way of Central Indiana on Tuesday, Nov. 4 announced it is awarding \$350,000 in grants to five Hamilton County nonprofits to help meet residents' basic needs and improve the education, financial stability, and well-being of families.

The grants come from United Way's Basic Needs and Family Opportunity Funds.

Thursday, Oct. 30, United Way announced a **separate, \$1 million Central Indiana Food Relief Fund** in emergency response to cuts to federal SNAP benefits. The \$350,000 announcement is separate from that fund: United Way awards Basic Needs and Family Opportunity funding twice a year – once for organizations accredited with United Way and once for nonprofits outside its accredited network. This funding is part of United Way's ongoing commitment to meeting the essential needs of all people – a priority of the nonprofit's work.

The Basic Needs Fund focuses on safe and affordable housing, healthy food access, transportation, and health services. The Family Opportunity Fund supports integrated programming that serves both youth and adults in the same household, aimed at improving the education, financial stability, and well-being of the whole family.

The Hamilton County nonprofits receiving Basic Needs grants are:

- Alternatives Inc: \$50,000
- Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville: \$75,000
- Children's TherAPlay: \$50,000
- PrimeLife Enrichment: \$50,000
- Shepherd's Center of Hamilton County: \$125,000

In all, United Way of Central Indiana is awarding **\$17.3 million in grants to 71 nonprofits across the region**, and the funding is expected to serve more than 148,000 people in central Indiana. This round of grant funding was open to nonprofits in Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks,

See *Nonprofits* ... Page 2

Sheridan Community Schools approves new teacher contract

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

Sheridan Community Schools (SCS) has officially passed and approved a new two-year contract with the Sheridan Education Association (SEA) and Sheridan School Board as of Monday, Oct. 27.

This agreement marks a significant step forward for both teachers and school personnel. It was ratified with a 96.3 percent approval from members. It includes salary increases for both years of the contract and raises the minimum teacher salary to \$45,000.

SEA President Mathew Hewitt said he was grateful for the collaboration between the association and Superintendent Dr. Dave Mundy. He empha-

sized the shared commitment to teachers and students.

"SEA is proud to continue our strong, collaborative partnership with Dr. Mundy and the SCS School Board to bargain contracts that help to retain and recruit high quality teachers while maintaining fiscal stability," Hewitt said.

Hewitt also said the complex process of negotiating the new contract was made so much easier because there is a mutual trust and respect between both parties.

"The process of negotiating a contract is never easy," he



said, "but SEA values the strong partnership that we enjoy with SCS leadership to allow us to work together for the continued success of Sheridan Community Schools in the present and the future."

Hewitt expressed gratitude for the overwhelming support from teachers during the process.

"As president of the Sheridan Education Association, I am thankful for the strong support of our members, who ratified the new contract with over 96 percent approval," he said. "I feel strongly that we created an agreement that supports our certified staff and

helps to maintain the long-term health of Sheridan Community Schools."

The new two-year contract reflects ongoing efforts by the district to ensure teacher compensation remains competitive and sustainable, while also recognizing that teachers and staff play a vital role in student achievement and growth. Superintendent Mundy noted, "Sheridan is beyond fortunate to have a tremendous teaching staff. Mathew and his team are fantastic to work with and we have always worked towards the same shared goals, which are to make SCS a great place to work. I appreciate all the SEA and our teachers do on a daily basis. It is a great time to be a Blackhawk!"

Hamilton Heights names October Coffee Bean Award recipients

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corporation

Hamilton Heights High School recognizes the following students who were named Coffee Bean Award recipients for the month of October. They include Drake Biddle, Lillie Champion, DeAndre Chandler, Elise Christy, Victor Hernandez Sanchez, Jayda Morris, and Abigail Morrow.

The name and award, inspired by *The Coffee Bean*, a book written by Jon Gordon and Damon West, delivers a simple, yet powerful message on positive change. All students nominated receive a certificate of recognition. At the end of the month, the names of the students who were nominated during the month are included in a drawing where the first five to seven names drawn are called down to the office to enjoy a hot chocolate or coffee and a donut.

The monthly award objective is to encourage more acts of kindness, positivity, school spirit, and help foster a



Hamilton Heights High School Coffee Bean Award recipients for October include (from left) DeAndre Chandler, Lillie Champion, Abigail Morrow, Victor Hernandez Sanchez, and Elise Christy. Not pictured: Jayda Morris and Drake Biddle.

closer sense of community at the high school. Students and

staff can nominate students. You can send a nomination by

visiting the Student Services page at hs.hhschuski.org.

Photo provided by Hamilton Heights

Carmel Veterans Day Ceremony set for Friday

Submitted by
City of Carmel

The City of Carmel will hold its 2025 Veterans Day Ceremony this Friday, Nov. 7 to honor the men and women who have served our country. This year's theme, "Families of the Brave," pays special tribute to the sacrifices and unwav-

ering support of military families.

Everyone in the community is invited to attend this meaningful event, set for noon to 1 p.m. at The Tarkington Theater at Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts, 3 Carter Green.

As part of the annual

tradition, the ceremony will also recognize the winners of the city-wide Veterans Day poster and essay contest held among Carmel elementary school students. Winning posters will be displayed, and the student essay winners will read their entries aloud.

All veterans, military

families, and members of the public are encouraged to attend.

Participants include:

- American Legion Carmel Post 155 Honor Guard
- Jim Baird, United States Congressman
- Carmel Clay Schools students Ethan Kline, Ava Rothchild, Diego Rowley
- Carmel VFW Post 10003 Honor Guard
- Blair Clark, Artist Development Company
- Reverend George Davis, Carmel Police Chaplain, U.S. Army Veteran
- Mayor Sue Finkam
- Dr. Tim Hannon, Ret-



Photo provided by City of Carmel

tired U.S. Navy Captain

- Ashley Nicole, Per-

former
• Dr. Thomas Oestreich,
Carmel Clay Schools Superintendent

Feeding Team Food Pantries

Here is a list of all the yellow Feeding Team food pantries across Hamilton County. For more information, go to FeedingTeam.org.

ARCADIA

Arcadia Brethren Church, 8989 E. 266th St.
Hamilton Heights School Administration Building, 410 W. Main St.

ATLANTA

Wesleyan Church, 330 S. Walnut St.

CARMEL

Carmel Lions Club, 141 E. Main St.
St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 10655 Haverstick Road

CICERO

Cicero Christian Church, 1715 Stringtown Pike
Harbour Shores Church, 8011 E. 216th St.
Koteewi Park – Taylor Center, 12308 Strawtown Ave.
Laura Hayden's School of Dance, 7830 E. 236th St.
Roundabout at SR 37 & Strawtown Ave. (23297 Lafayette St.)
The Indiana Academy, 24815 State Road 19
The Pizza House, 11 N. Main St.

FISHERS

Christ the Savior Lutheran Church, 10500 E. 126th St.
Christ's Community Church, 13097 Allisonville Road
Cyntheanne Christian Church, 13151 Cyntheanne Road
G5 Auto Sales, 11544 Allisonville Road
Life Church Fishers, 9820 E. 141st St.

SHERIDAN

Issachar Church, 501 E. Main St.
Sheridan Church of God, 705 W. 2nd St.
Sheridan Elementary School, 24795 N. Hinesley Road

WESTFIELD

CrossRoads Church, 19201 Grassy Branch Road
Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 4283 E. 191st St.
Radiant Life Church, 16162 Carey Road
The Playhouse, 1836 State Road 32 (Eagletown)
Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn St.

NOBLESVILLE

American Eagle/Miller Auto Body, 16100 Allisonville Road
Chapel Church, 675 Walnut St.
Christ Lutheran Church, 10055 E. 186th St.
Clarksville Christian Church, 16600 Lehr St.
Deer Path HOA Community Building, 12109 Wolf Run Road
Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 16000 Cumberland Road
Family Promise of Hamilton County, 1051 N. 10th St.
Feeding Team Headquarters, 485 Sheridan Road (State Road 38)
First Christian Church, 16377 Herriman Blvd.
First Presbyterian Church, 1194 Maple Ave.
First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St.
Freedom Church, 1361 Christian Ave.
Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St.
Hamilton County Fire Fighters Local 4416, 399 S. 14th St.
Hamilton County Health Department, 18030 Foundation Drive
Hinkle Creek Friends Church, 21617 Hinkle Road
IDES (International Disaster Emergency Service), 355 Park 32 West Drive
Ignite Transform, 698 N. 10th St.
Legacy Christian School, 470 Lakeview Drive
Life Church, 2200 Sheridan Road (State Road 38)
Moose Lodge, 950 Field Drive
Morse Beach FOP Lodge, 7201 E. 196th St.
Mystic Images Tattoo, 164 N. 10th St.
Noblesville Schools Admin Building, 18025 River Road
Open Door Church, 20545 Riverwood Ave.
Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St.
Promise Road Elementary School, 14975 Promise Road
Suburban Estates, 3288 Cicero Road
Union United Methodist Church, 19090 Deshane Ave.
Victory Baptist Church, 2021 Cicero Road (State Road 19)
Wayne Township Volunteer Fire, 18441 E. Durbin Road
White Rock Fellowship Church, 21070 Schulley Road



EXTRA KIND

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We unfortunately witnessed a couple berating a clerk at a shoe store in November of last year. Well, it was more like the wife going off in a rage while her husband looked on in horror. Apparently, she was trying to return shoes she had already worn. I think most of us realize this is not something you can do, but this woman didn't have a clue.

The husband finally dragged his wife away, and I saw the tearful, flushed face of the young woman behind the counter. I marched right up to her, held her hand, and said, "I'm so sorry you had to go through that. She was in the wrong. I hope you

have a much better day... and know that most of us really appreciate you."

I regretted not stepping in to say something earlier, but hoped my words eased her heart a bit. My friends made similar comments to her.

Folks, this should be a season of gratitude and kindness. Too often, we get caught up in the hype and stress of the holidays and forget about the millions who work so hard to help us be fed, comfortable, and festive.

Please ... share a smile and thank you when you see someone stocking a shelf. Tip your server a little extra at a restaurant. Tell a store

manager how much you appreciate their employees, who often work nights and weekends while many of us are at home relaxing.

Be extra kind to retailers this season. Even if you do have a legitimate issue, put on your patience pants and show gratitude for their efforts. Maybe with more actions like these, Black Friday – or pre-Black Friday – won't be so dark after all.

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NONPROFITS

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Marion, and Morgan counties that are **accredited with United Way of Central Indiana**. There are five accredited nonprofits in Hamilton County, and all received grants. Funding contracts begin Jan. 1, 2026.

While the other nonprofits that received funding in this grant cycle are headquartered outside of Hamilton County, many of them serve Hoosiers throughout the region, including Hamilton County residents.

A separate grant cycle is **currently underway for nonprofits outside United Way's accredited network**, with that funding announcement expected in February.

For this round of funding, a committee of 13 people – United Way staff, board members, and community volunteers – reviewed Basic Needs Fund applications, and a committee of eight people reviewed Family Opportunity Fund applications. These committees made funding rec-

ommendations, which were approved by United Way's Board of Directors at its Oct. 23 meeting. Nonprofits could apply for one-year or multi-year grants, and a number of recipients will now enter their second year of multi-year grants that began in 2025.

"Now more than ever, this funding is critical to helping our partners meet the growing and changing needs of our community," said Shannon Jenkins, United Way's vice president of impact. "Nonprofits continue to face increased demand and shifting resources, and these grants help support their efforts to deliver essential services and create opportunities for the individuals and families they serve. United Way is uniquely positioned to bring partners together, align resources and invest where the need is greatest, and we're proud to stand alongside organizations doing this critical work."

"Children's TherAplay is thrilled and honored to

receive a grant from United Way's 2026 Impact Funds," Executive Director Kathy Pelletier said. "The funds from this grant will be vital in supporting our efforts to expand programming to provide caregiver mental health support and access to after-school therapy sessions to low-income families raising a child with a disability. We are extremely grateful for the support and look forward to impacting the lives of countless families together."

Hamilton County has been part of United Way of Central Indiana since 1966. Over the last six years, United Way has invested over \$5 million in Hamilton County and partnered with 47 nonprofits and schools.

United Way works to tackle generational poverty, with a focus on basic needs, early care and learning, economic mobility, and safe and affordable housing.

[Click here](#) to see the full list of grant recipients on United Way's website.

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HEPL's LibraryCon! returns Nov. 15 with full day of fandom fun

Cosplay, comics, live music, gaming & more ... all free for families & fans of every age

The REPORTER

The Hamilton East Public Library (HEPL) invites fans of all ages to LibraryCon!, its second annual celebration of all things fandom, taking place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15 at the Fishers Library.

This free, family-friendly event will feature cosplay, fandom workshops, live performances, artist vendors, gaming, and more. Costumes are highly encouraged; guests can show off their look in the 360-degree photobooth or join a cosplay group photo op at 12:30 or 2:50 p.m.

"We're thrilled for the return of LibraryCon!," HEPL Adult Program Coordinator Danielle Acton said. "Our inaugural event last November drew an enthusiastic crowd of over 1,000 attendees of all ages, and the response from the community was incredible. Fan-favorite features like the Artist and Vendor Marketplace, 360-degree Photobooth, and live musical performances are back, and we've added some exciting new elements, too! LibraryCon! is a celebration of geeky fandoms, creativity, and community, and we can't wait to share it with everyone at HEPL."

Event highlights

- Hands-on workshops with professional cartoonist David Reddick and Maker-in-Residence Matt DeLoughery
- Miniature painting with Levi Huddleson (pre-registration required)
- Live music from *il Troubadore*, the Indianapolis



Photos provided by Hamilton East Public Library
The first LibraryCon! was a massive success which brought more than 1,000 geeky fans to the Hamilton East Public Library.

olis Symphony Orchestra's Metropolitan Youth Orchestra, and Forward Motion members Eric Salazar and Ashton Vickery performing Legend of Zelda music

- Trivia Showdown with prizes for the top teams
- Star Wars Indiana cosplayers roaming throughout the library
- Artist Alley & Marketplace featuring local artists, vendors, and creators
- Versiti Blood Drive – donors receive a gamer-themed T-shirt and free book

All-day activities include board and video gaming, food trucks, face painting, Dungeons & Dragons sessions, a scavenger hunt with prizes, and a Random Fandom art exhibit featuring local fan artists.

LibraryCon! is free to attend. Some workshops and activities require pre-registration via the HEPL event calendar at hamiltoneastpl.org.



Get help surviving holiday season with Noblesville First UMC's GriefShare program

The REPORTER

When you're grieving the death of a family member or friend, you may dread the holiday season. Thoughts of social gatherings, family traditions, and obligations leave you anxious and overwhelmed.

Have you lost a loved one or know someone who will find it difficult to face the coming holidays? GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays seminar will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 20 in Wesley Hall at Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St. Please enter through Door 7.

This seminar will be open to anyone experiencing grief after the loss of a loved one. The program offers practical, actionable strategies for making it through the holiday season. At this two-hour seminar,

you'll view a video featuring advice from people in grief who've faced the holidays after their loss. Facilitators who have experienced grief-filled holidays will lead attendees in discussion of how to manage all holidays and special dates in your life now.

To find out more about GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays, email Coleen Albright at coleen.albright58@gmail.com or call the church office at (317) 773-2500.

This program is free and no registration is necessary. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors who are struggling through grief. All attendees will receive a Holiday Survival Guide filled with practical tips, encouraging words, journaling ideas, and exercises for daily help through the holiday season.

Hear from Westfield city planner Caleb Ernst

The REPORTER

The Westfield Chamber of Commerce invites you to "Pastry with a Planner," featuring Westfield Long-Range Planning Manager Caleb Ernst, where you will have a unique opportunity to connect with Westfield city planners and delve into all things Westfield.

Rundell Ernster Associates, the consulting firm leading the development of the city's new comprehensive plan, will also be at the breakfast.

The event will take place from 8 to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 18 at the Westfield Washington

Public Library, 17400 Westfield Blvd.

The event is a time for community and learning. During the first 20 minutes, mingle, eat pastries, and drink beverages. Following that there will be a presentation by city staff/planners, and the remaining time will be for a Q&A from those attending. [Click here](#) to register.



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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.

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Funding challenges & high school expansion focus of annual Noblesville State of the Schools Address

Submitted by Noblesville Schools

Noblesville Schools superintendent Dr. Daniel G. Hile presented his annual State of the Schools address Tuesday, Nov. 4 at Noblesville High School (NHS). The event was hosted in partnership with the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce. Notably, this year's address saw the largest attendance of any State of the Schools address at NHS.

Hile reported that the district is facing serious funding challenges, including new state legislation that will reduce school funding, declining student enrollment demographics, increasing inflation, and the scheduled expiration of referendum funds in 2026.

He also noted several achievements for the district including:

- National recognition for STEM for the eighth year in a row
- National recognition for music education for the 11th year in a row
- Reduced tax rate for seventh year in a row
- Record five National Merit Scholars and two Lilly full-ride scholarships
- The NHS Class of 2025 had a 98 percent graduation rate and earned over \$5 million in scholarships
- Indiana School Resource Officer of the Year
- National color guard championship

The public was invited to tour the newly completed high school expansion and renovation spaces including welding and construction labs, engineering and medical classrooms, journalism studio, music rooms, and more. They heard from students and teachers about the impact these spaces have made to expand hands-on, real-world learning. The new spaces were funded through a bond (loan) with no increase to the tax rate and no use of educa-



tion or referendum dollars. Other updates about the district included:

- Ongoing student mental health challenges
- An update on the Noblesville Schools Hall of Fame
- A collaboration with the City of Noblesville and the Noblesville Preservation Alliance to commemorate an 1850s school bell
- Construction project updates

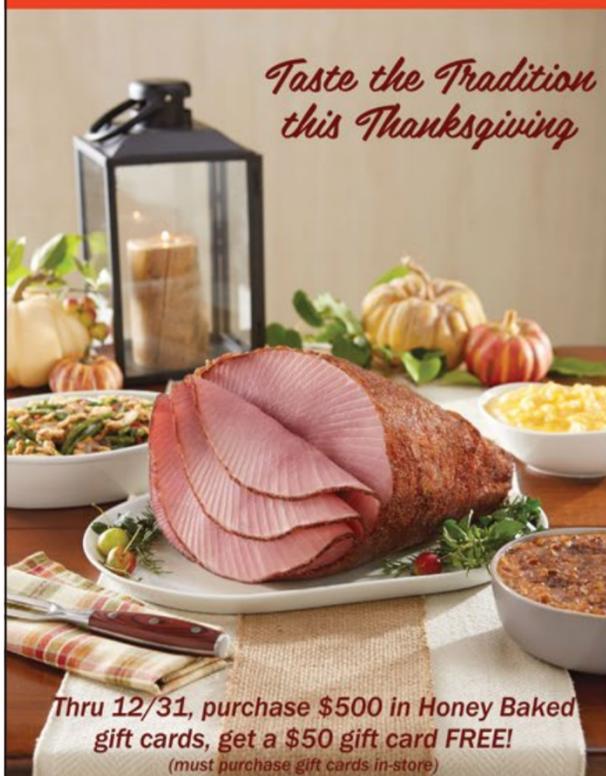
Attendees were greeted by NHS cheerleaders and the Miller Man mascot when they arrived and enjoyed live music performed by NHS students.

[Click here](#) to watch the video of Superintendent Hile's address.



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Noblesville Lions welcome Alicia Klingerman of Family Promise

By Lisa Dick
Noblesville Lions Club

At their Oct. 22 meeting, the Noblesville Lions welcomed Alicia Klingerman, Executive Director of Family Promise of Hamilton County. She highlighted the three programs that Family Promise is focused on: prevention, diversion, and stabilization.

1. **Prevention** includes assisting families with rental assistance, budgeting classes, and connection to other community resources to avoid homelessness.

2. **Diversion** supports those families experiencing homelessness and seek-

ing shelter to either restore housing or secure attainable housing.

3. **Stabilization** empowers families to succeed now and remain stable in housing, financial capability and careers for up to two years.

Family Promise works with the local Youth Assistance Programs, township trustees, and public schools to help Hamilton County families with unstable housing situations. The organization served 223 families in 2024. You can learn more at [Facebook.com/Family-PromiseofHamiltonCounty](https://www.facebook.com/Family-PromiseofHamiltonCounty) or [FamilyPromiseHamiltonCountyIN.org](https://www.familypromisehamiltoncountyin.org).



Photo provided
Family Promise Executive Director Alicia Klingerman and Noblesville Lions Club President Walt Scheid.

The Salvation Army's Red Kettles return to help neighbors in need

Donations stay local & support families year-round

The REPORTER

The familiar sound of ringing bells is back as The Salvation Army of Central Indiana kicks off its annual Red Kettle Campaign across the area. Shoppers will once again spot the iconic Red Kettles at local Kroger, Walmart, Sam's Club, Needle's, Hobby Lobby, and other participating locations.

All donations placed in a Red Kettle stay right here in central Indiana, helping to provide food, shelter, clothing, and vital support services to local families throughout the year. Beyond meeting physical needs, The Salvation Army's programs also help to restore confidence, stability, and faith for those working to rebuild their lives.

For shoppers who don't carry cash, giving has never been easier. Donors can simply scan the QR code on any kettle sign or tap their credit card on the "Tap to Give" device to make a se-

cure, cashless donation on the spot.

For those who prefer to give from the comfort of home, The Salvation Army of Central Indiana's Virtual Red Kettle offers a convenient and secure way to make an impact. With this, you can give online with just a few clicks. Make your online donation at [this link](#) and help keep the spirit of giving alive.

"We want everyone to know that every dollar dropped or tapped into a kettle truly makes a difference right here at home," said Major Malinda O'Neil, Area Commander of The Salvation Army. "When you give, you're helping feed a family, provide a warm bed, and offer hope when it's needed most."

Mark your calendars for Dec. 5. On this special \$50,000 Match Day, every dollar donated to The Salvation Army of Central Indiana will be doubled thanks to generous community



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Mark your calendars for Dec. 5. On this special \$50,000 Match Day, every dollar donated to The Salvation Army of Central Indiana will be doubled.

partners. That means your \$5 gift becomes \$10. The donations made on Dec. 5 will help twice as many central Indiana families.

The Salvation Army of Central Indiana is also seeking volunteer bell ringers to help make this year's campaign a success. Individuals, families, and groups can sign up for a two-hour shift at [RegisterToRing.com](https://www.register-to-ring.com). Just one two-hour shift can help feed a family of four

for an entire week.

The Red Kettle Campaign runs throughout the holiday season, fueling year-round programs that lift families out of crisis and into stability. Kettles will be out through Christmas Eve, but the Virtual Red Kettle will remain active online through Dec. 31.

For more information or to sign up to ring, visit [RegisterToRing.com](https://www.register-to-ring.com) or [SACentralIndiana.org](https://www.SACentralIndiana.org).

DAR 'America 250!' scholarship applications open now through Jan. 31

Ten \$25K scholarships for students studying American history will be given

The REPORTER

Undergraduate and graduate students studying American history can apply for a \$25,000 scholarship from the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) now through Jan. 31, 2026.

The DAR America 250! Scholarship will provide a one-time \$25,000 award to 10 students in 2026 and is offered to mark the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of independence.

"We are so thrilled to expand the America 250! Scholarship in its final year of being awarded in order to be able to offer 10 \$25,000 scholarships to students," DAR President General Ginie Sebastian Storage said. "We see no better way to celebrate America's 250th anniversary than with these transformative and life-changing scholarships investing in the development of the next generation of American historians who will study our past and help us understand new aspects of the great American story."

The DAR gives more than 30 scholarships an-

nually awarding close to a total of \$250,000 a year to students across the country, but the organization has never provided a singular scholarship of this size. The significant amount of the America 250! Scholarship, and that it will be awarded to ten separate students, is a testament of the importance of American history education that DAR places emphasis on and in honor of the special celebrations taking place throughout 2026 in honor of the 250th anniversary of the nation.

Applicants should apply through the DAR online scholarship portal, DAR Academic Works at [dar.academicworks.com](https://www.dar.academicworks.com).

Students currently majoring in American history in an accredited university or college undergraduate or graduate program in the year 2026 are eligible to apply. Recipients must be United States citizens, prove a minimum 3.5 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale or equivalent, and prepare a one-page online essay either on the founding of our nation or on the applicant's person-



al volunteer achievements for community and country.

Students are urged to apply well ahead of the Jan. 31, 2026 deadline, as the scholarship application requires transcripts and letters of recommendation that must be submitted by others. Applicants will find that the scholarship portal will offer other DAR scholarships they may qualify for as well. Questions can be addressed to america250scholarship@nsdar.org.

Applications may be submitted at [dar.academicworks.com](https://www.dar.academicworks.com).

About the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)

One of the largest patriotic women's service organizations in the world, DAR has 190,000 members in approximately 3,000 chapters across the country and several foreign countries. DAR members promote historic preservation, education and patriotism via commemorative events, scholarships and educational initiatives, citizenship programs, service to veterans, meaningful community service and more. For additional information about DAR and its relevant mission, visit [dar.org](https://www.dar.org).

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Applications will be accepted at the Clerk's Office until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, December 1st.

Variety of art exhibits featured this month by Noblesville Creates

Submitted

In November, Noblesville Creates (NC) will showcase artists Michael Jack, Craig Mullins, and Michael Levine, along with the *Prized Annual Art Competition* at the Judge Stone House.

Details on exhibit locations, dates, receptions, and featured artists can be found below.

Judge Stone House Prized

Creators share the best of their best in this annual competitive exhibit.

Prized is NC's annual competitive exhibit, where the Artist of the Year award recipient is asked to judge each piece and award cash prizes.

The physical exhibit will last through Saturday, Nov. 15. Images of all items in this exhibit will be posted at NoblesvilleCreates.org and at [Facebook.com/NoblesvilleCreates](https://www.facebook.com/NoblesvilleCreates), and those online exhibits will run through Nov. 30.

A "People's Choice Award" will be given to the person who receives the most in-person votes and likes on Facebook.

You can view the full exhibit, *Prized*, through Nov. 15 in the Judge Stone House gallery. The Noblesville Creates on 8th campus is open Wednesday through Friday from noon to 5:00 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Stephenson House Michael Jack

It's easy to get swept up in the routine rhythms of everyday life ... the lists, the schedules, the steady hum of the expected. For photographer Michael Jack, retirement offered an unexpected opportunity: a return to creativity and a renewed fascination with the world through the lens of a camera.

After a career in finance, his transition to fine art photography represented a shift in mindset.

"My challenge was to move beyond my finance roots (just the facts) to be more creative," Jack said.

What began as a technical pursuit has evolved into a study of form, design, and emotion. His landscapes evoke a sense of vastness and wonder, while his automotive portraits celebrate precision, craftsmanship, and the dreams of the designers behind them.

His process is rooted in curiosity and lifelong learning.

"I've hopefully moved from simple 'record' shots to something more artistic," he said.

His growth is fueled by studying the work of other noted photographers, entering international compe-



(LEFT) You can see works such as "Floating Free" by Leslie Ober at the *Prized* exhibit. (RIGHT) "Lake Moraine" by Michael Jack.



Jack

titions, and constantly refining his post-processing skills. He's recently been recognized by the International Federation of Photographic Art, an honor that speaks to his dedication.

His latest showcase exhibit, *Mountains and Autos*, invites viewers into rugged landscapes and gleaming machines through the same contemplative eye.

This dual focus may seem unusual at first glance, as nature and machinery rarely share the same gallery wall. But for Michael, the connection is clear.

"I'm a car nut who loves to travel to mountain-

ous landscapes," he said. "Combining both brings together two passions, even if unrelated."

In each image, Jack captures not just what he sees, but what he feels. The grandeur of mountain peaks bathed in shifting light, and the sculptural elegance of automobiles that reflect human ingenuity and aspiration.

See the full exhibit, *Mountains and Autos*, in the Stephenson House Gallery at the Noblesville Creates campus from Nov. 7 to 29. The full campus is open for exploration Wednesday to Friday from noon to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. You can meet Jack during his free public open house reception from 6 to 9



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Four Day Ray Craig Mullins

You can view the full *COLORS* exhibit through Dec. 27 at Four Day Ray Brewing 11671 Lantern Road, Fishers, Sunday and Monday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. You can meet Mullins during his free public open house

reception from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11.

Meyer Najem Michael Levine

See the full exhibit, *Paintings Thus Far*, through Dec. 26. This exhibit is viewable at the Meyer Najem 2nd floor gallery, 11787 Lantern Road, Fishers, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. You can meet Levine during his free public open house reception from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14.

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Westfield firefighters' swift response extinguishes attic blaze on Ashfield Drive

The REPORTER

Westfield Fire Department crews responded to a house fire on Ashfield Drive at approximately 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 5. Engine 383, already in the vicinity, spotted smoke and arrived on scene just as Hamilton County Communications Center completed dispatching the call.

Firefighters deployed handlines and launched an aggressive interior attack, rapidly locating the fire in the attic and bringing it under control. No injuries were reported, and the homeowner safely evacuated with a pet.

The fire originated from

open burning in a backyard fire pit, which spread across grass to the rear of the home. Vinyl siding ignited quickly, allowing flames to extend into the attic.



Increased winds played a significant role in the fire's rapid progression. Westfield firefighters received assistance from Noblesville Fire Department, Westfield Police Department, Noblesville Police Department, and Hamilton County Public Safety Communications.

The Westfield Fire Department reminds residents to exercise extreme caution with open burning, especially during windy conditions, and to maintain safe distances from structures.



Photo provided by Westfield Fire Department

Fishers now accepting applications for 2026 Neighborhood Vibrancy Grant program

Submitted by City of Fishers

The City of Fishers is now accepting applications for the 2026 Neighborhood Vibrancy Grant Program. Entering its 26th year, the program supports creative and innovative neighborhood projects that enhance the beauty, sustainability, and livability of Fishers.

The 80/20 matching grant program for homeowners associations and neighborhood groups provides up to \$25,000 in matching funds, with the grant recipient paying 20 percent of the project cost. The city has allocated \$400,000 from the 2026 budget to support the program. Recent neighborhood projects included installing pollinator gardens, new athletic courts, landscape beautification, and ADA-accessible playgrounds and

recreation spaces. New in 2026, applicants with a completed reserve study will receive funding preference, and grant funds may now be used to support the completion of a reserve study as part of a project.



Fadness

“Over the past several years, we’ve stepped up our commitment to foster vibrancy within our neighborhoods, allocating almost 2 million to this initiative since 2023,” Mayor Scott Fadness said. “Our residents and HOAs have responded with a record number of project proposals, and it’s exciting to see how neighbors are working together to improve the quality of life in their community.”

To learn more about the program and to apply, visit [FishersIN.gov/Grants](https://fishersin.gov/grants). Applications close on Jan. 23, 2026.

New at Sheridan Public Library

Submitted

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

Fiction

- Arcane – C.L. Clark
- Coyote Hills – Jonathan & Jesse Kellerman
- Ferry Merry Christmas – Debbie Macomber
- Fox and Furious – Rita Mae Brown
- Proving Ground – Michael Connelly
- Secret Christmas Library – Jenny Colgan
- Sleigh Bells in Park City – Hope Holloway
- Widow – John Grisham

Non-Fiction

- Future Boy – Michael J. Fox
- Heart*Life*Music – Kenny Chesney

- Look – Michelle Obama
- Pioneer Woman Cooks: The Essential Recipes – Ree Drumond
- We did Ok, Kid: A Memoir – Anthony Hopkins
- Wings – Paul McCartney

Inspirational Fiction

- Amish Ballerina – Richelle Brunstetter
- C is for Courting – Shelley Shepard Gray
- Courtship for the Amish Spinster – Vanetta Chapman
- Cowboy’s Christmas Compromise – Jill Kemerer
- Cowboy’s Forgotten Love – Tina Radcliffe
- Moment to Love – Tracie Peterson
- Sea Glass Christmas – Davis Bunn
- Their Holiday Secret – Betsy St. Amant

Children’s

- Amy’s Big Brother (graphic novel) – BonHyung Jeong
- Can You Find It? – Eric Carle
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Partypooer – Jeff Kinney
- Elmore & the Big Christmas Rescue – Dev Petty
- Grand Jete and Me – Allegra Kent
- Granny Mobile (Bluey)
- No Sam & the Meow of Deception – Drew Daywalt
- That’s Not My Reindeer – Fiona Watt
- Wings of Fire: Darkstalker (Graphic novel) – T. Sutherland
- Last Kids on Earth the Destructor’s Liar – Max Brallier

Movies

- Biltmore Christmas (Hallmark)

Kinepolis acquires operations of Emagine Entertainment

Submitted

Kinepolis has reached an agreement to acquire the operations of the movie theatre chain Emagine Entertainment and expects to complete the acquisition by the end of the year.

As a result of this agreement, Kinepolis will add 14 cinemas to its portfolio, representing 177 screens and 18,000 seats, located in Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin. Emagine Entertainment welcomes approximately 6 million visitors per year, generating nearly \$129 million in revenue. The cinemas are equipped with recliner seats and offer their own Premium Large Format (PLF) under the names EMX (14 auditoriums) and Super EMX (three auditoriums). EMX features wall-to-wall screens with 4K laser projection and Dolby Atmos sound, while Super EMX takes the experience even further with an even larger screen and 64-channel Dolby Atmos sound for a truly immersive cinema experience.

“With the acquisition of Emagine Entertainment, we are back on track with the execution of our expansion strategy since the pandemic,” Kinepolis Group CEO Eddy Duquenne said. “We do this with a high-quality asset in a market where we



have had positive experiences with our Kinepolis concepts. The location and size of the cinemas make them a valuable addition to the Group’s portfolio, allowing us to expand our presence in the US market and strengthen our national structure. We are excited to welcome the new teams to the Kinepolis family.”

Emagine Entertainment Chairman and CEO Paul Glantz said he’s pleased with the prospects for the future of the theaters.

“Kinepolis has a reputation for operating exceptionally well-run cinemas both in Europe and in North America,” he said. “Their commitment to providing guests with an unforgettable movie experience makes them the ideal suitor to continue the stewardship of Emagine into the future.”

Kinepolis will continue to operate Emagine theatres under the existing brand name and prioritizes the continuity for all Emagine customers, while carefully considering the needs of all employees and stakeholders.

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Students help ‘Launch’ Royals Innovation Lab

The Royals Innovation Lab at Launch Fishers opened its doors Tuesday, Nov. 4 with a student showcase hosted by the Software Development Capstone class. Funded through the Career Readiness Grant from the Indiana Commission for Higher Education (CHE) and TechPoint, the Royals Innovation Lab will serve as a public workspace where students collaborate with industry mentors and community partners on real-world software projects. The lab supports the Software Development Capstone Course, the culminating experience in the state’s Next Level Programs of Study (NLPS) for software development. Students must first complete courses in Principles of Computing, Website and Database Development, and Software Development before enrolling in the capstone. The class, taught by Julie Alano, currently includes 14 students in grades 10 through 12, with several returning for a second year. (Photos provided by Hamilton Southeastern Schools)



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Come learn about potential mission to one of Saturn's moons

The REPORTER

Could one of Saturn's moons support human life? Learn more about the European Space Agency's plans to explore Enceladus during the free Observatory open house at Indiana University Kokomo this Sunday, Nov. 9.

Patrick Motl, professor of physics, will begin the open house at 7 p.m. with discussion of Saturn's moon Enceladus, which has a subsurface ocean witnessed through cryovolcanic eruptions.

Motl said analysis of materials from that moon have prompted the European Space Agency to pursue a project to determine its habitability, with a dedicat-



Photo provided by IU Kokomo

ed mission aimed to arrive in 2050.

After the presentation, stargazers may be able to see Saturn and highlights from the Summer Triangle and prominent fall constellations like the Andromeda galaxy, the ring nebula, and the great globular cluster

in Hercules, through the Observatory's telescopes. They include a six-inch Takahashi refracting telescope and a 16-inch Meade reflecting telescope mounted together. The Takahashi provides exceptionally sharp images of planets, while the Meade allows

viewers to see fainter objects in the sky, due to its larger light-collecting area.

Observation will continue through 9 p.m., weather permitting.

The Observatory is at 2660 S. Washington St., Kokomo. Free parking is available on campus.

Racers, prepare to give back on Thanksgiving at YMCA 5K in Fishers

The REPORTER

This Thanksgiving, thousands of runners will lace up to support their neighbors' health and well-being at a 5K in Fishers hosted by YMCA of Greater Indianapolis.

From runners in turkey costumes to families jogging together before the big feast, the 5K offers a festive atmosphere and a great way to give back in gratitude.

The Wishbone 5K will take place at Fishers YMCA, 9012 E. 126th St.

There is an 8 a.m. start and registration is \$40. [Click here](#) to register.

The race offers a festive and family-friendly atmosphere, complete with camaraderie, custom event swag and awards for top finishers. A virtual option is also available for participants who prefer to log their miles at their own pace and place.

"Exercise not only boosts energy and releases endorphins, it strengthens our mental focus and over-

all well-being," said Michael Farris, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the YMCA of Greater Indianapolis. "By joining a YMCA Thanksgiving 5K, participants are fueling their own health while helping others in our community do the same."

Whether you run, walk, or trot, every step supports stronger bodies, brighter minds, and a more connected community.

So before you gather

around the Thanksgiving table, gather at the Y and move with purpose, gratitude, and joy.

JJ Grey & Mofro set to perform Feb. 22 in Carmel

The REPORTER

Southern-styled singer-songwriter JJ Grey and his band Mofro will make their debut appearance at Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts on Sunday, Feb. 22, 2026.

The 7:30 p.m. performance at the Payne & Mencias Palladium is part of the Printing Partners Encore Series and the *Center Presents* Season sponsored by Allied Solutions. Tickets starting at \$36 will go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 7, online at [TheCenterPresents.org](#), by phone at (317) 843-3800, or in person at the Payne & Mencias Palladium's Fifth Third Bank Box Office, 1 Carter Green, Carmel.

From his early days playing juke joints in Jacksonville, Florida, to selling out some of the world's top venues and festivals, JJ



Photo by Steve Rapport

Grey has always delivered his honest truths. Starting with his 2001 debut album, *Blackwater*, he has continued releasing deeply moving, masterfully written, funkified rock and front-

porch Southern soul music. With his 10th album, *Olustee* (2024), Grey is back, singing personal stories with universal themes of redemption, rebirth, hard luck and inner peace.

Community News

HCVC & Life Church team up to collect winter coats for homeless veterans

The Hamilton County Veterans Corporation (HCVC), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, is once again teaming up with Life Church, 2200 Sheridan Road, Noblesville.

The two organizations are collecting children's, women's, and men's winter coats for homeless veterans and families. Both new and clean used coats will be accepted.

All church groups, veteran organizations, and service clubs are welcome to drop the coats off at the church. Coats will be delivered on Dec. 1.

Please call the church at (317) 219-7373 before bringing your donation to make sure someone is there to receive delivery.

From HCVC and Life Church ... Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas.

Go behind the scenes in Fishers at Spring City Government Academy

Discover how Fishers works from the inside through City Government Academy, a free, hands-on program where adult residents connect with city officials, explore departments, and learn how local government serves the community.

The spring 2026 session runs Jan. 14 through May 14 and meets twice a month from 6 to 8 p.m. Register by Dec. 12 at [FishersIN.gov/CGA](#).

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Study reveals rail safety is fast disappearing in Indiana

Submitted by **yubalaw.com**

A new study revealed that Indiana is the eighth-worst state for rail safety.

The research conducted by **Steve Gimblin Personal Injury & Car Accident Lawyers** analyzed rail fatalities across U.S. states from 2019 to 2023. It measured three primary metrics: Average Rail Fatalities per 100,000 residents (scored out of 50 points),

Average Rail Fatalities at Highway Crossings per 100,000 residents (scored out of 20 points), and Average Rail Fatalities Involving Trespassers per 100,000 residents (scored out of 30 points). These metrics were totaled to rank the states based on the highest to lowest danger score on a 100-point scale, with higher scores indicating greater rail safety risks.

Indiana ranks eighth

with a rail danger score of 42 out of 100. The Hoosier State has a population of 6,804,508 and averaged 24 rail fatalities annually between 2019-2023. The state recorded 0.36 average rail fatalities per 100,000 residents (scoring 17 out of 50 for overall fatalities), 0.21 fatalities at highway crossings per 100,000 residents (scoring 15 out of 20 for crossing incidents), and 0.15 fatalities involving trespassers per 100,000 residents (scoring 10 out of 30 for trespasser incidents).

Looking at the study, a spokesperson from Steve Gimblin Personal & Car Accident Lawyers commented:

“The research reveals that Indiana faces the most severe rail safety challenges. The data further suggests that states with high rail fatality rates per capita and frequent crossing incidents tend to create more dangerous environments for both motorists and pedestrians than those with comprehensive safety measures and lower incident rates.

“To improve rail safety and protect lives, states should prioritize infrastructure improvements at railroad crossings, enhance trespasser prevention programs, and implement pub-

lic awareness campaigns about the dangers of rail-related incidents.”

The study was conducted by Steve Gimblin Personal Injury & Car Accident Lawyers (**yubalaw.com**), a California-based law firm representing victims of car, truck, and motorcycle accidents. Led by experienced attorney Steve Gimblin, the firm helps injured clients navigate complex insurance claims and legal battles to secure the compensation and justice they deserve.

Methodology

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Data Sources

- Bureau of Transportation Statistics
- Research Dataset

Meeting Notices

The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet for a workshop session at 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10, 2025, at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St.

The Sheridan Community Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10, 2025, in the Board Room at Sheridan High School, 24185 Hinesley Road.

The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners will meet at 1:45 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10, 2025, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Atlanta Town Council will meet in an executive session at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10, 2025, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(2) For discussion of strategy with respect to any of the following: (D) The purchase or lease of real property by the governing body up to the time a contract or option to purchase or lease is executed by the parties. However, all such strategy discussions must be necessary for competitive or bargaining reasons and may not include competitive or bargaining adversaries.

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold its monthly Board of Trustees meeting at 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 10, 2025, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville.

HAMILTON COUNTY

HAMILTON COUNTY REGIONAL UTILITY DISTRICT MEETING CANCELLATION NOTICE
The Board of Trustees for the Hamilton County Regional Utility District have canceled the following meeting date: Monday, November 10, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
R7012 11/6/25, 11/10/25

TIPTON COUNTY

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS
Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Tipton County, Indiana that the Tipton County Council will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year at their regular meeting place at the First Floor Meeting Room, Tipton County Courthouse, at 6:30 o'clock p.m. on the 18th day of November, 2025.

Fund Name:	Amount
Major Budget Classification:	
4508 Reeling SR 28/Maint Division Rd	
6000 Lease/Purchase	
0533 Highway General	\$50,000.00
Total for Fund	\$50,000.00

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF). The DLGF will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action taken.
Dated: November 4, 2025
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Major Budget Classification:	
1000 General	
38900 Misc. Fees	\$5,031.06
30000 Services & Charges	\$5,031.06
Total for Fund	\$5,031.06

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

THE LEVITES

The Lord said to Moses in the Desert of Sinai, "Count the Levites by their families and clans. Count every male a month old or more." So Moses counted them, as he was commanded by the word of the Lord.

These were the names of the sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath and Merari.

These were the names of the Gershonite clans: Libni and Shimei.

The Kohathite clans: Amram, Izhar, Hebron and Uzziel.

The Merarite clans: Mahli and Mushi.

These were the Levite clans, according to their families.

To Gershon belonged the clans of the Libnites and Shimeites; these were the Gershonite clans. The number of all the males a month old or more who were counted was 7,500. The Gershonite clans were to camp on the west, behind the tabernacle. The leader of the families of the Gershonites was Eliasaph son of Lael. At the tent of meeting the Gershonites were responsible for the care of the tabernacle and tent, its coverings, the curtain at the entrance to the tent of meeting, the curtains of the courtyard, the curtain at the entrance to the courtyard surrounding the tabernacle and altar, and the ropes—and everything related to their use.
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Girls Wrestling

Huskies start season with win

By **RICHIE HALL**
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ARCADIA – The Hamilton Heights girls wrestling team began its season with a dual-meet victory Wednesday in its home gym.

The Huskies edged out Elwood 24-23. Two Heights wrestlers won by pin: sophomores Diana Galt at 170 pounds and sophomore Natalie Head at 190 pounds. (She is listed at 170 pounds, but competed in a different weight class on Wednesday.)

The Huskies also picked up forfeit wins from sophomore Maya Tottleben at 135 pounds and senior Izzy Bailey at 155 pounds.

“It gave the girls a good feel to know what it feels like to win and start the season strong,” said Heights coach Markaela Pugh. “I feel like that’s a good note to start on.”

A handful of wrestlers also competed in exhibition matches after the varsity action was done to gain some extra match experience. Heights has a very young team this year: Bailey and Audrey Lang (155 pounds)

are the only seniors and Amaelia Cordero Ballinger (155) is the lone junior.

After that, the Huskies have seven sophomores and a freshman, Sophie Smith-Bailey (190). But, Pugh pointed out that everyone on the Heights team is a returning wrestler, except for Lang and Smith-Bailey.

Other sophomores on the team are Madeline McKinney (100), Rae Trent (135), Cora Flack (145) and Ali Morris (235).

“They’re a tough team,” said Pugh. “They work hard, they want to win, so they grind it out every practice and I can’t be more proud of them.”

Heights is back in action Saturday when it competes at the New Palestine Invitational, one of several big tournaments for the Huskies. Others include the Bronco Fall Classic on Nov. 15 at Daleville and the “Wrestlemania” Super Conference tournament Dec. 20 at Kokomo.

Heights will host one of the wrestling sectionals this season, on Friday, Jan. 2, something that Pugh is



Hamilton Heights’ Maya Tottleben won an exhibition match after varsity action concluded at the Huskies’ dual meet with Elwood on Wednesday.

Reporter photo by Richie Hall

“super excited” about. As a freshman, Pugh competed in the first women’s wrestling state tournament at

Hamilton Heights; she won the 106-pound state championship.

“Now I get to see it from

a different standpoint,” said Pugh. “Instead of an athlete, now I’m a coach. I’m just super excited and hopefully

we’ll bring out a lot of fans, that they can feel that feeling again one more time before we wrap the season up.”

Football Previews

Class 6A Sectional 4 championship: HSE visits Fishers for Mudsock sectional title tilt

By **CRAIG ADKINS**
For The Reporter

No. 13 Hamilton Southeastern Royals (6-4) at No. 9 Fishers Tigers (7-3)

The two schools in the same district have been split since 2006 and this will be the 33rd meeting in 20 seasons. HSE has a narrow 17-14 record, but Fishers leads 7-4 in playoff matchups.

Fishers took the regular season meeting (28-16) in Week 4 and also last year’s sectional championship at HSE, 44-41.

Head coach Michael Kelly is in his sixth season at Hamilton Southeastern with a 48-18 record. The Royals won the 2023 sectional, their second in a row. HSE advanced to semi-state in 2022.

Last week’s semifinal took the Royals to Fort Wayne and they came back with a 24-10 win over Homestead.

Southeastern got down 10-0 in the first and cut it to 10-7 after one.

It was the Kelly show. Kian caught the first Deaken Johnson touchdown pass in the first. Karson Kelly gave HSE the lead at 17-10 that they wouldn’t give back.

With Kian Kelly’s second receiving score, an 83-yarder on the final play of the third, the Royals scored their 24th unanswered point en route to the win by two touchdowns.

Deaken Johnson continues to improve in his fresh-

man seasons. He completed 18 of 30 for 341 yards and three touchdowns. Kian had 139 yards on four grabs, while Kendrick Pennybaker caught seven for 136.

Johnson is up to 57 percent passing with 1,261 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Carter Reed leads the run game with 586 yards and seven touchdowns.

Kendrick Pennybaker is one of the top receivers around with 41 catches, 859 yards and seven TDs. Graham Toner has 30 receptions for 352 and Collin Walls 27 for 292.

Adam Hoog leads the defense with 100 tackles. Matthew Ruiz has nine sacks, good for 18th in the state, along with 76 stops. Kian Kelly is fourth in the state with seven interceptions and five pass deflections. Kicker Luke Marchionni is second in the state with 10 field goals made.

Curt Funk (37-28) is also making his mark in his sixth season with the Tigers. Funk hopes for a second consecutive sectional trophy tomorrow night, but it won’t be easy.

The Tigers’ semifinal win at Noblesville one was that they were in cruise control for a majority. They had a 21-0 lead with three scores to put the Millers back on their heels.

Gage Sturgill threw a 24-yard TD pass to Tommy Williams. That was followed up by two rushing touchdowns from Ryan Thembulembu.



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(LEFT) Fishers’ Ryan Thembulembu has rushed for 724 yards and 11 touchdowns this season. (RIGHT) Hamilton Southeastern’s Kendrick Pennybaker has 41 catches for the season, totaling 859 yards and seven touchdowns.

Sturgill threw three more in the second to really bust the game wide open. Darian Girton caught the first from 41, then Vincent Rozzi the other two (7, 34) for a commanding 41-6 lead at halftime.

Thembulembu carried just 10 times for 89 yards, giving him 724 yards and 11 touchdowns in eight games.

Sturgill completed 10 of 16 for 195. Those num-

bers put him at 2,239 yards, 24 touchdowns and just four interceptions, 138 of 231 passing for 59 percent. Gage also has 385 rushing yards and two scores.

Vincent Rozzi is fourth in the state with 1,216 yards and 16 TDs.

Emmanuel Cowherd is the top tackler with 68 and also has an interception and four pass deflections. Tyler Maynard has 65 tackles and

Potential Regional scenarios

Sectional 3

If Westfield wins, the Shamrocks host regardless of who wins between HSE/Fishers. If Carmel wins, the Greyhounds either visit Southeastern or host Fishers

Sectional 4

If Fishers wins, the Tigers are on the road regardless. If HSE wins, the Royals would either host Carmel or be on the road at Westfield.

four sacks. Atticus Finley, Bogan each have two interceptions. Kayden Myers and Jayden

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Thursday, Nov. 6

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lapel at University, 7 p.m.
Bethesda Christian at Sheridan, 7:30 p.m.
Carmel at Lawrence Central, 7:30 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Lawrence North, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 7

FOOTBALL

Sectional 3
Westfield at Carmel, 7 p.m.
Sectional 4
Hamilton Southeastern at Fishers, 7 p.m.
Sectional 29
Guerin Catholic at Cascade, 7 p.m.
Sectional 46
Cloverdale at Sheridan, 7 p.m.

NBA G LEAGUE

Noblesville Boom at Grand Rapids Gold, 7 p.m.

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

Basketball

Annual Elks Hoop Shoot set for Nov. 16

The REPORTER

The 54th annual Elks Hoops Shoot contest for girls and boys will be held on Sunday, Nov. 16.

The competition will again be held at the Noblesville Boys and Girls Club. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. for registration and warm-ups, with competition beginning promptly at 11 a.m. There is no registration in advance. The contest is open to all boys and girls who live in the area.

Everyone is asked to enter the Boys & Girls Club Community Center at Door No. 4 on the north side of the facility that faces Ivy Tech. Basketballs are provided. Contestants compete in one of six divisions:

1. Boys, ages 8-9
2. Girls, ages 8-9
3. Boys, ages 10-11
4. Girls, ages 10-11
5. Boys, ages 12-13
6. Girls, ages 12-13

• If the contestant will be age 7 on April 1, 2026, they are **too young** to participate.

• If the contestant will be age 8 or 9 on April 1, 2026, they shoot in the 8-9 age group.

• If the contestant will be age 10 or 11 on April 1,

2026, they shoot in the 10-11 age group.

• If the contestant will be age 12 or 13 on April 1, 2026, they shoot in the 12-13 age group.

• If the contestant will be age 14 on April 1, 2026, they are **too old** to participate.

The participants will shoot 25 free throws to determine the local Elks Lodge Champion in each age group. The six winners will qualify to advance to the District competition held in the McAnally Center in Greencastle. All rules have been set by the National Elks Association.

The Noblesville Elks Lodge is proud to have had six of their past champions advance not only from their local competition, but have then won at the district level, state level, regional level, and have competed at the Elks Hoop Shoot National Championship in Springfield, Mass. One of the Noblesville Lodges' national finalists, Ryan Cline, won a National Championship in 2010.

Questions should be directed to 44-year Elks' member and local Hoop Shoot Director Pete Smith at pete@ckarphealth.com.

Girls Basketball

Golden Eagles open season with home win over Yorktown

By **CRAIG ADKINS**
For The Reporter

NOBLESVILLE — Tuesday night's season opener couldn't have gone any better for the Guerin Catholic girls basketball team. A mix of experience and youth helped carry the Golden Eagles throughout for a season-opening 58-46 win over Yorktown.

Yorktown got out to a 4-0 lead, but Guerin tied it up three different times and grabbed their first lead (10-9). The Tigers took an 11-10 edge and went up 15-12 after the first eight minutes.

The visitors' lead grew to 17-12 with two straight buckets to begin the second. Then, Guerin went on a 10-0 run. Freshman Cecilia Titus knocked down a pair of confident three-pointers, along with classmate Lauren Keller and sophomore Rachel Behrle making field goals for a 22-19 lead.

"We knew this group coming in was special," said fourth-year Guerin Catholic head coach Danielle Cardinal. "We started a youth program several years back. There are kids who have come through, but this is the first group that really committed, played and all got to play together. So, I think that's huge when you have a

bunch of kids who can play together, youthfully, and that was really helpful."

Yorktown briefly went back in front, 23-22, but Caroline Ford helped jumpstart a 13-0 Golden Eagle run to end the second quarter to secure a 35-23 half-time lead.

This group got pretty dialed in to end the first half and it was obvious that this team has chemistry and has fun while succeeding on the basketball court.

"A lot of them come from basketball families, which is also helpful. It's not often in this day and age with NetFlix and YouTube and all of these things that they actually want to watch basketball," Cardinal added jokingly. "They all watch basketball. They like basketball. They're invested in basketball. So, we knew we had a special group coming in."

The Golden Eagles' lead never got smaller than six in the second half. Yorktown was as close as 38-32. From that point on, Guerin Catholic's lead gradually grew.

Leading 41-32, Guerin kept building throughout the fourth quarter. They led by as many as 16 midway through the period and kept it steady for a 12-point victory to open the season.

A look at the season ahead for Guerin Catholic . . .

This group is a highly motivated and talented group that looks to make some noise throughout the season and into the state tournament.

"We can see with LG, Titus and Lauren. We have good shooters," Cardinal said. "So, you've got good shooters and people who understand the game. They're athletes and willing to work."

Depth will help this squad and it also helps that the youngsters aren't afraid to dive right in and contribute. Cardinal also commented on Guerin's schedule.

"Our conference is brutal. Chatard, Roncalli and Brebeuf will all have banner years," said Cardinal. "We have to have a great night. They have to have a bad night and we still might get our teeth kicked in. In the next three years, we're talking to Roncalli and say, Guerin Catholic is really good. I don't like to shy away from these games that will be really tough for us, because it teaches the kids so much."

"They have high IQs. They have high motors. And then they all like it, so they've worked at it," Cardinal said. "This is the first time that we have 13 kids that know how to play the game as freshmen, that we're not teaching rules to. They all know how to play and we're getting to teach high-level stuff."

Yorktown (0-1) was led by Lilly Sylvester's 18 and also got a solid game from Olivia Conklin scoring 16.

Guerin Catholic (1-0) was balanced offensively.

Freshman LG Rockwood led with a team-high 14, followed by freshman Cecilia Titus and junior Caroline Ford both scored 12. Two other freshmen in Lauren Keller and Ella Horvath both had seven, along with sophomore Rachel Behrle (4) and freshman Danielle Cardinal (2) contributing.

The Golden Eagles hit the road Saturday at Greenwood Christian (0-0) for the Cougars' season opener. The junior varsity tipoff is at 2 p.m. with the varsity to follow.

Soccer

Over 100 soccer players named Academic All-State

The REPORTER

Hamilton County has many great high school soccer players, and they're also smart.

Over 100 local players were named to the Indiana Soccer Coaches Association's Academic All-State team for 2025. Players must be either juniors or

seniors and have cumulative grade-point averages of 3.7 or better.

Here is a list of Hamilton County Academic All-State players.

BOYS DISTRICT 2

Fishers: Sam Barnett, Jack Butts, Lucas Crowder, Levi Ferris, Santiago Garcia, Brady Grace, Valentino Lapitz, Drew Palmer, Evan Wilson.

Guerin Catholic: Gus Allen, Tommy Bobay, Alexander Dickerson, Chase Garrison, John Hoefflin, Adam Jurewicz, Conner Klen, Cooper Prather, Gabriel Rios, Zach Sawyer, Will Scheu, Ryan Sheldon, Christian Zermeno.

Hamilton Heights: Ryan Hilton.

Hamilton Southeastern: Chase Atwood, Riley Bedics, Jake Borcharding, Jude Chamberlain, Jose Charris, Saint Jafri, Nick Kestian, Aiden Kornas, Andres Mancillas, Gabe Valadez, Ashton Wood, Bennett Young.

University: Simon Ngo.

BOYS DISTRICT 3

Carmel: Omar Assaf, Evan Bardos, Curtis Droste, Gavin Fleming, Max Housholder, Andrew Li, Micah Mintz, Gray Morgan, Alex Rubin, Micah Schilt, Shawn Thind, Max Wiesenauer, Grant Woodward, Quinn Wu, Arjun Yadav.

Noblesville: Cooper

Cass, Timmy Clark, Alex Eberhart, Brady Frayer, Cole Henson, Jamal Idris, Keaton Kulp, Cooper Miller, Jack Murphy, Keagan Rolinson.

Westfield: Caleb Capps, Conlin Doran, Rayan Elbanhawy, Sam Foulk, Maddox Grisel, Mack Keefer, Basel Khazal, Ian Lam, Brock Lingerfeldt, Jack McDaniel, Michael O'Rourke, Michael Parrish, Gavin Riley, Wyatt Rogers, Vitor Werneck, Luke Yonkus.

GIRLS DISTRICT 2

Fishers: Delaney Allgeier, Olivia Burchfield, Bridget Foley, Addie Gorak, Emme Gorak, Mallory Long, Iris Martin, Maddie Mason, Sarah Maudlin, Elise May, Katie Paul, Rena Sawada, Georgia Scott, Molly Smith, Audra Tragesser, Mya Williams.

Hamilton Southeastern: Sydney Cook, Hannah Dodge, Nicole Donato, Lauren Kutoloski, Sloane May, Addison McClain, Olivia Moore, Kate Noel, Kherington Patton, Sophia Reising, Blair Satterfield, Izzie Springer.

Noblesville: Sam Addison, Caylee Cunningham, Addy Dye, Carmen Fary, Jaylee Fraser, Tae Gates, Sophie Hedges, Kendall Krammer, Sonia Perez, Allie Royer, Meredith Soderberg, Delaney Stone, Hannah Stuve, Finely Volk, Hailey Wilbur,

Ellison Willis.

Sheridan: Brianna Duke, Brielle Garner, Molly Pottorff, Mak Southerland, Norah Stites, Makenzy Terry, Sadie Timme, Jada Trietsch, Ji Warren.

GIRLS DISTRICT 3

Carmel: Olivia Ade, Isabella Cueto, Emma Ehret, Elsie Flanders, Harper Greenawald, Elizabeth Horoho, Charlotte Hunter, Olivia Joyce, Anne Keleher, Kate Klinginsmith, Jacqueline Mabry, Caroline Moshier, Eleanor Nace, Madeline Recker, Brooke Reiter, Emery Simmonds.

Guerin Catholic: Annie DeBone, Elizabeth Dunlap, Isabella Fisher, Christina Sawyer, Ashlyn Schlabach, Haley Sims.

Hamilton Heights: Brooke Cox, Elyse Hurley, Kylee Long.

University: Madie Encinia, Mack Feeney, Annie Ingersol, Audrey Ko, Mazzy Menhart, Elizabeth Merisotis, Bella Miller Krigger, Samantha Purdie, Lia Stennis.

Westfield: Aryana Ali, Zahara Ali, Lauren Barber, Megan Buschmeyer, Coltie Carson, Emma Deitsch, Talia Edwards, Lola Horstman, Kylie Ipsen, Berkley Lara, Hailey McDaniel, Brynn Sargent, Avery Van Den Berg, Graysen Wheeler, Ava Willis, Hannah Yoder.



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A soccer state finals photo essay

Carmel boys break 19-year drought



Reporter photos by Julie Brown
 The Carmel boys soccer team won its first state championship since 2006, cruising past defending state champion Harrison 3-1. (ABOVE LEFT) Quinn Wu made six shots during the game and was part of a double assist for the Greyhounds' third goal. (TOP CENTER) Evan Bardos reacts after scoring his goal in the second half. (ABOVE CENTER) Curtis Droste scored Carmel's first goal of the game. (ABOVE RIGHT) Troy Enslin was also part of the double assist on Bardos' goal.

Royal girls make state breakthrough



Reporter photos by Julie Brown
 For the first time ever, the Hamilton Southeastern girls soccer team won a state championship. The Royals beat Carmel 1-0 with a late goal by Riley Boyd. (TOP LEFT) Adalyn Cameron scored 40 goals for Carmel, the most for the Greyhounds and second-most in a single season in Carmel program history. (TOP RIGHT) Hamilton Southeastern's Riley Boyd (7) celebrates the winning goal with 5:36 left in the game. (ABOVE LEFT) Carmel's Emma Ehret and HSE's Blair Satterfield were both senior leaders for their team. Satterfield won the Mental Attitude Award. (ABOVE RIGHT) Sloane May (left) and Riley Boyd both finished the season with 15 goals for Southeastern.

Twelve big kicks and one big save win it for GC



Photos by Mike Navarro
 The Guerin Catholic boys soccer team won an epic penalty-kick shootout for the Class 2A state championship over Bishop Chatard. The Golden Eagles won the shootout 12-11, with Ryan McGrath making the save on the Trojans' final kick. (TOP ROW, from left) Goalkeeper Ryan McGrath made a block during the 13th round of a penalty-kick shootout with Bishop Chatard. (TOP, FAR RIGHT) McGrath celebrates after making the game-winning block. (ABOVE ROW, from left) AJ McMurtrey, Christian Zermeno and Will Scheu all made two penalty kicks during the shootout.