

Check out new Carmel Clay Community Building next week



Announced in 2019 as part of Clay Township's park and public safety impact projects, the new Carmel Clay Community Building, 210 Veterans Way, is home to the Carmel Fire Department headquarters, Carmel Fire Buffs Museum, Stay Alive Family Education House (S.A.F.E.) and community gathering and event space. City and township officials invite you to a grand opening event from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15 with opening remarks followed by refreshments and tours of the facility. This family-friendly event is free open to the public. Street parking is available as well as public parking garages on Veterans Way, Monon Boulevard, Sophia Square and in the Midtown South garage.

Photo provided by City of Carmel

Fins up: how Bob Haslett sustains the sunny spirit of Jimmy Buffett

Like most Parrot Heads, I haven't fully processed it yet – the Sept. 1, 2023, death of Jimmy Buffett.

A sort of “tropical depression” sunk in once heartbreaking headlines detailed the demise of the mogul of Margaritaville at 76, colorful parrot feathers falling from a September sky, like a rainbow's collapse.


That he lived three-quarters of a century easily brought to mind lyrics from one of his finest Key West tunes, “Nautical Wheelers”: “... *that's 'cause everyone here is just more than contented, to be livin' and dyin' in three-quarter time ...*”

This 1974 song was one of the earliest examples of Buffett's clever, laid-back lyrics making landfall on the beaches of our musical landscape. For musicians, “three-quarter time” refers to three beats per measure, but to non-musicians like me, it was interpreted as sage advice guiding us to live life to the fullest – for you never knew when your time would come to walk the plank and plunge into a feeding frenzy of “fins to the left, fins to the right, and you're the only bait in town.”

Living and dying in ¾ time. Part time signature, part Parrot Head philosophy.

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COLUMNIST



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Shemekia Copeland & Bernard Allison to headline this year's Fishers Blues Fest

The REPORTER

Announced Tuesday, Shemekia Copeland will headline the first night of the 12th annual Fishers Blues Fest on Saturday, Aug. 31, and Bernard Allison will close out the festival on night two, headlining Sunday, Sept. 1.

The full lineup for both nights will be released in the coming weeks at npdamp.com/BluesFest.

Shemekia Copeland is a Chicago-based blues singer and multi-Grammy award nominee.

Born and raised in Harlem in 1979, Copeland first stepped on stage at New York's Cotton Club when she was 8. She released her Alligator Records debut *Turn the Heat Up* in 1998 when she was 18. She has performed thousands of gigs at clubs, festivals, and concert halls all over the world, and has appeared in films, on national television, NPR, and is the host of her own daily radio show on SiriusXM's Bluesville.

Copeland has sung with Bonnie Raitt, Keith Richards, Carlos Santana, Dr. John, James Cotton and many others, and has shared a bill with The Rolling Stones. She entertained U.S. troops in Iraq and Kuwait in 2008. In 2012, she performed with B.B. King,



You can witness the great talents of Shemekia Copeland and Benard Allison at this year's Fishers Blues Fest.

Mick Jagger, Buddy Guy, Trombone Shorty, Gary Clark, Jr. and others at the White House for President Barack Obama. She has showcased on PBS's *Austin City Limits*, and in 2022, she performed at the United Nations General Assembly Hall to a worldwide audience of millions as part of International Jazz Day celebrations. Her newest release, *Blame It On Eve*, will be released Aug. 30.

Bernard Allison is a blues guitarist and singer and the son of Chicago blues legend Luther Allison.

Learning guitar as a child, Allison made his stage debut at age 18 at the Chicago Blues Festival in 1983, joining Koko Taylor's band shortly after and honing his skills under the mentorship of Johnny Winter and Stevie Ray Vaughan. He continued collaborating heavily with his father until Luther's death in 1997. His fourth album, *Keepin' the Blues Alive*, is his most critically acclaimed in the U.S., and his latest release, *Luther's Blues*, released in January of this year, celebrates the music of his father, filled with 20 new compositions of Luther Allison tunes. The song “Serious,” a Luther Allison favorite first released in 1987, is one Bernard performs every night.

Fishers Blues Fest prides itself on being one of the most accessible blues festivals in the country. Admission is free, and no tickets are required. Free parking surrounds the venue, and the festival is an all-ages event. All are welcome.

Chairs blankets, and coolers are welcome with the exception of outside alcohol (Indiana Code 7.1-5-8-4). Vendors will be on site selling food, drinks, and alcohol.

Want to see announcements about Blues Fest and events at the NPD AMP? Follow along on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

TRAIL FINDER

ANY TRAIL. ANY DETAIL. AT YOUR FINGERTIPS.

Discover your next adventure with Trail Finder

The REPORTER

Hamilton County has introduced Trail Finder, a user-friendly tool designed to help outdoor enthusiasts explore the area.

Trail Finder provides details regarding trail distance, surface material, and trailhead locations, making it easier than ever to plan your next hike, bike ride, or nature walk.

Each park department in the county, including Hamilton County Parks and Recreation, Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation, Fishers Parks and Recreation, Noblesville Parks and Recreation, the Town of Atlanta, the Town of Sheridan, the Town of Arcadia, Cicero Parks, and Westfield Parks collaborated with Hamilton County's Geographic Information Systems (GIS) team with support provided by Cultivate Geospatial Solutions to map out every trail in Hamilton County. The Trail Finder tool shows a complete map of all the trails with important details, so you can

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Spartz to hold two town halls next week

The REPORTER

Congresswoman Victoria Spartz will begin a six-day town hall tour around the Fifth District next week.

She will make two stops in Hamilton County on Thursday, Aug. 15:

- 11 a.m.: Hamilton East Public Library in Noblesville
- 5 p.m.: Arcadia Town Hall, 208 W. Main St.

“Our country's fiscal situation continues to be in dire straits,” Rep. Spartz said. “It has been neglected by both parties for decades and continues to get worse – negatively impacting Indiana families and workers.”

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INDOT will soon begin intersection improvements along State Road 37

The REPORTER

Construction on intersection improvements along State Road 37 will begin soon as part of the Indiana Department of Transportation's work in Noblesville.

Construction will take place at the intersections of SR 37 and 186th Street, 191st Street, and 206th Street. SR 37 will remain open through construction, but drivers should expect closures and restrictions on 186th Street and 191st Street.

The first closure will be 191st Street, east of SR 37. This closure is anticipated to last 60 days, weather permitting. Once the work is complete on the east side of SR 37, 191st Street will close west of SR 37 for 30 days, weather permitting.

In September, 186th Street will be closed for 30 days, weather permitting.

Construction includes the following improvements:

- Restricted crossing U-Turn reconstruction along SR 37 at 186th Street.
- Adding left-turn lane capacity to 191st Street and a new multi-use path crossing SR 37.
- Traffic signal modernization at the SR 37 and 206th Street intersection.

INDOT reminds drivers to help keep construction workers safe by slowing down, using caution, and avoiding distractions when traveling in and near work zones. All work is weather-dependent, and schedules are subject to change. If there are changes to the schedule, they will be announced on the project's social media channels and website.

Visit [ReconstructingSR32.com](#) for more information and to view detour routes.

SUNNY SPIRIT

My favorite Jimmy songs celebrate all things the sun, the very thing that did him in, our Sunny Jim dying from a deadly form of skin cancer.

Still, we Parrot Heads know the importance of sustaining a “fins up” attitude. I play his music even more now, lost in the turntable’s rotation of tropical travelogues, time-proven seaworthy, story songs, mostly from the ‘70s, each “gospel from the coast” providing much-needed mental escapism, his salt-rimmed songs nothing short of postcards postmarked in the lower latitudes and tossed, like ring buoys, from a passing, ghostly mailboat of the mind.

Conversing with other Parrot Heads is another way to work through the passing of our popular poet. Recently, I participated in a one-on-one, virtual squawk with the “Surfpirate” (a.k.a. Bob Haslett), an administrator for the public [Parrot Head Facebook page](#), [BuffettNews](#), which went live 15 years ago. Bob and the three other admins, Jeff Melia, Bob Geist and CJ Caracciolo, call themselves “Los Cutro Caballeros.” Last summer, *BuffettNews* hailed 75,000 members, growing to 231,000 in the wake of Buffett’s passing.

“My Jimmy Buffett experiences have given me decades of fun and lasting friendships,” says Bob, an old surfer and “early” retired corporate IT executive, who is enjoying his mid-60s while living on the Delaware coast. “Jimmy may be gone physically, but spiritually he inspires me still.”

Bob is the author and

illustrator of a Parrot Head-themed comic strip, “BN Critters,” which includes a cast of characters, mostly of anthropomorphic make-up, wasting away their days inside a tiki bar. A collection of his witty strip, *The BN Critters Collection*, can be ordered via Amazon or through his [surfpirates.com](#) online surf shop.

His latest passion project involves the online preservation of all 185 issues of *The Coconut Telegraph*, a newsletter/fanzine/mail-order merchandise catalogue published out of Jimmy’s Key West Margaritaville store, starting in 1985. The last paper edition was released in 2014 when the publication migrated online.

Currently, Bob has 182 issues scanned and uploaded, many mailed to him by *BuffettNews* members. The official “Jimmy Buffett and The Coral Reefers” [Facebook page](#) boosted interest in his endeavor by sharing it with their 1.7 million members, enabling him to fill in most of the missing pieces of his puzzle.

Bob’s *Coconut Telegraph* project is near and dear to me. In 1986, a college journalism essay of mine was published in it. Headlined “Are You A Parrot Head?”, it marked my first byline ever and inspired me to become a humor columnist.

“The *Coconut Telegraph* is a historical record of what things were like pre-Internet, how Jimmy communicated with all of us, the stories that were written, the ads for things being sold at the time, lists of upcoming concerts, profiles of individual Coral Reefer band

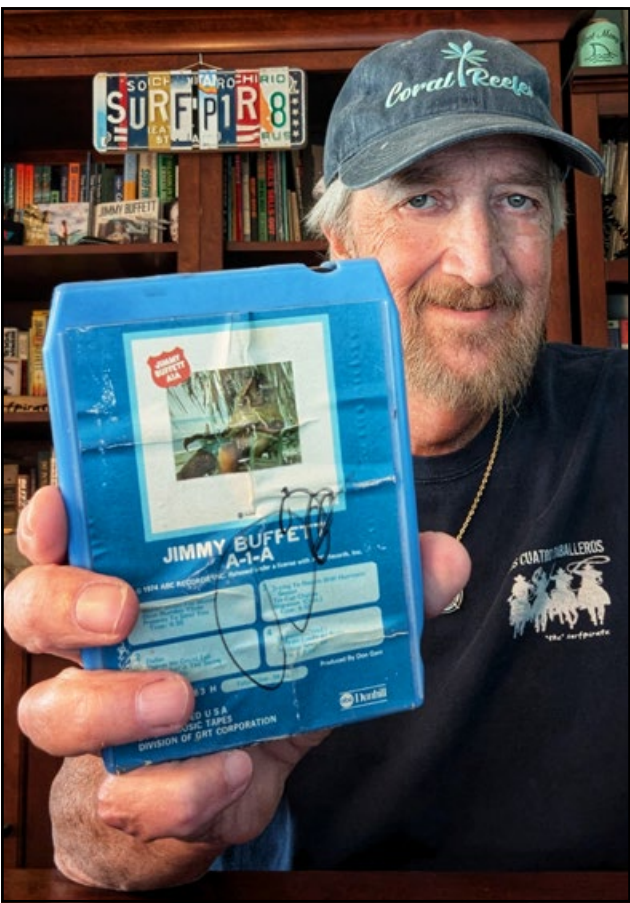


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Bob proudly poses with his first Jimmy Buffett purchase, an 8-track copy of A1A, purchased in 1975. Jimmy autographed it at a 1999 show at Merriweather Post Pavilion in Columbia, Md.

members, past and present, stories of what Jimmy has been doing since the last issue was published. It’s a nice little historical reference,” he says.

Like me, Bob earned his PhD (Parrot Head Degree) in the 1970s, long before the Parrot Head name was coined and tattooed on our psyche. He has attended more than 100 Jimmy concerts – way, way more than me. He also met Jimmy a few times – a few times more than me. He bought his first Buffett album, 1974’s *A1A*, in 8-track form, from a Virginia Beach record store

discount bin. Other Buffett albums followed. “Soon, I also had *A White Sports Coat and a Pink Crustacean* and *Living and Dying in ¾ Time* blaring from my car’s speakers. Those three 8-track tapes became my soundtrack for that surfing summer, and I became a Jimmy Buffett fan.”

Posts made by Facebook users speculating on Jimmy’s poor health appeared on *BuffettNews* throughout 2023, up until news of his death, which then led to thousands, if not tens of thousands, of comments posted by grieving Parrot Heads.

“That was a gut punch,” says Bob. “I don’t think I ever cried but there was a big hole.”

Bob offers the best solution we can take while coping with Jimmy’s death.

“(As reportedly said on his deathbed) Keep the party going,” says Bob.

We mere Parrot Head earthlings continue to orbit our spinning sun that was – and still is – Jimmy Buffett. We will keep the party going.

Email Scott at [scottsaa1-man@gmail.com](#).

Donate blood at Westfield PD

The REPORTER

The City of Westfield has partnered with Versiti for a blood drive this month.

The blood drive will take place from 10:30 a.m.

to 2:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30 at the Westfield Police Department, 17535 Darrowtown Road.

[Click here](#) to sign up to donate.

TRAIL FINDER

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choose the trail route best for your needs.

In fall of 2023, Park Finder was launched as a comprehensive program that provides detailed information regarding park amenities. People can choose a park on a map and view park descriptions and details, or they can filter to search for a type of recreation activity, and all the parks with that amenity are listed. Trail Finder has been added to this program to further provide sought after details to the public in a more convenient way.

Joan Keene, GIS Director for Hamilton County, explained the need for providing Trail Finder.

“Adding Trail Finder to the Park Finder tool allows us to provide even more detailed and accessible in-

formation to the public to answer all their questions about the trail systems,” Keene said. “Our goal is to make it as easy as possible for people to explore and enjoy Hamilton County.”

So come embrace the great outdoors and discover the natural beauty Hamilton County has to offer. To access the Trail Finder/Park Finder site, visit [geohub.hamiltoncounty.in.gov](#). The Trail Finder/Park Finder site is also accessible from the new Hamilton County Map Viewer. Visit the new Hamilton County Map Viewer at [gis1.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/mapviewer](#).

For information and details about the data found on the site, contact any of the parks departments within Hamilton County.

TOWN HALLS

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Rep. Spartz has fought the leadership of both parties to address this issue by pushing for a bipartisan and enforceable Debt Commission, an Authorization Task Force to oversee spending, and increased auditing of government wasteful spending.

“Please join me at one of my town halls throughout

the district to discuss taxes, spending, lowering health care costs, and any other topic that concerns you,” Rep. Spartz said.

Connect with the congresswoman at [spartz.house.gov](#), or visit her Noblesville Office at 5540 Pebble Village Lane, Suite 400. You can also call (317) 848-0201.

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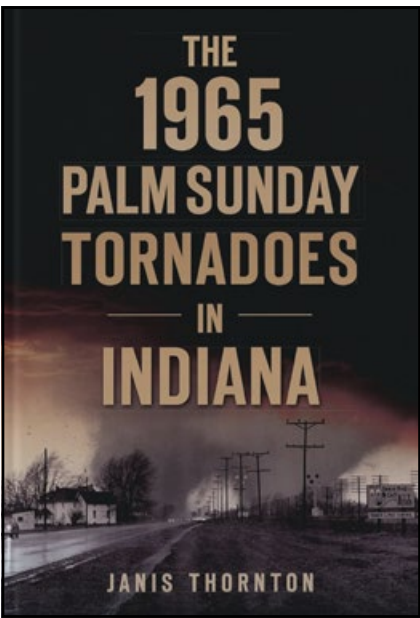
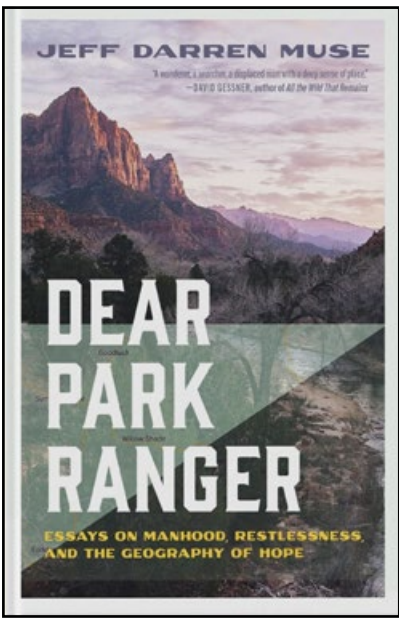
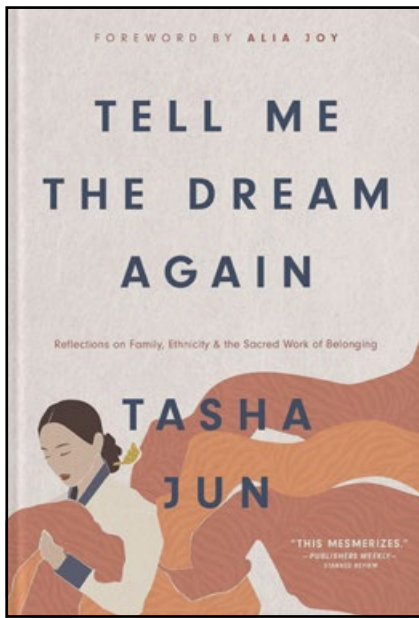
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Three local writers named to 2024 Indiana Authors Awards shortlists

The REPORTER

The 2024 Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana Authors Awards has announced the shortlist of books eligible for top honors in eight of its literary categories. Fifty-two books written by Indiana authors and published in 2022 and 2023 have been shortlisted. All winners will be announced by Aug. 22.

Locally, two of those writers are from Fishers, and one is from Tipton.

• **Tasha Jun**, Fishers, for *Tell Me the Dream Again: Reflections on Family, Ethnicity & the Sacred Work of Belonging*, a memoir-in-essays and love letter to Jun's Korean immigrant mother, an exploration of community, identity, faith, and family, and a guide to those who hold multiple worlds and wonder if they can ever truly belong.

• **Jeff Darren Muse**, Fishers, for *Dear Park Ranger: Essays on Manhood, Restlessness, and the*



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Geography of Hope, a collection of essays with a central theme of searching for purpose, companionship, a lost father, and home.

• **Janis Thornton**, Tipton, for *The 1965 Palm Sunday Tornadoes in Indiana*, which documents Indiana's worst weather disaster, which tore through the state the evening of April 11, 1965, in three separate lines of storms, claiming the lives of 137 Hoosiers, injuring more than 1,700, and racking up damages exceeding \$30 million.

The awards were established in 2009 as a vision of Eugene and Marilyn Glick

and are a component of Indiana Humanities' rich and diverse literary programming. Indiana Humanities, with support from Glick Philanthropies, confer the awards every other year. Honorees can participate in an annual statewide speaker program and connect with readers, teachers and students.

"Indiana is fertile ground for local writers to grow and flourish, and the awards celebrate that," said Marianne Glick, chair of the Glick Family Foundation and daughter of Eugene and Marilyn Glick. "The Indiana Authors Awards programs provide the next

generation of writers with opportunities to learn from previous winners and honorees. That's something I would say is as important as the awards themselves, and I'm thrilled to see the continued success of both."

Judges for the Indiana Authors Awards included former winners, writers, educators, scholars, local bookstore owners and librarians.

"Literature is far more than words on a page, and these shortlisted books display the incredible talent and effort that goes into writing works that represent Indiana well," said Keira Amstutz, Indiana Humanities president and CEO. "We had the most nominations we've ever seen in 2024, and the competition was robust. We deeply appreciate the generosity of Glick Philanthropies that empowers us to connect readers with new and familiar writers whose work we know will inspire them."

Giving multiplied as families provide school supplies for children around the world

Submitted by Samaritan's Purse

Local families are preparing for the school year with back-to-school sales and adding more items to their lists for children in need around the world. Shoebox packers are using this time to purchase gifts and essential items to fill **Operation Christmas Child** shoebox gifts. Children in over 100 countries will be blessed by these gift-filled shoeboxes and the hope of Jesus.

Many children around the world are not able to afford school supplies, and coloring pencils, crayons, and markers are a luxury many cannot access. For Olesea Makarets, a shoebox recipient from Moldova, markers in her home were shared among her siblings. The colorful markers were used until the very last drop, and then she and her siblings would dip the markers in water to try to make them last longer.

When Makarets received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox, she remembers what stood out to her most.

"I couldn't take my eyes off a pack of colorful mark-

ers," Makarets said. "My siblings and I shared the markers we had but now I had received a pack of my very own." This simple gift deeply impacted Makarets' life. She said, "Receiving a shoebox gift made me realize that Jesus, the powerful man in the Bible, is actually real."

The power of packing school supplies in shoebox gifts can transform a child's life and point them toward a greater hope.

For more information, call (937) 374-0761, or visit samaritanspurse.org/occ. National Collection Week is Nov. 18 to 25. Participants can donate \$10 per shoebox gift online through "Follow Your Box" and receive a tracking label to discover its destination. Those who prefer the convenience of online shopping can browse samaritanspurse.org/buildonline to select gifts matched to a child's specific age and gender, then finish

packing the virtual shoebox by adding a photo and personal note of encouragement. Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's

Purse, seeks to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world and, together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 220 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories.



Carmel, Indiana

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Get to know your local nonprofits

The REPORTER

The Westfield Chamber invites business leaders, community members, and guests to attend the August Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 15 at The Bridgewater Club. Attendees will come together and learn more about five local non-profits, how they impact the community, and what you

can do to get involved. Please plan to attend what is sure to be an inspirational afternoon learning about the dynamic organizations that serve Westfield and Hamilton County. Discounted Partner Tickets and Non-Partner Tickets are available. Corporate Reserved Tables (seating for 8) are also available. [Click here](#) to reserve your spot.

Help “Save Second Base”

Phi Beta Psi Delta Chapter & Cicero American Legion Post 341 Riders join forces for cancer research

The REPORTER

Delta Chapter, Arcadia, of Phi Beta Psi Sorority is teaming up again this summer with Cicero American Legion Post 341 Riders for a motorcycle run to benefit cancer research. This motorcycle run is set for Saturday, Aug. 17, with registration (\$20 rider) and breakfast from 8:30 to 10 a.m. and kickstands up at 10:30 a.m. at Cicero American Legion, 50

Washington Ave. The Cicero American Legion Riders is a generous group with a heart for veterans and is an arm of Post 341. Their mission as Legion Riders is to raise awareness and support for veterans in need and to assist with non-veteran groups in the community. They are comprised of military vets, their spouses, daughters, and sons of U.S. military branches.

Delta Chapter is most appreciative of their willingness to help in working to benefit cancer research. Phi Beta Psi is a national non-academic, philanthropic organization over 100 years old whose national project is cancer research. In fact, the Sorority just held its annual National Convention in Denver, Colo., and its delegates voted to give \$446,100 to six cancer research doc-

tors. Among those delegates was Delta's own Suzanne Walton. As the Riders return to the Legion from their run on Aug. 17, there will be tables set up with various bucket displays for participants to buy tickets to place in the buckets of choice. All bucket items will be awarded to the winning ticket holders before the event is declared over that day.

Where can I find 4-H Results? Thank you for supporting 4-H'ers, Hamilton County!

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Community First Bank	17661 Village Center Drive
Government & Judicial Center (front desk)	1 N 8th St.
Louise Lane Design	248 N 9th St.
Noblesville City Hall	16 S 10th St.
Rep. Spartz's Office	5540 Pebble Village Lane
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Sheridan Community Schools	Main Office of each school
Town Hall	506 S Main St.
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Community First Bank	381 S Junction Crossing
Community First Bank	707 E State Road 32
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CrossRoads Church	19201 Grassy Branch Road
Farmers Market	225 S Union St.
The Farmers Bank	17370 Farmers Bank Way
Westfield High School	Available to students

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Health Spotlight: breakthrough implant to mitigate heart failure

By JAY ADKINS WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](#)

More than six and a half million Americans are living with heart failure. In the next five years, that number will grow to eight and a half million people. It's the leading cause of death for men and women. It's a debilitating disease, leaving patients breathless, fatigued, confused, and in pain. Current therapies, devices and medications can be lifesaving, they do not improve the symptoms of heart failure – but now, for the first time, new technology will help. “I’ve been riding motorcycles since I was seven,” says Jim Balala, who was riding his Harley when his journey took a sharp turn. They rushed to the hospital ... “They told me at that time that he probably was having a heart attack for about 13 hours,” says Kathy Balala, Jim’s wife. After surgery, Jim was

put into an induced coma for 12 days. Medications and a defibrillator kept Jim’s heart beating but left him with debilitating fatigue. Cleveland Clinic’s Cardiac Electrophysiologist Niraj Varma, MD, PhD, states, “They don’t treat heart failure. Patients are still left with their symptoms. And the debilitation.” Dr. Varma is leading a national study for Integra-D. Jim was the first person in the world to have an implant that combines two proven cardiac therapies into a single implantable device. “It delivers cardiac contractility modulation as well as defibrillator therapy,” Varma said. Cardiac contractility modulation works daily to improve the contraction of the heart – making it stronger and relieving symptoms, while a defibrillator treats life-threatening arrhythmias that cause sudden cardiac death. And unlike a

traditional defibrillator that needs to be replaced every 10 years the Integra-D will last 20 years. “This is a game-changer in the world of implantable device therapies because it is rechargeable,” Varma said. Within two weeks of getting the implant, Jim had twice as much energy and is now looking forward to a summer back on his bike. The Integra-D clinical study is evaluating the safety and effectiveness of the device. The clinical trial will enroll 300 patients from 75 centers across the U.S. and those patients will be followed for two years. This story was created from a script aired on WISH-TV. Health Spotlight is presented by Community Health Network. This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wishtv.com/news/health-spotlight/health-spotlight-breakthrough-implant-for-heart-failure](#).

Duke Energy reminds customers & excavators to call 811 before digging

The REPORTER

Duke Energy is asking customers and excavators to call 811 at least three business days before starting any outdoor project that requires digging. National Safe Digging



Day (also known as 811 Day) on Aug. 11 is an annual reminder to call 811 to protect the nation’s underground utility infrastructure, prevent potential injury and avoid electric outages. “Whether it’s a simple job like planting a tree or starting a major construction project, every time you plan to dig, you need to call 811 first,” Duke Energy President Stan Pinegar said. “Striking and damaging a utility line can be dangerous and expensive and is easily avoidable by having underground infrastructure properly marked.” **Dial before you dig** The national “811 Call Before You Dig” system was created so anyone who plans to dig can have underground utility lines clearly marked by making a free call. Contractors, homeowners, business owners and anyone preparing for a digging project

should call 811 at least three business days before digging begins. The local utilities will then send a crew to mark underground lines in the area (electric, natural gas, water, sewer, phone, cable TV and others) with stakes, flags or paint. **Digging through the damage data** From January to June 2024, Duke Energy reported damage to nearly 125 electric lines in its Indiana service territory. “We are committed to the safety and reliability of our utility lines, and safety starts with a free call to 811,” Pinegar added. “We hope everyone enjoys their time outside working on yard and landscaping projects and remembers to dial 811 before they dig.” For additional information about 811, [click here](#). To contact the 811 center in your state, dial 811 or visit [call811.com](#).





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Carmel welcomes seven new police officers



Photo provided by Carmel Police Department / Facebook

Please welcome Carmel Police Department’s seven newest officers: Officer Boyd, Officer Colgate, Officer Simmons, Officer Miller, Officer Vasquez, Officer Thang, and Officer Gordon! Their skills and enthusiasm will greatly enhance the department’s commitment to serving and protecting the Carmel community. CPD is looking for more dedicated officers to join the team. [Click here](#) for more information and to apply.

Find the best route to your destination thanks to Hamilton County Tourism

The REPORTER

With construction season in full swing, thus making it ever more challenging to travel around Hamilton County, our friends at Hamilton County Tourism have compiled this handy guide.

Below you will find links to road projects in each of the four major cities in the county, as well as county projects like the Streamline 146th plan. Even a link to state projects through INDOT is included. Thank you, Hamilton County Tourism!

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Meeting Notices

- The Noblesville Common Council will hold a budget meeting at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2024, in Rooms A213 and A214 at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.

A regular meeting will follow at 7 p.m. in the same location.
- The Noblesville Public Safety Council Committee meeting scheduled for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2024, has been moved to the Fire Department Administration Conference Room in the Public Safety Building, 135 S. 9th St., Noblesville.
- The Hamilton County Commissioners will meet in an executive session at 1 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 12, 2024.

A regular meeting will follow at 1:45 p.m. in the Commissioners’ Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.
- The Hamilton County Airport Authority will meet in an executive session at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2024.

A regular meeting will follow at 6:30 p.m. in the Commissioners’ Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.
- The Carmel Plan Commission will meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2024, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square.
- The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will meet in an executive session to discuss personnel at 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2024, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7) For discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute.

A regular meeting will follow at 9 a.m. in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.
- Send Meeting Notices to:**
News@ReadTheReporter.com

Noblesville Noon Kiwanis gearing up for Pickleball Extravaganza

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Noon Kiwanis will play host to the second annual Pickleball Extravaganza on Saturday, Aug. 17. Check-in will begin at 8 a.m. with the first round of play starting at 8:30 a.m. at Forest Park, 701 Cicero Road, Noblesville.

Teams of two can register for \$60. Each year, the funds raised will benefit a different local children’s charity. This year, the Kiwanis will support the children at the Tom & Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville.

Teams will start in a pool based on skill level with a round robin format. Teams can be mixed-doubles or single-sex. Winners of each pool will advance to a single-elimination tournament to determine an overall winner.

Please bring your own chairs and beverages/snacks to enjoy during the event. Refreshments will be available for a freewill donation.

Come out to play, have fun, and make some new friends. Register your team today online at [Eventbrite](#).

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Noblesville Schools invites community to provide feedback at listening sessions

The REPORTER

Noblesville Schools invites residents to provide feedback by participating in listening sessions to be held at the Noblesville Schools Community Center later this month.

The sessions are a continuation of the community survey the district launched this past spring and will give participants an opportunity to share more comprehensive feedback on topics related to the district's strategic planning.

Participants will be placed in small groups and asked to share their thoughts on specific questions where the district is looking for feedback. Noblesville Schools leaders will be carefully listening to



Photo provided by Noblesville Schools

(From left) Board members Misti Ray, Laura Alerding, Dr. Joe Forgey, Superintendent Dr. Dan Hile, and board members Stephanie Lambert and Christi Crosser.

these group discussions and taking notes to help guide future planning.

Residents should choose the session date and time

that works best for them – either 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27, or 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 29 – and are asked to RSVP at [this link](#).

Both sessions will be held at the Noblesville Schools Community Center 1779 Field Drive, Noblesville.

Psst ... are you going to the Speakeasy?

The REPORTER

Want bourbon? The Shepherd's Center of Hamilton County (SCHC) will tend to your glass, but you better [hurry while tickets are still available](#).

You're invited to SCHC's third annual Speakeasy on Saturday, Aug. 24 at the Lucas Oil Estate, 1143 W. 116th St., Carmel. VIP admission begins at 5 p.m. with general admission opening at 6 p.m.

This is a night of celebration where we will sample the best spirits from the finest distilleries, eat incredible food, and be en-

tertained, all while raising money to support the amazing programs at SCHC so every older adult in Hamilton County has the opportunity to age well.

New this year ...

- New venue: The Speakeasy will be at Lucas Oil Estate in Carmel.
- More VIP: Additional bourbon tastings have been added to the VIP Experience.
- New caterer: Prime 47 will serve guests their signature New York strip steak or another great menu selection.
- More entertainment:

SCHC's friends Brent Marty and Holly Stults of Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre will treat guests to a fun Speakeasy cabaret show.

... and so many more secret surprises!

This event is almost sold out so grab your ticket or table today. [Click here](#) for all your ticket options.

Your gift makes a difference

Each year Shepherd's Center helps over 2,000 seniors acquire the resources they need to remain in their home and age well. Without SCHC's free programs and services, thousands of lo-

cal older adults would have slipped through the cracks and been unable to live safely in their homes.

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Will you give a gift today to ensure these valuable members of the community have the resources they need as they age? Donate today at [SCoHC.org/donate](#).



Find your next career at Fishers Event Center

The REPORTER

The new Fishers Event Center is set to open its doors in November 2024, and in preparation it will hold a Career Fair, where attendees can explore both full- and part-time career options.

The Career Fair will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, Aug. 29 at Launch Fishers, 12175 Visionary Way.

Available positions include: Ticket Sellers, Guest Services Coordinators, Premium Staff, Concert Runners, Ice Crew, Zamboni Drivers, Operations Crew, Cooks, Bartenders, Suite Attendants, Dish Washers, Suite Runners, and Food & Beverage Leads.

Attendees will meet with Fishers Event Center staff and hiring managers.

Registration is strongly encouraged. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

About the Fishers Event Center

The 7,500-seat capacity ultra-modern Fishers Event Center is situated on a sprawling 53-acre plot expanding upon the popu-

lar 18-acre lifestyle development Fishers District, and will host everything from concerts, entertainment acts to basketball games, while serving as a community-focused venue for local athletes to compete, graduation ceremonies, and more.

Beyond its programming, the Fishers Event Center boasts extraordinary sightlines offering a great view from the front row to the back of the house. With premier amenities and gluten free, vegetarian and vegan options available, full details on the venue's food and beverage selections will be unveiled soon. The Fishers Event Center will use a cashless parking system and the approximately 2,000 parking spaces adjacent to the venue.

For a full list of upcoming events and ticket information, visit [Fishers EventCenter.com](#). The newly unveiled website boasts a modern design, intuitive navigation, and newsletter sign-up options for fans to stay informed of event announcements and presale options.



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Westfield cops ISO Young Sherlock Holmes

Shamrocks learn ins & outs of police work at Westfield PD's Little Citizens Academy



Photos provided by Westfield Washington Schools

Each summer, one of Westfield's most popular opportunity camps is Westfield Police Department's Little Citizens Academy. During this camp, young Rocks (a.k.a. pebbles) learn so much about keeping their community safe. They get hands-on experience with K9 officers, fire hoses, drones, crime scene investigations, and so much more.

Braun bill would roll back Biden administration housing mandate

Submitted

Last week, Senator Mike Braun (R-Ind.) introduced legislation to repeal a Biden administration Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) mandate for new housing construction that Braun says would add significant costs to the purchase of new homes.



Braun

Senators Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), John Barrasso (R-Wyo.), Cynthia Lummis (R-Wyo.), Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.V.), Roger Marshall (R-Kan.), Pete Ricketts (R-Neb.), Eric Schmitt (R-Mo.), and Todd Young (R-Ind.) cosponsored the legislation. "Buying a home is more expensive than ever for

Americans," Sen. Braun said. "We shouldn't be making them even more expensive with government mandates that could add as much as \$31,000 to the price of a new home. My bill will repeal this new Biden administration mandate so we can lower the cost of housing for American families."

The HOUSE Act would:

- Repeal the HUD/USDA Final Determination, and require the agencies to revert to the 2009 standards already in effect;
- Prohibit VA from implementing a similar mandate for VA mortgages;
- Clarify that FHFA has no statutory authority to impose similar mandates;
- And reform the underlying law by prohibiting HUD and USDA from

adopted new efficiency mandates unless 26 states have already adopted sim-

ilar standards.

[Click here](#) to read the full text of the bill.

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NOTICE

On August 15, 2024 Cicero Town Council will hold an Executive Session at 8:00 PM at the Cicero Town Hall, 70 N Byron Street, Cicero, IN according to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D) A real property transaction including: (i) a purchase; (ii) a lease as lessor; (iii) a lease as lessee; (iv) a transfer; (v) an exchange; or (vi) a sale; by the governing body up to the time a contract or option is executed by the parties. This clause does not affect a political subdivision's duty to comply with any other statute that governs the conduct of the real property transaction, including IC 36-1-10 or IC 36-1-11.

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School is back, but summer continues with Party on the Patio

The REPORTER

Come out for an evening of celebration to continue the 2024 Party on the Patio series.

Presented by **Huston Electric and Grand Junction Brewing Co.** and hosted by the **Downtown Westfield Association** (DWA), this electric event will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20 at Grand Junction Brewing Co., 1189 E 181st St., Westfield.

Huston Electric is celebrating 85 years in busi-

ness in Indiana and invites you to come celebrate with food, drinks, and good company while supporting DWA's charity partner, Student Impact.

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A Westfield original,

Grand Junction Brewing Co. serves the community from their tap room and production facility located just outside of Grand Park on 181st Street. Westfield's rich history inspired their name, a nod to both the Monon and Midland Railroads that once crisscrossed Westfield, and the Underground Railroad for which the city is known. Grand Junction Brewing Company joined the community in April 2014.

Register now to join in on the party.

AG Rokita teams up with Sammy Terry at State Fair to return your unclaimed property

Submitted by Office of the Attorney General

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita continues his successful partnership with the longest-running TV horror host in the world, Sammy Terry, to treat Hoosiers with more than funnel cakes during this year's Indiana State Fair.

"Visiting the State Fair and watching Sammy Terry are family traditions for so many Hoosiers," AG Rokita said. "That's why I'm proud to continue our successful partnership with

Sammy Terry to reunite Hoosiers with their hard-earned unclaimed funds."

Fairgoers can meet Sammy Terry at the Attorney General's booth from 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17 in the Mercantile Building. Team members will be available to assist Hoosiers with unclaimed property searches. Staff will also have information and tips to help con-



Rokita

sumers protect themselves from identity theft and other scams.

"The only thing more horribly fun than bringing family-friendly horror movies to Hoosiers each week is helping Indiana Unclaimed return millions of dollars to my Horror-able fellow Hoosiers," Sammy Terry said.

AG Rokita's team reunited one Hoosier family

with \$160,000 at the State Fair last year. The Attorney General's Office has returned over \$48,000,000 so far this year and much more is waiting to be claimed. Don't miss your chance to claim what is rightfully yours.

Representatives from the Attorney General's Office will be at the Indiana State Fair every day from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. The State Fair runs through Sunday, Aug. 18 and is closed on Mondays.

Recovering your unclaimed property is safe, secure, and simple. AG Rokita recommends Hoosiers text "SAMMY" to "46220" or visit indianaunclaimed.gov and check for these types of property that might go unclaimed:

- Unclaimed wages or commissions
- Money orders
- Safety deposit box contents
- Savings and checking accounts
- Refunds
- As well as overpayments such as:
- Credit card balances
- Cell phone bills
- DMV payments

You may also like and/or follow the Unclaimed Property Division on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/IndianaUnclaimed). Make sure you keep an eye out for Sammy Terry's reminders. Even he knows it's ghoulishly fun to search for unclaimed property.

See Sammy Terry supporting Unclaimed Property in [this video](#).

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Church News

Family fun & ice cream at Christ Lutheran Church

Christ Lutheran Church of Noblesville invites the community to an Ice Cream Social from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 24.
Come enjoy ice cream, hot dogs, a bounce house, and fun and silly games. You can even throw a pie at the pastor for only \$1! Money received for the pie throwing will toward the Hamilton County Chaplain fund.
Christ Lutheran Church is located at 10055 E. 186th St., Noblesville. For more information, visit the church's [Facebook page](#) or go to [clc-in.org](#).

Latest Fishers road construction updates

The REPORTER

State Road 37 & 141st Street

Please note the continued lane restrictions on SR 37 North and South, approaching the 141st Street Interchange.

As of July 23, the west side of 141st Street at SR 37 has closed for the next phase of construction. Traffic will transition to the east side, with SR 37 north and south-bound lanes remaining open. This closure will remain in place throughout 2024.

Please review detour routes to plan ahead during this time ([141st Street, SR 37 West, and SR 37 East](#)). Thank you for your continued patience and remember to drive cautiously and safely through construction areas.

Find construction updates at [37thrives.com](#).

Lane restrictions on 116th Street

On Wednesday, Aug. 14 there will be lane restrictions in place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on 116th Street between Municipal Drive and Lantern Road. Crews will be demolishing the old Plumbers Supply Building.

South Street

There will be a two-phase road closure on South Street for utility installation between Lantern Road and the Nickel Plate Trail.

- Phase 1: Aug. 5 to 19 (weather dependent)
- Phase 2: Aug. 19 to 26 (weather dependent)

First Internet Bank Building Parking Garage

- Access will remain open at all times.

Hotel Nickel Plate Access

- South Street drive access will be restricted.
- Use 116th Street for access.
- Visitors may also park on the west side of the hotel, accessible off 116th Street,

after the trail.

Please proceed through the area with caution. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this essential work.

[Click here](#) to see a map of the closure.

141st & Prairie Lakes roundabout

Construction crews have begun preliminary work for the construction of a new roundabout at the intersection of 141st Street and Prairie Lakes Boulevard/Old Oak Lane.

Beginning on or after Aug. 19, the intersection will be closed to thru traffic. Access to Woods of Britton apartments will be maintained off Cumberland Road only during this first phase. The 141st Street access to Prairie Lakes will be closed and access will be off Cumberland Road and 146th Street. View the map [here](#).

126th Street & Southeastern Parkway roundabout

This roundabout is now open but remains an active construction site with intermittent lane restrictions. The new roundabout will also include a connection for the development of Hunters Run. The project will rehabilitate or reconstruct the pavement, add curb and gutter with storm sewers, and multi-use paths and/or bicycle lanes.

Sidewalk Improvement Project

Restoration will be ongoing in the Ridgefield and Sweet Briar North Neighborhoods the week of Aug. 12. The sidewalk work will consist of removal and replacement of sidewalk panels which pose a toe kick trip hazard. Sidewalk within driveways is not included in the scope of this project.

Hollywood Nights brings Bob Seger experience to Kroger Symphony on the Prairie on Aug. 16

Submitted
Hollywood Nights – The Bob Seger Experience is the ultimate tribute to Bob Seger and the Silver Bullet Band.

This nine-piece New Jersey-based powerhouse has set out to re-create everything about Bob and his music right down to the smallest detail. Determined to leave no stone unturned, Hollywood Nights even tours with a baby grand piano. The band prides itself on continuing the amazing groundwork laid down by Seger over the past 30 years. They share the belief that only Bob and his fans have come to know, learn, and love: represent the voice of every fan, his or her values, working-class background, and the love of rock ‘n’ roll. If you are a true Bob Seger fan, you won’t want to miss Hollywood Nights.

See Hollywood Nights – The Bob Seger Experience at 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16 at the Conner Prairie Amphitheatre, 13400 Allisonville Road, Fishers.

Then on Saturday, Conner Prairie will rock

with Let’s Sing Taylor – A Live Band Experience. This is the ultimate tribute to the music of Taylor Swift. This band will show the audience incredible things, including the most faithful and lively covers of “Queen Taylor’s” expansive and sacred catalog. Taking the country by storm, they are bringing the communal experience of celebrating Swift’s music in a live setting to Swifties near and far. *Limited tickets may be available.*

See Let’s Sing Taylor – A Live Band Experience at 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17 at the Conner Prairie Amphitheatre, 13400 Allisonville Road, Fishers.

Tickets for all shows in the 2024 season of Kroger Symphony on the Prairie are available online at IndianapolisSymphony.org, at the ISO box office downtown, and at most central Indiana Kroger stores.

Concerts will be offered through Labor Day weekend at the Conner Prairie Amphitheatre in Fishers. [Click here](#) to see the complete 2024 schedule.

Lawrence E. “Larry” Smith February 23, 1934 – July 11, 2024

Lawrence E. “Larry” Smith, 90, Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, July 11, 2024, at Harbour Manor Care Center in Noblesville. He was born on February 23, 1934, to Edward and Marjorie (Thomas) Smith in Anderson, Ind.

Larry graduated from Noblesville High School in 1952 and proudly served his country in the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He worked in the engineering department for Public Service Company, was an electrical supplies salesman in Cincinnati, and most recently managed Noblesville Antique Mall. Larry enjoyed refinishing furniture and sitting on the patio in the sun. He was a self-made artist and enjoyed oil painting.

Larry is survived by his wife, Janet Smith; children, Vickie (Lance) Brock, Ken (Jane) Smith, and Kya (Marc) Woodruff; six grandchildren, Julie Brock, Heather (William) Anderson, Kalah (Anthony) Schmaus, Kenny (Angela) Smith, Dustin (Kayti) Woodruff, and Lindsay Woodruff; great-grandchildren, Eddie Smith, Ellie Smith, and one great-grandchild on the way; and his nieces and nephews, Sandy (George) Cain, David Cruzan, Jamie (Randy) Harden, and Jimmy Smith.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Jim Smith.

A celebration of Larry’s life with military honors will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 17, 2024, at White River Christian Church, 1685 N. 10th St., Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to White River Christian Church Missions, 1685 N. 10th St., Noblesville, IN 46060 (wrcc.org).

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TODAY’S BIBLE READING

THE PLAGUE OF GNATS

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Tell Aaron, ‘Stretch out your staff and strike the dust of the ground,’ and throughout the land of Egypt the dust will become gnats.” They did this, and when Aaron stretched out his hand with the staff and struck the dust of the ground, gnats came on people and animals. All the dust throughout the land of Egypt became gnats. But when the magicians tried to produce gnats by their secret arts, they could not.

Since the gnats were on people and animals everywhere, the magicians said to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God.” But Pharaoh’s heart was hard and he would not listen, just as the Lord had said.

THE PLAGUE OF FLIES

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Get up early in the morning and confront Pharaoh as he goes to the river and say to him, ‘This is what the Lord says: Let my people go, so that they may worship me. If you do not let my people go, I will send swarms of flies on you and your officials, on your people and into your houses. The houses of the Egyptians will be full of flies; even the ground will be covered with them.

“But on that day I will deal differently with the land of Goshen, where my people live; no swarms of flies will be there, so that you will know that I, the Lord, am in this land. I will make a distinction between my people and your people. This sign will occur tomorrow.”

And the Lord did this. Dense swarms of flies poured into Pharaoh’s palace and into the houses of his officials; throughout Egypt the land was ruined by the flies.

Exodus 8:16-24 (NIV)

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Football

The Miracle era begins at Westfield

By CRAIG ADKINS
For The Reporter

Over the last 13 seasons, Westfield football had gotten used to Jake Gilbert as its head coach and success has built up big over that time span. With the Shamrocks going 103-54 while winning eight sectional, five regional and three semi-state championships, Gilbert raised the bar and has made Westfield into a football power. Finishing as the Class 6A state runner-up twice (2021 and 2020) and winning the Class 5A state title in 2016 puts the Rocks program up there as one of the best in the state.

Josh Miracle will transition smoothly from where Jake Gilbert left off, being a part of Westfield's staff throughout Gilbert's tenure since 2011, when he graduated from Wabash. Gilbert is now the associate head coach at his alma mater, Wabash College, in Crawfordsville and be the head coach in-waiting after the 2024

season for the Little Giants. The 2023 season had Westfield finishing 11-2 season a sectional title at Noblesville and regional over Hamilton Southeastern. The Shamrocks' bid for another state finals appearance came to an end with a semi-state loss at Crown Point in double overtime, 38-31. "As the season approaches, we continue to be thankful for the blueprint Coach Gilbert put in place the past 13 years at Westfield," said first-year head coach Josh Miracle. With Jackson Gilbert graduated and headed to Wabash himself, senior Carsen Melvin is set to take over at quarterback. Melvin was 8-for-16 for 78 yards and 2 interceptions in limited action last season. "Carsen Melvin is in line to start at QB for us this fall. Melvin has put together a tremendous offseason and emerged as a key leader on offense," Miracle naming his starting quarterback.

See Miracle . . . Page 11



Westfield senior Kendall Garnett returns to the Shamrocks team this year for his third season at running back. Garnett rushed for 1,199 yards and 12 touchdowns as a junior and has 2,034 yards and 24 TDs through two seasons.

Cross Country

Carmel girls take top spot in pre-season rankings, four boys teams in top 6 positions

The REPORTER

Hamilton County is shaping up to have another highly successful cross country season this fall. Everyone in the county already knows that, of course. But it's always nice to have more details, and the website indianarunner.com has been slowly revealing those details over the summer while posting its pre-season top 50 boys and girls team. The website released their pre-season ranked teams five at a time throughout the summer, finishing them up this week as practices began. You won't have to scroll very far to find a writeup on some of the local boys teams. Hamilton County has four of the top six boys teams in the pre-season rankings, although not in the top spot. Indiana Runner is ranking Bloomington North as its top-ranked pre-season team. The first county team listed is Carmel, which comes in at No. 2 on the IR list. The Greyhounds won the state meet in dominant fashion last year, with two runners placing in the top 10, the now graduated Tony Provenzano and Kyle Grove. Thomas Biltmeier placed 21st, all three were named as All-State.

Carmel does have some talent returning. Senior Jack Capes placed 34th at state last season, while sophomore Carter Buhr and junior Kiefer Jay also bringing back state meet experience. Indiana Runner also called sophomore Cooper Szotek "an X-factor" and noted that the Hounds "might see one Greyhound (or more) make

an unexpected jump this fall." The Fishers boys are the pre-season fourth-ranked team; the Tigers were state runners-up last season. Fishers has an A-list senior returning in Sam Quagliaroli, who finished third individually at state in 2023, making him the highest-placing runner from the county. The website said Quagliaroli's "frontrunning is a luxury no other title contender will enjoy." Quagliaroli missed most of the track season last spring due to injury. Six of the Tigers' state runners are back, with only All-State runner Matthew Kim, who finished 16th, graduating from the squad. The other returnees are seniors Henry Wood, Bryson Slagle, Parker Mehling and Cooper Mohr, along with junior Nate Thomas. Sophomore Reece Torres is also mentioned as a varsity contender. Hamilton Southeastern is ranked fifth by IR, which is appropriate as the Royals were fifth at state last year. Southeastern returns all of their top four state runners: senior Nicolas Vega, juniors Riley Schamp and Liam Powers and sophomore Isaac Smith. The website said sophomore Mason Schmitz "could be a big contributor" for the Royals as well. Noblesville is sixth on Indiana Runner's list. The Millers placed 12th at state last season and returns three runners from that group: seniors Jack Strong and Jack Shinneman and junior John Libs. The website pointed out that senior Ronnie Neal



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Fishers' Sam Quagliaroli (above left) and Hamilton Southeastern's Elizabeth Butler (above right) are the highest-placing returning cross country runners from Hamilton County this season. Both are seniors and will be looking to lead their respective teams back to the state finals.

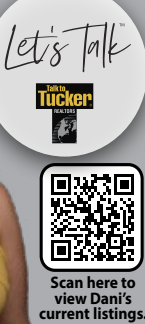
and sophomore Banner Barnes both had solid spring seasons and noted that "eight returners ran under 10:00 for 3200 meters." Guerin Catholic is ranked 36th by IR. The Golden Eagles finished eighth at the Shelbyville regional last season, with only the top five teams advancing to state. But Luke Moster moved on as an individual and finished 66th; he will be back as a senior this season to lead the team. Other regional returners are juniors John Constantino and Hunter Kinzle-Gorman, sophomore Sean Laferriere and senior Luke Ross. The website mentioned sophomore Brady Linn "had a breakout season" in track as a freshman as well. Westfield is rated 43rd, after taking 15th at regional

last season. Seniors Landon Jones, Will Snedeker and Owen Mohler and junior Caleb Haney all ran for the Shamrocks at regional in 2023, while IR said senior Ty Conner and sophomore Luke Moulder had solid track seasons. Carmel girls No. 1 In the girls pre-season rankings, Carmel is rated No. 1. The Greyhounds finished seventh at state last season, but they have five of their seven state runners back from last season. The list begins with junior Sadie Foley, who finished 18th at state last season to receive All-State honors. Seniors Olivia Mundt and Charlotte Konow also return state experience, along with sophomores Annabel Pollert and Larkin Taylor. Indiana

Runner also noted senior Nola Elling as an "X-factor," highlighting her time of 19:01 at last year's Nike Twilight meet. Hamilton Southeastern is IR's No. 3-ranked team, and the Royals have the talent to make the podium after placing sixth last year. The top returner is senior Elizabeth Butler, who made All-State last year after placing 15th (along with the now-graduated Maggie Powers, who was 12th). Butler is the first of six returning runners from last year's Southeastern state team. The others are seniors Ava Powers, Catherine Campbell and Ciara Kepner, junior Raegan Hissong and sophomore Anissa Lammie. Westfield's girls are rated 10th, this after placing 10th at state last season. Just like the Royals, the Shamrocks have six of their seven state runners coming back for 2024. Also, IR mentioned that Westfield Middle School "was second at the big school middle school state championship" in 2023. The Shamrocks' returning runners are seniors Emily Loiselle and Ena Durbin, juniors Gianna Ferreri and Jordyn Landrum, and soph-

omores Alivia Lozier and Maggie Naas. Noblesville is ranked No. 12 by IR; the Millers were eighth at state last season. Noblesville has some decent runners returning, starting with its state competitors: seniors Riley Flynn and Brinkley Cooper, junior Ansley Applegate and sophomore Kate Mumaw. Indiana Runner said the Millers enter the fall "as one of the best teams in the state once again." Guerin Catholic is IR's No. 15 pre-season team. The Golden Eagles made it to state last year, placing 21st. Returning GC state runners are senior Camille Morrow, juniors Keira Hines and Katie Kolb, and sophomores Claire Flannagan and Brinna Wolf. The website said that junior Delaney Gould and senior Eva Parr "may be ready for varsity contributions this year also." Fishers is rated No. 28. The Tigers were denied a place at regional after finishing sixth in the sectional last year, although several runners competed at regional as an individual. That includes senior Isabella Murch and juniors Abby Lotter and Grier Swaim and sophomore Charlotte Lawrence.

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Boys Golf

Three golfers make top 10 at IGA Senior Amateur Championship

The REPORTER

Three Hamilton County golfers finished in the top 10 at the IGA Senior Amateur Championship, which took place Thursday and Friday at Royal Hylands in Knightstown.

Carmel's Jeff Cook tied for second place with a score of three under par 139 for the two-day tournament. Cook elevated himself to the runner-up spot by go-

ing three under during the event's second day, carding a 68. He totaled seven birdies for the tournament.

Another Carmel golfer, Lee Crannell, placed sixth with 144. He had two birdies, one in each round. Fishers' Chris Gauss took seventh with 145. He made an eagle on the first hole during his first round, adding that to eight birdies overall for the tournament.

Here is a complete list of Hamilton County results.

T2. Jeff Cook, Carmel 71-68=139, 6. Lee Crannell, Carmel 71-73=144, 7. Chris Gauss, Fishers 71-74=145, T11. David Moore, Carmel 73-75=148, T14. David Chambers, Carmel 77-72=149, 18. Sterling Thompson, Carmel 73-77=150, T25. Cliff Harris, Noblesville 78-77=155,

27. Mark Westlake, Fishers 80-76=156, T28. Bill Pattison, Fishers 78-79=157, T34. Dave Richter, The Bridgewater Club 77-83=160; Pat O'Connor, Carmel 84-76=160, T37. Perry Paquette, Westfield 80-81=161, 39. Kevin Paige, Carmel 81-81=162, 45. Gregg Stefanek, Fishers 85-83=168, 46. John Finke, Fishers 78-94=172.

Olympic coach to host free diving clinics next week

The REPORTER

Olympic diving coach John Wingfield will be hosting three free diving clinics next week in Hamilton County.

The first clinic takes place from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 14 at the Westfield YMCA/Natatorium, 874 Virginia Rose Ave., at the intersection of 181st Street and Wheeler Road. Two more clinics are set for Saturday, Aug. 17: the first will be from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Noblesville High School pool, with the second from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Hamilton Southeastern High School pool.

All participants will receive a free T-shirt and the

chance to meet Wingfield. Bring your own swimsuit and towel.

Wingfield is the CEO and Head Coach of Rip-Fest, a local diving club. Wingfield coached divers at the 2024 Paris, 2020 Tokyo and 2008 Beijing Olympic games and was named the 2009 United States Olympic Committee Developmental Coach of the Year for all Olympic and Pan Am sports. He has received the USOC's Coach of the Year honor five different times (2006, 07, 08, 09, 11) and is a two-time USOC Order of Ikko recipient, in 2012 and 2016.

For any questions about the clinic, email Debbie at diven2pools@gmail.com.

Shane Steichen believes in WR depth after Josh Downs injury

By JOSH BODE

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WESTFIELD — The Colts wide receiver room took a hit on Wednesday with Josh Downs suffering an [ankle injury](#).

Colts head coach Shane Steichen said that he didn't want to put a timetable on the return. An initial report from [Ian Rapoport](#) said that Downs could miss around 4-6 weeks.

Downs was off to a great start at training camp before his injury, [impressing](#) a lot of the coaches. In terms of replacing him while he's injured, Steichen has a few guys in mind.

"I mean, all these guys," Steichen said. "I mean, obviously Anthony Gould has made some big-time plays for us, our draft pick from Oregon State. But all those guys are competing on the back-end. Alec Pierce has had a really good camp, same with Michael Pittman Jr. AD (Adonai Mitchell) has had a hell of a camp too. So really excited about the full group."

Downs primarily plays



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Josh Downs makes a catch during wide receiver drills at training camp.

slot receiver. Typically smaller and more agile players play slot receiver, but Steichen doesn't necessarily believe in that.

"You can put anybody in the slot," Steichen said. "It's all about what route concept you're running and where you want certain guys. Those guys are all interchangeable. That'll happen throughout the year. We'll move guys inside, outside. You'll see guys all over the place."

Despite the injury to Downs, quarterback Anthony Richardson is confident in the depth at the wide receiver position.

"I've been harping on it for a while now," Richardson said. "We've got a lot of weapons. I'm thankful we have a lot of weapons because I get to share the ball, pass the ball around. So, I'm excited to see what the guys do this weekend and hopefully we get to make a lot of plays."

Downs had [68 catches](#) for 771 yards and two touchdowns in his rookie season last year.

The Colts have their first preseason game of the year on Sunday against the Broncos at 1 p.m.

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MIRACLE

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Senior running back Kendall Garnett returns for his third varsity season in the backfield. He rushed for 1,199 yards and 12 touchdowns as a junior and has 2,034 yards and 24 TDs through two seasons.

Fellow senior Mikeah Webster took some carries in short-yardage situations, scoring five touchdowns.

"As we head into August, we will have a RB by-committee approach," Miracle said on the Shamrocks backfield depth.

Senior Gabe Arambolles is a four-year starter that has played 35 games in three years. He has caught at least 35 passes and gained no less than 500 yards receiving with 13 TDs, including 41 grabs for 583 yards and six scores in 10 games and heading into his senior season as one of the top wideouts around.

"Our WR corps has been extremely deep and well-rounded throughout the offseason," Miracle stated of

his talented wideouts.

The Rocks bring back seniors Beau Braun (387 yards, TD) and Parker Knott (324, TD), along with junior Broc Parker (192 yards, 2 TDs) that will be key contributors.

Defensively, senior Drew Law (70 tackles) leads the returnees with two INTs, one sack, a fumble recovery, and blocked punt. Junior Deacon King also had 70 stops, an INT and fumble recovery. Junior Alex Arambolles had a sophomore season of 66 tackles (50 assists), including 9.5 for a loss (four sacks). Senior Thomas Vandergriff comes back in the secondary with two INTs.

Replacing kicker/punter Brody Boehm is another two positions Westfield is replacing a three-year starter. Boehm averaged 35.0 yards per punt on 80 boots in 31 games. He was also extremely accurate with PATs, making 92-of-94 in his career. Boehm has taken his talents to the University of Missouri

to kick for the Tigers in the Southeastern Conference.

Westfield opens Miracle's first season on the road at Center Grove on Aug. 23. The home opener is in Week 2 (Aug. 30) against the Shamrocks' neighbor to the south in the Carmel Greyhounds. Westfield begins Hoosier Crossroads Conference play on Sept. 6 at home with Zionsville and heads to Noblesville on Sept. 13.

Mid-season, the Shamrocks welcome in Hamilton Southeastern on Sept. 20 and they'll hit the road on Sept. 27 at Brownsburg.

Westfield starts October by hosting Avon on the 4th, then it goes back on the road on Oct. 11 at Fishers, followed by the regular season finale at home against Franklin Central on Oct. 18.

"Our staff and players look forward to continuing the 'outwork, out love' family atmosphere that has been at the heart of Westfield football for many years," added Miracle.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Aug. 10

GOLF

Carmel, Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville, Westfield at State Preview, 10 a.m. at Prairie View
Westfield JV at Kokomo Invitational, 1:30 p.m. at Chippendale Golf Club

Tuesday, Aug. 13

GOLF

Carmel vs. Hamilton Southeastern, 4:30 p.m. at Prairie View

Wednesday, Aug. 14

GOLF

County meet, 2:30 p.m. at Harbour Trees

Thursday, Aug. 15

GOLF

Fishers vs. North Central, 4:30 p.m. at Purgatory Golf Club
Hamilton Heights vs. Tipton, 4:30 p.m. at Bear Slide
University vs. Crawfordsville, 5 p.m. at Wood Wind

Saturday, Aug. 17

GOLF

Fishers, Westfield at Western Invitational, 8 a.m. at Chippendale Golf Club
Hamilton Heights, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville, Westfield JV at Lapel Invitational, 9 a.m. at Edgewood
Guerin Catholic at Ben Davis Invitational, noon
Carmel at Zionsville Invitational, 1:30 p.m.
University at Shenandoah Invitational, 2 p.m.

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