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### ■ TODAY'S VERSE

**Hebrews 11:1** Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

### HONEST HOOSIER



Tonight's offerings of Friday Night Lights means we're half-way through the high school football season. Where does time go?

### ■ HAMILTON HAPPENINGS

According to the Hamilton County Planning Department, someone tried to scam a petitioner seeking a variance. The scammer tried to collect fees on behalf of the Planning Department. The Hamilton County Planning Department wants you to know it does not use a third-party company to collect fees. They also do not use wire services or other such means to process payments. The County Planning office staff will only contact people directly from the official email address or by phone. If anyone has any questions or something seems suspicious, please contact the Hamilton County Planning Department directly to verify by calling (317) 776-8490.

### ■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Don't look at your feet to see if you are doing it right. Just dance."

- Anne Lamott

### ■ JOKE OF THE DAY

Stop blaming yourself for your failures...

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### ■ BOOMER BITS RETIREMENT

#### What Benefits Am I Entitled To?



ASK RUSTY  
Social Security  
Advisor

**Dear Rusty:** I plan to stop working very soon. My health

is not good. I am 66 years old, born in June 1959, so my full retirement age is 66 years and 10 months. My wife passed away in March 2024, and she was collecting SS benefits when she died. I have no dependent children. In general, what benefits am I entitled to?

**Signed: Unhealthy and Struggling**

**Dear Unhealthy and Struggling:**

Sorry to hear that your health is failing, and that you will need to stop working soon. But do not fear

– Social Security will be there for you. Here is some info to help you decide your next possible steps:

Since you will not reach your full retirement age until next year (in April 2026), your earnings limit from working for this year is \$23,400 (or \$1950/month). The earnings limit will apply only if you decide to claim Social Security early (this year). If you decide to take Social Security this year, your earnings from before you take SS won't count, but your monthly earnings for the remaining months of this year will be subject to the 2025 monthly limit (\$1950). If your monthly earnings

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### ■ BOOMER BITS HEALTH

#### When Can Medicare Advantage Plans Switch?

**Q:** I have a Medicare Advantage Plan now, but I would like to change it. When can I change that plan for a different one? Is there someone who can help find the best plan for me?

year. Premiums can increase; provider coverage can change; dental premiums may change; and you may see changes to which prescription drugs are covered under your plan.

**A:** Medicare's Annual Enrollment Period is October 15 – December 7. During this time, you can make changes to various aspects of your Medicare Advantage and Part D drug coverage.

Every September, Medicare enrollees receive an Annual Notice of Change (ANOC) letter from their insurance companies to let you know what changes may affect your plan for the following

During the annual enrollment period, you can do the following:

- Change from Medicare to a Medicare Advantage plan
- Drop a Medicare Advantage Plan
- Change from one Medicare Advantage plan to a different one
- Change from one Part D prescription drug plan to another

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## Embrace Downtown Reveal Set Sept. 29

Updated design concepts for the Embrace Downtown project in Noblesville will be unveiled during a public open house from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Sept. 29. Attendees will have the opportunity to view updated renderings, learn additional information about the design, and ask project team members questions about the project.



Noblesville Mayor  
Chris Jensen

The Embrace Downtown project is a multi-phase project that will improve infrastructure, enhance pedestrian safety, and bring beautification upgrades to downtown Noblesville. The project aims to create a more welcoming, accessible, and vibrant environment for residents, visitors, and local businesses.

"This project is about building a strong foundation for downtown's future while creating spaces where people want to gather, shop, and spend more time," said Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen. "We look forward to sharing the latest updates and continuing this important dialogue with our community."

Updated design concepts will be available online at [www.EmbraceDowntownNoblesville.com](http://www.EmbraceDowntownNoblesville.com) after the open house. Members of the public can also use the website to request a meeting with a member of the project team, and Noblesville Community Engagement Manager Aaron Head has standing office hours from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. every Wednesday at Noble Coffee & Tea, 933 Logan St.

To learn more about the project, you can also follow the project on X and Facebook.

### ■ BOOMER BITS TECHNOLOGY

#### Secretary of State: Beware Government Hoax Scams



Indiana Secretary of State  
Diego Morales

Indiana Secretary of State Diego Morales is warning Hoosiers to stay alert for government impersonation scams targeting residents through email, text, phone and social media.

The Indiana Securities Division has seen a rise in reports of scammers posing as government employees or agencies, tricking victims into believing their accounts have been hacked or tied to illegal activity. Scammers then pressure victims to move their money – often resulting in devastating financial losses.

Recent cases include:

- An elderly woman who lost over \$800,000 after being told her computer contained illegal content and ordered to transfer her savings into cryptocurrency and gold.
- Another Hoosier who lost nearly \$2 million after scammers posing as Homeland Security agents convinced him to wire funds and hand over gold bars.

These scams often follow three steps:

1. Tech Support Imposter – A pop-up, text, or email directs victims to call "tech support," giving scammers access to personal computers and financial accounts. They

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### ■ THREE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

**1.** The Indiana Department of Transportation is in search of dedicated, qualified individuals who want to help serve their fellow Hoosiers this winter. INDOT will host winter seasonal hiring events on Tuesday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at six locations across the state, and on Tuesday, Oct. 7, from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. at four locations in the Southeast district. Winter seasonal positions run from November through early April. Pay starts at \$21 per hour for full-time operations and \$25 per hour for on-call snowplow-only operations. Registration is not required to attend INDOT's hiring events, and interviews will be conducted on-site the same day. For a full list of hiring event locations and more information, visit [INDOTJobs.com](http://INDOTJobs.com).

**2.** The Indianapolis International Airport is among 20 airports throughout the U.S. who are contenders in the *USA TODAY 10BEST Readers' Choice Awards* "Best Airport for Art" contest. Voting runs through Oct. 6. Hoosiers and the traveling public can cast their vote for Indy each day of the contest. It's just like our annual Readers' Choice contest AND Chicago politics – vote early and vote often!

**3.** The American Soybean Association expressed cautious optimism following the Make America Healthy Again Commission's release of the Make Our Children Healthy Again Strategy. The strategy acknowledges the Environmental Protection Agency's robust, science-based pesticide approval process, a welcome shift from earlier critiques, and highlights the benefits of precision agriculture while proposing policies to expand access to these tools. "Soybean farmers are thankful the MAHA Commission recognized EPA's approval process as the global gold standard," said ASA President Caleb Ragland. "Between the May report and today's strategy, the Commission was accessible and open to learning more about modern farming practices. We truly felt like we had a seat at the table, and for that, we are incredibly appreciative."

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## ADOPT A PET MYRA



Myra is a gentle, sensitive soul who's looking for a family to call her own. This 7-year-old female Pit Bull Terrier has been available for adoption at the Humane Society for Hamilton County (HSHC) since 6/23/25. She can be a little shy, but she's loyal, loving, and quietly courageous when it comes to her chosen people. Myra is part of Dr. Roth's Frosted Faces Program, which means her adoption fee is waived, and she'll go home with a Senior Pet Care Package to help her settle in comfortably. Myra would love to meet you soon at HSHC anytime Monday-Tuesday or Thursday-Sunday from 12-5 PM. To meet her, please fill out an adoption application at [hamiltonhumane.com/adopt](http://hamiltonhumane.com/adopt).

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## Syd Loomis Takes Final Bow at Farmers Bank

The Farmers Bank proudly announces the retirement of Sydney S. Loomis – known to all simply as “Syd” – who will retire today, Friday, Sept. 19, 2025, after an incredible 45½-year career in community banking.

Syd began his career as a 19-year-old teller at American National Bank in Noblesville on March 18, 1980. Over the next four decades, he worked through five bank buyouts and nine banking names, eventually joining The Farmers Bank on September 19, 2010. Just a few months later, he opened the Noblesville Financial Center on January 26, 2011, where he has faithfully served customers and colleagues ever since.

Most of Syd's career has been spent on the retail side of banking as a branch manager and consumer lender, where he set the gold standard for relationship banking.

“Perhaps Syd's greatest legacy and contribution to The Farmers Bank was the effort he put into developing professionals – and especially young professionals – into the leaders they are today,” said Steve Walter, Senior Vice President of Consumer Banking at The Farmers Bank. “More people than we can count can trace their professional development back to Syd or their engagement with the bank back to his leadership. Beyond that, hundreds, if not thousands, of loyal customers have stayed with The Farmers Bank because they met a staff member who genuinely cared – a



Photo courtesy of The Farmers Bank

After starting as a 19-year-old teller at American National Bank in Noblesville on March 18, 1980, Syd Loomis wraps up his incredible career today.

culture that Syd modeled and instilled daily. He truly set the tone for what a relationship bank should be.”

### A Life Rooted in Community

Outside of banking, Syd has been a vibrant presence in the Noblesville and Hamilton County communities, performing in more than 25 community theatre productions since 1999 and serving as a past board member of the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce, Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance Program (Treasurer), and Hamilton County Shepherd's Center (Treasurer).

### Family and Future

Syd and his wife Jeanine

have been married for 43 years and have three children – Caryn (Kent) Provence, Amy (Kurt) Robison, and Spencer Loomis – as well as four granddaughters, Caylee & Kennedy Provence and Evelyn & Vivian Robison. Retirement will give him more time to enjoy family life, cheer on his granddaughters, and maybe even take the stage in a few more community theatre productions.

### A Fun Farewell

Syd's playful personality and heart for people have left a lasting impression on his colleagues and customers alike. The Farmers Bank invites the community to join in celebrating Syd's career by stopping by the Noblesville Finan-

cial Center to shake Syd's hand, or share a hug, and thank him for his many years of service to The Farmers Bank.

It's also a great opportunity to meet Jamie Loughman, who has been promoted from Assistant Director to the Noblesville East Financial Center Director, and Sam Crisci, a longtime Universal Banker who has also been promoted to the role of Assistant Director. Jamie and Sam will assume their new responsibilities on Saturday, September 20.

For more information about The Farmers Bank and its continued commitment to the community, visit <http://www.thefarmersbank.com>

## County Auditor's Office: Understanding Property Tax Changes

Recent changes in state law have updated several property tax deductions, converting them into credits. For those who are already receiving a deduction that has been transitioned to a credit, no action is required. Our office will handle that transition automatically. However, if you did not qualify for a deduction before but now meet the new credit requirements, you will need to submit an application.

The most notable change involves the Over-65 Deduction, which has been converted to the Over-65 Credit. Unlike the former deduction, which reduced taxable property value, the new credit directly lowers your tax bill by up to \$150 each year. To qualify, applicants must be at least 65 by December 31 of the prior year, hold an ownership interest in the property, and meet income requirements of \$60,000 or less for individuals or \$70,000 or less for married couples. Proof of age and income is required,

and applications must be submitted by January 15 of the year before taxes are due.

The Blind/Disabled Deduction has also been converted into a credit. The new Blind/Disabled Credit provides a \$125 reduction in tax liability and no longer has an income limitation. Applicants must have an ownership interest in the property and provide proof of blindness or disability, most commonly through Social Security Disability paperwork. As with the Over-65 Credit, applications must be filed by January 15 of the year before taxes are due.

A new Supplemental Homestead Credit has also been introduced. This credit, which does not replace but is in addition to the Standard Homestead Deduction, equals ten percent of your tax liability, up to a maximum of \$300 each year. For example, if your annual tax bill is \$2,757, the credit would reduce your liability by \$275.70. If your liability

is \$6,632, the maximum \$300 credit would apply. This credit will be applied automatically to qualifying parcels for those already approved for the Standard Homestead Deduction.

The Standard Homestead Deduction itself will gradually decrease over the next several years, while the supplemental percentage increases. In 2025 (payable in 2026) the deduction will be \$48,000 with a supplemental percentage of 40%. By 2030 (payable in 2031) the deduction will be eliminated entirely, but the supplemental percentage will increase to 66.7%. Combined with the new Supplemental Homestead Credit, this gradual shift is designed to ease tax liability over time.

It is important to note that Disabled Veterans Deductions remain unchanged. Veterans may continue to apply for these deductions with proof of service and disability, such as a DD-214 and a VA Award Letter or Certificate

of Eligibility.

All applications must be filed with the Auditor's Office by January 15 of the year before taxes are due. For example, to receive a credit or deduction for taxes payable in 2026, an application must be submitted by January 15, 2026. Applications may be filed in person at the Hamilton County Auditor's Real Property Department, located on the first floor of the Historic Courthouse in Noblesville. The office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and no appointment is necessary. Most applications can be filed in person, and some are also available online.

For questions about applying or eligibility, taxpayers may contact the Real Property Team at 317-770-4412. For help understanding the impact of these changes and how they affect tax calculations, the Adjustments Team is available at 317-770-8861.

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## Nate Richter Joins Community First Bank as Project Manager

Community First Bank is proud to welcome Nate Richter as Vice President, Project Manager, joining the bank's ongoing efforts to strengthen project execution and cross-functional collaboration.

Richter brings over 15 years of experience in the technology field, with the past nine years focused on technical leadership, program management, and security oversight. His background includes leading complex initiatives, improving operational processes, and ensuring compliance across diverse teams and systems.

"Nate brings proven expertise in managing complex initiatives, improving processes, and driving collaboration across departments," said Carlonda Davis, CAO. "His leadership ensures that projects are executed

with precision and aligned with the bank's long-term vision. By streamlining resources and strengthening execution, Nate's role will help us deliver greater efficiency, innovation, and measurable impact for our employees, customers, and shareholders."

Richter earned his Bachelor of Science in Computer Network and Systems from Ferris State University in Michigan. He has been recognized throughout his career for excellence in program execution and compliance.

As he begins his journey in the banking industry, Richter is especially excited to engage with the local community. "One of the things that excites me about joining Community First Bank is the opportunity to become more deeply engaged in supporting the local community—es-



**Nate Richter**

pecially here in Westfield," said Richter.

Community First Bank remains committed to investing in talent and innovation to better serve its customers and communities. Richter's appointment reflects the bank's dedication to building strong internal capabilities while staying true to its mission as a locally rooted, relationship-driven financial institution.

## RUSTY

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exceed that amount, you won't be entitled to SS benefits for that month, unless your total earnings for 2025 are less than \$23,400. If you don't exceed the annual limit, your 2025 Social Security benefits won't be affected by your work earnings.

Next year, the year you attain your full retirement age (FRA), your earnings limit will be much higher (about 2.5 times more, or something more than about \$63,000). If your 2026 earnings up through March do not exceed that limit, then you can claim your SS benefits a bit earlier in 2026 (before your FRA), and your benefits won't be affected, except that your monthly benefit amount will be permanently reduced by .556% for each month you claim before your FRA. For example, if you were to claim for your SS to start in January 2026, you would get 98.3% of your FRA amount. So, provided your work earnings won't exceed about \$63,000 between January and March 2026, you could claim effective January 2026 without worrying about Social Security's earnings test. So, depending upon your health, you could claim SS to start in January 2026, likely without worry about the earnings test, and would get about 98.3% of your FRA benefit. Or, health permitting,

you could wait to claim SS starting in April 2026 to get 100% of the benefit you've earned from a lifetime of working. Point is, you just need to be careful not to exceed Social Security's earnings tests prior to reaching your full retirement age, or SS will take away some of your benefits. They "take away" by withholding future monthly payments as long as needed to recover what you owe. Worse case penalty for exceeding the 2026 monthly limit would be no benefits for any month you exceed about \$5300, or a penalty of \$1 for every \$3 over the limit if you exceed the 2026 annual limit before your FRA.

You do, however, have another option as your wife's surviving spouse: You can claim your benefit as a surviving spouse prior to claiming your own SS retirement amount. But the earnings test described above (if you claim before your FRA) would also apply to your survivor benefits. So, again, your plans for working enter this decision. If you decide to stop working this year, you could, for example, decide to claim your survivor benefit this year and collect that until you reach your FRA in April 2026 when you would get 100% of your personal SS retirement amount. In fact, you might even decide to

collect your survivor benefit longer, allowing your own SS benefit to grow until you are 70, at which time you would get about 25% more than your FRA amount. Indeed, if your survivor benefit is higher than your personal age 70 amount, you can just continue to claim the higher amount.

I suggest that when you decide that you must stop working full time, you contact Social Security at 1.800.772.1213 to discuss whether it is best to claim your survivor benefit from your wife first and delay claiming your own until a later time (to get a higher amount). You can make an appointment to discuss your options with SS over the phone, before deciding when (and what) to claim. And, of course, if you have any further questions, we are always here to assist you with your decision.

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## Listen to the Music at Carmel PorchFest Sunday

Carmel PorchFest returns to the Arts & Design District on Sunday, from noon to 6 p.m.

Carmel PorchFest, a free, family-friendly music festival, transforms porches into stages and sidewalks into front-row seats in the neighborhood north of the Arts & Design District. Attendees will have the chance to experience live performances from 62 local bands across a variety of genres.

In addition to music, the event features food and beverage vendors, community booths and ample space to kick back and enjoy the atmosphere. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own chairs, explore the neighborhood and enjoy a full day of music, food and fun for all ages.

**New this year!** Visitors can take their PorchFest experience to the next level with the brand-new Carmel PorchFest app.



*Photo courtesy city of Carmel*

**For parking and more information, check out the website at [www.carmelporchfest.org](http://www.carmelporchfest.org)**

The free app puts everything festival-goers need right at their fingertips, including a map of all participating porches, a full band lineup and performance schedule, food and beverage vendor information, and other helpful details to make navigating the event seamless and fun. Click on the image below or this link to download the app today.

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el PorchFest T-shirts will be available for purchase. Sales go toward the Carmel PorchFest Grant Program, which provides grants to youth in our community with musical aspirations.

- The Carmel PorchFest board will award a Carmel PorchFest grant to a deserving Carmel High School student at 1 p.m. at Porch 16

## SCAMS

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- pretend to run a virus scan on your computer and falsely claim the victim's computer has been hacked.
2. Financial Institution Imposter – Victims are told their accounts are compromised and instructed to transfer money "for safekeeping." The victim is directed to transfer their money via a wire transfer, cash, crypto ATM transfer, often to overseas recipients.
3. Government Imposter – Scammers pose as federal agencies, sometimes using fake letterhead

or emails to appear legitimate. The scammer continues to emphasize that the victim's funds are "unsafe", and they must be moved to a new "alias" account for protection.

"Scammers are preying on hardworking Hoosiers, stealing their life savings under the guise of protecting their assets. Urgency and secrecy are two of the biggest red flags. If you're asked to convert cash into cryptocurrency, wire funds, or send gift cards, there's a good chance it's a scam. Ask questions and do your homework before

handing over your hard-earned money," said Diego Morales, Indiana Secretary of State.

Hoosiers should remember:

- The U.S. government will never ask for money through wire transfer, cryptocurrency, or gift cards.
- Do not click on unsolicited pop-ups, links, or attachments.
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# Cradle of QB Papa Bob DeMoss on List; Cheating DOES Pay



**Ken Thompson**  
Columnist

Before there was such a thing as the “Den of Defensive Ends” at Purdue, one of their future members

was a 6-foot-7 giant who was so fleet of foot that he also was a favorite target of quarterback Len Dawson in the mid-1950s.

Two other Den of Defensive End members are included in this week’s countdown of the best Boilermakers by number. Also profiled this week is a Rose Bowl hero, the first John Mackey Award winner and two passers who prospered in an era of three yards and a cloud of dust.

## 81 Lamar Lundy

The Richmond native was the first African-American student athlete to receive a scholarship from Purdue.

Standing 6-7, Lundy’s other firsts include being voted team MVP as a senior in both football and basketball. He is one of two athletes enshrined in both the Indiana Basketball and Indiana Football Hall of Fame.

Lundy led Purdue in receiving as a senior in 1956 and was a two-time second-team All-Big Ten selection. Drafted by the Los Angeles Rams as a receiver, Lundy was soon shifted to defensive end. He teamed up with Deacon Jones, Merlin Olsen and Roosevelt Grier to form the “Fearsome Foursome.”

Lundy played 13 seasons in the NFL before being diagnosed with myasthenia gravis.

## 82 John Standeford

The odds would have been mighty long in 2000 to predict a tall, skinny wide receiver from Monrovia, Ind., would leave Purdue as the all-time Big Ten Conference leader in receptions (266) and receiving yards (3,788).

Teammate Taylor Stubblefield would later become the NCAA career leader in receptions (325) in 2004, and fellow Boilermaker Dorien Bryant surpassed Standeford as well with 292 catches from 2004-07.

As a junior, Standeford was a semifinalist for the Biletnikoff Award as the nation’s outstanding receiver while earning first-team All-Big Ten honors after catching 75 passes for a school record 1,307 yards and a school record-tying 13

touchdowns. As a senior, Standeford added 77 receptions for 1,150 yards and four touchdowns.

## 83 Forest Farmer

Farmer was part of Purdue’s emphasis on recruiting the state of Ohio in the late 1950s and into the late 1960s under Jack Mollenkopf, who coached Toledo Waite to three national high school championships in the 1940s before coming to West Lafayette.

“When we played Ohio State my sophomore year, we started nine Ohioans; they started eight,” Farmer recalled in a 2002 interview.

That year, 1960, Farmer was selected United Press International’s Offensive Player of the Week after making four catches for 69 yards and recording two sacks in Purdue’s 23-14 upset of No. 1 Minnesota. Farmer also helped Purdue defeat No. 3 Ohio State and No. 12 Notre Dame that season.

“The Minnesota game was the greatest game we played that year and one of the greater games I played in my career,” Farmer said.

## 84 Leo Sugar

The son of Polish immigrants, Sugar chose Purdue in 1948 over Notre Dame and Michigan State after starring at Flint (Mich.) Northern High School.

Sugar became a consensus All-American defensive end and first-team All-Big Ten as a senior in 1951. Purdue coach Stu Holcomb called Sugar “the best defensive end I ever coached.” Decades later, Sugar would become a member of Purdue’s Den of Defensive ends.

He went on to play nine seasons in the NFL, earning Pro Bowl honors in 1958 and 1960. Sugar was inducted into the Leroy Keyes Purdue Athletics Hall of Fame in 2006.

## 85 Keena Turner

The Fred Sanford of Purdue’s “Junk Defense” in the late 1970s, Turner led Purdue in tackles for loss for three consecutive seasons. In that streak was a then-school record 25 as a junior in 1978.

The Den of Defensive Ends member helped Purdue compile a 19-4-1 record during his final two seasons under Hall of Fame coach Jim Young. Turner was inducted into the Leroy Keyes Purdue Athletics Hall of Fame in

2006.

Switched to outside linebacker by the San Francisco 49ers, Turner played 11 seasons in the NFL. He earned Super Bowl rings in 1981, 1984, 1988 and 1989.

## 86 George Catavalos

Catavalos was a three-year starting defensive back from 1964-66 who is best remembered for his interception in the end zone that denied Southern California the go-ahead two-point conversion in the 1967 Rose Bowl.

He spent 17 years in college coaching, including a stint at Purdue from 1971-76. Catavalos joined the Indianapolis Colts’ coaching staff when the team moved from Baltimore in 1984. He was with the Colts from 1984-93 and 1998 to 2001. Catavalos spent 28 seasons as an NFL assistant coach.

## 87 Bob DeMoss

The father of Purdue’s Cradle of Quarterbacks, DeMoss launched the modern era of Boilermaker football when he led Purdue to a 35-13 victory at No. 4 Ohio State as a freshman in 1945.

After starting for four seasons, DeMoss spent a year in the NFL with the New York Bulldogs before embarking on a 42-year tenure at Purdue as an assistant coach (1950-69), head coach (1970-72) and assistant athletic director (1973-92). His quarterback pupils included Dale Samuels, Len Dawson, Bob Griese, Mike Phipps and Gary Danielson.

DeMoss was inducted into the Leroy Keyes Purdue Athletics Hall of Fame in 1999.

## 88 Cecil Isbell

While technically a half-back, Isbell was Purdue’s first great passer. He was also an excellent runner and in 1936 was responsible for 15 of Purdue’s 23 touchdowns.

Voted an All-American as a senior in 1937, Isbell gained acclaim months later for leading the College All-Stars past the Washington Redskins 28-16. He was voted the game’s Most Valuable Player.

During his brief NFL career with the Green Bay Packers, Isbell led the team to the 1939 title and teamed up with Hall of Fame receiver Don Hutson to set NFL passing records in 1941 and 1942. Shockingly, Isbell retired after throwing for an NFL record 24 touchdowns

and 2,021 yards to return to Purdue as an assistant coach in 1943. A year later he was promoted to head coach and went 14-14-1 before accepting the head coaching position with the Baltimore Colts.

Isbell was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1967.

## 89 Tim Stratton

The first winner of the John Mackey Award as the nation’s best tight end, Stratton left Purdue in 2001 with a school record 204 receptions.

Stratton also was a three-time first-team All-Big Ten selection, joining a select group of Boilermakers (Bob Hadrick, Chuck Kyle and Rod Woodson) to accomplish that feat.

He left Purdue with 2,088 receiving yards and 15 touchdowns as one of Drew Brees’ go-to receivers.

## 90 Ryan Baker

A four-star defensive lineman for Indianapolis Bishop Chatard, Baker was the subject of an intense recruiting battle with Notre Dame. Baker initially committed to the Fighting Irish in January 2004 but declined to sign a letter of intent. Finally he chose Purdue in March.

A three-year starter for the Boilermakers, Baker overcame the odds as an undrafted free agent to spend parts of four seasons with the Miami Dolphins.

## Who says cheaters never prosper?

Purdue’s Matt Painter is ranked 16th among The Athletic’s top 25 college basketball coaches of the quarter century.

Painter’s rating is aided in no small part by the improved recruiting over the last decade that brought the likes of Caleb Swanigan, Carsen Edwards, Jaden Ivey, Zach Edey and Braden Smith to West Lafayette.

“Similar to John Beilein, Painter is a coach who trusts his eye in recruiting and finds gems like Zach Edey, the 436th-ranked player in his recruiting class,” The Athletic’s CJ Moore writes. “Painter has adjusted his style to his personnel, but he’s also willing to build differently than everyone else. In the recent era, he has built Purdue through big men when everyone else has tried to shoot a bunch of 3-pointers. (His teams usually are good at that too.) He’s also bet on high



school recruiting rather than living in the transfer portal.

“Painter is in the middle of his prime right now, reaching 10 straight NCAA Tournaments and three of the last four Sweet 16s. In 25 years, don’t be surprised if he’s even higher, especially if he’s able to break through and win a national title. His next team is No. 1 in my preseason rankings.”

But what struck me about the list was the number of coaches that, to put it mildly, have bent or flat out broken NCAA rules in the time period before what I call “Now It’s Legal” or as it’s better known as NIL.

The two coaches atop The Athletic’s list, Bill Self of Kansas and Roy Williams formerly of Kansas and North Carolina, have had their issues with the NCAA. Self’s program was put on three years probation and lost scholarships in 2023 in the aftermath of the FBI investigation into corruption in college basketball. The Jayhawks’ 2018 Final Four appearance and Big 12 regular season and tournament titles were vacated by the NCAA.

Williams approved player gifts of cash and clothing from Kansas boosters from 2001-03, having the nerve to tell the NCAA he thought that was legal. Williams avoided NCAA sanctions at North Carolina for academic fraud.

At No. 5, Rick Pitino started young. At the beginning of his career, Pitino was cited for eight recruiting violations while an assistant at the University of Hawaii. He lost his job at Louisville when the NCAA found the program had been providing escorts for potential recruits as well as a play-for-play plan.

John Calipari, ranked eighth, remains in a class of his own. His Final Four appearances at Massachusetts and Memphis were wiped out of existence by NCAA violations. He nearly pulled off the cheating Triple Crown at Kentucky, avoiding sanctions due to a grade change in a high school Algebra class that allowed star Eric Bledsoe to become eligible.

Calipari’s repeat offenses angered Indiana legend Bob Knight. “We’ve got a coach at Kentucky who put two schools on probation and he’s still coaching,” Knight said at an Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame function. “I really don’t understand that. We’ve gotten into this situation where integrity is really lacking and that’s why I’m glad I’m not coaching.”

Kelvin Sampson at No. 10 is an NCAA repeat offender at Oklahoma and Indiana.

Connecticut’s Jim Calhoun (13th) was suspended three games in 2012 for failure to maintain an atmosphere of compliance and recruiting violations.

Jim Boeheim (1th) was suspended nine games in 2015 for NCAA violations involving academic misconduct, extra benefits and Syracuse University’s drug testing policy.

Bruce Pearl (20th) was given a three-year show cause by the NCAA for violations at Tennessee. Pearl lied about inviting then-high school junior Aaron Craft to his home during an unofficial visit and then asking those in attendance to keep it a secret. Pearl is also a four-letter word to Illinois fans for turning in the Fighting Illini for recruiting violations involving Deon Thomas while an assistant at Iowa.

Five Level I NCAA violations at Arizona cost Sean Miller (24th) his job in 2021. That didn’t bother his former employer, Xavier, which rehired him following the 2021-22 season. Miller is now coaching at Texas.

One of the clean coaches on the list was former Butler head man Brad Stevens, ranked 11th despite just being on the college sidelines for six years.

*Kenny Thompson is the former sports editor for the Lafayette Journal & Courier and an award-winning journalist. He has covered Purdue athletics for many years.*



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## Heights Senior Earns Prestigious Honor

Hamilton Heights School Corporation is proud to announce that Mariyah Sexton, a senior at Hamilton Heights High School, has been selected as a College Board BigFuture Ambassador—a prestigious honor that marks a first for the district.

Sexton's acceptance into the national program places her among a select group of student leaders across the country who are committed to helping their peers navigate life after high school. As a BigFuture Ambassador, she will serve as a resource and role model, sharing tools and opportunities that support college and career planning.

The BigFuture Ambassador Program, created by the College Board, empowers students in grades 9–12 to lead outreach efforts in their schools. Ambassadors use social

media, peer engagement, and digital platforms to promote resources like scholarship opportunities, college search tools, and career exploration guides. They also provide real-time feedback to improve the BigFuture experience for students nationwide.

Sexton will participate in virtual meetings, collaborate with other ambassadors across the country, and gain valuable communication and leadership skills—all while helping her classmates take meaningful steps toward their futures.

Her involvement also aligns with Hamilton Heights' commitment to career readiness and student empowerment, core values reflected in initiatives like Reaching New Heights, which ensures students have access to real-world learning and



Photo courtesy Hamilton Heights Schools

### Mariyah Sexton

leadership opportunities.

Congratulations to Mariyah Sexton on this outstanding achievement. We look forward to seeing the impact she'll make as a BigFuture Ambassador and the inspiration she'll bring to her peers.

## CCHA Law Welcomes New Attorney

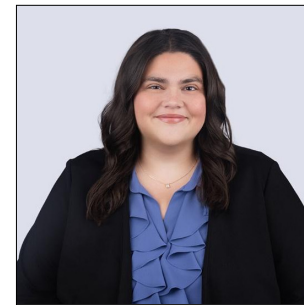
Church Church Hittle and Antrim is pleased to announce that Madeline Richmond has joined the firm as an associate attorney in the Litigation Practice Group.

Richmond focuses her practice on representing schools, cities, towns, and other public entities at the state and federal levels in a variety of claims, ranging from negligence to complex issues of federal and constitutional law. She also provides counsel in insurance defense matters, offering clients skilled and efficient advocacy throughout the litigation process.

"Madeline brings both strong academic achieve-

ments and meaningful practical experience to our team," said Alex Pinegar, Managing Partner at CCHA Law. "Her dedication to client service and her commitment to public entities make her an excellent addition to our litigation practice."

A proud Hoosier, Richmond graduated summa cum laude from Indiana State University with a Bachelor of Science degree. She went on to earn her Juris Doctor from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law, graduating magna cum laude. Before joining CCHA Law, Richmond practiced at a respected Indianapolis civil litigation firm, where she defended clients in trucking



Madeline Richmond

accidents, motor vehicle accidents and premises liability cases.

Richmond is admitted to practice in Indiana, as well as the U.S. District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana. She is also an active member of the Indianapolis Bar Association.

## Heights Superintendent Shares Update



Dr. Derek Arrowood  
Guest Columnist

Last week, Hamilton Heights Middle School hosted EMS and First Responders Day, offering more than

350 students an up-close and personal look at careers in public service. From emergency medical teams to police officers and firefighters, students gained an insider's view of the vital work these professionals do every day to keep our schools and community safe. The event not only highlighted the importance of these roles—it also gave students the chance to meet the dedicated individuals who live in and serve our community. Special thanks to Connor James, CTE Business and Preparing for College and Careers teacher and Reaching New Heights contact at HHMS, along with our talented in-house team and community partners, for creating such an interactive and inspiring career exploration experience.

Next week is the official kick off to College GO!, the initiative that provides information and resources designed to help Hoosier K-12 students explore and plan for education beyond high school. The annual event focuses on helping students learn the value of continuing education and training, explore career pathways, and discover the variety of postsecondary options to pursue their passion. Bonus! Students

can apply at some Indiana colleges for free! Indiana has compiled these colleges and their respective application links into one list here.

Hamilton Heights High School is seeking a generous partner to help bring real-world experience to students enrolled in our Civil Construction course this semester. To make this possible, we're looking for a company or individual willing to loan a Track Steer and a larger Mini Excavator for student use on campus one to two days a week this year. This equipment is invaluable in helping our students, who are OSHA 30 certified, gain hands-on experience and work toward earning industry certifications that prepare them for careers in construction and skilled trades.

These machines will be used under close supervision as part of a structured curriculum designed to simulate real jobsite conditions at The Sandbox. Your support will directly impact students' readiness for the workforce—and help build a pipeline of skilled, safety-conscious professionals as part of our highly recognized Construction Trades Education program. If your company can assist and/or to learn more about this opportunity, please reach out to Kevin Sheets at ksheets@hhschuskiens.org or call 317-984-3551 x1229. We'd be proud to spotlight your partnership as part of our commitment to career readiness and community collaboration.

Congratulations to senior Mariyah Sexton, who has been named a College Board BigFuture Ambassador—the first in Hamilton Heights history! This national honor recognizes student leaders who help their peers navigate life after high school through college and career planning. Mariyah will connect with ambassadors across the country, share valuable resources, and gain leadership experience while inspiring her classmates to take bold steps toward their futures. Her achievement reflects our district's commitment to student empowerment and career readiness through programs like Reaching New Heights.

Next week is our fall Homecoming Week which is, without a doubt, one of my favorite weeks of the year. There's a unique energy that fills our hallways and stadium, an unmistakable blend of tradition, pride, and community spirit. I love seeing our students step into leadership roles, our alumni return with stories and smiles, and our families rally together to celebrate what it means to be a Husky. Fall Homecoming reminds me why Hamilton Heights is so special: we're not just a school district, we're a family. #WeAreHuskies

Dr. Derek Arrowood is the Superintendent of the Hamilton Heights School Corporation. His columns appear periodically in *The Times*.

## Carmel Awards More than \$11,000 in Prizes

The 11th annual Carmel on Canvas plein air event was held Sept. 5 and 6 and featured artists in an open-air painting exhibition and competition which took place on the sidewalks throughout the City's central corridor.

The event hosted 60 highly acclaimed artists from the Midwest and beyond. The artists competed in a variety of plein air contests during the two-day event, registering in a division that matched their skill or age level: professional, non-professional, teen and youth. Carmel artist and educator Irina Smulevitch of the Carmel Art Education Studio in the Village of WestClay was this year's judge.

The awards for the 2025 Carmel on Canvas are as follows:

**PROFESSIONAL DIVISION**  
Grand Prize/Best of Show (\$3,000) Catherine LaPointe Vollmer, Pottsdam, N.Y.

2nd Place (\$2,000) Jeannie Hilfiker, Indianapolis, Ind.

3rd Place (\$1,500) Scott Sullivan, Bloomington, Ind.

4th Place (\$1,000) Peter



Wu, Missouri City, Texas

**Merit Winners**  
Betsy Bird, Indianapolis, Ind.

Melanie Wissel, Carmel, Ind.

Carleen O'Connor Rivera, Munster, Ind.

Mary Ann Davis, Indianapolis, Ind.

Mark Millis, Bargersville, Ind.

Brad Fields, Fishers, Ind.

Jaclyn Schillinger, Westfield, Ind.

Lesley Halflich, Noblesville, Ind.

Emily Winslow, Indianapolis, Ind.

Donna Shortt, Indianapolis, Ind.

**NON-PROFESSION-**

**AL DIVISION**  
1st Place, Bill Bernard, Carmel, Ind.

2nd Place, Clover Scholl Indianapolis, Ind.

3rd Place, Marie Schafer, Sheridan, Ind.

**Merit Winners**  
Lisa Elliott, Indianapolis, Ind.

Alexis Hahn, Fishers, Ind.

**TEEN DIVISION**  
1st Place, Ella Guo, Carmel, Ind.

2nd Place, Lena Michalowitz, Fishers, Ind.

3rd Place, Isaac Anthony, Carmel, Ind.

**YOUTH DIVISION**  
Merit Winner, Julie Cao, Carmel, Ind.

**Merit Winner**, Alison Zhang, Zionsville, Ind.

### PLANS

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- Cancel your Part D plan
- Enroll in a Part D plan

Any changes you make will go into effect January 1, 2026. There is also a Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period, from January 1 – March 31 each year. During these 3 months, you can:

- Switch to another Medicare Advantage plan (with or without drug coverage), or
- Disenroll and return to Original Medicare. If you do so, you can also join a Part D prescription drug plan.

One of the best tools that can help you during the Medicare Open Enrollment is the Medicare Planfinder at [www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan](http://www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan).

. It takes you step-by-step through available Medicare Advantage and Part D prescription drug plans while taking your prescription drug costs into consideration.

You do not need to register with the Website to use it; however, you can safely enter your Medicare number in the tool to view your own current plan enrollment information and specific plan costs. This can help you compare plans and their costs specific to you.

SHIP, the State Health Insurance Assistance Program, can help you compare plans and to use the Planfinder Tool. Changes to Medicare supplement insurance policies (Medigap) can

occur any time of year. However, your premium maybe increased due to your current health status or you may be denied a new policy if you are not in a guaranteed issue period. That is when you first turn 65 or lose other coverage.

Every year, you should review both your Medicare health and drug coverage to ensure you are getting the best coverage for your needs at the best price.

If you or someone you know have questions about Medicare or any other Medicare related topic, contact SHIP at (800) 452-4800, or online at [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov). You can also find us on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube.

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About Reaching New Heights

Reaching New Heights is Hamilton Heights Middle School's career exposure program, designed to ensure every student has access to real-world learning experiences. By connecting students with professionals and industries, the program fosters engagement, builds confidence and helps students chart a path toward a fulfilling future.

# INSPIRATION!

## First Responder Day Inspires Heights Middle Schoolers

By Connor James

HHMS Reaching New Heights Coordinator

Hamilton Heights Middle School recently welcomed more than 350 middle school students for an immersive and inspiring EMS & First Responder Day, a signature event designed to expose students to careers in emergency medical services, law enforcement, fire protection and related fields.

Held on campus as part of the school's Reaching New Heights career exposure initiative, the event offered students a hands-on look at the vital roles first responders play in keeping communities safe. From basic medical care to rapid response during

emergencies, students explored the breadth of opportunities available in these high-impact professions.

Throughout the day, students rotated through interactive stations featuring simulations, demonstrations, and conversations with professionals from agencies across Hamilton County and the state of Indiana. These experts shared insights into their daily work, the skills required and the values – like teamwork, service and resilience – that define their careers.

The impact of the day was profound. Students not only gained exposure to technical skills and career pathways but also discovered how their own interests and

strengths could align with meaningful work in public service. Many shared how eye-opening and inspiring the experience was, with several already expressing interest in pursuing careers they hadn't considered before.

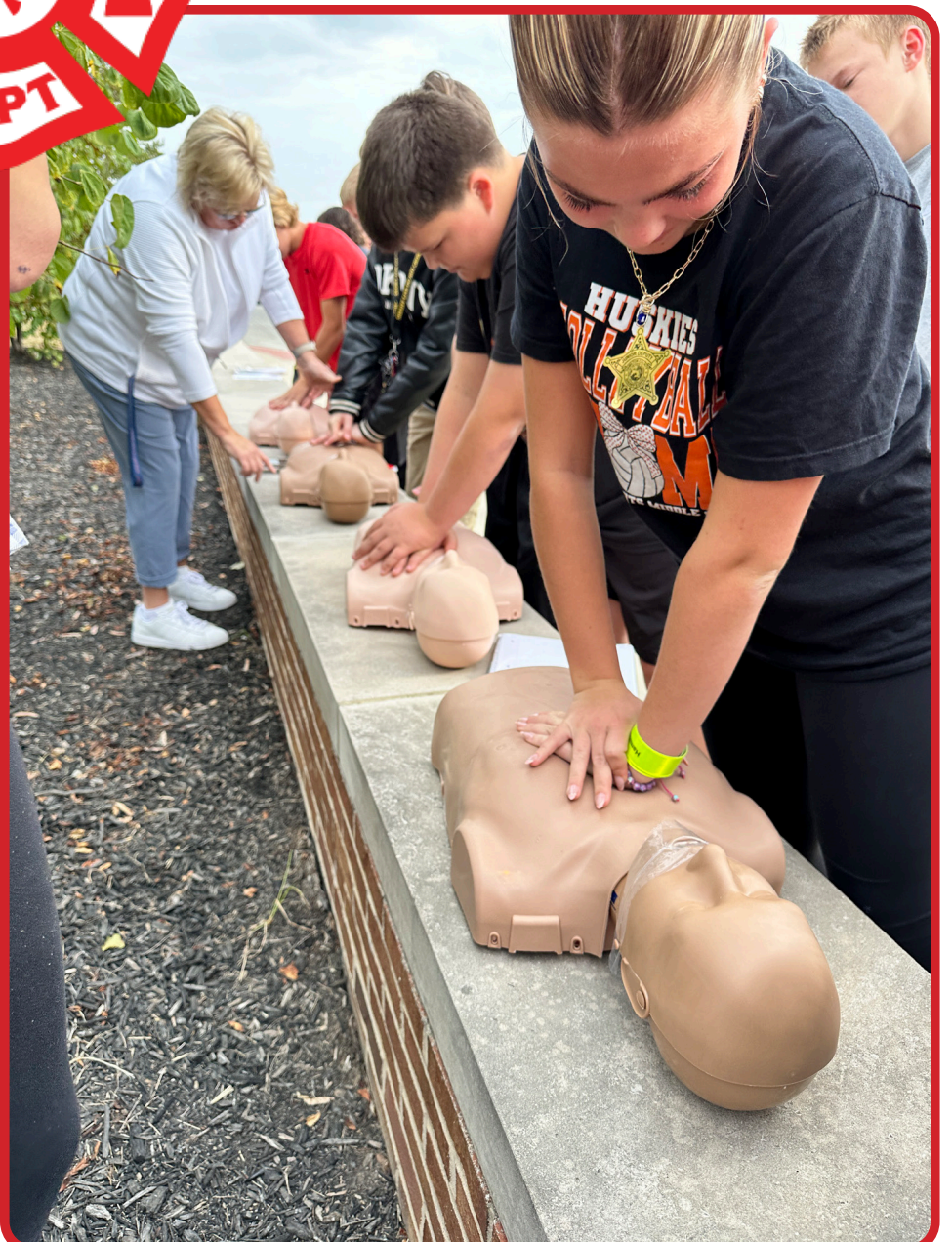
On behalf of Hamilton Heights School Corporation, we extend our deepest thanks to the agencies and professionals who made this event possible. Your time, energy and commitment helped students imagine futures filled with purpose and possibility. It was a strong team effort with Heights' personnel and community partners coming together to create a transformative experience for students.



Photos Courtesy Hamilton Heights Schools

Scenes from the EMS & First Responder Day at Hamilton Heights Middle School, where more than 350 students explored hands-on career pathways in public service. From simulations to conversations with local heroes, the event showcased

the power of teamwork, service and real-world learning through the Reaching New Heights initiative.



# Sen. Buck Shares Update



Sen. Buck  
Guest  
Columnist

Ensuring public safety is one of the most fundamental duties of our government. That's why I supported two new laws that are designed to crack down on drug dealers and strengthen bail requirements.

Fentanyl, a highly dangerous opioid, can be fatal in amounts as little as two milligrams. In 2024, Indiana saw 475 opioid-related deaths, and fentanyl was the deadliest drug in that category. With this in mind, I supported a new law that increases penalties for drug dealers who intend to deal fentanyl. Longer sentences for fentanyl dealers will help keep these dangerous criminals behind bars longer and prevent them from pushing deadly drugs in our communities.

Another new law I supported is designed to help address the issue of "revolving door" crim-

inals who are arrested and released on bail only to commit additional crimes.

House Enrolled Act 1014 requires an individual arrested for a violent crime to have a bail hearing in open court before they can receive bail. This will ensure violent criminals are not let back on the street under a "one size fits all" bail policy and help the public better understand what decisions their locally elected judges are making regarding public safety.

Keeping Hoosiers safe has always been one of my highest priorities, and these two bills are just a few of many steps we have taken in Indiana to enforce the Rule of Law. I will continue to work with public safety officials and my colleagues at the Statehouse to strengthen laws that keep dangerous criminals off our streets.

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**SAVING Babies' Lives**

For more than 25 years, Indiana has had a Safe Haven Law that allows parents in crisis to anon-

ymously give up a baby no older than 60 days without fear of arrest or prosecution.

Infants can be surrendered at locations like emergency rooms, fire stations or police departments across Indiana. Babies can also be surrendered at Safe Haven Baby Box locations across Indiana and the U.S.

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**NATIONAL Preparedness Month**

September is National Preparedness Month and serves as a reminder to have a plan in place in case of an emergency.

The Indiana Department of Homeland Security urges Hoosiers to refresh or establish emergency preparedness plans. This includes learning basic first aid and being aware of common hazards that take place in Indiana.

*State Sen. Jim Buck represent District 21, which includes Tipton County and portions of Hamilton and Howard counties.*

# County Councilor Shares Report from Last Month



Mark Hall  
Guest  
Columnist

Welcome to the Timesheet. This column is a report of work done on behalf of the people of Hamilton County. It's to be informative too, a place to learn about projects and how our county government works.

As your employee, it is important that you know what is being worked on as transparently as is possible in government. You hired me as your County Councilman, and my hope is that you will choose to be informed by regularly reading this column, getting involved, consider volunteering, and by asking questions. Council meetings are at 7:00 PM the first Wednesday of every month at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center in downtown Noblesville. Meetings are also available to watch online for those unable to attend in person. Here is where my time this past month has been spent.

In addition to the County Council public meetings, August work included: attending Board of Commissioners public meetings, watching a Noblesville and Cicero Town Council meetings, attending seven 2026 budget planning meetings with various departments, and a Council Executive session.

The in-person August personnel committee meeting was cancelled in lieu of a poll of the members. The poll required that we evaluate the vacating of two part-time deputy prosecutor positions and approve one full-time deputy prosecutor position at a net increased cost of \$23,062.56 (including benefits). The changes were approved.

The insurance committee did not meet in August. The finance committee met on the 20th for a detailed briefing on the financial implications of the Riverview Health ground acquisition. Analysis and discussions included paying cash or bonding the cost. We recommended to the full council the purchase of the ground using existing cash reserves. Next, we approved for full council review the bonding of twelve million dollars to acquire the Sheridan Airport, the former Godby Furniture building and to renovate the Rely Center. Lastly, we discussed at length the projected negative balances in a number of county fund accounts based on submitted budgets and expected revenues. We head into budget sessions with the General Fund projected to have almost a thirteen-million-dollar deficit, the Parks & Recreation fund at almost a two-million-dollar deficit and the Cumulative Courthouse

fund at almost a nine hundred-thousand-dollar deficit. We have our work cut out for us heading into budget sessions. Starting from these expected negative balances cost containment and reduction must happen. We are at the intersection of growth and state government property tax reform implementation.

This month I received fifteen constituent service requests and communications. One set of communications was regarding the Dunbar Road project in Adams Township. Neighbors' communications were exclusively in opposition to the project including a walking trail. Ultimately, this project will come before council in September.

Next, I received an inquiry about LGBTQ materials in HEPL. The constituent wanted to understand the policy of the library and how adult oriented materials were managed in a taxpayer-funded library. Specifically, if the HEPL had to operate under the same rules that the State has in place for school libraries. I shared the HEPL policies making note of the differences between the two systems of governance.

The next set of inquiries centered on the Estridge development in Jackson Township. Ninety percent of the communications were remonstrations against the development. In each case, my communication replies were very similar, this is a local Cicero and Jackson Township zoning matter and the County has no jurisdiction or authority on the project. Ultimately the project was approved by the Cicero Town Council.

A unique inquiry came in the form of a request asking about how to update the Covenants and Conditions Restrictions for a subdivision that resides in County zoning territory. After some research and work by Trini Beaver, our County Recorder, the constituent's questions were resolved and the updates filed.

Lastly, the other primary set of communications centered on 236th street, West of Cicero and the bridge and road project that is still unopened. I've pushed and pushed on this project with the explanation for delays not changing. I hosted the Highway department and Engineer at a Cicero Town Council meeting and live-streamed them speaking on the project, issues and expected completion date. Next, and somewhat out of frustration expressed to me, I drove the project again last week, parked the truck and walked the entire site. I am told that it will open by the end of September. Lastly, at a resident's request I looked into any penalties or reimbursements for

this project's delays. This was a federal project so the rules don't allow for meaningful recovery for the county.

Noteworthy items from August center on the 2026 budget. Twenty-four of the twenty-seven departments asked for increases in their 2026 budgets. Apart from expected cost of living increases, a few items stand out. The energy bill for county buildings is projected to increase by almost one million dollars. I met with our facilities Director and walked through the county's plans for utility cost containment. I am comfortable that as a team he and his people are doing anything they can to mitigate taxpayer utility costs. This includes smart thermostats, lighting and even addressing unnecessary electricity use after hours. In another department, cell phone usage was an issue and in two other's overtime costs were higher than peer departments in comparable county government agencies. Each agency leader was challenged and then encouraged to manage costs. Without question, this budget will be the most challenging I've had the opportunity to work on.

It was an honor to represent you this month at the Hamilton County Drug Court Graduation, at the Hamilton Heights Community Prayer Breakfast, the Indiana Family Institute Conservative Family Social dinner, and at the Noblesville 2025 State of the City Address at Innovation Mile hosted by Mayor Chris Jensen.

This is my time sheet. This is where my time went during August 2025. While my job is primarily the financial oversight of the county budget, it is important that I understand the Board of Commissioners' priorities and balance them with the stewardship of taxpayer dollars. That is the job, and I am excited to do the people's business.

As a taxpayer myself, and listening to so many of you, our employers, it is important for the taxpayers to have access to all the information you want. I work for you and although you may not choose to do a deep dive into what your County Council does, it is important that you can always do so. Feel free to contact me at 317-832-1104 or mark.hall@hamiltoncounty.in.gov with questions, feedback or if you would like to talk about county business.

**Mark Hall is a Hamilton County Councilman and the Founder and CEO of TLX, Talent Logistix. He writes a monthly column in The Times detailing his work as a county councilman.**

# Heart Coming to Fishers; Tickets on Sale

After a triumphant summer run that saw sold-out crowds and glowing reviews, Heart is answering fan demand and bringing their *Royal Flush Tour* back to North America in 2026. The Rock & Roll Hall of Famers will hit a new round of arenas and major markets, wrapping up with a stop at the Fishers Event Center on Sunday, March 15, 2026 with special guest Lucinda Williams.

Tickets go on sale this morning at 10 a.m. at Ticketmaster.com.

The announcement follows Heart's powerful summer finale at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, where thousands of fans gathered for an electrifying close to the first leg of the tour.

Praised by fans and critics alike, the shows delivered a career-spanning journey filled with blistering musicianship, iconic anthems, and unforgettable moments. Variety captured the spirit of the tour perfectly, declaring, "...this is a group whose live appearances ought to compel a mandatory pilgrimage."

With over 35 million albums sold worldwide and a catalog of timeless hits like "Magic Man," "Baracuda," "Crazy on You," and "These Dreams," Heart continues to captivate fans across generations. The band's return to the road in 2026 promises more of the soaring vocals, fiery guitar work, and all-in stage presence that have defined their legacy for five decades.

Heart is an American/Canadian rock band who formed in 1973 in Vancouver, BC. 1975 saw their first album *Dreamboat Annie* break out to global success. Heart effortlessly blends the sounds of 70s hard rock and acoustic rock, punk and even at times symphonic. Defying all categories Heart is a band like no other having influenced a wide range of mainstream and underground artists in a career spanning five decades. Heart boasts over 35 million albums sold worldwide including over 22 million in the US alone with 20 Top 40 singles and also holds an ongoing streaming presence. Heart has released 16 studio albums, 7 live albums, 8 compilation albums and 64 singles.

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