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TODAY'S WEATHER



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# Sheridan Super resigns after 2 years

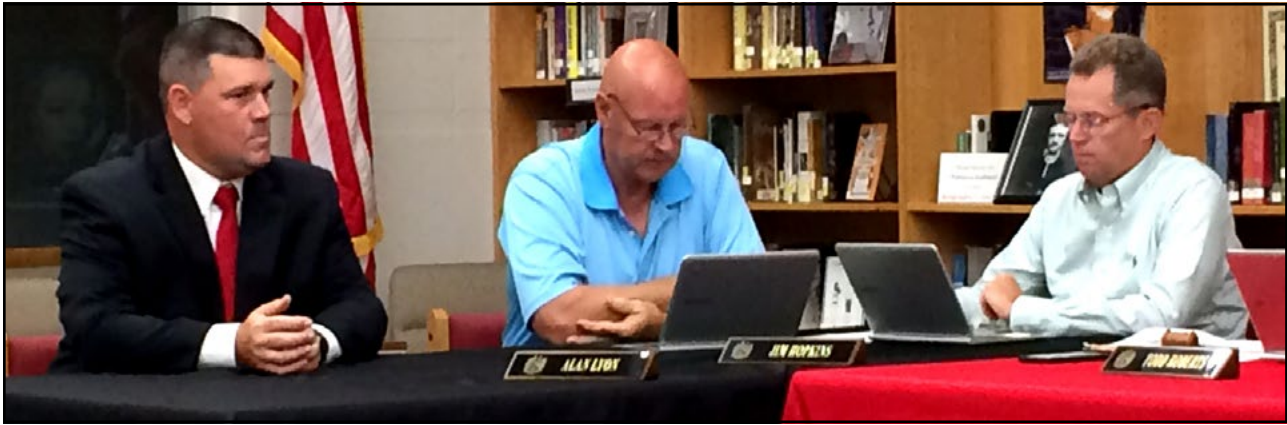
**The REPORTER**

On Monday, the Sheridan Community Schools Board of Education accepted Superintendent Doug Miller's voluntary resignation. **Miller joined the district in July of 2017.**

"On behalf of the board, I would like to express our appreciation to Doug for his contributions and service in his role with the district during his tenure and wish him all the best in his future endeavors," said Todd Roberts, President of the Board.

"We are confident the district's talented leadership team along with superintendents in our neighboring school districts will help guide the district during this time of transition."

A statement released by the school board said, "The district will be readying for a search for the position of superintendent and actively seek out the most qualified person, seeking to make student achievement a top priority to lead the district into the future."



Reporter file photo by Jeff Jellison  
Dr. Doug Miller (left) resigned his position on Monday as Superintendent of Sheridan Community Schools. Miller is pictured with Sheridan Schools Board of Trustee members Alan Lyons (center) and Jim Hopkins.

## Student population at HSE Schools and the future of Durbin Elementary


I always enjoy attending the gathering of all the employees in the Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) school district the day before school begins each year. It is a joyful atmosphere, more a pep rally than a meeting. That atmosphere fills the Fishers High School gymnasium.

When Superintendent Allen Bourff spoke before the crowd this year, he made a stunning statement. The student population may well exceed 22,000 this school year. That would be the first time the number of students in the school district numbered 22,000 or more.

I thought back to July of last year, when the demographer used by HSE Schools for many years, Dr. Jerry McKibben, unveiled his student number projections. I went back and reviewed that report. His prediction for the K-12 student number during the 2019-2020 school year was 21,593.

That means there are at least 400 more students in the current school year than projected, if HSE Schools has more than 22,000 youngsters in classrooms this

COLUMNIST



LARRY LANNAN  
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Photo provided

school year. So, the obvious question is – how did this happen?

I posed that question to Dr. Bourff in a podcast interview conducted on the first day of school. He says administrators are studying that issue, and are still looking at how many students do not end up returning to HSE Schools for a variety of reasons.

"We know that on the west side of the district, as those older neighborhoods turnover, that they could very well be turning over to younger families who are ... making the enrollment climb again," Bourff told me in the podcast. "But we also know that on the east side, housing has really developed to the point that, we have a brand new building, Southeastern Elementary, that was supposed to be at 80 percent capacity, that is now at capacity, perhaps even over."

The school transportation system contains technology to chart the number of students in each school and compare the projections to the actual student count. That data will help break down schools where the additional students are located.

The question many families are asking is this – will HSE Schools need to once again use portable classrooms to handle the extra students?

"I hope not," was the immediate response from Dr. Bourff when I posed that question. HSE Schools has not disposed of the portable classrooms, so they are available if needed.

The solution to this may center on what happens to Durbin Elementary School in

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## Fundraiser set to help victims of human trafficking

Jeffrey Epstein, the billionaire who was accused of abusing and trafficking young women and girls for decades, died on Aug. 10. And his death doesn't really close the book on his story.

Not only do investigators want to find out more about what happened, but the healing process is not over for the victims in this case. These victims of human trafficking will not get to see Epstein face his accusers in a court of law. And often the road for restoration is a long

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COLUMNIST



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## Carmel man takes own life outside girlfriend's home

**The REPORTER**

At 2:12 a.m. on Wednesday, Carmel police responded to the 1200 block of Indian Trail Drive in Gramercy Apartments on a report of a disturbance between a male and a female. When officers arrived, they found the male, Scott A. Nocco, 28, Carmel, deceased in front of the apartments. It was determined that Nocco died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

As reported on July 26, Carmel Police Department officers and SWAT team members responded to the same address previously on July 25. In that incident, Nocco was arrested after entering the residence of his ex-girlfriend and beating her in the face with a shotgun. In July, police said a shot was fired by Nocco; however, no one was injured.

As a result of the July incident, Nocco was facing charges of Criminal Confinement, Level 3 Felony; Criminal Recklessness, Level 5 Felony; Domestic Battery, Level 5 Felony; Intimidation, Level 5 Felony; Criminal Mischief, Class A Misdemeanor; and Interference with Reporting of a Crime, Class A Misdemeanor.

## Fishers Deputy Mayor McGrath will not seek 5<sup>th</sup> District Congressional seat

**The REPORTER**

Fishers Deputy Mayor Leah McGrath has released the following statement regarding the Republican primary for the 5th Congressional District, which is currently represented by Susan Brooks.

"The past month has been reinvigorating for me as we contemplated a run for the 5th District. I found myself pulled to public service in a new way and have loved the many conversations and ideas that sprung forth. I am grateful and humbled by the encouragement I received and for the people who shared their time and advice with us.

After much discernment, however, we concluded it is not the right time for our family. There is more I can do to serve my community here at home.

"We have been fortunate in the 5th to have a remarkable leader in Congresswoman Susan Brooks. As she passes the torch, we look forward to supporting our next Republican nominee who will carry on the work Congresswoman Brooks has begun for our communities and for the future of our nation."



McGrath

Leah McGrath was appointed Fishers First Deputy Mayor in July 2015.

Prior to joining the City of Fishers, McGrath worked as Government Affairs Director for the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns, serving as a public policy liaison and advocate for municipal issues at the State of Indiana and Indiana General Assembly. She resides in Fishers with her husband, Brian, and their three sons Patrick, Nate and Ethan.

## Happy 90<sup>th</sup> birthday to Sheridan's John Swisher



Reporter photo by Stu Clampitt

United Animal Health, Sheridan, was founded in 1956 as United Feeds by John B. Swisher. Mr. Swisher turned 90 years old this week and nearly 100 people attended the birthday lunch in his honor on Tuesday. United employs approximately 350 people, 90 of whom work in Sheridan facilities. Mr. Swisher has been an important part of the agriculture industry for over 60 years and has built a company on strong values and integrity. He has been called a community treasure. His birthday lunch was filled with laughter, stories shared by many employees whose lives were changed by Mr. Swisher, and a bit of poetry by the man of the hour. See more photos online at [ReadTheReporter.com](http://ReadTheReporter.com).





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## HSE STUDENTS

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Wayne Township. The school district has been considering an expansion of Durbin at the current location, but there is a big complication in going down that road.

It would cost a minimum of \$5 million to extend water and utility lines to the Durbin school location, which is not currently served by such utilities. In order to expand that school, utilities would need to be extended.

Dr. Bourff admitted that developers like an el-

ementary school in or near their neighborhoods and he has had conversations with such firms recently, without providing any additional details. Water and utility access would not be a problem in that case.

The school board was told in late July that a decision on Durbin needs to be done no later than January of 2020. If the school board acted then, assuming all goes as planned, it would be two years before a new

or renovated Durbin would be ready for students.

So, HSE Schools are facing more students than expected, the future of Durbin will determine how to handle the additional students, and revised projections are needed to know where to go from here.

Let's watch what happens over the next few months.

You can listen to the entire podcast interview with Dr. Bourff at [this link](#).

# HUMAN

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one for such victims.

Young boys and girls who are victims of human trafficking often deal with the psychological scars for years.

According to the May-June 2019 issue of the *Journal of Pediatric Nursing*, new research details the process that human traffickers use to force a psychological bond on their child victims.

This study looked at victims from 1990 to 2017 and found that victims of human trafficking will see disruptions in their social and emotional development. Some conditions that are often seen include depression, anxiety, substance abuse, self-destructive behavior, chronic stress and more. These victims have a hard time maintaining relationships, obtaining an education or keeping employment.

In the state of Indiana —

including Hamilton County – young people have become victims of human trafficking. Since 2007, there have been over 1,700 calls to the National Human Trafficking Hotline regarding Indiana victims.

One local organization is helping these become whole again after surviving their abusers.

Restored, Inc. is a non-profit that serves victims of sex trafficking in Indiana through active recovery, compassionate relief and the hope of restoration. Some of their programs include trauma counseling, emergency housing referrals, legal services, food/clothing and medical help.

I've personally visited Restored's office in Indianapolis and they do great work.

For the second year in a row, I've decided to host

a fundraiser for Restored Inc. at Donatello's Italian Restaurant in Carmel.

The event will be from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 17. Guests will sample seven different wines while enjoying assorted heavy appetizers. There will also be a silent auction where guests can bid on items to raise funds for Restored Inc.

Cost is \$55 per person, not including tax/tip. All tickets include a donation made to Restored, Inc.

Reservations can be made in person, over the phone at (317) 564-4790 or online at [restoreddonatelos.eventbrite.com](http://restoreddonatelos.eventbrite.com).

*Adam Aasen is a co-owner of Donatello's Italian Restaurant and a former journalist who lives in Carmel. His column "Carmel Convo" will appear periodically in The Reporter.*

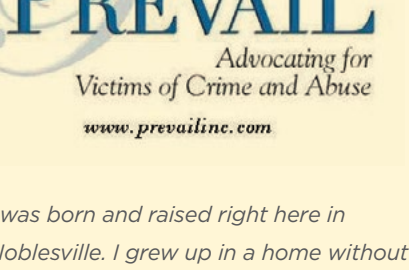
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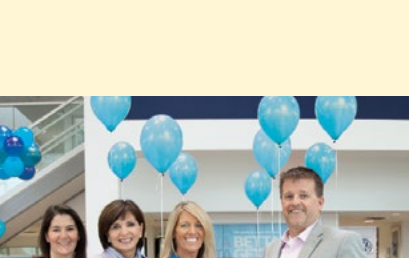
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*I was born and raised right here in Noblesville. I grew up in a home without domestic violence or assault – it wasn't something I saw, or even heard about. But when I was introduced to Prevail of Central Indiana, I was shocked by the number of individuals who are affected by domestic violence. In 2018 alone, Prevail helped more than 4,000 clients in Hamilton County. (Nearly 80 percent of clients are women and children.) Prevail is strictly confidential, and since their core values include integrity and respect, they provide their services at no charge. Domestic violence and abuse are hard topics to discuss, so you don't often hear about them. But at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, we're breaking the taboo and raising awareness for Prevail, an organization that helps families in Hamilton County. – Mike Bragg, GM of Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville*

**To help Hamilton County families affected by domestic violence and sexual abuse, you can donate the following items:**

- Art supplies (for children to journal and express their emotions)
- Bottled water (8 oz. bottles, preferably)
- Individually packaged snacks
- Gas cards (many women have no access to funds after fleeing their abuser)

*You can drop off items at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Noblesville, located at 14701 Tom Wood Way. You can also donate directly to Prevail of Central Indiana by visiting [Prevailinc.org](http://Prevailinc.org).*



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# NobleMade offering one-day sale Saturday

## The REPORTER

NobleMade, the gift shop in the former visitor center on the square, will hold a one-day only sale this Saturday, Aug. 17. NobleMade will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, and will offer discounts from most of its vendors, including Miller Mall, which sells officially-branded Noblesville Schools clothing and school spirit items.

The shop, which is operated by Nickel Plate Arts, hopes this sale will help put NobleMade on the map. According to Nickel Plate Arts executive director Aili McGill, "This is the first official sale that we've ever staged for locally made arts, crafts, and goods, so it should give us the opportunity to learn many things that can help us grow NobleMade and the market for locally made items."

What should you expect to find at the NobleMade sale? In addition to Mill-



er Mall gear, McGill noted, "We will have jewelry, greeting cards, ceramics, books and fine art. Some of the items in our shop are surprising, we have bird houses and cutting boards, ceramic egg sculptures and superhero prints. There really is something for everyone in our shop. All proceeds support local artists or organizations that serve Noblesville, and all shoppers will be helping our local creative entrepreneurs."

Nickel Plate Arts is also holding an artist supply rummage sale on Saturday at its campus at 107 S. 8th St. in Noblesville. Local artists will be selling their 'extra' art supplies from 10

a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be everything from oil pastels to filing cabinets – and lots of other artistic surprises.

Whether you're looking for art supplies or Noblesville-themed gifts, NobleMade and Nickel Plate Arts have you covered in Downtown Noblesville this Saturday.

### About Nickel Plate Arts

Nickel Plate Arts is an umbrella nonprofit organization that creates and coordinates arts and cultural experiences across communities to improve the quality of life for residents, strengthen local economies and enrich experiences for visitors. Nickel Plate Arts is a project of Hamilton County Tourism, Inc. The Nickel Plate Arts Trail extends 30 miles through Fishers, Noblesville, Cicero, Arcadia, Atlanta and Tipton. Visit Nickel Plate Arts at 107 S. 8th St., Noblesville, online at [nickelplatearts.org](http://nickelplatearts.org) or call (317) 452-3690.

## Fall program registration open for Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation

### The REPORTER

Registration for Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) fall programs is currently open. Throughout the fall season, which runs September through December, the organization is offering 604 programs, including 60 new programs.

The fall Program Guide features nature, aquatics, sports, creative arts, enrichment, science and technology, homeschool, adaptive, senior and wellness programs. Programs are offered for all ages from parent/child programs for children six months and older to senior programs for ages 65 and over.

Learn something new this fall. CCPR is offering 15 science and technology programs, including 10 new programs. New programs include Engineers

at Play, Evolve Youth Esports: Fortnite, Junior Robotics: Zany Zoo and Intro to Google Drive and Docs.

CCPR strives to provide inclusive programming for all ages and abilities. In the fall Program Guide, you'll find these debut programs: Sensory Friendly Trick-or-Treat, Preschool Puddle Splashes and Preschool Therapeutic Play Group.

Physical copies are available at the Monon Community Center and the electronic version can be found online at [carmelclayparks.com/programs](http://carmelclayparks.com/programs).

Register for programs [online here](#) or in person at the **Monon Community Center**.

### About Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) holds

the Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management by the American Academy of Park and Recreation Administration (AAPRA) in partnership with the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) for parks serving populations of 75,001 to 150,000. CCPR manages and maintains more than 500 park acres and numerous recreation facilities, including the Monon Community Center and The Waterpark. In addition, CCPR has partnered with Carmel Clay Schools to establish Extended School Enrichment (ESE), a before and after-school care program for K-6 students located at all eleven Carmel elementary schools. For more information, visit [carmelclayparks.com](http://carmelclayparks.com).

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The Arcadia Town Council will meet in an Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 19, 2019, at the Arcadia Town Hall, 208 W. Main St., Arcadia, to discuss IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B) initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specially in writing.	The Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 19, 2019, in the Cool Creek Park Nature Center, 2000-1 E. 151st St., Carmel.	The Hamilton County Plan Commission will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2019, in the County Council / Commissioners' Courtroom on the first floor of the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

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## Noblesville woman reunites with stranger who saved her from fire

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Caroline Hanna considers herself lucky to be alive, thanks to a stranger who woke her up when her house caught fire early Tuesday morning.

Hanna and her family spent the day trying to track the man down to say thanks.

That's where News 8 stepped in. As News 8 waited for Hanna to pull up for an interview, a man named Tony Varcak stopped and asked for her. He explained he was the one who first saw the smoke and wanted to check in on her.

Hanna was overjoyed to find out. "Gosh, let me give you a hug," she said. "You saved my life and that of my dog."

"Glad I could help," said Varcak.

Twelve hours earlier, the two met for the first time under different circumstances.

Varcak was heading to work when he passed Hanna's home in the North Har-

bour neighborhood along Morse Reservoir.

It was barely daylight. He thought he saw smoke but it was so faint, he couldn't tell. So he backed his car up, stopped and rushed to the door, ringing the doorbell until Hanna appeared.

"There was Tony," she said.

"It was a relief to know somebody was up," said Varcak.

He asked to call 911 while Hanna and her dog Rascal got out.

"That was so cavalier of him to ask my permission to help me," said Hanna. "That's the kind of guy he is; he's just a wonderful Samaritan."

Tuesday evening, it was easy to drive by Hanna's home without realizing there was a fire. There's just an upstairs window open. A closer look, though, reveals the debris in the front flower beds and bedding materials on the grass.

"Inside it's a different story," said Hanna. "You go inside, and you can see something terrible has happened."

But something far worse could have happened if not for Varcak passing by.

"God puts us here for reasons," he told Hanna.

The fire started in the attic. Smoke detectors didn't go off until firefighters were on scene and Hanna was outside. A neighbor heard a big boom overnight and thinks lightning struck the house. Firefighters said that's possible, but the cause for the fire



Photo provided by WISH-TV

Caroline Hanna (left) and Tony Varcak.

is still under investigation.

Hanna still has her sense of humor, remarking with a laugh as she sees her beautiful flowers on the front porch, "Wish they would have watered them."

She's not angry or upset but thankful that the structure she helped design and build in 1992 is still standing.

"I thank God for blessing me and saving my life and that of my little doggie," she said.

So a reunion Tuesday evening quickly became a conversation between neighbors, not strangers.

"Feels good, glad to see she's OK, better circumstances than this morning," said Varcak.

"I'm so glad that you and others were able to locate him today so I can say thanks in person," said Hanna.

She also wanted to thank her neighbors and the Noblesville firefighters for doing such a good job and taking care of her.

Meanwhile, firefighters told News 8 fires from lightning are extremely rare. They don't advise putting a smoke detector in your attic because it can be triggered by extreme temperatures. They also remind people to sleep with doors shut, which can slow a fire down and give crews more time to get to you.

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Girls golf

Greyhounds win dual meet with Millers

Two of the state's top 20 girls golf teams played at Prairie View Golf Club on Wednesday.

Fourth-ranked Carmel hosted No. 14 Noblesville, and the Greyhounds won the dual meet 158-190. Carmel's Katie Kuc was the meet medalist with a 36, while Ava Hedrick was next in line by scoring 39. Other scores for the 'Hounds were Ava Nguyen 41, Sydney Longstreth 42, Elizabeth Hedrick 45 and Averie Reiter 47.

Caroline Whallon led the Millers with a 46. Ellie Karst, Sarah Brenneman and Bella Deibel all carded 48s, while Taylor Caldwell and Mia Sommervold both had 51s.

Fishers won a dual meet with Cathedral 180-203 on Wednesday.

Caitlyn Kim led the Tigers with a 42, followed by Kaitlyn Brunnemer with a 43. Other Fishers scores were Lilly McVay 46, Kaelyn Tai 49 and Kristi Lilek 56.



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

LEFT: Noblesville's Ellie Karst was one of three players with a 48 for the Millers during their dual meet with Carmel Wednesday at Prairie View.

ABOVE: Carmel's Sydney Longstreth scored a 42 for the Greyhounds.

Millers looking to make step back to state



Kent Graham/File photo

Noblesville's Travis Hickner finished 21st at the IHSA state meet last year, earning All-State honors. Hickner will be one of the top runners for the Millers this season.

The Noblesville cross country team came very close to making it back to the IH-SAA state finals last year.

The Millers finished seventh at the Shelbyville semi-state, just five points away from sixth place and a trip to Terre Haute. But Noblesville has five of its semi-state runners back this year, plus a few other solid athletes who can help the Millers earn a spot at state.

Indiana Runner listed Noblesville as the No. 10 team in its pre-season rankings. "The Millers are oozing with potential," the website said.

The Noblesville runner likely to get the most attention this season will be junior Travis Hickner. As a sophomore, Hickner qualified for state as an individual and finished in 21st place, earning All-State honors. Millers coach Kent Graham said that Hickner is anxious to prove that finish was not a fluke.

Hickner is part of a strong junior class, with two other 11th graders, Billy Gregory and Cole Kimmel, each finishing in the top 50 in the semi-state. Another junior expected to make an impact is Andrew Anderson, who had a great track and field season last year, culminating in a ninth-place finish in the 800 run. Evan Campbell and Ian Montarsi will be other juniors in the mix.

"The Millers have two very capable seniors who are in the mix, Seth Koszyk and Jack Taylor," said Graham. Koszyk was a semi-state runner last year. The sophomores also look good, with Kolby Kazmierski the fifth semi-state runner who will be back for Noblesville.

"Sophomores Luke Shinneman, Andrew Knight, Kolby Kazmierski and Joel Mumaw will all challenge for a top seven position during the year," said Graham.

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**Seniors:** Aaron Donnelly, Cade Iles, Seth Koszyk, Jack Taylor.

**Juniors:** Andrew Anderson, Evan Burnette, Evan Campbell, Caleb Dugger, Garion Eaton, Nathaniel Foster, Billy Gregory, Jack Harmeyer, Alexander Helton, Jack Hickner, Travis Hickner, Alexander Hipkiss, Cole Kimmel, Tao Larson, Ian Montarsi, Jacob Nelson, Charles Ratcliffe, Jacob Renner, Thadeus Shipley, Nathan Smith, William Snyder, Anthony Viececi, Logan Warner, Parker Weis.

**Sophomores:** Levi Call, Alexander Cole, Zachary Bunning, Caleb Howell, Kolby Kazmierski, Tyler McGovern, Joel Mumaw, Trevor Myers, Gus Nance, Ian Pigors, Luke Shinneman, Caleb Smith, Riley Strong, Landon Swift, Brendan Uggen, Daniel Vega Delvalle.

**Freshmen:** Simon Adams, Brady Barnes, Oliver Blue, Jacob Bragg, Ashton Burns, Mason Jackson, Jeremiah Ledwith, Asher Propst, Blake Smith, Andrew Terry, Henry Wasemann, Ethan Wilson.

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# Carmel looking to continue state streak

The Carmel boys cross country team has a nice little streak going: The Greyhounds have won the last two IHSAA state championships and have finished in the top the last seven years.

Carmel will try to extend those streaks this year, and has the ability to do so. Coach Colin Altevogt said that the team has three scorers back from last year's team, all of them seniors for the Greyhounds, who are listed at No. 2 on the Indiana Runner pre-season rankings.

Grant Moon is the top returning athlete for Carmel; he placed 33rd at state next year. Ben Johnson finished 40th and Will Murphy placed 48th. Another runner back is senior Ben Myers, who finished 33rd in the 2017 state finals as a sophomore, but missed the bulk of the regular season in 2018, and competed in the first three rounds of the post-season.

Other returning runners are figuring into the mix as well.

"Senior Austin Throckmorton and junior Hudson Alden also had varsity-level experience two seasons ago while sitting out most of last year before fully returning this season," said Altevogt. "Alden, in particular, has run as one of the five best runners through summer training. Senior and team captain Nick Schuster is training at a high level and figures to factor into consideration for the top seven."



Kent Graham/File photo

The Carmel boys cross country team is a two-time defending state champion, and has three of its runners from last year's state team back for the 2019 season.

Altevogt said the younger athletes on Carmel's team could contribute as well. Charlie Schuman, a sophomore, shined during the track and field season last year, with a 3200 run time of 9:43; he also

ran on the Greyhounds' state qualifying 4x800 relay.

"Juniors Jacob Fisher and Bing Hudson got extensive varsity action in 2018 and that should continue for each of them

in this season," said Altevogt. "Freshman Kole Mathison should have a quick and successful transition to high school distance running and compete exclusively in varsity competition."

Sept. 4-5 at IMS

## Larson, Bell add NASCAR star power to growing BC39 field

NASCAR standouts Kyle Larson and Christopher Bell are returning to their short-track roots Sept. 4-5 at The Dirt Track at IMS, as both were assigned to cars on the growing entry list for the Driven2SaveLives BC39 Powered by NOS Energy Drink USAC National Midget race.

NASCAR Cup Series star Larson and NASCAR Xfinity Series title contender Bell both will drive cars fielded by the powerful Keith Kunz Motorsports/Curb-Agajanian team on the quarter-mile clay oval inside Turn 3 at IMS. The event field has grown to 55 cars, with more entries expected.

Larson, who drives for Chip Ganassi Racing in the Cup Series, will make his BC39 debut in the No. 97 car. His USAC career has included a sweep of the 4-Crown Nationals in 2011 at Eldora Speedway and victories in the Turkey Night Grand Prix in 2012 and 2016.

Bell, who drives for Joe Gibbs Racing in the Xfinity Series, will be behind the wheel of the No. 21 car for the second consecutive year in the BC39. He finished fifth in the feature last year in the inaugural event. 2017 NASCAR Gander Outdoors Truck Series champion Bell won the 2013 USAC National Midget title and is a three-time winner of the Turkey Night Grand Prix and Chili Bowl midget races.

Oklahoma native Bell is one of five USAC National Midget champions to be added to the field for the BC39 in this entry update, along with Jerry Coons Jr., Dave Darland, Logan Seavey and Tanner Thorson. Larson, Bell, Seavey and Thorson are part of an eight-car stable from Keith Kunz Motorsports/Curb-Agajanian

entered in the race.

Another prominent recent entry is defending BC39 winner Brady Bacon, who will drive the No. 76E car fielded by FMR Racing. Two-time USAC AMSOIL National Sprint Car champion Bacon led the final nine laps to capture the inaugural event last September.

Two-time series champs Coons and Darland are part of a star-studded Petry Motorsports lineup that also features Kevin Thomas Jr., who led a race-high 30 of 39 laps and finished third in the BC39 main event last year.

The latest entries join a stacked field. Clauson/Marshall Racing has entered its core roster of four full-time USAC competitors for the event: Tyler Courtney, Chris Windom, Zeb Wise and Andrew Layser. The team is co-owned by Tim Clauson, the father of event namesake and late USAC champion Bryan Clauson.

Defending USAC AMSOIL National Sprint Car champion Courtney, from

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# Major League Baseball standings

Wednesday scores	
Texas 7, Toronto 3	Washington 17, Cincinnati 7
N.Y. Yankees 6, Baltimore 5	Philadelphia 11, Chicago Cubs 1
Boston 5, Cleveland 1	Detroit 3, Seattle 2
Chicago White Sox 13, Houston 9	L.A. Dodgers 9, Miami 1
Milwaukee 6, Minnesota 5	Atlanta 6, N.Y. Mets 4
Colorado 7, Arizona 6	L.A. Angels 7, Pittsburgh 4
San Diego 7, Tampa Bay 2	St. Louis 6, Kansas City 0
Oakland 9, San Francisco 5	

## National League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Atlanta	72	50	.590	-
Washington	65	55	.542	6.0
Philadelphia	62	58	.517	9.0
N.Y. Mets	61	59	.508	10.0
Miami	44	75	.370	26.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
St. Louis	63	55	.534	-
Chi. Cubs	64	56	.533	1.0
Milwaukee	63	58	.521	1.5
Cincinnati	56	63	.471	7.5
Pittsburgh	50	70	.417	14.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
L.A. Dodgers	81	41	.664	-
Arizona	61	60	.504	19.5
San Francisco	60	61	.496	20.5
San Diego	56	64	.467	24.0
Colorado	54	67	.446	26.5

American League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Yankees	81	41	.664	-
Tampa Bay	71	51	.582	10.0
Boston	64	59	.520	17.5
Toronto	51	73	.411	31.0
Baltimore	39	82	.322	41.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Minnesota	72	48	.600	-
Cleveland	72	49	.595	0.5
Chi. White Sox	54	65	.454	17.5
Kansas City	43	78	.355	29.5
Detroit	36	81	.308	34.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	78	43	.645	-
Oakland	68	52	.567	9.5
Texas	60	60	.500	17.5
L.A. Angels	59	63	.484	19.5
Seattle	49	72	.405	29.0

# WNBA standings

Wednesday scores	
Washington 88, Seattle 59	Dallas 84, Los Angeles 78
	Connecticut 78, Phoenix 71

## Western Conference

Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Las Vegas	17	9	0.654	-
Los Angeles	15	9	0.625	1.0
Seattle	14	12	0.538	3.0
Minnesota	13	12	0.520	3.5
Phoenix	11	13	0.458	5.0
Dallas	8	17	0.320	8.5

## Eastern Conference

Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Washington	18	7	0.720	-
Connecticut	17	8	0.680	1.0
Chicago	14	10	0.583	3.5
Indiana	9	16	0.360	9.0
New York	8	16	0.333	9.5
Atlanta	5	20	0.200	13.0

# Strong junior class to lead Westfield volleyball

No matter what happens this year, the Westfield volleyball team is likely to have its roster for next year as well.

The Shamrocks have 11 juniors on their team this season, and that includes some familiar names. That group will join a pair of seniors and two underclassmen to lead a Westfield team that finished last year 19-15.

“Westfield volleyball is returning nine players to its varsity roster and has added key players that will provide us greater depth in the setting, defensive specialist and pin positions,” said Shamrocks coach Sandra Burks. “We have a competitive and supportive group of girls who come into practice and compete every single day.”

The junior list includes Kenzie Daffinee, who seems to have been around forever. She certainly made her presence known last season, leading Westfield with 343 kills and 73 service aces.

Another junior back is Sarah Weglarz, who dished out 848 assists. Katie Sweet helped out the offense with 160 kills and also made 57 blocks during the season. Peighton Isley collected 260 digs, the most of any returning player. Ellary Detamore was a leader on serve receive.

The two seniors on this year’s Westfield team are Anna Johnsey and Chloe Owens. Johnsey led the Shamrocks in blocks last year with 76. Owens had some good play on defense, with 84 digs.

“The Rocks are looking forward to the leadership brought by our two seniors in Anna Johnsey and Chloe Owens,” said Burks.

Westfield begins its season on Saturday, playing at Lawrence North.



Kirk Green/File photo

Westfield's Kenzie Daffinee (3) led the Shamrocks in kills and service aces last season. Daffinee is part of a large junior class that will take to the court for Westfield this season.

### VARSITY ROSTER

**Seniors:** Anna Johnsey, Chloe Owens.

**Juniors:** Kenzie Daffinee, Ellary Detamore, Abigail Dodson, Ally Fish, Elly Grenda, Lauren Harvey, Peighton Isley, Marin McAndrews, Grace Stewart, Katie Sweet, Sarah Weglarz.

**Sophomore:** Logan Mapes.

**Freshman:** Mallory Weber.

### JUNIOR VARSITY ROSTER

**Sophomore:** Bridget Alexander, Julia Bohn, Allie Hopp, Rachel McManus.

**Freshmen:** Bree Detamore, Emma Dodson, Abby Heck, Mallory Neale, Olivia Nelson, Kaylee Sutcliffe, Mallo-

ry Weber, Brooklyn Wolf.

### FRESHMAN ROSTER

Haley Anderson, Tiffany Chanterny, Addison Fisher, Kloe Fosnaugh, Gabrielle Grossman, Gabriella Iovino, Campbell Kessler, Ainsley Loeffel, Lucy Muntel, Emma Sumpter, Kate Weddige.

## BC39

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Indianapolis, leads all drivers with six USAC NOS Energy Drink National Midget feature wins in 2019 and has led the standings since the start of the season. His CMR teammate Chris Windom, the 2016 USAC Silver Crown and 2017 USAC National Sprint Car champion, runs second in the standings.

Wise, 16, from Angola, Indiana, runs fourth in the standings with two recent victories during Pennsylvania Midget Week. He won the Stoops Pursuit race on opening night of last year's BC39. Layser is dominating the Midget rookie points this season.

Other top drivers previously entered include 2017 USAC National Midget champion Spencer Bayston, Michael Pickens of New Zealand, Thomas Meseraull, David Prickett, Tyler Thomas, Brent Beauchamp, Matt Westfall, Shannon McQueen and many others.

Tickets for the Driven2SaveLives

BC39 Powered by NOS Energy Drink are on sale at [www.ims.com](http://www.ims.com), along with tickets for the Big Machine Vodka 400 at the Brickyard Powered by Florida Georgia Line on Sunday, Sept. 8 and the Indiana 250 and FGL Fest on Saturday, Sept. 7.

On-track action begins Wednesday, Sept. 4 at the quarter-mile Dirt Track at IMS. Public gates open at 3 p.m., with cars on track for practice at 4 p.m., followed by opening ceremonies at 7 p.m. Heat races and the Stoops Pursuit race will conclude the night's racing action.

Public gates will open at 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5 for the second and final night of action. Cars will be on track for practice at 4 p.m., with qualifying races at 5 p.m. Opening ceremonies are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. and followed by the main feature events, starting with multiple D-Mains and C-Mains, the semi-feature and the 39-lap main event.

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