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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Partly to mostly cloudy and muggy. Periods of showers and storms.  
Tonight: Showers and storms. Some could be strong to severe.



HIGH: 93 LOW: 70

## Fishers Fire welcomes new Community Risk Reduction educator



Photo provided by Fishers Fire Department

The Fishers Fire Department has announced that Ashley Heckly is the new Community Risk Reduction educator. Heckly has over 10 years of teaching experience, with the past eight years at Hamilton Southeastern Schools. Her primary responsibilities will be presenting safety education and prevention tools to K-12 classes. In addition, she will present "family and friends" CPR to local businesses and social groups. Originally from Michigan, she and her family have been Fishers residents for eight years. Fishers FD says it is excited to return to the schools this fall and work with the kids in learning how to keep safe. When teachers are ready to talk about partnering in their classroom, they can reach Ashley at [hecklya@fishers.in.us](mailto:hecklya@fishers.in.us).

## Sandbags available at Hazardous Waste Center in Noblesville

### The REPORTER

Today's potential for severe weather followed by heavy rainfall tonight has led to a growing concern for flash flooding.

Hamilton County Emergency Management has made sandbags available

at the Household Hazardous Waste Center, 1717 S. Pleasant St., Noblesville, to allow residents to prepare. Sandbags are available 24/7 on a first-come, first-serve basis, and residents must load the sandbags themselves. Sandbags are

only available to Hamilton County residents.

[Click here](#) for more information about how to properly use and dispose of sandbags.

Please note that Hamilton County Household Hazardous Waste is not

involved with the sandbags. They allow Hamilton County Emergency Management to use the space. Please direct all questions regarding sandbags to Hamilton County Emergency Management at (317) 770-3381.

## Christkindlmarkt back in Carmel

### The REPORTER

The Carmel Christkindlmarkt will open in 2021 after being closed in 2020 due to the pandemic. Opening day is set for Nov. 20, and the Market will be open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 9 p.m., and Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 9 p.m.

"We hated to have to close last year, but the safety of our residents and visitors was our top priority," Mayor Jim Brainard said. "We are thrilled that this incredible attraction, that visitors from all over the Midwest have enjoyed by the tens of thousands, is back and will be live this coming holiday season."

This year's Market will feature a wide variety of food and gift vendors, activities, and special guests throughout the season. More information regarding specific vendors and new features will be available early this fall.



Brainard



Photo provided

The Christmas spirit will be alive in Carmel once again this year.

Public skating at the Ice at Carter Green will also begin Nov. 20. The ice rink and skate rentals will be open from 4 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays and 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

For full hours and more information about The Ice at Carter Green, visit [theiceatcartergreen.com](http://theiceatcartergreen.com).

There are many ways for people

to get involved with the Christkindlmarkt, from volunteer opportunities to sponsorships. More information on those opportunities can be found at [carmelchristkindlmarkt.com/get-involved](http://carmelchristkindlmarkt.com/get-involved).

The Market will be open through Dec. 24. For a list of all hours and more information, please visit [carmelchristkindlmarkt.com/schedule](http://carmelchristkindlmarkt.com/schedule).

## Thursday's quake reportedly felt in Carmel, Sheridan

By GREGG MONTGOMERY  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

**MONTEZUMA, Ind.** — A minor earthquake in West Central Indiana shook the Midwest on Thursday afternoon.

The U.S. Geological Survey says the 3.8 magnitude quake at 3:18 p.m. Thursday was centered four miles northeast of Montezuma, a town of 980 in Parke County.

Tasha Griffin, a clerk with the town's utility office, said no earthquake damage has been reported in the town, but that "It scared everybody."

Quakes with a magnitude from 3.0 to 3.8 are

often felt, but only cause minor damage.

Former WISH-TV News 8 anchor David Barras tweeted from his home in Carmel that he felt the quake, and others in Sheridan, Fountain County, and even Muncie told him they experienced it.

Cynthia Stewart of Peru in northern Indiana was upstairs in her three-story home when the building "creaked." She thought a strong wind had moved through at first.

"The house was creaky outside. Some of our furniture made a rubbing noise, a creaking noise, like the drawers were moving in the frame," Stewart said.

## Hamilton Co. Dems plan educational event about President Biden's American Rescue Plan

### The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Democratic Party will hold an informational event to

to educate citizens about the American Rescue Plan and how it will provide relief to Hoosiers.

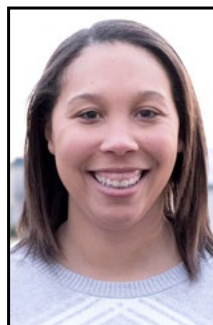
discuss President Joe Biden's "American Rescue Plan" at 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 24 at Asa Bales Park in Westfield. The event will include an overview of the plan and highlight how the administration aims to partner with each state's officials to strategically filter funds where they are needed most.

Civic and community leaders will be on hand to discuss the economic stimulus package and how it will affect Hamilton County residents. Special guests include former candidate for U.S. House of Representatives Christina Hale, State Senators JD Ford and Fady Qaddoura, and Fishers City Councilor Jocelyn Vare. This event is part of a statewide tour led by the Indiana Democratic Party

"The American Rescue Plan offers much financial support to bolster our economy and educational infrastructure, and it is our duty to ensure that Hamilton County residents are made aware of

the positive impact it will have in our communities," said Dayna Colbert, Hamilton County Democratic Party Chair. "We are excited to host our first in-person event in more than a year, see our friends and family again, and share information about the plan to build back better."

All Hamilton County residents are invited to attend this in-person event. Residents are encouraged to review and follow recommended CDC guidelines related to vaccinations and mask wearing.



Colbert

## Sewage discharge, dead fish lead to warning for creek in Fishers

WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

State authorities are warning people to avoid Cheeney Creek after a discharge of sewage and reports of dead fish.

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management and the Indiana Department of Natural

Resources on Wednesday issued the warning for the creek near 106th Street and Eller Road. That's near the Fishers Heritage Park along the White River.

State authorities gave no additional news about their ongoing investigation.

## Why Fishers will get \$6.9M in ARP funds, not \$19M

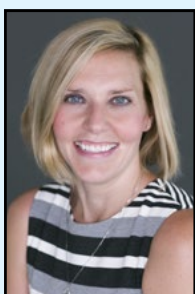
By LARRY LANNAN  
[LarryInFishers.com](http://LarryInFishers.com)

As I have reported here previously, Fishers will not receive the roughly \$19 million initially expected from the American Rescue Plan (ARP). The city is now projected to receive \$6.9 million. How did this happen?

City Controller Lisa Bradford told the Fishers City Council Finance Committee Wednesday that the answer lies in the details of regulations issued May 10 by the United States Department

of Treasury. It boils down to whether Fishers is an entitlement city or a non-entitlement city.

The difference between the two can be very technical, but Bradford told the Finance Committee that Fishers, Carmel and Noblesville saw a big reduction in the ARP money allocation. That's why the amount of ARP cash coming to Fishers is \$6.9 million, not the roughly \$19 million that was expected earlier.



Bradford

originally projected in March.

As to what Fishers can do about this, the city controller says not much.

Bradford said 142 cities nationwide were reclassified from entitlement to non-entitlement cities, based on Housing and Urban Development (HUD) guidelines, which factor in income and poverty levels to the determination. That's why Fishers, Carmel and Noblesville were reclassified and will receive millions less than

"We beat down a lot of doors, explored a lot of avenues," Bradford said. "Unfortunately, there's not a lot you can do within the authority contained in the guidance." The city does plan on submitting comments to federal authorities about this decision.

According to Bradford, the city is disappointed that the number was unexpectedly reduced, but reminded the Finance Committee members that, on the bright side, Fishers will receive nearly \$7 million that was not anticipated before ARP was signed into law.





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**Gene Beck honored for 30 years as BBQ chair**



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The Noblesville Lions Club recently honored Gene Beck for serving 30 years as the chairman of the organization's annual Pork Chop BBQ. Lions Club member Steve Craig (left) presented Beck (right) with a certificate of appreciation.

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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.) 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

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## Letter to the Editor

## Daniel Bragg: Sheridan about to experience even more growth

Dear Editor:

Growth is in high gear in the Town of Sheridan.

As more development continues to happen around Westfield's Grand Park, and the population in Hamilton County continues to grow, developers have taken notice of Sheridan. Currently, Arbor Homes is working on expanding Sheridan's Maple Run subdivision, and on Thursday night the Sheridan Plan Commission is presented with the first step in adding another subdivision.

As Sheridan grows, the input of the community must be considered paramount, and that's what I am hoping to see Thursday at the Sheridan Community Center. I am excited to be a part of the future of the town and am always looking for feedback from the community.

The potential subdivision is planned for land located between California Street and Hinesley Road, near the Sheridan High School. The plan calls for potentially 150 homes and includes a pond located on the east side of the property. I have already heard some feedback from nearby residents and sincerely hope that the meeting will be well-attended.

**Daniel Bragg**

*Sheridan Plan Commission President*

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## CCHA welcomes Todd Shumaker

### The REPORTER

Church Church Hittle + Antrim (CCHA) welcomes Todd Shumaker to the firm's **Sports Law** group.

His practice focuses primarily on collegiate sports and includes representing clients in the NCAA infractions process, as well as educating and presenting on NCAA topics to athletics administrators, coaches and student-athletes.

"Todd has a wealth of knowledge from his experience with the NCAA enforcement staff on NCAA infractions matters that our clients will benefit from greatly," said CCHA Sports Law Partner Kelleigh Fagan.

Before joining CCHA, Shumaker spent seven and half years with the enforcement staff at the NCAA where he investigated and processed violations of NCAA rules across Divisions I, II and III as an associate director and, more recently, helped develop processes and procedures related to the Independent Accountability Resolution Process. During his time with the NCAA, he also sat as an appeals panelist for USA Basketball, served as a liaison to the NCAA Board of Governors Student-Athlete Engagement Committee and the Division II Enforcement and Infractions Task Force and helped lead diversity, equity and inclusion efforts as chair of the Enforcement Inclusion Guiding Team and as a member of the LGBTQ-A+ Employee Engagement Group leadership team.

From 2007 to 2013, he was an attorney and Chief Compliance Officer with the Indiana Office of Inspector General and State Ethics Commission where he assisted in public corruption investigations and adjudicated ethics violations.

"I look forward to assisting our collegiate clients with a myriad of sports-related issues and challenges," Shumaker said. "I believe the CCHA Sports Law team provides the highest level of investigative knowledge, guidance, and advocacy for their clients and I look forward to being a part of that."

CCHA Sports Law has significant experience representing institutions and individuals in the NCAA infractions process and proactively advises and educates institutions on complex NCAA compliance areas.

Shumaker lives in Indianapolis with his wife, Heather, their son Kameron, daughter Maddie and a rotating menagerie of cats, dogs, fish, bunnies and chickens. He received his undergraduate degree in political science from Taylor University before earning his juris doctor from the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law in Indianapolis. During his time with the NCAA, Todd also completed a master's degree with the Butler University College of Education.

**Shumaker**

Click here to read more about Shumaker on the CCHA website.



### About CCHA

Founded in 1880, CCHA is the oldest law firm in Hamilton County. As a full-service law firm, CCHA provides a myriad of legal services to clients across a wide variety of practice areas, including: Complex litigation, personal injury, governmental entity and municipal law, education, business formation and representation, divorce and family law, estate planning and administration, real estate law, criminal law, labor and employment law, mediation services and appellate litigation. Church Church Hittle + Antrim serves clients across the state with offices in Noblesville, Fishers, Fort Wayne, Tipton, Merrillville, and Westfield. Learn more about CCHA at [cchalaw.com](http://cchalaw.com).

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# Reaffirming Prevail’s commitment to confront racism

By **SUSAN FERGUSON**  
*Prevail Inc. Executive Director*  
*Guest Columnist*

About a year ago, I wrote and released a statement from Prevail taking a stand by affirming Black Lives Matter and committing to courageously confront racism.

At that time, I affirmed the statement from the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence:

*“All forms of violence and oppression are connected, and you cannot fight against one form of injustice and not fight against others. The calls for accountability must be heard from all corners of society, including from within the anti-violence movement. We cannot end violence without addressing the power disparities caused by racism and discrimination.”*

I also stated that Prevail was actively working on what our role is in the anti-racism and racial justice space in our community.

Prevail also celebrated National Police Appreciation Week last month by delivering goodies to all our local law enforcement partners. Prevail continues to be thankful for our partnerships with compe-



tent and caring law enforcement agencies and personnel – and we are saddened by the deaths of Black and Brown bodies at the hands of law enforcement.

Over the past year, Prevail staff have participated in numerous initiatives to move toward the goal of being an anti-racist organization. There has been significant investment of the time, energy, and dollars in this initiative.

I am resisting the urge to list all the ways that Prevail has attempted to move toward racial justice in the last year be-

cause I also want to acknowledge that I haven’t always gotten it right. In fact, that is what the journey toward racial justice requires – being willing to stumble and get back up and keep going. During this time, we’ve repeatedly been witness to tragedy, resulting from terrible inequities built into our systems.

Most importantly, Prevail has identified social justice as one of our core values and we are committed to eliminating barriers and increasing equity in access, participation, and rights. We have engaged with a

racial equity firm, Favorite Part of My Day, who is helping us to move boldly toward being anti-racist and practicing equity in all things.

In that statement a year ago, I proclaimed that Prevail is committed to creating safe, healing, supportive spaces for all our clients, and even extending that responsibility into creating those spaces for the community. On many Prevail materials, you will see our description something like this: Prevail is committed to offering crisis intervention and restorative support services for those who have experienced crime and abuse, free of charge, in a confidential, supportive, non-judgmental environment that is meant to empower those we serve.

In the future, you will see that description followed by this statement: We know this work must be grounded in building a community that actively promotes authentic wellbeing for all its members and boldly moves toward being anti-racist and practicing equity in all things. This is a reminder to those of us who work at Prevail, and a commitment to our community that we will continue to strive toward justice for all.

Letter to the Editor

Shaffer: Carmel’s budget numbers just don’t add up

Dear Editor:

Carmel’s municipal establishment can no longer hide its feeble deception where budget and spending are concerned.

Using the city’s own data – as reported to the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance (IDLGF) and published reports in the press – we learn:

- The mayor’s budget since 2014 has declined 22 percent;
- Spending per resident actually declined 26 percent as population grew 16 percent;
- Official city budgets filed with the IDLGF for 2016 (the most recent filing) showed the city budget to be \$83.7

million, not the \$125 million the mayor claimed in print;

- Property tax revenues since 2014 increased 45 percent;
- The city’s actual deficit in 2014 was \$10.8 million and in 2020, \$42.5 million.

And yet, the city propeller heads have approved another \$150 million or so in new borrowing (plus interest) to add to the \$1.3 billion burden it’s already run up by exploiting loopholes in state law.

If Carmel were a publicly traded corporation, the Securities and Exchange Commission would shut it down.

**Bill Shaffer**  
*Carmel*

Get vaccinated at Guerin Catholic this Saturday

The REPORTER

Guerin Catholic High School and Trinity Free Clinic will hold a COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 19 at Guerin Catholic, 15300 Gray Road, Noblesville. The Pfizer vaccine will be used and everyone age 12 and older is encouraged to get vaccinated. Registration is available at ourshot.in.gov and walk-ins are also welcome.

— County —

BEFORE THE HAMILTON COUNTY DRAINAGE BOARD  
IN THE MATTER OF  
**George W. Beam Drain**  
Notice is hereby given of the hearing of the Hamilton County Drainage Board on the **George W. Beam Drain on June 28, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.** in Commissioners Court, Hamilton County Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana, and which construction and maintenance reports of the Surveyor and the Schedule of Assessments made by the Drainage Board have been filed and are available for public inspection in the office of the Hamilton County Surveyor.  

Attest: Lynette Mosbaugh  
RL4620

Hamilton County Drainage Board  
6/18/21

Meeting Notices

The Noblesville Downtown Council Committee meeting scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on Monday, June 21, 2021 has been changed to 3 p.m. The meeting will still take place in room A213 at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St., Noblesville.

The Sheridan Community Schools Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 21, 2021, in the Library/Media Center at Sheridan High School, 24185 Hinesley Road, Sheridan.

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**To register, visit [riverview.org/classes](https://riverview.org/classes) or call 317.776.7999. Registration is required. Attendees must wear masks.**



# Watch out for home improvement scammers

## The REPORTER

As summer begins, many homeowners across Indiana will begin planning for home improvement and repair projects. For some, those projects may become needlessly expensive and frustrating if they hire an unscrupulous contractor who does not perform the work they promised. Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is warning Hoosiers to take extra care and do their research before hiring a home improvement contractor.

"Each year, the Attorney General's Office receives numerous complaints involving disputes between homeowners and home repair contractors," Rokita said. "Hoosiers can protect themselves by asking the right questions, doing their research before, and getting a written contract that defines the full scope of the work and specifications for the job."

The Office of the Indiana Attorney General offers the following tips to avoid falling victim to a home repair scam:

- Before signing a contract or making a payment, take your time and do your research. Contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at [IndianaConsumer.com](http://IndianaConsumer.com) along with the Better Business Bureau for complaint information on contractors you are considering.

- Get bids from local

contractors. Avoid contractors who spontaneously show up at your door offering a "bargain" price for painting, driveway sealing, roof repairs, etc. They may not be insured, may not be well qualified, and may be difficult to locate in the event of a problem.

- Get a written contract before making a payment. Indiana law requires home improvement contracts exceeding \$150 to be in writing. Before signing the contract, make certain it includes:

- The price of the job
- Payment schedule
- A detailed description of the work and materials (including colors, brand names and patterns)
- Estimated start and completion dates
- The contractor's name and address
- A name and telephone number of the person to contact if problems arise
- The contractor's email address
- The contractor's signature

- You have a right to cancel the contract within three business days. Be sure the contract includes notice of that right and a form for doing so.

- Never pay for the entire project before the work begins. If a contractor insists on a substantial down payment, consider looking for another contractor. If you do make a down payment, remaining payments

should be tied to completion of specified amounts of work.

- If the contractor is arranging financing, the contractor should provide you with an installment sale contract disclosing the following credit terms:

- Amount financed
- Finance charge
- Annual percentage rate
- Total of payments
- Total sale price, including any down payment
- Payment amounts and due dates

- Don't make the final payment to the contractor until you know that all suppliers of materials and all subcontractors have been paid. You can insist on lien releases from each. If they have not been paid, they may file mechanic's liens against your home.

Even if precautions are taken, problems may arise. Take time to talk to your contractor to resolve these issues. If problems continue, put your complaints in writing and send them to the contractor. Be sure to keep a copy of these complaints for your records.

The Consumer Protection Division of the Indiana Attorney General's Office works to safeguard the rights of Indiana citizens every day. If you have questions or complaints regarding home improvement scams, or would like additional information and tips, visit [IndianaConsumer.com](http://IndianaConsumer.com).

## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

*Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.*

1 Corinthians 12:12-14 (NIV)

### Dorothy S. Williams

November 6, 1924 – June 14, 2021

Dorothy S. Williams, 96, Noblesville, passed away on Monday, June 14, 2021 at Prairie Lakes Health Campus in Noblesville. She was born on November 6, 1924 to Benjamin and Vera (Dickerman) Spears in Sherman, Texas.

Dorothy was a housewife and bookkeeper for Allied Mills. She was a member of Noblesville First United Methodist Church and was a part of the sewing guild, FUMC Women's Circle Groups, and Elderberry's Bible Study Group. Dorothy enjoyed painting, sewing clothing and draperies, refinishing furniture, quilting, gardening, and cooking.

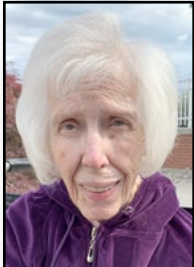
She is survived by her daughter, Patrice (Ray) Lyttle; son, James "Morris" (Diane) Williams; grandson, Jeffrey K (Janae) Lyttle; granddaughter, Jill Haenning; great-grandchildren, Danielle and Nora Haenning, and Marissa and Micah Lyttle.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James Benton Williams; and brother, Morris Spears.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, June 18, 2021 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville, with Phyllis Hunter officiating. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. to the time of service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St., Noblesville, IN 46060.

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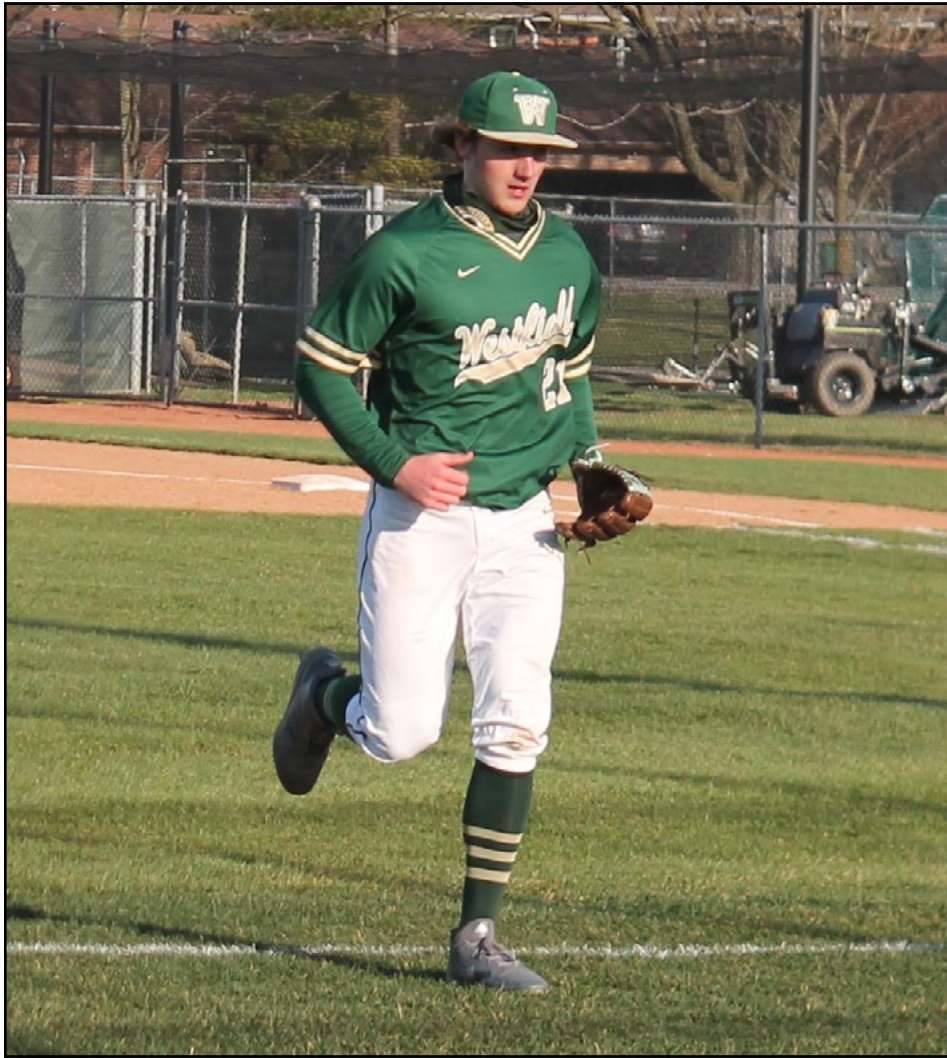
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# HCC announces baseball, softball all-conference teams



Richie Hall/File photo

Westfield's Gage Stanifer was one of four Shamrocks baseball players named to the Hoosier Crossroads Conference's First Team All-Conference. Westfield tied for the HCC championship with a 12-2 record.

The Hoosier Crossroads Conference announced its All-Conference baseball and softball teams earlier this week.

In the team standings, Westfield and Zionsville finished tied for the team championship. Each school put together a 12-2 record in conference play, and thus were given four players on the First Team. The Shamrocks' players named as First Team are Keaton Mahan, Quentin Markle, Logan Nickel and Gage Stanifer.

The three other Hamilton County HCC teams all got two players on the list. Fishers' First Team players are Jack Brown and Tate Warner, Hamilton Southeastern's First Team honorees are Hunter Dilts and Sam Reagan, and Noblesville's Kolbi Kazmierski and Ethan Leslie received First Team honors as well.

All four county schools also had two players each named to the Second Team. They are as follows:

**Fishers:** Jack Braun, Carson Dunn.

**Hamilton Southeastern:** John McCall, Noah Wolf.

**Noblesville:** Dean White, Lucas Stephan.

**Westfield:** Trey Dorton, Maximus Webster.

Here are the final HCC standings: Westfield 12-2, Zionsville 12-2, Browns-

burg 8-6, Fishers 7-7, Hamilton Southeastern 5-9, Noblesville 5-9, Avon 5-9, Franklin Central 12-2.

## UNBEATEN FLASHES

In softball, Franklin Central was an undefeated conference champion, compiling a 7-0 record. The Flashes were followed by Avon 6-1, Noblesville 5-2, Fishers 4-3, Brownsburg 3-4, Hamilton Southeastern 2-5, Zionsville 1-6, Westfield 0-7.

Eight county players received First Team honors in softball. They are as follows:

**Fishers:** Olivia Latimer, Hannah Mays.

**Hamilton Southeastern:** Ava Aguilar, Olivia Howard.

**Noblesville:** Ella White, Abby Harvey, Cameron Grayson.

**Westfield:** Avery Parker.

The following players were named to the HCC Second Team:

**Fishers:** Kaylee Kardash, Emily Walsh.

**Hamilton Southeastern:** Jenna Chase.

**Noblesville:** Reis Sjöholm, Lauren DeRolf.

**Westfield:** Maggie Roh.



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Ella White is one of three Noblesville players to be named to the HCC First Team for softball.



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## WHS' Hunter Cook named to Academic All State Golf Team

Westfield's Hunter Cook was named to the 2021 Indiana Boys Academic All State Golf Team this week.

Cook is one of only 15 golfers in Indiana to receive this honor.

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# Hamilton Heights' Rebekah Steffen commits to Huntington University

Rebekah Steffen, Hamilton Heights senior, has signed a letter of intent to play tennis for Huntington University in Huntington, Indiana this fall. Huntington University is a member of the Crossroads League and a NAIA athletic institution. She is the daughter of Jami and Phillip Steffen.

Steffen, a multi-sport athlete (tennis and golf) has been among the Top 10 percent of her class all four years of high school. She was named to the Academic All-Conference teams for both tennis and golf. Recently, Steffen placed first and second at the Business Professionals of America regional and state competitions for graphic design-related events and was awarded the Art and Design Performance Award for next year.

She chose Huntington University to pursue a double major in graphic design and film/cinematography. Ideally Steffen would love to work on promotional material for movies and television. When offered a spot on the Foresters' Women's Tennis team, Steffen was ecstatic. "I love tennis! it's my favorite sport!"

Hamilton Heights High School tennis coaches Wayne Rupe and Jeanann Dodson are looking forward to Rebekah's success for the team. "Hopefully she can build on her past success, ending with a 12-2 record in her pre-pandemic career," said Kurt Ogden, Hamilton Heights High School Athletic Director. "Academically, she's currently in the Top 10 percent of



Photo provided  
**Hamilton Heights senior Rebekah Steffen has signed a letter of intent to play tennis for the Huntington University Foresters in Huntington, Indiana. Steffen (seated) is pictured with (left to right): Phillip Steffen (Father), Jami Steffen (Mother), Luke Steffen (Brother), Jessa Steffen (Sister), and Joshua Steffen (Brother).**

her class. She's exactly the type of role model we want at Hamilton Heights. She not only excels in the classroom and on the field/courts, but she's very involved with school clubs and activities that provide a broader high school experience. We wish her well as she takes her talents to Huntington University to play tennis."

Steffen credits her art teacher, Taylor Myers, as being a phenomenal role model for her throughout high school. "This year especially," noted Steffen, "by helping me develop my creative skills in a way that will set me up for success in the future."

Steffen is also active in art club, theater, Business Professionals of America (BPA), National Honor Society, Robotics, Band, and has been a volunteer at Red Bridge Community Park and the Hamilton North Public Library.

# Elated legend Gordon turns back time by driving USAC Midget at IMS

NASCAR Hall of Fame driver Jeff Gordon traveled back in time Thursday at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, revisiting his racing roots by driving exhibition laps in a United States Auto Club Midget car for the first time in 30 years at the place that turned him into a household name.

In a moment he said was unreal, Gordon drove a Clauson-Marshall Racing USAC Midget car at The Dirt Track at IMS in celebration of his storied career and to offer a preview of what's to come Aug. 18-19 in the Driven2SaveLives BC39 Powered by NOS Energy Drink.

"I feel like I've gone back 25 years in my youth," Gordon said. "It's been a long time since I was that excited to get behind the wheel of a race car. I can't believe I waited this long to get back on dirt in a midget. In another way, I'm very excited that I waited, because it's a cool event, it's a great track, and it just made it very special for me."

Gordon drove a throwback livery that paid tribute to the iconic white Diet Pepsi car he drove to the 1990 USAC National Midget Series championship. The 1989 USAC National Midget Series Rookie of the Year and 1991 USAC Silver Crown Series champion also adorned a red, white and blue driver suit like he did in 1990.

Gordon's original Diet Pepsi car that he drove for Helmling Racing Inc. was also at The Dirt Track at IMS, exactly like he left it in 1990. That car is the only



Photo provided by IMS  
**NASCAR Hall of Fame driver Jeff Gordon drove exhibition laps in a United States Auto Club Midget car at The Dirt Track at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Thursday. It was the first time Gordon had driven laps at IMS in 30 years.**

car in the history of midget racing to win The Night Before the 500, the Hut Hundred, the Belleville Midget Nationals and the Eldora 4-Crown Nationals.

Four-time NASCAR Cup Series champion Gordon reminisced with former car owner Rollie Helmling about their dominant USAC days before hopping in the white No. 4 car. Gordon took it easy the first few laps, but he quickly fell back into his competitive element and floored it off Turn 4.

In classic dirt racing fashion, Gordon drifted the car into the corner and worked the wheel like he did 30 years ago in competition, showing why he is one of the greatest race car drivers of all time.

Gordon, 49, parked the car after his first 10-lap run, let out an emphatic cheer and clapped his hands in awe of the exhibition laps he just turned. After he exited the car, Gordon again cheered with

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# Major League Baseball standings

<b>Thursday scores</b>		Houston 10, Chicago White Sox 2
Cleveland 10, Baltimore 3		San Diego 6, Cincinnati 4
San Francisco 10, Arizona 3		Colorado 7, Milwaukee 3
N.Y. Yankees 8, Toronto 4		L.A. Angels 7, Detroit 5
Chicago Cubs 2, N.Y. Mets 0		Seattle 6, Tampa Bay 5
Atlanta 4, St. Louis 0		

American League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Tampa Bay	43	27	.614	-
Boston	42	27	.609	0.5
N.Y. Yankees	36	32	.529	6.0
Toronto	33	34	.493	8.5
Baltimore	22	46	.324	20.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chi. White Sox	43	26	.623	-
Cleveland	38	28	.576	3.5
Kansas City	30	37	.448	12.0
Detroit	29	40	.420	14.0
Minnesota	27	41	.397	15.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Oakland	43	27	.614	-
Houston	40	28	.588	2.0
Seattle	35	36	.493	8.5
L.A. Angels	34	35	.493	8.5
Texas	25	43	.368	17.0

National League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Mets	35	26	.574	-
Philadelphia	33	33	.500	4.5
Atlanta	31	35	.470	6.5
Washington	30	35	.462	7.0
Miami	29	39	.426	9.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chi. Cubs	39	30	.565	-
Milwaukee	38	31	.551	1.0
Cincinnati	35	32	.522	3.0
St. Louis	35	34	.507	4.0
Pittsburgh	23	44	.343	15.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
San Francisco	44	25	.638	-
L.A. Dodgers	41	27	.603	2.5
San Diego	39	32	.549	6.0
Colorado	29	41	.414	15.5
Arizona	20	50	.286	24.5

# WNBA standings

<b>Thursday scores</b>		Chicago 81, Connecticut 75
Seattle 79, Indiana 69		Minnesota 85, Dallas 73
Washington 96, Atlanta 93		Las Vegas 103, New York 76

Eastern Conference				
Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Connecticut	8	4	.667	-
New York	6	6	.500	2.0
Chicago	6	7	.462	2.5
Washington	5	6	.455	2.5
Atlanta	5	7	.417	3.0
Indiana	1	13	.071	8.0

Western Conference				
Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Seattle	12	2	.857	-
Las Vegas	10	3	.769	1.5
Los Angeles	5	5	.500	5.0
Minnesota	5	6	.455	5.5
Dallas	5	7	.417	6.0
Phoenix	5	7	.417	6.0

## GORDON

excitement, beaming with the energy of a driver who had just won their first career race.

“Something about this place is just magical for a lot of people, but for me, in particular,” Gordon said. “It’s always been that way from the time I came here and just went through the IMS Museum before I was even able to drive a race car around this track, to the first time I did drive a race car here.

“And then every time thereafter, I come to visit here, and I still get excited driving through the tunnel. This place, the history and what it means to motorsports and what it means to me is incredible.”

It was a special moment for the adopted Hoosier, who moved to nearby Pittsboro, Indiana, from his native California at age 15. Gordon experienced much success at the Racing Capital of the World in his NASCAR career, winning the Brick-

yard 400 a record five times, including the inaugural race in 1994.

Gordon said his USAC Midget exhibition laps rank near the top of the long list of accomplishments he has achieved at IMS, which also includes a NASCAR-Formula One ride swap with Juan Pablo Montoya in 2003 on a previous configuration of the IMS road course.

However, Gordon had never turned laps on The Dirt Track at IMS, which was built before the first running of the Driven2SaveLives BC39 Powered by NOS Energy Drink in 2018. The race honors Noblesville's Bryan Clauson and the Driven2SaveLives campaign through the Indiana Donor Network, which aims to end the wait for lifesaving organ transplants.

“I’ve not had many bad days at Indianapolis, but this is going to go toward the top,” Gordon said. “From my first time racing here in the Brickyard 400, of course, the wins are memorable, but the F1 ride swap and then this is right up there with it.”

Gordon, a 93-time NASCAR Cup Series winner, was also joined by his mother and stepfather, Carol and John Bickford. Gordon’s parents were extremely influ-

ential in getting his racing career started, putting him in a quarter-midget car at age 5, setting him on a course to become one of NASCAR’s all-time greats.

Gordon’s throwback day was only getting started on The Dirt Track at IMS. Thursday evening, Gordon, his parents, Helmling and others who helped him achieve massive success will head to Thursday Night Thunder Homecoming at Lucas Oil Raceway. Gordon experienced much success at Lucas Oil Raceway and in nationally televised Thursday Night Thunder races, which helped elevate him to a national stage and set him on course for a NASCAR career.

“I’m so thankful to Tim Clauson and Doug Boles for talking me into doing this,” Gordon said. “I put it off for way too long. I get offers every once in a while to run midgets or sprints, but I kept turning them down. I’m so glad I didn’t turn this opportunity down because that was the most fun I’ve had in a long time.”

Visit [IMS.com/BC39](https://www.ims.com/BC39) for more information about tickets for the Driven2SaveLives BC39 Powered by NOS Energy Drink on Wednesday, Aug. 18 and Thursday, Aug. 19 at The Dirt Track at IMS.

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