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Get ready for National Night Out in Carmel

Event seeks to foster better police-community relations

The REPORTER

National Night Out is an annual campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and camaraderie to make neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of

community.

This year, Aug. 3 is National Night Out. The Carmel Police Department (CPD) will again partner with members of the community to affirm CPD's conviction against crime and disorder. This year's event is scheduled to take place from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Carmel Gazebo.

Police and fire department personnel will be there to talk about safety and answer questions. Additionally, the CPD SWAT truck, Drone Team, Crime Scene Specialists, CFD Fire Engines and many other interesting things to see will be there. Attendees can enjoy free pizza and hot dogs as well as Big Wheel races, airbrush

tattoos, a free photo booth and several fun games.

The Bloodmobile will be there, so you can do your part to help save a life.

Please let your friends and family know about National Night Out. Hope to see you there.

Stay up to date by visiting the event page on [Facebook](#).

116th Street in Fishers fully opens ahead of schedule

The REPORTER

116th Street in downtown Fishers has fully reopened to four lanes of traffic after the completion of the Nickel Plate Trail tunnel. Upon completion of the Nickel Plate Trail, slated for Spring 2022, pedestrians will access the trail via the tunnel to provide safe passage beneath 116th Street.

116th Street from east of Municipal Drive to west of Maple Street has been closed since June 1 for tunnel construction. The reopening was scheduled for Aug. 1, but despite the nearly record rainfalls the past two months, the project moved ahead of schedule and 116th Street reopened to a single lane of traffic two weeks early on July 17.

"I'm incredibly proud of our Engineering team and Meyer Najem Construction for completing this project so quickly so we could ease the impact on our community," said Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness. "Their detailed planning and coordination were key to the efficient completion of this project, and I look forward to debuting the tunnel and downtown portion of the trail to our residents next spring."



Fadness

"From day one, Meyer Najem has been committed to improvement, and our schedule is no exception," said Meyer Najem Construction's Senior Project Manager Matt Shultz. "Through extensive coordination and constant communication with our trades, owner agents, and Fishers' staff, we have been able to open the main traffic artery through the heart of Fishers over two weeks early. We identified some seemingly small areas that allowed us to greatly speed up the project and through the hard work of all involved, we managed to pull it off. There is still a lot of work ahead of us to finish this showpiece in

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Budweiser Clydesdales help usher in this year's Colts Training Camp at Grand Park



Photo provided

The 2021 Colts Training Camp, powered by Kerauno, kicked off on Wednesday at Grand Park Sports Complex with a visit from the Budweiser Clydesdales. Visitors can check out all of the activities at Colts Camp including Colts City, Colts In Motion, the Play 60 Zone, Colts Pro Shop and more. For a complete schedule of events, go to colts.com/events/trainingcampschedule.

HSE Schools, City of Fishers launch new community-based learning experiences partnership

The REPORTER

Imagine learning inside a barn alongside four-legged animals and studying how the food you eat is grown and sourced. That will soon be a reality for second-grade students in Hamilton Southeastern Schools.

Through a partnership with the City of Fishers, HSE Schools is launching two additional Teacher-in-Residence programs. Farm 2 Table will focus on plant and animal adaptation, weather and erosion, and the history of farming at the [Fishers AgriPark](#).

"It is a great opportunity for the kids to see that learning happens all around them and not just in the four walls of their classrooms," said AgriPark Teacher-in-Residence Brooke Daniel. "It allows them to transfer what they have already learned, while simultaneously learning new content. I couldn't be more excited for them to experience some of the same

amazing learning experiences that I have had while being around farming my whole life."

The second Teacher-in-Residence program will be held at the [Fishers Maker Playground](#) located inside Hub & Spoke. During the school year, students in fifth grade will spend time with resident teacher Jennifer Suskovich. Suskovich will lead students in various hands-on projects in an effort to develop a better understanding of STEM.

"Students will embark on an experience that encourages the use of creativity and problem-solving necessary for the maker mindset," Suskovich said. "We will begin by touring the facility and nearby trails making observations and inquiries regarding these spaces and having the opportunity to tinker with tools, says Suskovich. The goal is for HSE fifth graders to be given the agency to discover a question whether

it be scientific, personal or artistic and follow it through the learning process."

Both educators have a high-level of expertise and passion for teaching in their unique assignments. These community-based learning experiences have many benefits for students and classroom teachers, alike. Daniel and Suskovich say they agree students will likely experience a deeper sense of learning from being exposed directly to the academic standards in a hands-on and engaging manner.

The experiences will often inspire classroom teachers in developing additional instructional methods that mimic the on-site experience.

HSE Schools first partnered with the Fishers in 2016 to launch Nature First, aimed at working with first graders at Ritchey Woods. In 2018, a teacher-in-residence was placed at Conner Prairie to bring Indiana history and var-

ious STEM concepts to life for fourth graders.

The success of these programs has since led to a long-term commitment by HSE and the city to expand the reach of these immersive learning opportunities for every student kindergarten through sixth grade.

"We're thrilled to have the opportunity to continue our great partnership with HSE Schools and leverage city resources to bring hands-on learning to students," said Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness. "This is just the beginning when it comes to opportunities our community can provide, in collaboration, to bring unique, real-world educational experiences to our youngest residents."

Classes are currently being scheduled to visit the teachers-in-residence at least one day during the school year.

The first day of the 2021-22 school year is Wednesday, Aug. 4.

Noblesville Main Street, Noble Coffee & Tea to hold 'Salsa On The Square'

The REPORTER

Noblesville Main Street (NMS) will soon co-host the first-ever "Salsa on the Square" event with Noble Coffee & Tea. This celebration is an age 21 and over event that will take place from 7 to 11 p.m. on Saturday, July 30 on Logan Street outside of Noble Coffee & Tea. It is free to attend, and will feature a live music DJ, salsa instruction lessons, delicious food, festive drinks, and, of course, salsa.



Robyn Wilson, co-owner of Noble Coffee & Tea and NMS board member, wanted to create a new type of event in downtown Noblesville. Wilson approached NMS with the idea and have worked closely together to make this event possible. Noble Coffee & Tea also worked alongside local graphic designer Clare Arbuckle to create merchandise for the event that will be available for purchase at Noble Coffee.

For additional information on the DJ, dance lessons and drink/food vendors, visit the Salsa on the Square event page on [Facebook](#). If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a vendor or sponsor at this event or any future NMS event, please email jenny@noblesvillemainstreet.org.

About Noblesville Main Street

Noblesville Main Street is a 501(c)(3) independent, not-for-profit organization whose mission is to enrich the culture and community of the city's downtown historic district by creating partnerships and programs to connect people to unique places and experiences.

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Public's input needed to help direct funding from Farm Bill programs

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) has been asked to organize and conduct a Local Working Group meeting to determine the ranking for the 2022 Farm Bill Programs through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

A discussion will be held after the regularly scheduled board meeting at 8 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 26 at the Hamilton County SWCD office. Anyone who has interest in land located in Hamilton County are welcome to attend.

If you wish to join virtually, please email soil.water@hamiltoncounty.in.gov for a link to participate via Microsoft

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Teams. If you wish to have input on program ranking, have questions regarding this matter or cannot attend, please email Angie Garrison at angela.garrison@usda.gov or call the office at (317) 773-2181 for a ranking sheet.

All input is due by Tuesday, Aug. 31.

116TH STREET

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downtown Fishers, but we are excited to hit this milestone early.”

Construction in the area related to the downtown development projects will impact the roadway at various times in August and September. Beginning the week of Aug. 9, lane restrictions will be in effect on 116th Street for final asphalt surface placement at the Nickel Plate Trail. Access to Fishers Center Drive from 116th Street will be closed for gas line relocation from 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. and tie-in work the weeks of Aug. 9 and Sept. 6. Access to Municipal Drive from Lantern Road will be closed the week of Aug. 30 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. for additional gas line relocation. Detour routes will be publicized ahead of those closures.

More information about the Nickel Plate Trail project is available at playfishers.com/NickelPlateTrail.

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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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Social Security benefits for spouses, ex-spouses

There is a bad joke I often find myself telling when people ask me how much they can draw off their ex-spouse if he is alive. The answer is 50 percent, but if he passes away, you can get up to 100 percent of what he was drawing. Hence, the joke is that he is worth more dead than alive.

The dark humor aside, it is true. And when dealing with arcane Social Security laws, I allow myself a little fun.

If you were married at least 10 full years and then divorce, you are able to draw either your own Social Security retirement benefit or, if 50 percent of your ex's is more than 100 percent of your own, you can draw off your ex-spouse. If he has remarried, that has no impact on your ability to draw off of him. Before

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you cry foul, rest assured that you drawing off of him will not reduce what he can draw nor what his current or other ex-spouses can draw!

To be eligible to draw off your ex-spouse you must be currently single. That means that you could have remarried and divorced again, as long as you are single when you attempt to draw. You can remarry at age 60 without penalty.

I've encountered several women who told me they didn't want to draw off their ex because he was married to a very nice woman and she didn't want to upset him, her or their children. Everyone was relieved when I pointed out that drawing off her ex would not reduce or in any way hurt his ability to draw too.

How can you find out if

50 percent of your ex's is more than 100 percent of your Social Security office. They will need proof you were married and divorced before they will share the information with you. You can set up a free account at [SSA.gov](https://ssa.gov) to see your own earnings, but keep in mind that the Social Security Administration is not allowed to give you advice.

Social Security is complex and it has had many changes since the 1930s. Many people are unaware that the law dramatically changed in 2016. And the laws will continue to change. The Social Security Fairness Act has bipartisan support and might be passed this year. Luckily, a quick Google search easily yields many answers that in the past were very hard to come by.

Sylvia Gordon is the president of Gordon Market-

ing, headquartered in Noblesville, where she trains on Medicare and Social Security in all 50 states. You can contact her at sgordon@gordonmarketing.com.

Meeting Notices

The Noblesville Tree Board's Urban Forestry Canopy Engagement Committee (UFCEC) meeting dates, time, and location have changed for the remainder of 2021. The committee will meet at 5 p.m. in the Street Department Conference Room, 1575 Pleasant St., Noblesville. The meetings will take place on the following dates in 2021:

- Aug. 11
- Sept. 8
- Oct. 13
- Nov. 10
- Dec. 8

The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 3 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 2, 2021, at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St., Carmel.

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Back to school during pandemic with chronic health conditions

Once again, parents are confronting the reality of sending kids back to school during a global pandemic. This time means excitement, new experiences and an opportunity

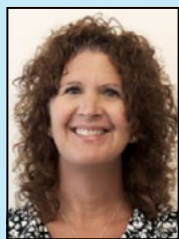
to grow, but if their student has a chronic medical condition, it can be especially worrisome if they're under age 12 and/or unable to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

In my work as a school counselor for kids with chronic medical conditions – specifically rare bleeding and blood disorders – I help families prepare ahead of the school year with their health in mind. My best advice is to be proactive in gathering the right information to develop a plan that will best help the student in the school environment.

Develop a health plan with your student's healthcare provider.

Share the school's complete COVID-19 safety plan with your student's healthcare provider, who has the best understanding of their health condition and how a potential COVID-19 infection could impact returning to the school environment. They can help weigh the risks given how the school plans to help mitigate infection, and s/he should list

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BRENDA McLEAN

your student's medical needs, requirements, restrictions, or supports in writing. This list should explain what your child needs to safely engage to the fullest extent at school.

Share your student's health plan with the school nurse and administrators.

Collaborate with the school nurse and staff to review the written plan from your child's healthcare provider. Together, develop a health plan to include how the school will meet the needs of your child as outlined by the provider, including social and emotional needs. Explore the need to develop a Section 504 document or assessment for an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) to support your child's unique learning needs. Consider possible health situations that may arise and ways to encourage school attendance, participation and self-advocacy.

Talk to your student about their health plan and the school year ahead.

Discuss this health plan with your student, and talk to them about why it's important. Let them share how they feel about it. Kids don't want to feel different or singled out; they need to

talk through ways to reduce these concerns and understand that the school staff are there to be supportive and will work hard to take care of them. Also, talk with your student about properly advocating for their own needs in school and wearing their medical ID bracelet or necklace.

COVID-19 continues to impact how schools and families think about health and safety, especially when it comes to students with chronic medical conditions. Collaborating with healthcare providers and school staff is key to clear communication and the best plan to support your student. If you need help in understanding or obtaining necessary educational support or accommodations for your child, a list of advocacy groups can be found on the Indiana Department of Education website (doe.gov). You are not alone; we are all in this together.

Brenda McLean is a school counselor with the Indiana Hemophilia and Thrombosis Center (IHTC) who helps school-aged patients and their families navigate education settings with their health concerns in mind. Brenda also works directly with school staff and administration to help advocate for children's unique needs in the school setting.

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Fishers One, Pray4HSE invite community to come together to pray for HSE Schools

Submitted by Fishers One
Coming off of a difficult 2020-2021 school year, Fishers One joins local community organization Pray4HSE in encouraging all students, parents, Hamilton Southeastern teachers/staff/administrators and members of the greater Fishers community to start off this new school year with prayers for health and academic success for all. The website pray4hse.com is designed to allow parents, teachers, students, family members, community members, organizations, clubs, churches and guests to sign up and commit to praying at one or more of the 25 HSE school buildings throughout the school year. After you sign up to become a prayer partner, be sure to mark your calendar for a kickoff prayer event from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 2 at Grace of

Fishers, 12450 Olio Road, Fishers. This will allow everyone to come together as a community to pray for students, parents, teachers, administrators, faculty, staff and volunteers. Fishers One believes prayer can unite all faith communities allowing all to come together as one community during these challenging times. What better way to transform the 2021-2022 academic year than to commit to praying? Join others across the area who believe God is the answer to prayers. As a prayer partner, all can follow His command to show love to their neighbors by lifting them up each day they are in the classroom. For more information visit pray4hse.com or email pray4hse@gmail.com. **About Fishers One** Fishers One is a grassroots, community-based organization dedicated to restoring academic excellence in HSE schools, maintaining Fishers as a great place to live, and cultivating the next generations of community leaders. You can learn more about Fishers One and how to get involved at fishersone.org and at facebook.com/FishersOne.



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The Noblesville Plan Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Applications #0140-2021 on Monday, August 16, 2021 at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers, City Hall Building, 16 South 10th Street, Noblesville, IN 46060. The application submitted by the City of Noblesville Planning Department is regarding amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance for educational chickens, demolition area expansion for downtown area, residential driveway widths, update of submittal requirements for Plan Commission processes, correction of scrivener's errors, new definitions, modify dates for lawn/grass seed and sod, and modify required off-street loading section including table titled 'Schedule of Off-Street Loading Requirements', all within the zoning jurisdiction of the City of Noblesville, Hamilton County, Indiana.

Written suggestions or objections relative to the applications above may be filed with the Department of Planning and Development, at or before such meeting and will be heard by the Noblesville Plan Commission. Interested persons desiring to present their views, either in writing or verbally, will be given the opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place. These hearings may be continued from time to time as found necessary by the Plan Commission.

Copies of the proposals are on file in the Department of Planning and Development located at 16 S. 10th Street for examination before the meeting during business hours between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday – Friday. A copy of the proposal will appear on the web page at www.cityofnoblesville.org, agendas, Plan Commission – August 16, 2021 prior to the meeting date.

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Sen. Todd Young votes to move forward on infrastructure bill

The REPORTER

U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) issued the following statement Wednesday regarding his vote to begin debate on the Senate's bipartisan infrastructure bill:

"As the Crossroads of America, Indiana under-

stands the need for federal investment in our crumbling infrastructure, especially with nearly 5,500 miles of Hoosier highways in poor condition. That's why I voted today to formally begin debate on a bipartisan infrastructure bill. We've made a lot of progress

so far on an historic investment in our nation's core infrastructure that will be fully paid for without raising taxes. I look forward to continuing to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle as we sand and polish the final product."



Young

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

But as surely as God is faithful, our message to you is not "Yes" and "No." For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me and Silas and Timothy—was not "Yes" and "No," but in him it has always been "Yes." For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God. Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.
2 Corinthians 1:18-22 (NIV)

Soil & Water invites HOAs to learn about native landscapes

The REPORTER

Across Central Indiana, homeowners associations (HOAs) spend hundreds of thousands of dollars maintaining detention ponds and grass common areas. Often, the time, money and resources are wasted on land management that offers no benefit to wildlife, erosion control, aesthetics, or recreation for the community. Native landscapes can be a solution that provides more than they take.

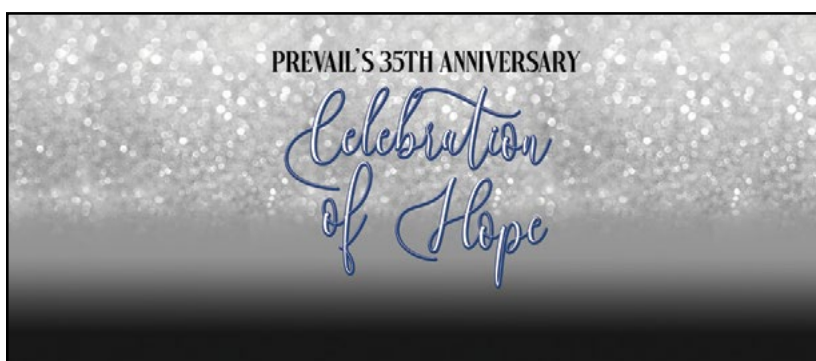
To educate homeowners associations on the opportunities that native landscapes provide, the Zionsville Parks and Recreation Department, Indiana Native Plant Society, Hamilton County Urban Conservation Association, and Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District have teamed up to offer a free on-

line presentation from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 12.

The webinar will cover why an HOA would consider native landscapes to address issues like erosion, algae issues, nuisance wildlife conflicts, and costly turfgrass maintenance. The associated benefits and how to prepare and implement native restoration projects will also be covered in addition to a case study showing how these projects can be successful.

Registration is required and space is limited. HOAs and other interested parties are encouraged to form watch parties where board members and residents can continue the conversation after the webinar is over.

Information and a registration link can be found at hamiltonswcd.org/events.



Saturday, August 21, 2021

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Near-perfect on July 4. . .

Westfield's Ryan Pepiot is rock solid for the Tulsa Drillers this summer

By **RICHIE HALL**

Two years ago, Ryan Pepiot signed a contract to join the Los Angeles Dodgers organization, officially making him a professional baseball player.

Since then, the Westfield graduate has been on a fast track to success. After pitching a few games in Rookie Ball and Low A during 2019, Pepiot kept himself sharp in 2020 despite the disruptions to the baseball world due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as he played games at an alternate training site.

When this year began, Pepiot climbed another rung up the MiLB ladder, joining the AA Tulsa Drillers. He has been solid in the team's pitching rotation, and made headlines due to a near-perfect performance in the Drillers' July 4 game against the Arkansas Travelers.

Pepiot went seven innings for Tulsa and did not give up a single hit, setting down the Travelers' first 21 batters. He threw 11 strikeouts during that time, needing only 69 pitches.

"I was feeling really good," said Pepiot. "I felt locked in, focused, had everything working for me. Defense was great for me, my catcher Hunter Feduccia called a great game. Just went out there and attacked hitters."

The Drillers sent Pepiot out to start the eighth inning, but he ran into trouble with the first Arkansas batter, who drew an eight-pitch walk. That put Pepiot at 77 pitches, which is over the mandated 75-pitch count in effect for the team.

"Went like eight pitches and ended up walking them, so that was the end of



Photo provided

Ryan Pepiot has been a solid part of the pitching rotation for the AA Tulsa Drillers this season. Pepiot has thrown 81 strikeouts in 15 games, including an incredible performance July 4 in the Drillers' win over the Arkansas Travelers. Pepiot threw seven innings of perfect baseball during that game.

the day for me," said Pepiot. As he left the game, the Tulsa crowd gave him a well-deserved standing ovation.

The Drillers went on to win the game 3-0, with the catcher Feduccia nailing a two-run home run in the fifth inning. While frustrated about having to leave the mound, Pepiot understood the rules.

"With the lack of a last season, the Dodgers have been very cautious with arms," said Pepiot. The Drillers started the 2021 season limiting pitchers to 60 pitches in a game, and that got moved up to 75 by the time of Tulsa's game with the Travelers. Eventually, Pepiot said the count will be increased to 90 pitches per game.

"They're pretty strict," he said.

Pepiot has played in 15 games this season, starting 13, and holds a 2.87 earned-run average with 81 strikeouts. He has allowed his opponents a .149 batting average, giving up only 30 hits. Pepiot is part of a five-man starting rotation for the Drillers. The team is playing six-game series with every Monday as an off day, which means Pepiot pitches "every five or six days, depending on how it lines up with an off day."

"It's been pretty good this year to have a start, recover well from it and then have a bullpen a couple days later, getting me ready for the next one," said Pepiot.

Pepiot is normally a starter, although there are occasional exceptions where he comes in during the game.

"They're going to do that from time to time just to get the starters prepared if we go up to the big-league club," said Pepiot. "Most likely we'll be out of the bullpen to start."

"It's a lot of practice for the big leagues, just getting prepared for that," said Pepiot. "A lot of situations are similar. They're just helping us prepare for whenever that call comes."

Pepiot, 23, graduated from Westfield High School in 2016, then played college ball at Butler University for three years. Upon signing with the Dodgers organization, Pepiot started out in Rookie Ball playing in the Arizona League, then jumped to the Low A division, where he played for the Great Lakes Loons in Mid-

land, Mich.

Then came 2020. The Minor League Baseball season was canceled that year. But Pepiot and other players got to play at alternate training sites. Pepiot went to the University of Southern California, one of 30 players there training and playing intersquad games.

"We weren't able to play any outside competition, but it was just playing against ourselves every day," said Pepiot.

Still, Pepiot said it was nice to be able to get some more game experience and work with the coaching staff that was there. In addition to his fellow MiLB players, a couple of Major League players that were on the injury list at that time were at the alternate site, including Gavin Lux and Joc Pederson. A few AAA players were there as well.

"For me, being able to be at the alternate site did allow me to have some development last year for as close to a season as anyone could have in 2020," said Pepiot. "That helped me to be able to go from Low A in 2019 to start in AA this year."

That's not a bad jump for someone who entered the pro ranks just two years ago. And Pepiot's play at Tulsa has gotten notice. David Hill, a writer for the website calltothepen.com said in [article](#) the day after Pepiot's no-hit performance that the Dodgers need to move him up to AAA.

"Considering he needed only 77 pitches to fire 7+ no hit innings, it is clear that he is ready for the next challenge," said Hill.

Pepiot, meanwhile, is content to keep doing what he's doing, as that has gotten him pretty far.

"Whenever a callup happens, I'm assuming that the situation will be rather similar," said Pepiot. "Just continue to throw the ball like I have."

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East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Boston	63	40	.612	-
Tampa Bay	60	42	.588	2.5
N.Y. Yankees	53	47	.530	8.5
Toronto	50	48	.510	10.5
Baltimore	35	65	.350	26.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chi. White Sox	60	42	.588	-
Cleveland	50	49	.505	8.5
Detroit	49	55	.471	12.0
Kansas City	44	56	.440	15.0
Minnesota	43	60	.417	17.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	63	40	.612	-
Oakland	57	46	.553	6.0
Seattle	55	48	.534	8.0
L.A. Angels	51	50	.505	11.0
Texas	36	66	.353	26.5

National League

East	W	L	PCT.	GB
N.Y. Mets	54	46	.540	-
Philadelphia	50	50	.500	4.0
Atlanta	50	52	.490	5.0
Washington	46	54	.460	8.0
Miami	44	58	.431	11.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	60	42	.588	-
Cincinnati	53	49	.520	7.0
St. Louis	51	51	.500	9.0
Chi. Cubs	50	53	.485	10.5
Pittsburgh	38	63	.376	21.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
San Francisco	63	38	.624	-
L.A. Dodgers	62	41	.602	2.0
San Diego	59	45	.567	5.5
Colorado	44	58	.431	19.5
Arizona	32	71	.311	32.0

Wednesday's games

Cleveland 7, St. Louis 2
 Detroit 17, Minnesota 14
 Toronto 4, Boston 1, 7 innings
 Boston 4, Toronto 1, 7 innings
 Houston 11, Seattle 4
 Oakland 10, San Diego 4
 Baltimore 8, Miami 7
 Milwaukee 7, Pittsburgh 3

N.Y. Mets 2, Atlanta 1
 N.Y. Yankees 3, Tampa Bay 1, 10 innings
 Cincinnati 8, Chicago Cubs 2
 Arizona 3, Texas 2
 Kansas City 3, Chicago White Sox 2, 10 innings
 L.A. Angels 8, Colorado 7
 L.A. Dodgers 8, San Francisco 0
 Washington at Philadelphia, postponed

Brian Lewis named IHSAA assistant commissioner

Brian Lewis, athletic director at Jasper High School, has been approved by the IHSAA Executive Committee to become an assistant commissioner.



Lewis

Lewis was one of 10 finalists interviewed for the position and fills the vacancy left a year ago by Paul Neidig when he was named the new commissioner. His appointment date is yet to be determined.

He will administer the sports of boys and girls cross country, boys basketball, boys and girls track and field and Unified track and field.

The 37-year-old Lewis comes to the IHSAA after 15 years in secondary education, the last three years as the athletic director at Jasper High School in southwest Indiana. There, he provided administrative direction and oversight to 21 athletic programs. Prior to that he worked five years as athletic director at Monrovia High School (2013-18) and served as head football coach and teacher at Evansville Harrison (2009-13), Columbia City (2007-09) and North Vermillion (2006-

07) high schools.

Lewis has been an active member and served on several committees for both the Indiana Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (IAAAA) and the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) from which he earned a certified master athletic administrators (CMAA) license. He was also recently named to a three-year term on the IHSAA Foundation Board of Directors.

"I am pleased to announce that Brian Lewis has accepted our offer to serve as an assistant commissioner for the Indiana High School Athletic Association," commented Commissioner Paul Neidig. "Brian brings a strong background in education-based athletics to the Association, along with an unbridled passion to serve student-athletes across our state. Brian is a rising star in our profession, and we are extremely fortunate to have him join the IHSAA team."

During his career, Lewis has been a participant, head coach or administrator for IHSAA-member schools in classes 1A, 2A, 3A and 4A from various areas of the state. He has served as a member of multiple IHSAA realignment and participation committees and has hosted 75

state tournament events at the sectional, regional and semi-state rounds in various sports in recent years. He also has assisted in organizing the IHSAA Boys Basketball State Finals the last few years.

"I am extremely humbled and honored to have been selected as an assistant commissioner of the IHSAA," Lewis said. "I have always been very passionate about education-based athletics and I look forward to serving the member schools and student-athletes throughout the state. I am excited to join Commissioner Neidig, the assistant commissioners, and the entire IHSAA staff as we continue to promote Indiana High School Athletics. We are all products of our personal experiences and I have been fortunate to learn from many great mentors, colleagues, and friends throughout my career. I would not be

in this position without their help, guidance, and support over the years."

Lewis played football collegiately for four years while graduating from Indiana State University with a Bachelor's degree in Social Studies Education in 2006. He went on to earn a Master's degree in Education from Oakland City University in 2011. Originally from Jasper, he is an alumnus of Jasper High School and was a starting running back on the Wildcats' 2001 IHSAA Class 4A football state championship team.

Lewis and his wife, Brooke, an elementary school teacher in Jasper, have been married for 13 years. They have two children, Isabelle and Drew. He is also the grandson of the late former IHSAA Commissioner C. Eugene Cato (1983-95).

Colts add three players to reserve/COVID-19 list

By KYLE BLOYD
WISH-TV

The Indianapolis Colts have placed three players on the Reserve/COVID-19 list.

Defensive end Al-Quadin Muhammad and cornerbacks T.J. Carrie and

Xavier Rhodes have been placed on the list.

The list is for players who have either tested positive for COVID-19 or are a close contact of someone who has.

The Colts moved in to Grand Park in Westfield for training camp on Monday.

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