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**TODAY'S WEATHER**

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# 18<sup>th</sup> annual Jake Laird Golf Outing raises more than \$110K

**The REPORTER**

Mike and Debbie Laird recently welcomed 352 golfers from all over Indiana to the 18th annual Jake Laird Golf Outing. The weather was perfect and both courses at the Pebble Brook Golf Club were in pristine condition, which made for the most successful outing since its inception in 2004 after their son, Jake Laird, an Indianapolis police officer, was shot and killed in the line of duty.

The money raised benefits police and fire agencies in Indiana with the purchase of new equipment, the support of instructional programs and financial assistance to officers injured in the line of duty.

Joining during the opening ceremonies were State Representative Donna Schaibley, Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen and Noblesville Director of Public Safety Chad Knecht.

The morning began with a surprise from State Representative Donna Schaibley, who, on behalf of Governor Holcomb, honored Mike and Debbie

with the Sagamore of the Wabash Award for their service to multiple public safety agencies throughout Indiana. To date, the Lairds have donated over \$1 million to police and firefighter agencies.

Branch Sales Manager Angie Turley, Title Sponsor for Fairway Mortgage, said, "My team donates and sponsors to the Laird outing because public safety employees are a huge part of our business. We enjoy helping to give back to them! We are honored to be a part of this event."

VP of Marketing Lenny Lisle, Title Sponsor from Indiana Grand Racing & Casino, said, "It is such a privilege for Indiana Grand Racing & Casino to be one of the title sponsors for the Jake Laird Memorial golf outing and also support the Foundation. Our annual contribution of \$10,000 carries on the love and support we have for Jake, Mike, Debbie and the Laird family. It's an honor to show our respect and admiration for Jake, and the thousands of first respond-



Photo provided  
**Mike and Debbie were given the Sagamore of the Wabash Award for their service to multiple public safety agencies throughout Indiana. (From left) State Representative Donna Schaibley, Mike Laird, Debbie Laird and Noblesville Public Safety Director Chad Knecht.**

ers in Indiana. Next year will mark our 10-year partnership, and Caesars Entertainment will again be a proud supporter and title sponsor!"

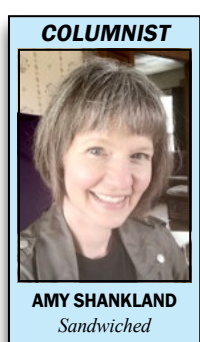
Mike and Debbie say they are looking forward to new opportunities to serve the police and fire communities and thank everyone for their participation in this year's outing. For additional information please refer to [thejakelairstmemorialtourney.org](http://thejakelairstmemorialtourney.org).

## Gratitude in the Sandwich Generation

I know it's the middle of August and we're still a few months away from Thanksgiving. But my heart has been overflowing with gratitude lately. I think many of us are blessed in the sandwich generation to have helpers. It's important to step back and thank them often for what they do to ensure that our elderly relatives live their best possible lives – and that we stay sane as their caregivers.

I want to say thank you to:

- My brother, sister, husband, sons, niece, and nephew. You either help manage Mom's finances and insurance, visit her as much as possible, lug her stuff around, and/or call often to check in on her. You also listen to my worries and fears about her. I truly never feel alone in this journey thanks to you.



**AMY SHANKLAND**  
Sandwiched

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## Celebration of life, vigil planned for three Fishers teens killed in South Carolina crash

**By JESS VERMEULEN**  
WISH-TV | [wistv.com](http://wistv.com)

The families of three Fishers teens who were killed in a South Carolina crash Monday are inviting the public to a Celebration of Life remembrance ceremony and vigil this weekend.

Brianna Foster, 18, and 17-year-old twins Elle and Belle Gaddis, all of Fishers, were killed in a hit-and-run crash in South Carolina.

The driver who fled the scene has since been arrested and charged with three counts of DUI with death, three counts of hit-and-run with death and one count of hit-and-run with personal injury.

The families of the victims,

along with the City of Fishers, will hold a ceremony honoring the girls from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs and wear bright colors in honor of their vibrant and radiant spirits, city officials said.

The event will also be live streamed on the [Fishers Magazine Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/fishersmagazine).

Family and friends of the teens and Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness will make remarks during the ceremony.

A candlelight vigil will also be held Friday before Hamilton Southeastern High School's football game. The student-led Blue Crew will lead the event. Parents of the teen victims will



Photos provided by City of Fishers  
**A Celebration of Life ceremony and a vigil will be held this weekend in honor of Brianna Foster, Elle Gaddis, and Belle Gaddis. The three Fishers teens were killed in a hit-and-run crash in South Carolina on Monday.**

serve as honorary coin flip guests ahead of kickoff.

A moment of silence is also planned for the victims.

Foster was a 2020 HSE graduate and both Elle and Belle were enrolled in their senior year at HSE.

## HAND awarded \$2M for Cumberland Cottages housing project in Fishers

**The REPORTER**

The Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority's Board of Directors voted Wednesday to award HAND Inc. a \$1.5 million grant from its HOME Investment Partnerships program and a \$500,000 loan from its Development Fund to support construction of 11 rental cottages in Fishers.

HAND, a nonprofit community housing development organization based in Noblesville, plans to invest more than \$3 million to build Cumberland Cottages. Hamilton County previously allocated \$200,000 in Community Development Block Grant funding to HAND for property acquisition.

HAND will continue to seek additional funding for the project, which will also utilize a loan from Citizens State Bank.

Cumberland Cottages is planned for almost two acres of mostly vacant land at the southwest corner of Cumberland Road and 141st Street in Fishers. Earlier this year, the Fishers City Council agreed to rezone the property to allow for the development.

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## Playhouse and TherAplay polo Saturday

Support Westfield Playhouse, Carmel's Children's TherAplay Foundation

**The REPORTER**

Westfield Playhouse's annual polo match at Hickory Hall Polo Club, 7551 E. County Road 100 N., Whitestown, which was rescheduled in June due to weather, is all set for Saturday, Aug. 20. This year the playhouse is partnering with Children's TherAplay Foundation, 9919 Towne Road, Carmel, for an evening of outdoor family fun.

According to Carol Shadle from Westfield Playhouse and Main Street Productions (MSP), the entire MSP organization is run by volunteers, making events like this vital to keeping community theater alive.

"This event seemed like a good way to solve two challenges for us," Shadle said. "It helps us with funding, and this gets our name out to a whole new bunch of people and it is great for Hickory Hills to get

their organization's name out there for new people too."

Shadle said this event will be fun for adults and children alike.

For the adults, there will be a wine pull and a 50/50 raffle.

"We sell tickets for the raffle during the first half of the match in between chukkas, which are periods of play," Shadle said. "We will announce the winner between the third and fourth chukka. There are four chukkas and they are seven minutes and 30 seconds long unless the referee calls fouls."

For the kids, there will be a kid's zone with one of TherAplay's therapy horses and stick races.

Children's TherAplay Communications Manager Emily McDermott told The Reporter her organization has been looking at the possibility of a polo event for the last couple years.



Reporter file photo  
**Polo for the Playhouse is an opportunity to enjoy a fun evening out and support your community theater.**

"TherAplay does pediatric physical and occupational therapy for kids with special needs," McDermott said. "Our kiddos come in for one-hour sessions. Half of that session happens in our clinic. It is play-

## Drive sober this Labor Day, or get pulled over

**The REPORTER**

Labor Day weekend is coming up, and the Hamilton County Traffic Safety Partnership is warning residents against drinking and driving.

The department is taking part in the national **Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over** enforcement mobilization to educate motorists about the dangers and consequences of impaired driving. Now until Sept. 6, officers will be increasing patrols showing zero tolerance for anyone caught driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

The extra high-visibility enforcement is funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) through the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI).

"Driving under the influence can have



**Quakenbush**

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POLO

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• My friends who always ask me “How’s your mom?” You all never know how I’ll answer. Sometimes it’s a bright reply of “She’s having a good week!” Other times I have to fight back tears and a giant lump in my throat. But you keep asking and caring and it helps so much.

• Everyone at Mom’s assisted living facility. My family and I have discovered that no facility is perfect. But you folks are there day in and day out doing your best to help my mama. From the CNAs, to the dining room employees, to the nurses, to the maintenance and cleaning staff, to the receptionist (Patty, you’re THE BEST!) and the activities directors. The front office staff often works evenings and weekends. I see you, Ladies. I know you sacrifice so much.

• Mom’s palliative care nurse practitioner, Gigi. It’s been a relief to have you on Team Mama. You’ve gotten to know her these past few months and are working hard to manage her terrible arthritis pain and neuropathy. Not to mention monitoring the progression of her cancer. My family and I appreciate your weekly updates. You give us tremendous peace of mind.

• Mom’s oncologist, primary care doctor, and every other medical professional who has been so kind to her this year. You’ve amazed me with your caring attitude. I know these past 18 months have been an absolute nightmare for you. Yet you give Mom – and us – attention, information, and reassurance.

• The wonderful Hamilton County Express and Riverview Health Rides drivers. You help us take Mom not only to doctor’s appointments, but to get out and enjoy visits with family. I know not every county has an option like this and I am beyond thankful.

• Our Lady of Grace priests and volunteers who bring Mom communion. You help strengthen Mom’s spiritual life – the one that is most important. The love you bring to her each week is tremendous.

I am beyond fortunate to have these helpers in my life. You deserve more than just a column of thanks. May God bless you and be with you each and every day.

TherAplay works with children from 18 months to 13 years old.

“The other half of each session in in our open-air arena, which is connected to the clinic, and that happens on horseback,” McDermott said. “It’s called ‘hippotherapy.’ The child is on the horse and their physical or occupational therapist is treating them. They walk alongside the horse actively treating the child while that child is on the horse. We are not necessarily teaching them how to ride the horse, but they are using the horse as a tool. The movement of the horse is unique because it has a three-dimensional pelvic movement that mimics human movement. When the child is on the horse a lot of different muscles are triggered that they wouldn’t necessarily feel in the clinic setting, that can only really be felt while they are on horseback.”

Admission to the polo match is \$40 per carload, with all proceeds going to Westfield Playhouse and Children’s TherAplay. Admission can be paid at the gate and they will accept cash, credit cards, PayPal, and Venmo. You are welcome to bring your own pop-up tents, chairs, picnics, and refreshments. Grills are not allowed. Leashed pets are allowed as long as you clean up after them.

**About Hickory Hills Polo Club**

For over 20 years the Hickory Hall Polo Club has been servicing Indiana with a unique family-centered social and sporting venue that helps raise money and awareness to the charities it serves. You are invited to come and watch the Sport of Kings and enjoy what polo has to offer the entire family.

**About MSP**

The mission of Main Street Productions, Inc. is to create and present quality theatre which balances artistic vision and expression by producing theatre that involves, reflects, and nourishes Westfield and the surrounding areas.



Reporter file photo  
Rich Campbell and horses Tana (left) and Mystique from the Cincinnati Polo Club took a moment to pose for The Reporter's camera at last year's Polo for the Playhouse fundraiser.

### Polo Fundraiser

**Where:** Hickory Hall Polo Club, 7551 E. County Road 100 N., Whitestown  
**When:** Saturday, Aug. 20  
**Time:** Gates open at noon  
**Parking:** \$40 per carload  
**Pre-polo & between chukkas festivities:** Wine pull, 50/50 raffle, stick horse race, and a kid's zone.  
**Be sure to bring:** Your lawn chair, blanket, tent, picnic basket, beverages, and your favorite tailgate activities. Make sure your pets are leashed and be sure to clean up after them. No grills allowed.  
**Interested?**  
You can learn more about polo in general and this event in particular at the Hickory Hall Polo club website at [this link](#).  
If you want to donate to Westfield Playhouse without attending the polo event, you can do so online at [this link](#).  
If you want to learn more about or donate to Children's TherAplay Foundation, [click here](#).

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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

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

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# TEST DRIVE TODAY



# From the desk of Hamilton Heights Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood

Update #66 from Dr. Derek Arrowood, Superintendent, Hamilton Heights School Corporation.

With the school year in full swing, each day brings newfound appreciation for the opportunity to simply be at school learning and growing together. I want to commend our teachers and staff for doing a great job of welcoming our students back to school and leaning into the new school year with a thoughtful and intentional mindset in supporting our students academically, socially, and emotionally.



DR. DEREK ARROWOOD  
Heights Superintendent

In addition to all the “new” this school year brings, there is a lot going on in the world around us with complexities and uncertainties that can cause additional stress, frustration, and anxiety above and beyond the “back to school” jitters. If you see your child struggling in any way as the school year progresses, please reach out to your child’s teacher, school counselor, nurse, or principal. Our students will benefit best from our working together in supporting their growth and overall well-being.

I would like to share

a note of appreciation to SHHAG, a new charitable advocate group comprised of businesses and individuals from Northern Hamilton County and The Duke Energy Foundation. Both have allocated grant money to Hamilton Heights. SHHAG provided a grant of \$32,500 to the Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance Program which has grown into a lifeline for district children in need. The Duke Energy Foundation awarded Heights \$20,000 to support our career and technical education program. In fact, Heights was among 11 workforce development and educational programs in the state to receive a part of the Foundation’s \$280,000 in

grant money to help create a pipeline of workers prepared for employment. We are humbled and grateful for their investment in our schools and in our youth. Thank you!

While we are on the topic of gratitude, we deeply appreciate our district and transfer families’ patience with our school transportation process as we worked through a few glitches. We have brought on David Hildebrand, a lifelong resident of Northern Hamilton County and former Cicero Police Chief, as our interim Director of Transportation while the current Director is out on leave. Dave and our team of drivers have risen to the challenges of a new

schedule and new school year. We appreciate each of you and your dedication to the safe transportation of our students to and from school.

I also want to give a shout out to HHMS Art Teacher, Erin Goodman, and members of the HHMS Art Club for sharing their talent with the community. Their bright and inspiring work on the west side of the Hair Happenings by Robin building in Cicero is truly a masterpiece. Erin and her student artists were also involved with another special art project over the summer. The project, spearheaded by the White River Alliance, involved 10 canoes individually painted

with scenes that reflect local culture, history, or the spirit of the river are strategically placed along sections of the White River from Strawtown to Indianapolis. Erin’s canoe, the only one painted by a group of young artists, is on display at Ko-teewi Park through October. [Click here](#) to read the story featured in the *Indianapolis Star* on this special project. #hhmsartclub

Thank you for your confidence and support as we work together to offer the most impactful educational experience for our students in spite of the challenges of adjusting to the ever-changing circumstances in our world.

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## HOUSING

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Plans call for building four two-bedroom units and seven three-bedroom units in what’s known as a cottage court layout, clustered around shared green space. Six of the 11 cottages will be reserved for residents who earn no more than 60 percent of area median income.

This will be HAND’s first rental property in Fishers. It owns eight rental communities in Hamilton and Boone counties – in Carmel, Cicero, Noblesville, Sheridan, and Lebanon – leasing almost 140 affordable apartments to low-income residents. Construction of a ninth, in Tipton, is expected to start this fall.

“We know that residents throughout Hamilton County need a wide range of housing options – including some affordable ones – and HAND is thrilled to be able to help,” said Executive Director Andrea Davis.

As part of its application



Rendering courtesy David Rausch Studio



Davis

for HOME funding, HAND signed service agreements with more than a dozen local non-profits that may be able to assist residents of Cumberland Cottages. Tenants will receive information about community partners’ services at move-in.

Construction is expected to begin early next year, following the completion of a federal environmental review and the city of Fishers’ approval of the final development plan.

HAND has enlisted the help of several local firms to

develop Cumberland Cottages. Project partners include David Rausch Studio, Jung Design, Context Design, Weihe Engineers, and Meyer Najem Construction.

Founded in 2003 as Hamilton County Area Neighborhood Development Inc., HAND has invested more than \$21 million in suburban housing. Its seventh annual housing conference, Spark!ng Creativity in Suburban Housing, is scheduled for Aug. 27 at the Embassy Suites in Noblesville. **Registration is open** until 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 20.

Learn more at [handincorporated.org](http://handincorporated.org).

## DRIVE SOBER

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severe and, in some cases, tragic consequences, so we’re asking everyone to plan ahead if they know they’ll be out celebrating,” said Sheriff Dennis Quakenbush. “These tragedies are preventable, and we don’t want to lose anyone this year.”

About 28 people die in the U.S. in drunk driving crashes every day. That’s approximately one person every 52 minutes and more than 10,000 annually, according to NHTSA.

In Indiana, drunk driving has been on the rise. Of the 898 traffic fatalities that occurred last year in the state, 151, or 17 percent, were alcohol related. That’s up from 130 in 2019. During Labor Day weekend alone, there were 12 fatal collisions with one involv-

ing a driver over the legal limit.

“Impaired driving continues to take a terrible toll on our state and nation,” said ICJI Executive Director Devon McDonald. “While these overtime patrols are effective and will undoubtedly save lives, we can’t enforce our way out of this issue. It’s up to everyone to drive sober and make smart choices behind the wheel.”

In Indiana, it is illegal to drive with a BAC of 0.08 percent or higher. In addition, drivers under 21 with a BAC of 0.02 percent or higher are subject to fines and a license suspension for up to one year.

However, impaired driving includes more than just alcohol. Drugs and even some over-the-counter

medications can also cause impairment and can slow coordination, judgment and reaction times on the road.

Officers will be on the lookout for all forms of impairment, in which the consequences can include thousands of dollars in legal fees, increased insurance rates, loss of license, a criminal record and possible jail time.

To avoid those, plan a safe and sober ride home before going out. Even if only one drink is consumed, designate a sober driver or plan to use a rideshare service, public transportation or taxi. Motorists that encounter a drunk driver on the road are encouraged to call 911.

[Click here](#) to learn more about Hamilton County Traffic Safety Partnership.

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## HAMILTON COUNTY Soil & Water CONSERVATION DISTRICT

### Soil & Water native tree fundraiser accepting orders

#### The REPORTER

Scorching temperatures in the August sun are a great reminder of the value of trees. The shade they provide can make air temperatures directly under trees as much as 25 degrees cooler than air above nearby blacktop.

Cooler temperatures are just one of the many benefits trees provide, including cleaner air, flood prevention, bird habitat, and higher property values.

The first step toward reaping the many benefits trees provide is planting a few. The Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District is supporting this effort by making quality native tree and shrub stock available via its annual native tree fundraiser.

Forty-six species of native trees and shrubs are available for just \$29 per three-gallon containerized specimen. Pre-orders are required by Sept.

22. Orders can be picked up on Friday, Oct. 1 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds. Details on tree species and growing conditions, as well as online ordering, are available at [hamiltonswcd.org](http://hamiltonswcd.org).

This tree sale focuses on species native to Indiana. These types of trees are uniquely suited to Hoosier soils and weather, but most importantly, they are uniquely suited to support local wildlife – especially birds, insects, and other pollinators.

Three-gallon trees are a great choice as they are easy to maneuver and plant, economical, and will grow quickly. In addition to native trees, 15-gallon watering bags are also available in this year's sale.

The tree sale is the district's largest annual fundraiser. All proceeds go back into conservation and education in Hamilton County.

### Crash on 146<sup>th</sup> Street leaves one person dead

#### The REPORTER

Hamilton County Sheriff Department deputies responded to a vehicle crash with injuries at approximately 8:14 p.m. on Sunday at the intersection of 146th Street and Carey Road.

According to investigators, information received on scene indicated a black Cadillac was traveling westbound on 146th Street and was attempting to turn southbound onto Carey Road when it was struck on the passenger side by a white Honda traveling westbound. After the initial impact, the Cadillac then

struck a blue Kia that was stopped on the south side of the intersection facing north.

The drivers of the Kia and Honda were uninjured, but the driver of the Cadillac was unconscious when first responders arrived. It is believed the driver of the Cadillac was experiencing a medical episode unrelated to the crash. The driver of the Cadillac was transported to St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis and later died.

The identity of the deceased has not yet been released.

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## Noblesville Lions serve snacks at Cultural Arts Band Festival



Photo provided  
Noblesville Lions assisted the local Cultural Arts at their Band Festival on Aug. 8 by serving snacks. (Above) The first shift of Lions crew took a moment to gather for a photo at the event.

## Beck's Hybrids to unveil new soybean tower

#### The REPORTER

Beck's Hybrids, 6767 E. 276th St., Atlanta, will hold a grand opening ceremony next week for its new soybean tower that will rank as one of the largest processing facilities in the world.

The 221-by-300-foot facility features a seven-story stand-alone processing tower that includes an observa-

tion deck with a glass floor for visitors to see soybeans being processed, video monitoring on all machinery operations, state-of-the-art batch treating to allow more versatility of ingredients, five new warehouses for seed and equipment storage, and office space. The addition of the new soybean tower allows for a

1.3 million-unit increase in corn processing capacity at the Atlanta facility.

The tower can process 24,000 bags per day through automated package filling for bulk and mini-bulk bags. Once the soybeans have been processed and packaged, 140 semi-trailer loads will be outgoing weekly.

The tower will be able to process three million bushels of soybeans per year, doubling Beck's processing to six million. With an increase in Beck's marketing territory, this addition will allow for a more efficient process and distribution of high-quality soybeans to current and future customers.

## AG Todd Rokita leads 15 states opposing Biden's lifting of Trump's remain-in-Mexico policy

#### The REPORTER

According to Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita, President Joe Biden acted unlawfully when he revoked the Trump administration's successful policy requiring migrants coming across the southern border to remain in Mexico while awaiting U.S. asylum hearings.

"President Biden clearly failed to consider the negative impact imposed on the states by his rash and ill-conceived action," Rokita said. "The Trump policy worked. It's a commonsense measure to keep our states safer and our border more secure."

A U.S. district court already has ruled that the Trump policy – formally known as the Migrant Protection Protocols (MPP) –

must be reinstated until Biden follows proper legal procedures to change it, including consideration of alternative policies and the impact on states.

The U.S. Department of Justice, however, has asked a federal appeals court to stay the district court's injunction pending an appeal.

In an **amicus brief joined by 14 other states**, Rokita argues there is no good reason to delay the district court's order to reinstate the Trump policy.

"The remain-in-Mexico policy was a reasonable response to the surge of hundreds of thousands of Central American mi-



Rokita

grants attempting to cross through Mexico into the United States," Rokita said. "The costs of revoking this policy should be obvious to the Biden Administration."

Before the Trump policy's implementation, each year thousands of aliens were paroled in the United States while awaiting hearings, Attorney General Rokita notes in his brief. That process often took several years.

More than 30 percent of aliens awaiting a scheduled hearing then failed to appear, betting instead they could remain in the United States illegally and indefinitely. After the introduction of MPP, however, the appearance rates of aliens improved markedly while

processing times before the pandemic significantly decreased.

The Trump policy also likely led to an overall reduction of encounters at the border and likely encouraged many asylum seekers without meritorious claims to stay in or return to their countries of origin, the brief notes. These positive changes have lessened the costs imposed by illegal immigration on the states and their citizens.

Without MPP, thousands of illegal aliens would be paroled in the United States while awaiting the outcome of their removal proceedings. This would impose new, sweeping costs on the states in supporting these parolees – not to mention the thousands who would fail to appear and instead choose to remain in the United States illegally.



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The Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals – South District will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2021, in the Commissioners' Courtroom/Council Chambers on the first floor of the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals – North District will meet at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2021, in the Commissioners' Courtroom/Council Chambers on the first floor of the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

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##### MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners will meet on Friday, September 3, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. to discuss the American Rescue Plan Act and other county business if necessary. This meeting will be held in Conference Room 1A in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana.

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# Rock Garage celebrates one year at Castleton location

## The REPORTER

Rock Garage is celebrating one year at its current location in Castleton on the north side of Indianapolis. 'Rock the Lot' will be a free concert, open to the public, taking place from 1 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 29.

The Rock Garage band program is built upon the principles of band chemistry, live experience, and having a good time. There are several ways to become involved in Rock Garage. First, anyone interested in taking music lessons will benefit from one of the excellent musicians at Rock Garage. They offer lessons both online and in-person for guitar, bass, drums, ukulele, mandolin, banjo, and vocals.

Becoming a member of a band is another way to get involved through Rock Garage. Under the guidance of one of their professional music directors, members will be assigned to a band, then will choose and even create their own music. These bands then play concerts at a variety of venues.

"We have 42 bands and growing," stated Dave Foellinger, co-owner of Rock Garage. "This gives us a lot of flexibility to put the right people together to create the best experience."

This 'Rock the Lot' event will be a great opportunity for youth and adults to learn more about the options offered. Rock Garage staff and owners will be available to answer questions as well as give tours of the facility and explain dif-



Photo provided

ferent membership options.

The public is invited to come out to this event, whether just to sit in the parking lot and listen to the various bands that will be playing, or to learn more about Rock Garage itself. While listening to the music, patrons are invited to bring their own food and drink as food vendors will not be on hand.

Rock Garage prides itself on being all-inclusive. Opportunities are for any age group, child or adult, and any skill set.

"You can be an aspiring musician or have been playing for a long time," said Foellinger. "You don't need to be a seasoned musician. If you just love singing karaoke and want to take it to the next level, you'll be a perfect fit for us."

Rock Garage bands play all around the Indianapolis area; they are currently scheduled to perform at locations in Greenwood, Bargersville and Anderson. In the past, bands have performed on classic stages like The Vogue as well as Carb Day for the Indy 500. They even had the opportunity to open for

Bret Michaels at a private party. For those looking to become a member of one of the Rock Garage bands, just think of where you could play.

Come out and Rock the Lot on Sunday, Aug. 29 at 8115 Center Run Drive, Indianapolis, to learn for yourself what Rock Garage is all about and have a really great time. You can reach out to Rock Garage at (317) 610-0111 or at [rockgaragemusic.com](http://rockgaragemusic.com).

### About Rock Garage

Rock Garage was born out of the Pandemic shutdown when Dave and Kate Foellinger, Steve and Kimberly Klinger, and Preston and Rocky Nash joined forces to start a Facebook group for musicians to talk about music, upload their songs and share ideas. The group grew to more than 800 members from all over the world and eventually led to establishing a new website and a physical location in the summer of 2020. The Castleton business, located at 8115 Center Run Road, has three large rooms for bands to rehearse and record their music, and smaller rooms for private lessons.

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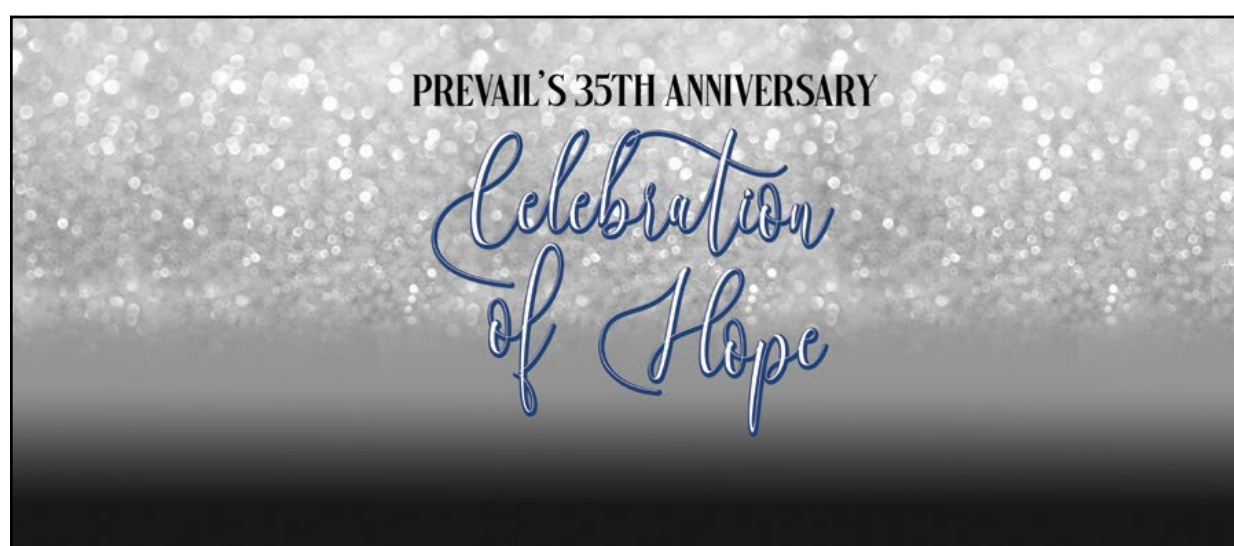
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Rodney L. McElfresh  
August 15, 1937 – August 17, 2021

Rodney L. McElfresh, 84, Indianapolis, formerly of Carmel, passed away on August 17, 2021. He was born on August 15, 1937 in Indianapolis, son of Lawrence and Mildred (Hamilton) McElfresh.



Rodney was a 1955 graduate of Manual High School. He was coach for his son Jeff's baseball and basketball teams for a number of years. Rodney worked as an Agent with Harbor House Gordon Insurance from 1998 to 2004, and also Farm Bureau Insurance for several years. He was an active member of the Carmel Jaycees in the club's early years. He enjoyed learning and studying history. While living in Florida, he was involved with the Florida Civil War Roundtable, as well as volunteering at the Nature Center in Fort Myers.

In addition to his parents, Rodney was preceded in death by his daughter, Evelyn Hoffmann, in 2012.

Survivors include his beloved wife, Ellen (Bowers) McElfresh; son, Jeff (Wendy) McElfresh; grandchildren, Joseph (Leia) Dawson, Jena McElfresh, Emily Dawson, Adam McElfresh, and Eric Hoffmann; great-grandchildren, Kailey, Anna, Quinton, Blaine, and Edwin Dawson; and sister, Betty (Neil) Bloomfield.

A Celebration of Life gathering will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, September 11, 2021 at Bussell Family Funerals, 1621 E. Greyhound Pass, Carmel.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in memory of Rodney be directed to St. Vincent Hospice (Compassus), 8450 N. Payne Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268.

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David Greene Oliver  
November 21, 1957 – August 18, 2021

David Greene Oliver, 63, Carmel, peacefully passed away on Wednesday, August 18, 2021. He was born on November 21, 1957, to Clinton and Mary Frances Smith Oliver, the fourth of their seven children. David lived most of his life in Glennville, Ga., moving to Carmel in 2016.



David had a tender heart for animals, especially dogs, and was rarely without a pet. He was a brilliant builder and machinist; he could construct anything his mind imagined. As a child, he delighted in building Lego constructions, cardboard mazes for his hamsters, and outdoor forts in the woods. He also drew accurate maps based on bicycle rides all over Tattnall County, Ga. As an adult, David was a machinist and welder and worked for a number of businesses in southeast Georgia.

David was a lifelong member of First Baptist Church in Glennville, where he enjoyed Sunday School classes, Bible studies, and relationships with fellow believers.

David was preceded in death by his niece, Rebecca Link; nephew, Clay Oliver; brother, Paul Oliver; and parents, Clinton, and Mary Frances Oliver.

He is survived by sister-in-law, Lisa Oliver; sister, Fran (Paul) Doupe, brother, Bert (Jan) Oliver; sister, Julie (Steve) Link; brother, Hamp; sister, Mary Ruth (Chuck) Ray; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

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# TODAY'S BIBLE READING

*So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!*  
2 Corinthians 5:16-17 (NIV)

Joseph Edward Pearson  
April 28, 1948 – August 14, 2021

Joseph Edward Pearson, 73, Westfield, passed away on Saturday, August 14, 2021, at IU Health North Hospital in Carmel. He was born on April 28, 1948, to Ed and Ruth (Williams) Pearson in Indianapolis.



He is survived by his daughter, Kimberly Pearson; son, John (Younga) Pearson; brother, Thomas (Sandy) Pearson; sister, Susan Timmerman; three grandchildren, Haley, Emma, and Grace; and several nieces and nephews. Joe was preceded in death by his parents.

As a young child, Joe overcame serious injuries from an auto accident to become a star student, athlete, coach, golfer, and friend to almost everyone he met. Joe starred in varsity basketball and baseball at Northwest High School before winning basketball and baseball scholarships at Butler University, where he played for Tony Hinkle's last Butler basketball team.

Joe was President of the National Honor Society in high school, DAR Award recipient, and selected to attend Hoosier Boys State. He went on to complete his bachelor and masters degrees at Butler University while maintaining a full varsity athletic schedule. Joe was also a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity and the B-Men's Club at Butler.

As Head Coach at George Washington High School, Joe built powerful teams that during its last two seasons of the school's existence were 44-5 (1994 Record of 20-3 and state-ranked 13th; 1995 Record 24-2 and state-ranked sixth). The 1994-95 season was highlighted with winning the City Tournament and Southport Sectional championships. Their final game in the Indianapolis Regional vs. westside rival Ben Davis was a heart breaker, losing on a half-court buzzer beater before a sell-out crowd of 11,011 at Hinkle Fieldhouse. It is still hailed as the "Last Great Urban Basketball Game" by the Indiana High School Basketball Hall of Fame magazine, and the team won universal praise as models of sportsmanship throughout the season.

As Varsity Assistant to Head Coach Alan Darnier at Pike High School, they formed a dynamic coaching duo to win two Indiana 4A State Championships (1998 and 2001). Known in the media as "Fire (Alan) and Ice (Joe)" they enjoyed a life-long friendship as they powered the Red Devils to national prominence in 1998 (USA Today ranking of sixth in the nation) finishing with a 30-1 record and a 26-3 record in 2001.

Joe completed his 37 years of coaching with six seasons as Head Coach of the Westfield Shamrocks basketball team where his combined record was 58-68. Like all his teams, the Shamrocks got better throughout his tenure as they built a basketball culture. He coached too many great players to name them all.

Joe's lifelong passion was golf. He was Member #165, one of the first members of The Club at Chatham Hills, but sadly fell ill before ever playing a full round there. He was a low single-digit handicapper at even the toughest courses, and a good day for him was a round in the mid 70s or better. He finally got his Hole-in-One a few years ago, and when asked how he once shot 80 at Pebble Beach he replied, "I missed the 30-footer on 18 for 79." It seems he could have rolled out of bed at midnight on a winter's eve, dusted the snow off the first tee, and striped one down the middle.

Joe met former players, rival coaches and referees everywhere he went. Trips to Starbucks and Panera Bread often meant an extra hour of "hoops" conversation. He will be greatly missed.

A Celebration of Joe's Life will begin Friday, August 20, 2021, with Visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers. An additional Visitation will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, with Funeral Services beginning at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Highland Cemetery in Fishers.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Joe Pearson Endowed Athletic Scholarship, c/o Butler University Advancement, 4600 Sunset Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46208. Gifts can also be made online at [butler.edu/gifts](http://butler.edu/gifts).

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## Soccer

# Miller boys beat Carmel, improve to 2-0

The Noblesville boys soccer team got a big win over a big rival on Thursday, as the Class 3A No. 1 Millers beat 3A No. 7 Carmel 3-0 at Murray Stadium.

Noblesville scored its first goal in the eighth minute; Palmer Ault found the back of the net off a Jake Johns assist. Spencer Holland added the second goal early in the second half, then Michael Crandley converted a penalty kick with under four minutes to go.

Millers coach Ken Dollaske was happy with the result, which gave his team a 2-0 record for the season.

"I know playing Carmel in the second game of the season, there's still just so many emotions going on. Everybody comes in very amped up. Great crowd from our guys, from Carmel guys. There's just so much energy.

"Was it a perfect game. By no means, no. But I kept telling the guys that if you keep bringing the heart every single game, even if you don't have it 100 percent skill-wise, we're going to win a lot of games this season."

Carmel dropped to 1-1 with the loss, but coach Shane Schmidt remained upbeat.

"I thought our boys played well," said Schmidt. He credited his team with continuing to work hard, even after the Millers scored their second goal.

"We started off the season playing the No. 7 and No. 1 and No. 3 teams in the pre-season poll," said Schmidt. "Not many teams in the state want to take on that type of challenge, but we did and we work hard to hopefully continue to get better and we figured out a couple things tonight that we might have capabilities of being able to do and continue to work."



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

**Noblesville's Spencer Holland scored a second-half goal for the Millers during their 3-0 win over Carmel Thursday at Murray Stadium.**

Noblesville will travel to Ohio on Saturday to play Olenangy Liberty, one of the top programs in that state. Carmel will stay in the county, traveling to 3A No. 3 Hamilton Southeastern.

University's boys beat Lebanon 2-0 in a Thursday home game.

The Trailblazers are 1-0-1 and host Indianapolis Lutheran Saturday morning.

Hamilton Heights' boys dropped a 4-0

game at Pendleton Heights on Thursday.

Jackson McCullough made seven saves for the Huskies, who host Muncie Burris Saturday morning.

### SHERIDAN GIRLS WIN

The Sheridan girls team picked up their first win of the season by beating Frankfort in a 5-2 road game.

"The Blackhawks came out with a lot of energy," said coach Brian Prange. Cecilia Timme proved that by scoring

five minutes into the game, with Chaney Smith making the assist.

The Hot Dogs tied the game 10 minutes later, but Sheridan erupted for three goals to lead 4-1 at halftime.

Timme totaled three goals and one assist, while Isabel Nunez scored the other two goals. Mac Smith and Makaley Terry each had one assist. Hailey Godbey had five saves.

The Blackhawks host International on Monday.

# HSE, Heights, Carmel win tennis duals

The Hamilton Southeastern boys tennis team swept Brownsburg 5-0 in its first Hoosier Crossroads Conference dual meet of the season.

The Royals' three singles players, No. 1 Rohan Golla, No. 2 Paul Schneider and No. 3 Abhi Chaddha, all won in straight

sets. Southeastern's doubles teams each prevailed in three sets: No. 1 Andrew Spurrison and Aiden De Witt won 6-7 (4), 6-3, 6-2, while No. 2 Rodrigo Davila and Nolan Houseman edged out their opponents 6-3, 2-6, 7-6 (3).

The Royals are 1-1 overall and host

North Central on Monday.

Hamilton Heights picked up a 3-2 dual meet victory over Pendleton Heights on Thursday.

The Huskies got wins at No. 2 singles from Tanner Maynard, No. 3 singles from

Eli VanHaaren, and at No. 1 doubles from Colin Weber and Grant Cavanaugh.

Carmel swept Cathedral on Thursday 5-0 in a dual meet.

The Greyhounds are 2-0 and host Lawrence North on Tuesday.

## Volleyball

# Millers sweep Chatard

The Noblesville volleyball team swept Bishop Chatard 25-23, 25-14, 27-25 in a Thursday night match at The Mill.

Ella Peter led the way for the Millers with 10 kills, five digs and four blocks. Riley Branch handed out 37 assists. Ava Harris and Gabby Weihe both hit nine kills, Diana Cox collected six digs, and Ava Rundle had seven digs and two aces.

Noblesville is 2-1 and plays Tuesday at Pendleton Heights.

Hamilton Southeastern won its first match of the season Wednesday by sweeping New Castle 25-5, 25-17, 25-12 in an away competition.

Tiffany Snook hit seven kills for the

Royals, while Lauren Harden and Avery Hobson both had six kills. Harden also made eight digs and served three aces.

Southeastern is 1-1 and host Lawrence North on Tuesday.

Sheridan dropped a straight-set match to Park Tudor on Thursday, 25-11, 25-17, 25-13.

Kenzie Garner led the Blackhawks' offense with six kills and three aces. Payton Warren collected five digs to go with two aces and one block. Nova Cross handed out four assists, Taylor Bates had eight digs and Jacquelynne Bates had six digs.

Sheridan hosts Lebanon on Tuesday.

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## Football previews

# Many three-year starters at Sheridan this season

Experience will not be a problem for this year’s edition of the Sheridan football team.

Larry “Bud” Wright, who begins his 56th season as coach of the Blackhawks tonight (and 57th overall) when his team travels to Western Boone, said Sheridan has a nice number of players returning from last season returning, with many of them seniors.

“Most of them are three-year starters,” said Wright.

Sheridan got to see some of those veteran players in action last Friday when the ‘Hawks hosted Crawfordsville in a scrimmage at Bud Wright Stadium. There was, unfortunately, one key player not on the field: Senior quarterback Silas DeVaney was injured during the summer and will not be able to play this season.

Sheridan also graduated Cameron Hovey, who totaled over 1,500 yards rushing last season. But the Blackhawks have two capable runners at the ready: Junior Peyton Cross, who rushed for nearly 500 yards as a sophomore, and senior Gavin Reners, a two-way player who also had some decent running games last season.

“Reners is a little over 200 (pounds), Cross is a little over 200,” said Wright. “That’s two pretty good-sized backs back there. That helps out.”

With DeVaney out, two sophomores are expected to jump into the quarterback duties, Mason Robinson and Zach Bales. Wright said those 10th-graders “are learning and getting better.”

“We’ll see how they come along,” said Wright. “We got a really good line in front of them. Hopefully the sophomore quarterbacks will learn quick.”

The offensive linemen are veterans, with three-year senior starters Jacob Ricci and Gabe Holler, and two-year senior starter Ethan Moistner. Junior Keagan Hampton and Gavin Petro are also two-



Photo by Si DeVaney III

**Sheridan junior Peyton Cross will be one of two capable runners for the Blackhawks this season. As a sophomore, Cross rushed for over 500 yards.**

year starters.

Sheridan’s defense also has experience under its belt, with five three-year starters. Senior Presten Weir will play at strong safety, Cale Cummings and Reners are listed at middle linebacker, Cross will play defensive tackle and Christian Clausen is at defensive back.

“We’re moving our kids all around, trying to find the best position for them,” said Wright. During the scrimmage week,

Wright said the coaching staff “moved about two or three kids to different positions. Hopefully we’ll find the right combination.”

Other probable starters are senior Cole Webel at tight end and defensive end, senior Cayden Hunter at wide receiver and safety, junior Jacob Jones at running back and nose tackle, senior Noah Ehrie at outside linebacker and Aiden Garrison at defensive back.

The Blackhawks will get a good test for their first game, as Western Boone is the three-time defending Class 2A state champion. The Stars move up to Class 3A this year due to the success factor.

“They got a lot of returning kids from the state championship team,” said Wright.

Sheridan jumps into Hoosier Heartland Conference play in Week 2, when it hosts Clinton Central.

## Improving Golden Eagles have familiar linemen

With some familiar names on the offensive line and steady improvement over the summer, this could turn out to be a good season for the Guerin Catholic football team.

Golden Eagles coach Tom Dilley said his 2021 squad returns all five starters from the previous season’s offensive line, in addition to its starting quarterback, Sam Jacobs. The senior had a solid campaign during his junior year, throwing for 515 yards and four touchdowns.

Guerin Catholic’s offensive line has a nice bit of size to it, as all five players are

6-foot-2 or taller, and listed between 225 and 265 pounds. The seniors are center Luke Schenk and guard Scotty Smith, the juniors are guard Max Cossell and tackle Brendan McIlvenna, with sophomore Josh Holba at the other tackle position.

Dilley also said the Golden Eagles have “a potentially strong group of receivers,” a group that includes senior Ryan Glenn, junior Will Fremion and sophomore Alex Gibbs. Glenn had 19 catches last season, including two touchdowns.

Juniors Liam Miller (tight end) and

Justin Zdobylak (running back) round out the GC offensive starters.

Guerin Catholic’s secondary will also be solid this season, Dilley said. That list includes two junior cornerbacks, Joe Youngman and Luke Moody, and senior safeties Adam Novelen and Max Nickell. Novelen returns the most tackles of the group, making 57 stops last season.

Seniors Aden Cannon, Robert Sapienza and Alex Sims are slated to start on the defensive line. Seniors Tanner Finley and Dylan Balcer are Guerin Catholic’s outside linebackers, with juniors Antho-

ny Ferrucci and Jonathan Gonzalez the inside linebackers.

“Our team has been focused and has improved steadily over the summer and through the first week of practice,” said Dilley. “We are excited about the season.”

The Golden Eagles travel to McCutcheon tonight for their season opener, then host Lafayette Central Catholic next week for the annual Bishop’s Cup game. Guerin Catholic begins Circle City Conference play on Sept. 3 with a game against Heritage Christian.

## Solid offense, new defense in store for Tigers

There will be talent on the Fishers football field this season, and there will be some familiarity as well.

The Tigers begin their season tonight by hosting North Central at Reynolds Tigers Stadium. Fishers will have solid experience on offense, including two explosive players, and will be presenting something new when it comes to the defensive end.

“Practice has been going well and the players seem eager to improve from last season,” said second-year Fishers coach Curt Funk. “We will continue to build throughout the season and keep working on the fundamentals.”

First, the offense. Tight end Jeffrey

Simmons, a star since his freshman year, will be a force on the receiving end. He led the team in catches with 50, including two touchdowns. Meanwhile, junior Carson Dunn broke out for the Tigers in a big way last season, carrying for 787 yards and scoring five touchdowns.

Left guard Caleb Hart and center Jaxon Hyatt are Fishers’ returning offensive linemen. Senior Collin McPeck and junior Aidan Zimmer bring back experience at wide receiver, and senior Dom Oliverio is another returner; he is slated for the H-back position on offense. The quarterback will be junior Luke Minns; he played in a couple varsity games last year.

Other offensive starters are sophomore left tackle Grant Haworth, junior David Jacobs at right guard and Tony Crane at right tackle.

“I think our strengths on offense will be another year familiar with a new system,” said Funk. “We are young in some areas, but we feel like we can improve as the season progresses. Our players are eager to learn and grow on offense.”

The defense has several returning players as well. Senior nose tackle Curtis Kearschner had 55 stops for the Tigers last season, including a team-leading 10.5 tackles for a loss and four sacks.

Oliverio will also play defense, as one of the linebackers. Senior Caleb VanDer Kamp returns as one of the defensive ends, while senior Jake Gates and junior

Grady Stanley also bring back experience at linebacker. Three more returning players that will start on defense are senior Dawson Scally at free safety, senior Jack Alvarez at strong safety and junior Grant Shelton in the cornerback position.

Other defensive starters include sophomore Brady Wolf at defensive end, senior Zach Willard at linebacker and junior Jaz Boykin at corner back.

“On defense, we are implementing a new scheme and the players have adjusted well,” said Funk.

“Our defense is picking up on it, but we still have areas to improve.”

After hosting North Central tonight, Fishers plays at Pike next Friday. The Tigers open Hoosier Crossroads Conference play on Sept. 3 at Noblesville.

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# Major League Baseball standings

American League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Tampa Bay	75	47	.615	-
N.Y. Yankees	70	52	.574	5.0
Boston	69	54	.561	6.5
Toronto	63	56	.529	10.5
Baltimore	38	82	.317	36.0
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chi. White Sox	71	51	.582	-
Cleveland	58	61	.487	11.5
Detroit	58	65	.472	13.5
Minnesota	54	68	.443	17.0
Kansas City	52	68	.433	18.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	71	50	.587	-
Oakland	69	53	.566	2.5
Seattle	66	56	.541	5.5
L.A. Angels	62	61	.504	10.0
Texas	42	79	.347	29.0

Thursday's games		Arizona 6, Philadelphia 2
L.A. Angels 13, Detroit 10		N.Y. Yankees 7, Minnesota 5
Tampa Bay 7, Baltimore 2		Cincinnati 6, Miami 1
Seattle 9, Texas 8, 11 innings		St. Louis 8, Milwaukee 4
Houston 6, Kansas City 3, 10 innings		L.A. Dodgers 4, N.Y. Mets 1
Oakland 5, Chicago White Sox 4		

National League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Atlanta	65	56	.537	-
Philadelphia	61	60	.504	4.0
N.Y. Mets	60	61	.496	5.0
Washington	52	68	.433	12.5
Miami	51	71	.418	14.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Milwaukee	74	48	.607	-
Cincinnati	66	57	.537	8.5
St. Louis	62	58	.517	11.0
Chi. Cubs	54	69	.439	20.5
Pittsburgh	42	79	.347	31.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
San Francisco	78	43	.645	-
L.A. Dodgers	76	46	.623	2.5
San Diego	67	56	.545	12.0
Colorado	55	66	.455	23.0
Arizona	41	81	.336	37.5

Thursday's games		Phoenix 77, Washington 64
Connecticut 82, Minnesota 71		Los Angeles 66, Atlanta 64

Eastern Conference				
Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Connecticut	17	6	.739	-
Chicago	11	11	.500	5.5
New York	11	12	.478	6.0
Washington	8	13	.381	8.0
Atlanta	6	16	.273	10.5
Indiana	4	18	.182	12.5

Western Conference				
Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Las Vegas	17	6	.739	-
Seattle	16	7	.696	1.0
Minnesota	13	9	.591	3.5
Phoenix	12	10	.545	4.5
Dallas	10	13	.435	7.0
Los Angeles	9	13	.409	7.5

# Larson endures late bump to win BC39, complete IMS dirt sweep

Kyle Larson can indeed take a bump.

The driver who has dominated U.S. motorsports over the past three months handled the competition again Thursday night on The Dirt Track at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, surviving late-race contact in a battle for the lead to win the third Driven2SaveLives BC39 Powered by NOS Energy Drink.

The USAC Midget National Championship race honoring the late Bryan Clauson, an Indiana native who made three Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge starts on the oval track surrounding this quarter-mile stretch of dirt, tested Larson completely, particularly in the final couple of restarts. The NASCAR Cup Series star was running second and on the Turn 4 cushion with five laps to go when Thomas Meseraull slid into him.

The contact was hard enough to break Meseraull's right front wheel, ending his night after leading much of the race. Larson, who was unscathed, still had work to do – he had to get around and then hold off Justin Grant and a charging Brady Bacon in what he described as “chaos” on the 38th of 39 laps.

Larson said he almost gave away the race trying to hold off Grant in a side-by-side battle, but a solid final lap rescued him.

“I had a thought of what I wanted to do, and I kind of screwed it all up on that last restart,” he said. “I slid myself (high) a few times, and I shouldn’t have been doing that, but I knew Justin was on top in (Turns) 1 and 2 there.

“I slammed the curb every time in (Turn) 4, and then Brady got to my inside and Justin was there. It was just wild. I did not do a good job there on that restart but thankfully put a decent last lap together and snuck through for the win. I’ll take it.”

Larson earned \$15,000 for the victory, and it continued his run of success since winning NASCAR’s Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway on May 30. Since then, he has won four additional Cup races, the Kings Royal and Knoxville Nationals in a sprint car and the Prairie Dirt Classic in a late model. Larson opened the year by winning the Chili



Bowl Midget Nationals.

Larson also won Wednesday night’s IMS preliminary race, known as the Stoops Pursuit, which came with a \$3,000 prize. He also won that event in 2019, but this was his first main event win at IMS.

Larson said it was “cool to win this race and honor Bryan,” the Noblesville, Indiana, driver who lost his life five years ago this month following a crash in the Belleville Midget Nationals.

“This event has grown into something really big, and I’m glad to be part of it,” Larson said while thanking IMS management, including owner Roger Penske, who was on hand for a second straight night. “Putting a little bullring here in the infield is really cool.

“These midgets are so much fun and so fun on a little track like this. This is the perfect midget track. (IMS) did such a good job building this place -- the size, the dimensions, the banking, the dirt, everything. The track build is great, so hats off to the whole crew here.

“That was so much fun.”

Grant didn’t completely agree with Larson.

“Man, I hate running second to this guy,” he said, smiling. “He’s good; I

don’t have to tell you guys. But man, he’s good playing the slider game and doing that (high line) in (Turn) 4. He does it as good or better than anybody.

“We had a couple of chances there (to beat him) and didn’t get him played quite right. I had to take a pretty big bomb to get out in front of him there in 3 and 4 ... just a ton of fun.”

Meseraull finished 24th in the 25-car field despite leading much of the 39-lap race. The race distance is in honor of Clauson, who often carried that number on his race car.

Cup Series driver and Hoosier Chase Briscoe finished 11th in the main event, with USAC champion Chris Windom 21st after recovering from a flip in Turn 3.

Reigning Cup Series champion Chase Elliott was bounced from the field in the B-Main, slowing to a stop while running 12th. Jason McDougal’s car came to a stop with slight contact alongside him. Elliott finished 18th. Logan Seavey won the race, giving him two in a row after also winning the C-Main. 2013 Brickyard 400 winner Ryan Newman’s night came to an end after he finished 14th in the C-Main.

NTT INDYCAR SERIES driver Conor Daly was eliminated in the second D-Main after finishing seventh. Only the top three drivers advanced to the C-Main.

The qualifying race winners were Bacon, Cannon McIntosh, Tyler Courtney, Kevin Thomas Jr., Emerson Axson and Windom.

In hot laps, Spencer Bayston posted the night’s only official lap under 12 seconds. His time was 11.964 seconds. Larson, who turned the exact same time in Wednesday’s hot laps, was sixth at 12.135 seconds.

Clauson Marshall Racing teased the crowd gathered at The Dirt Track at IMS with a renumbered car for the night’s action. It bore No. 18, leading to speculation that a mystery driver such as Kyle Busch, who carries the number in NASCAR, might arrive to participate.

Alas, a driver’s name appeared on the car honorary starter Jeff Gordon drove in exhibition laps Wednesday night. The name on the car: Roger Penske, the IMS owner who has experienced 18 victories in the Indianapolis 500. Although Penske might have wanted to don a helmet and drive a midget, he did not.

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