

Westfield welcomes new teachers & support staff



Photos provided by Westfield Washington Schools

Welcome to these new staff members of Westfield Washington Schools (WWS). To set up new teachers, instructional assistants, and other staff for success, each year WWS holds a New Educator Orientation. During the event, everyone got to know a little more about the new staff, they built relationships with each other, and (judging by the pictures) they had a little fun while doing it.

He's not a clutch player when it comes to tractors

Several years ago, I had just finished photographing my then CEO, Jim, down by his barn when he asked THE DREADED QUESTION: "Do you want to drive the tractor?"



This stopped me in my tracks. I have never driven a tractor – or anything akin to a tractor – before. My reply was immediate, instinctual, as is often the case when I'm asked to step outside my comfort zone: "No."

I do not – should not – operate heavy machinery. Most of my life is spent at a computer keyboard where the risk of physical damage remains minimal – to me, to those around me, to anything around me. The personal computer is my comfort zone. It does not entail a clutch.

I've never understood clutches. I lack the coordination required to operate one. My only experience with a clutch came at 16 when I was tested on a stick-shift vehicle for drivers' training. The instructor's truck lurched backwards across the sidewalk and hit a bush on school grounds. The shaken instructor passed me anyway, just so we wouldn't have to do it again.

"Go ahead, drive it," Jim said, oblivious to my background.

I know Jim well enough to know that he is a life-long learner; he endorses others to try new things, to step outside their element. Plus, he is not shy about sharing his toys. Not even Grandpa Saalman had ever offered me an opportunity to drive his tractor. He knew better. He valued his toys.

"That's okay," I told Jim. "It's probably not a good idea."

"Try it."
"I don't think so."
"I'll ride with you."

He wasn't giving up. I caved. He would be beside me. What could go wrong?

Jim showed me how to turn the key, work the clutch, and shift into first gear.

We putted along.

This wasn't so bad after all. I caught myself making tractor sounds with my vibrating lips.

"Want to go faster?"

Confidence knocked at my door, and I answered. I wanted to say something farm smart like, "There's five more acres in the lower 40 I've got to plow," reciting recalled lyrics from "Ode to Billie Joe."

I shifted to the next gear. Eat my dust, Grandpa Saalman, I wanted to shout.

"Why don't you go ahead and take it into the barn," Jim said.

It seemed easy enough. The door was plenty wide as I passed through. Straight ahead, Jim's son-in-law, Kurt, stood near a restored '65 Chevrolet pickup, which had belonged to Jim's late father-in-law.

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Noblesville Lions grow by two new members



Photo provided by Noblesville Lions Club

On Wednesday, the Noblesville Lions Club inducted two new members: Julie Davis and Terry Dawson. Lion Julia Kozicki, 25-D District Governor, was on hand to perform the ceremonies for the new members and their sponsors. (From left) Lion Steve Shaw (Sponsor), Terry Dawson, Julie Davis, Lion Gene Beck (Sponsor), and Lion Julia Kozicki, 25-D District Governor.

Mayor Jim Brainard honored at fifth Indiana India Business Council Gala

The REPORTER

On Wednesday, the Indiana India Business Council (IIBC) recognized Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard with the prestigious Indiana Ratna (Jewel of Indiana) award at IIBC's fifth annual gala.

IIBC Founder and President and member of the Mayor's Advisory Commission on Human Relations Raju Chinthala said, "Mayor Jim Brainard has had an extraordinary tenure, redefining and reimagining the city of Carmel."

The Indiana Ratna award was given to Mayor Brainard for his significant contributions towards "strengthening cultural, educational, political, social and economic ties and his profound impact in both Indiana and India during his seven terms as Carmel's Mayor."



Photo provided by City of Carmel

(From left) IIBC Founder and President Raju Chinthala; Rupal Thanawala, CEO Trident Systems and President of the Asian American Alliance, Inc.; and Mayor Jim Brainard.

Teter Farm To Table dinner funds food security mission

The REPORTER

Tickets and sponsorships are available now for Teter Organic Farm's annual Farm To Table dinner fundraiser to be held Friday, Sept. 22 at Conner Prairie's Woodland Hall, with proceeds benefiting the farm's mission to increase access to healthy food for the vulnerable and provide ecological education while building relationships and community.

"The Farm To Table dinner is one of the highlights of the farm year," explained Farm Manager Katy Rogers. "We're on track to raise and donate 30,000 servings of fresh organic produce to Hamilton County residents in need."

Tickets are \$80 each and include appetizers, a three-course meal with a



Photo provided

Teter Farm Manager Katy Rogers.

choice of chicken or vegetarian entrée, and two drinks (including beer and wine). Sponsorship packages are also available which start at just \$500.

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With Daystar Directional Drilling as Teter's Mission Partner and the Hamilton County Community Foundation serving as title sponsor, this year's menu will highlight Teter Organic Farm's vegetables and other seasonal favorites, under the culinary guidance of local favorite Chef Suzanne Rockwell, who has become a local favorite while working in the food industry as a private chef, executive chef and restaurant general manager for years. Suzanne started Chef Suzanne Catering in 2009 and in 2014 opened her own kitchen where she prepares delicious, healthy cuisine for families, clients and party guests.

The evening includes a program with guest speaker

Deborah Smith, Integrated Care Regional Director for IU Health. Her background in social work and health care gives her insight into the importance of access to healthy food.

"Without the support of our 'farm-ily,' we couldn't make this mission a reality," Rogers said. "From volunteers who give of their time, to those who purchase tickets for the dinner, to those individuals and businesses who sponsor our efforts, every

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role is important."

Teter Organic Farm supplies a significant portion of the fresh produce to the Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank for distribution to local pantries and food programs that serve over 27,000 food insecure people in Hamilton County. Teter Organic Farm is a mission outreach of Noblesville First United Methodist Church.

Tickets and sponsorships can be purchased at [TeterOrganic-Farm.com/FarmToTable](https://teterorganicfarm.com/farmtotable).

Rockwell

Smith

CLUTCH

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(As Jim's wife, Pat, explained later, "When Dad died, it became part of our family. I learned how to drive it, as did our daughter, Selena, and our grandkids, Mira and Evan. If it could talk, it would have many stories to tell.")

The tractor continued its barn crawl. Still beside me, Jim instructed, "Okay, you can stop now."

But the tractor wouldn't stop. It – we – headed straight toward the grill of the blue truck.

I frantically pumped the brake, as if trying to stamp out fire ants. I practically stood on the brake pedal with both feet.

"Stop, stop," Jim said, clearly alarmed.

The gap between tractor and truck closed.

"Scott, you're going to hit the truck," Kurt yelled.

It was a sickening, slow-motion feeling. I had resigned myself to the inevitable: there would be a collision.

I remembered a framed picture of this very same truck in Jim's office. That's how much he loved the truck; it was like family.

I was going to plow into a family member of our CEO!!! This will not look too good on the not-too-distant job resume, I thought.

I worried Kurt might jump between the tractor and truck and play Super Son-In-Law. At the last possible second, though, a quick-thinking Jim reached over and did something. Perhaps he turned off the key. Anyhow, the motor stopped, the tractor rolled a few more inches and became still. You could barely fit a feather between tractor and truck. Disaster averted.

A few days later, Kurt

confided, "I'm glad it was you and not me."

Once off the tractor, I learned you must engage the clutch to stop a tractor, and Jim learned I had not known this.

To tractor trainers out there, remember: the first step to teaching someone to drive a tractor is to first teach them how to stop it.

I earned a nickname that day: Clutch.

"Next time we'll have you practice in an open field first, Clutch," Jim said.

But I knew my tractor days were over. Someone else will have to plow the rest of the lower 40. I was more than happy to climb into my Corolla and return to the comfort zone of an automatic transmission. As for the prized, undamaged truck, it has yet another story to tell.

Contact scottsaalman@gmail.com if you need a humorous speaker for a business or social gathering. Laughter is a key ingredient for mental well-being.

Photo provided
Pat and Jim Thyen (former CEO of Kimball International) with their prized pickup, circa 2011.

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It's back to school – with a few legislative changes

With students back in their classrooms here in House District 32, it's a great time to review the new education policies passed by the General Assembly this year.

This session, the legislature implemented the "science of reading" into schools' curriculum. This method of teaching literacy is based on 50 years of neurological research and gives students the skills necessary to figure out essentially any unrecognized word.

In this method, reading is broken down into five main categories: phonics, phonemic awareness, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. The policy makes this strategy universal across Indiana schools, requires higher education to teach future educators how to use this method, and provides current teachers resources to begin teaching this way. If we want our students to be successful in and out of the classroom, it is crucial that we provide them with



COLUMNIST
VICTORIA GARCIA WILBURN
State Representative

the best methods possible for early reading skills.

Throughout the pandemic, we were reminded that school offers children more than a standard education; it is also a space where children learn social skills and build relationships. Unfortunately, bullying occurs far too often in school and can pose serious risks to our children. Now, schools have narrower discipline and reporting requirements for instances of bullying. This helps protect the mental health of our children and reduces the risk of suicide.

Suicide is now the second leading cause of death among school-aged youth. Therefore, school administrators, staff and faculty should be key players in carrying out suicide prevention strategies for school-aged youth.

Part of the newly passed budget allows families to not be charged for their child's textbooks and other curricular materials, includ-

ing iPads and laptops. While this policy is a big help to families with school-aged youth, public schools are still on the hook and expected to dip into their already dwindling base funding to cover the costs since a per-student dollar amount has not been determined. This is a budgetary shortcoming I was vocal about and voted against this past legislative session.

Speaking of budgetary shortcomings, the latest biennium budget and education policies are undermining the success of our prized public education system moving forward. This school year, Carmel Clay Schools and Hamilton Southeastern Schools are not receiving the historic amounts of funding they're accustomed to receiving and are at risk for competing against charter schools, many of which were brought into our community from national interest groups. Both CCS and HSE have a storied history of student successes and deserve adequate funding that will allow teachers and school staff to help guide

their students to academic achievement.

I voted against the final budget because these policies will chip away at our great schools' ability to build positive futures for our kids. In the wee hours of the final night of the legislative session, several new versions of the budget were introduced to account for charters and vouchers draining our public schools, and I listened to our local superintendents when they told me that this funding wasn't enough to deliver for our children.

I hope all the children and families in our district have a great start to the new school year, and I look forward to continuing my work to strengthen our public schools and give our children the best academic opportunities we can provide. I'm eager to hear from families and educators about their needs, concerns and goals moving forward.

State Representative Victoria Garcia Wilburn represents Indiana House District 32, which includes large portions of Fishers and southern Carmel.



Meet with Westfield city planner Caleb Ernst

The REPORTER

The Westfield Chamber of Commerce has begun a new series called "Pastry with a Planner" to give Members an opportunity to hear from Westfield city planners. Gain valuable insights as the city's planners present an overview of city structure and the Community Develop-

ment Department.

For the first Pastry with a Planner, Senior Planner Caleb Ernst will talk and answer questions from 8 to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 22 in the Legacy Room at The Bridgewater Club, 3535 E. 161st St.

Pastries and refreshing beverages will be provided. [Click here](#) to register.

New items this week at Sheridan Public Library

The REPORTER

Here are some of the new items that can be found at the Sheridan Public Library:

Fiction

1. Bone Hacker – Kathy Reichs
2. Bourne Defiance – Brian Freeman
3. Dead Fall – Brad Thor
4. Pink Lemonade Cake Murder – Joanne Fluke
5. Prom Mom – Laura Lipman
6. Rabbit Hutch – Tess Gunty
7. Secrets in the Dark – Heather Graham
8. Summer Girl – Elle Kennedy
9. Summer Skies – Jenny Colgan
10. Yellowface – R. F. Kuang

Children's

1. Go Pig or Go Home – Rob Harrell
2. Grandmothers Galore – Judith Henderson

3. Grumpy Monkey Don't Be Scared – Suzanne Lang
4. Pizza and Taco – Stephen Shaskan
5. Pumpkin Day at the Zoo – Susan Meissner
6. Red Jacket – Bob Holt
7. Shark and Bot – Brian Yanish
8. Thomas & Percy's Spooky Night – Christy Webster
9. Why Did the Monster Cross the Road – R.L. Stine
10. Witch & Wombat – Ashley Belote

Inspirational Fiction

1. Mistaken Mountain Abduction – Shannon Redmon
2. Reunited by the Baby – Brenda Minton

Movies

1. 1923: Season 1
2. Abbott Elementary: Season 1
3. Fast X
4. Guardian of the Galaxy: Volume 3

Carmel man charged in federal court for threatening Michigan election worker

BY DREW BLAIR
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A federal court has unsealed an indictment against a man in Carmel charged with threatening an election worker in the days following the 2020 presidential election.

Andrew Nickels, 37, is accused of calling a clerk in Michigan on Nov. 10, 2020, and leaving a voicemail that included death threats against the worker and the worker's family.

Nickels was scheduled

to appear in the federal district court in Detroit on Friday to formally hear one count of sending a threatening interstate communication which carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison if convicted.


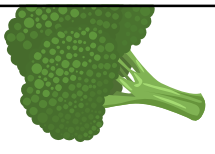

A quote from a profanity-laden voicemail at the center of an investigation by the FBI is included in the indictment made public.

According to the FBI, Nickels stated, "We're watching your... mouth talk about how you think that there's no irregularities...

[Y]ou frauded out America of a real election... Guess what, you're gonna pay for it, you will pay for it... [T]en million plus patriots will surround you when you least expect it, and your little infantile Deep State security agency has no time to protect you because they'll be bought out and we'll [expletive] kill you... [Y]ou will [expletive] pay for your [expletive] lying ass remarks... We will [expletive] take you out. [Expletive] your family, [expletive] your life, and you deserve a [expletive] throat


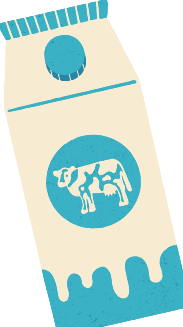

to the knife... Watch your [expletive] back... watch your [expletive] back."

News 8 did not find a history of serious offenses by Nickels in a search of criminal charges in Indiana.

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Full September calendar at Center for the Performing Arts

The REPORTER

The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel has announced its list of September events. Keep reading for more information or visit TheCenterPresents.org to buy tickets today.

Child & Adult Music Class: Row Your Boat
Fridays Sept. 8 to Oct. 6
9:30 & 10:45 a.m.
The Palladium

Come take a trip to the seaside! This session, kids will swim with fish, row in boats, and sing songs about sunshine as summer comes to a close. They'll sing, clap, bounce, tap, play instruments, and learn rhymes centered on sea, sun, fish, and fun. You and your child will have a blast in this fantastically fun class of musical marine exploration.

These highly engaging five-week music and movement classes for toddlers and their adult caregivers provide an age-appropriate music curriculum and related activities designed to immerse children and adults in the joy of music. Each Friday morning session introduces new songs, movement, instruments, and rhythms.

Click here for tickets.
Life with the Afterlife: True Tales of the Paranormal with Ghost Hunter Amy Bruni
Saturday, Sept. 16
at 8 p.m.
The Tarkington

Amy Bruni began her professional career as a paranormal investigator in 2007 when she joined the cast of SyFy's *Ghost Hunters*, eventually starring in 116 episodes. Now, she's the co-star and executive



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Dive into the paranormal with Amy Bruni on Sept. 16 at The Tarkington.

producer of The Travel Channel's *Kindred Spirits* and hosts the wildly popular *Haunted Road* podcast.

In her live appearances, Bruni shares her unique approach to interacting with the spirits of the dead, along with hair-raising tales from her countless hours hunting ghosts at America's most haunted locations. By the end of the night, you will question everything you thought you knew about the spirit world.

Click here for tickets.

Luminaries:
Mónica M. Muñoz - The Identity of a Dancer
Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 2 p.m.
The Palladium

Puerto Rican professional dancer, teacher, choreographer, and director Mónica M. Muñoz will share the story of how heritage, culture, tradition, lived experiences and external factors work to shape and define identity. She will share photographs, videos and stories depicting her Cuban mother's and Ecuadorian father's journey to Puerto Rico and how she eventually made her way to Indianapolis, all driven by her passion and love for dance.

Click here for tickets.

Beginner Ukulele Class
Wednesdays Sept. 27 to Oct. 25 at 8 p.m.
The Palladium

Never played the ukulele but want to learn? This five-week class is for you. In this skills-based course, students will learn basic strums and chords by focusing on a new song each week. Students may remain in this group until they feel confident to move on to General Ukulele. Recommended for ages 14 and up.

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Uptown: Motown Remixed

Thursday, Sept. 28 at 7:30 p.m.
The Palladium

From New York City, the epicenter of contemporary pop and soul, Uptown is a group that combines the smooth stylings of classic R&B with the fresh hits of today – the perfect mix of Bruno Mars-caliber stage presence with the vocals of Stevie Wonder and Marvin Gaye. Each member of the collective is a soloist, bringing a unique flavor that will have any crowd on its feet dancing and singing along.

Regardless of the genre or era of music, Uptown exudes freshness and fun in a way that everyone will enjoy.

Click here for tickets.
Peanut Butter & Jam: Musical Conexion
Saturday, Sept. 30
at 10:30 a.m.
The Palladium

To celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, make joyful connections through the universal language of music with Musical Conexion. This fun-filled, bilingual cultural experience is designed for both Spanish-speaking and non-Spanish-speaking families alike, with songs, movements and finger plays in Spanish and English accompanied by real instruments like guitar and cajón peruano. Cote Godoy of Chile and Kelsi Lee of Indiana are active musicians and experienced educators who create a fun, accepting, encouraging and inclusive atmosphere for everyone!

Designed for children aged 1 to 7, Peanut Butter & Jam sessions encourage young children to become engaged in the arts.

Click here for tickets.

Anderson Museum of Art invites you to Supporter Night celebration Sept. 29

The REPORTER

Anderson Museum of Art (AMOA) will hold its annual Supporter Night from 5 to 7 p.m. on Sept. 29 in Downtown Anderson.

The event will include a celebration of the arts with a special awards presentation, a guest speaker, experiential learning opportunities, live music, hors d'oeuvres, updates on the museum's upcoming plans for program expansion, and much more.

AMOA's Board of Directors would like to welcome the public to visit the museum for this special event to celebrate individuals who have helped build the Anderson art community. The museum's leadership will also share exciting news on AMOA's upcoming

endeavors to enhance the museum's offerings available to the community. Special guest speaker, Lauren Daugherty, Board-certified Art Therapist and Licensed Mental Health Counselor, will share her expertise on the therapeutic opportunities the arts provide for families.

Nominations for AMOA's Art Excellence Awards will be accepted until Aug. 31. AMOA will recognize an AMOAzing artist, volunteer, and AMOA Board of Directors member who has gone above and beyond to support the Anderson Museum of Art and its mission to enrich the community through the visual arts. The winners will be recognized at this year's AMOA Supporter Night.

Nominations can be submitted online at andersonart.org/supporter-night.


The event is open to the public for only \$15; AMOA Member tickets are \$10 each. A limited number of seats are available. Purchase your tickets now to join in on AMOA's celebration and its efforts to continue growing and glowing through the arts. Just go to andersonart.org/supporter-night.

About the Anderson Museum of Art

Located in the historic Carnegie Library building in downtown Anderson, the Anderson Museum of Art is host to a variety of local, regional, and national art exhibitions. In keeping with its mission statement – "To engage the community in

the visual arts" – AMOA endeavors to be an integral part of the growing art's community through a variety of means including collaborations with other arts organizations, youth and adult art classes, youth Summer Camps, public art receptions and participation in various downtown activities. The museum welcomes and invites the community to visit the exhibitions and share in this beautiful building during any open gallery hours or as a venue for community events, weddings, receptions, birthday parties, and much more. Also, with an in-house framing studio, AMOA has a variety of framing and repair options for artwork and memorabilia.

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By DANIELLE ZULKOSKY
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A new T-shirt calling out the **Hamilton East Public Library Board’s decision** to reshelve some books from the teen section to adult circulation is available for purchase online.

The **\$24.95 T-shirt** quotes part of Indianapolis author John Green’s now-deleted social media post where he said, “I only have a small voice in these decisions, of course, but you won’t catch me alive or dead in Fishers, Indiana until these ridiculous policies are revoked. Which I guess means no Top Golf or IKEA for a while.”

It was posted as a follow-up to his original tweet calling out the library board, which circulates items from facilities in Fishers and Noblesville, for its **Collection Development Policy** that requires strict attention be given to nudity, alcohol and drug use, profanity, violence, and sexual content before a book is placed in the children or teen sections.

Green’s most popular book, *The Fault in Our Stars*, was reshelfed for violating the **updated terms of the policy**. The book was made into a 2014 movie that was rated PG-13 and reportedly grossed \$307.2 million.

The Hamilton East policy overrides publisher, author, and librarian recommendations on where to shelve books.

Green tweeted on Wednesday, “*The Fault in Our Stars* has been removed from the YA section in the suburbs of Indianapolis and is now considered a ‘book for adults.’ This is ludicrous,” Green said on social media. “It is about teenagers and I wrote it for teenagers. Teenagers are not harmed by reading TFIOS. This is such an embarrassment to the city of @FishersIN.”

Des Moines, Iowa-based Raygun is a printing, design and clothing company with stores in Iowa and other parts of the Midwest, not including Indianapolis. Raygun made the T-shirt with permission from Green. The product description said that Green “feels bad because he knows a lot of good people in Fishers!” Raygun also say it’s sharing a portion of sales with the **Kurt Vonnegut Museum and Library** in Indianapolis.

Green followed his original tweet about the policy by sending a letter to the library board:

Hi,
I’m John Green, resident of Indianapolis and author of *The Fault in Our Stars*, *Turtles All the Way Down*, and other novels for teenagers. A community member gave me your emails; I hope you won’t mind my reaching



Photo provided by Raygun

Statement from Hamilton East Public Library Board President, Laura Alerding

Submitted

Over the past several months, the Hamilton East Public Library Board of Trustees has taken great strides to protect our most vulnerable patrons, our children, from content that was not age appropriate. While parents or guardians have the responsibility to determine what is appropriate for their own children, our Collection Development Policy ensures that families are no

longer confronted with age-inappropriate content in the children’s section.

Due to the events of this week, the Board will lead a discussion regarding the book review process and the operational plan to ensure we have the best outcome in the days ahead.

There will be no further comment at this time. The Board will plan to discuss this further at its upcoming board meeting.

out. Feel free to email me here or call me at (redacted phone number).

I know that some of you are very business-focused, so here’s some business: I’ve sold more than 40,000,000 books as a resident of Central Indiana, which has been good news for the tax revenue of this state and the local economy more generally. (We are, after all, home to the world’s largest book warehousing operation.) *The Fault in Our Stars* is the best selling book ever to be set in Indiana, and has driven considerable tourism to our shared community. I’m also the cofounder and CEO of an e-commerce company and the educational media company Complexly, which between them employ over 115 people, several of whom live in Fishers or Noblesville.

I am your neighbor. And I am absolutely horrified by the decision of some members of your board to override a huge body of expertise and deem hundreds of books – including mine – inappropriate to be shelved as Young Adult Literature. One of the novels you’ve pulled off the shelves won the Michael L Printz Award as the best Young Adult novel according to the leading librarians in the U.S. Another was awarded the Corinne Book Prize, the highest award for young adult literature in Germany. Other books on the list, including Judy Blume’s *Forever* and Laurie Halse Anderson’s *Speak*, are widely viewed as classics of Young Adult literature. And more to the point, librarians and teachers in our community—the highly-trained experts Fishers and Noblesville pay with public money—agree that these books should be shelved as Young Adult literature, which is precisely why they were until your shameful intervention.

It’s political theater of the lowest and most embarrassing order, and it’s an awful way to have Fishers and Noblesville make national news.

As a business owner, I’m infuriated by your third-rate vice signalling that complicates efforts to bring business and talent here. As a parent, I’m disgusted by your disregard for the professionalism and expertise of teachers and librarians. As a Hoosier author, I am deeply offended by your inaccurate and hurtful portrayal of my work. And as a citizen, I am so disappointed that you would use public time and public resources to engage in work that actively harms the public through censorship, defacto and otherwise.

I implore you to walk this awful policy back and allow the real experts to decide where to shelve my books and those of my colleagues.

Thank you for your time,
John Green

Good sky conditions for Perseids meteor shower in central Indiana

By DREW NARSUTIS
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](#)

As the Perseids meteor shower graces the night sky, central Indiana residents are eagerly preparing for an extraordinary celestial event through the next few days.

The Perseids, one of the most anticipated meteor showers of the year, are set to dazzle viewers with their vibrant displays of shooting stars in the coming days.

The Earth entered the Perseids debris field on July 17, but meteor viewing will peak on the night of Saturday, Aug. 12. With mostly clear skies and minimal light pollution due to the moon, the region’s residents are well-positioned to witness this celestial extravaganza’s

peak on Saturday night.

Astronomy enthusiasts are advised to head to darker areas away from city lights for the best viewing experience. Parks, open fields, and rural locations are excellent choices to escape the urban glow and immerse oneself in the beauty of the night sky.

Experts suggest finding a comfortable spot to lie back and allowing at least 20 minutes for the eyes to adjust to the darkness. The Perseids are known for their swift and frequent meteors, with up to 90 meteors per hour visible during its peak.

The Perseids are remnants of Comet Swift-Tuttle, and their radiant appears to originate from the constellation Perseus in the northeastern sky. However, these

shooting stars can be spotted throughout the entire sky, so scanning the night celestial expanse is recommended.

Grab a blanket, some snacks, and perhaps a thermos of hot cocoa, and prepare to be mesmerized by nature’s celestial fireworks. The Perseids meteor shower is a captivating event that offers a glimpse into the vastness and wonder of our universe, and central Indiana residents are fortunate to have a front-row seat to this awe-inspiring phenomenon.

If you happen to miss the action Saturday, fear not. The meteor shower will go on until Aug. 24. However, the further from the peak you get, the less spectacular the light show will be.

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AG Todd Rokita advises Hoosiers not to act too ‘Swiftly’ in purchasing secondhand Taylor tickets

Submitted

With Taylor Swift tickets becoming available this week for concerts coming to Indianapolis in November 2024, Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is reminding Swifties that scammers are no doubt looking to take advantage of fans and would-be concertgoers.

“Hoosiers are understandably thrilled whenever world-renowned artists bring their shows to Indiana venues,” AG Rokita said. “Fans just need to be sure to follow smart purchasing practices to stay safe.” Those “Enchanted” with the idea of lining up seats next fall are encouraged to review these tips, or else they might end up seeing “Red”:

- Investigate offers that you know “All Too Well” are too good to be true. Sellers, especially on online marketplaces and social media websites, may offer tickets at face value (or below) for events that are sold out or in high demand.



Rokita

Many offers end up being scams. Some sellers may say they need to sell tickets quickly, falsely claiming, for example, that they have a sick relative, medical emergency, or an overseas

payment or personal information, research a seller’s “Reputation.” Search the seller’s name, username, email address, phone number and other details for information. Even if you find no negative information, don’t assume that the seller is trustworthy. Scammers change names regularly.

If you’re using an app to transfer funds, be sure you understand the protections the service provides (or doesn’t) before making a transaction. With the proper safeguards in place, you can be relatively “Fearless” in making your purchase.

• If you think you know the seller, double check. Scammers may hack social media accounts and pretend to be a friend or acquaintance who’s selling tickets. Before sending money, contact your friend directly to make sure the deal isn’t just a part of the scammer’s “Wildest Dreams.”

Consumers who believe they have been defrauded should “Speak Now” and immediately report the details to the company they used to make the payment and the Office of the Indiana Attorney General.

Hoosiers can report scams to the Office of the Indiana Attorney General at indianaconsumer.com or by calling (317) 232-6330.

- Always use a credit card. With a credit card, if a problem arises, you have the potential for greater protection and the ability to dispute charges, unlike other payment methods. Scammers often request unconventional payment methods that are difficult to trace or recover, such as cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin. Unlike credit cards, these transactions are largely irreversible – making it much harder to “Shake It Off” if a ne’er-do-well tries to pull a fast one.
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Fishers road construction updates, week of Aug. 14

The REPORTER
146th Street & Allisonville Road

Phase 2A traffic restrictions are currently in effect. These restrictions eliminate left turns from 146th Street onto Allisonville Road and reopen to two thru lanes on eastbound and westbound 146th Street.

Utility relocation work is ongoing. Periodic lane closures may be necessary to complete this work. Watch for flaggers and workers in and around the construction zone.

Construction crews are continuing to work on storm sewer installation and roadway grading. Crews have begun working on the widening of the westbound bridge over the White River. The contractor has installed cofferdams and delineating buoys in the White River for pier construction. Use caution if canoeing or tubing through the work zone.

For additional project information, [click here](#).

106th Street & Allisonville Road

There is a sanitary sewer project currently taking place at Metro Airport at 106th Street and Allisonville Road. There are times where lane restrictions may be in place on Allisonville Road. Use caution in this area.

106th Street & Hoosier Road

Prep work prior to the roundabout construction is currently taking place. Work will include tree clearing, utility relocation and storm sewer installation. For additional project information, view the Capital Project Dashboard [here](#).

Cumberland Road

There are daily lane closures currently on Cumberland Road just south of 126th Street for sanitary and water line work. The northbound right turn lane and the southbound passing blister will be closed.

Geist Greenway

Geist Greenway is now open between Valley Crossing to 126th Street. Work will resume on the trail south of Valley Crossing Drive on or after Sept. 1 and remains closed until construction is finished. Construction continues to take place on Florida Road and between Bowline Drive and 104th Street. For general project information, please visit playfishers.com/299/Geist-Greenway.

Resurfacing Projects

ADA ramp and curb reconstruction is currently taking place in Bristols and at the Parks (Harvard, Oxford and Princeton Park) as part of the 2023 Resurfacing Project. After ADA ramp

and curb reconstruction is completed, those areas will be restored with topsoil and seed. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to water the seed for the seed to germinate. Prior to road resurfacing, residents will be notified via street signage for street parking restrictions.

For additional project information, view the Capital Project Dashboard [here](#).

State Road 37 & 141st Street

To learn more about the State Road 37 Improvement Project and sign up to receive text updates, visit 37Thrives.com.

I-465 & I-69

The ramp from I-69 North to 82nd Street and the ramp from 82nd Street to I-69 North is currently closed through late 2023. For detour routes and additional project information, visit ClearPath465.com.

Nickel Plate Trail

The City of Fishers is working on the completion of the Fishers portion of the Nickel Plate Trail between Hague Road and 106th Street. The installation of pedestrian rail is currently taking place and pedestrian flashers are not operative at this time.

To learn more about the Nickel Plate Trail, view the Capital Project Dashboard [here](#).

Sewer pipe lining work to close northbound lane of Gray Road

The REPORTER

The Carmel Utilities department will be lining a sanitary sewer pipe under Gray Road. This project is scheduled for installation on or after Thursday, Aug. 17 between the hours of 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. the following day and will require a northbound lane closure of Gray Road.

Flaggers will be present to maintain traffic in both directions with limited interruptions. This will not require any outages or interruptions of services for area residents.

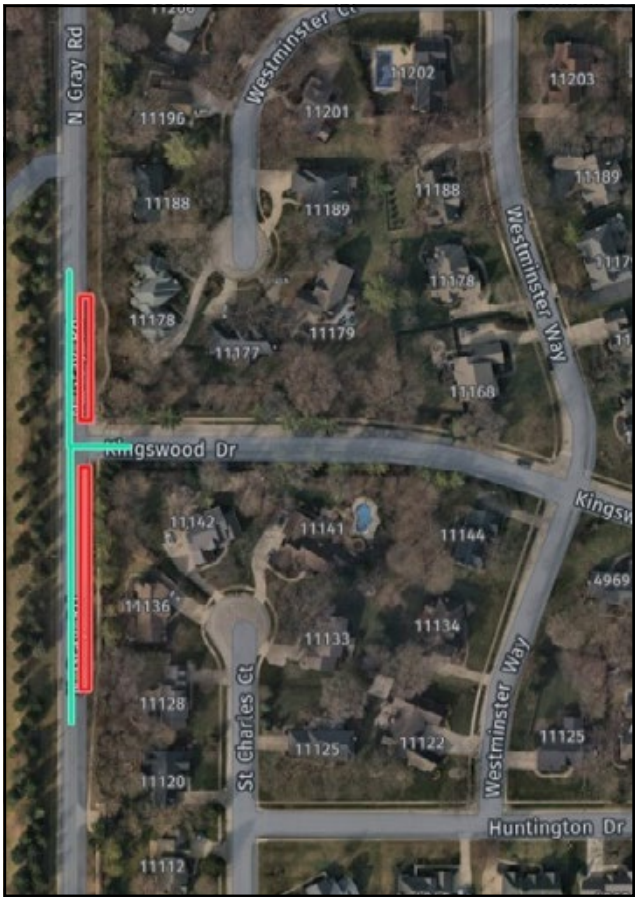


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State GOP endorses Banks for Senate during annual dinner



The Indiana Republican Party State Dinner took place Thursday evening at the JW Marriott in Indianapolis. In an unprecedented move for an open seat primary, Indiana GOP Chairman Kyle Hupfer announced the state party's endorsement of Jim Banks for Senate, citing Rule 11. Congressman and Republican U.S. Senate candidate Jim Banks gave the keynote address, and the program included a special presentation of the graduating 2023 cohort of the Indiana Republican Diversity Leadership Series. Bowie, Md., Mayor Pro Tem and City Councilwoman Roxy Ndebumadu provided remarks and presented graduation certificates to the cohort. (Above) Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita (left) and Boone County Council member and 2022 Indiana State Treasurer candidate Elise Nieshalla (right) speak to an attendee during the dinner.

Reporter photo

Products recalled in July

The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is alerting Hoosiers of important consumer protection concerns for products recalled in July. This is the time to take advantage of opportunities available for those who purchased these recalled items.

"The summer is coming to an end and kids are spending their final days outside before returning to school," AG Rokita said. "You shouldn't have to worry if your bicycle or jungle gym are defective or could cause you or your family harm. If you purchased one of the recalled products, stop using it immediately and pursue resolution from the manufacturer immediately."

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the following consumer products were recalled in July:

- Sky Wheels from Soft Play
- Yamaha Personal Transportation Vehicles from Yamaha
- Model Year 2023 Yamaha Golf Car, PTV and Umax from Yamaha Golf Car Company
- woom ORIGINAL Kids' Bicycles from woom Bikes USA
- Residential 300 Series

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- Gas-fired hot water residential boilers from ECR International
- Timberline Solar Energy Shingles from GAF Energy
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- CUPKIN Double-Walled Stainless Steel Children's Cups from Soojimus
- Superlight Rocks from Salewa USA

If you recently purchased a recalled product, stop using it and check its recall notice. Then follow the notice's instructions, including where to return the product, how to get the product fixed, how to dispose of the product, how to receive a refund for the product, or what steps must be taken to receive a replacement product.

To view recalls issued prior to July, visit [CPSC.gov/recalls](https://www.cpsc.gov/recalls).

AG Todd Rokita fighting for Hoosier farmers & food consumers

Submitted by AG Rokita's Press Office

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita this week called on Congress to enact legislation preventing states such as California from dictating rules to farmers and ranchers in Indiana.

"California's got every right to regulate agricultural practices within its own borders," AG Rokita said. "But it shouldn't have the authority to impose restrictions on farmers here in Indiana. If the U.S. Supreme Court doesn't recognize this basic reality, then Congress

needs to take action."

In a letter sent Wednesday to congressional leaders, AG Rokita and other attorneys general call for passage of the Ending Agricultural Trade Suppression (EATS) Act – H.R.4417 in the U.S. House and S.2019 in the U.S. Senate.

In May, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld a California law that outlaws the sale of pork originating from sows housed in less than 24 square feet – even if such pork comes from out-of-state producers.

AG Rokita led a 26-state

coalition in that case supporting the National Pork Producers Council and other petitioners contesting the California law.

"This law hurts Hoosier hog farmers by forcing them to change their livestock systems in order to sell to California markets," AG Rokita said. "Beyond that, it also hurts Indiana families everywhere by increasing the costs of bacon and ham at grocery stores."

Some small- and medium-sized pork producers could be forced to go out of business. California buys

about 13 percent of the nation's pork.

Extending beyond the pork industry, the Supreme Court's decision paves the way for California and other states to similarly impose their will pertaining to other types of livestock production – and even other types of industries altogether.

On a philosophical level, AG Rokita said, the court's decision flies in the face of American federalism and free enterprise.

In the letter to congressional leaders, AG Rokita and the other attorneys gen-

eral noted that U.S. farmers already follow prudent techniques in raising livestock.

"American farmers and ranchers raise massive amounts of animal protein as affordably and humanely as possible," the letter states. "American farmers' techniques have developed over generations to constitute global best practices. No other country raises anywhere near as much delicious and high-quality pork."

This case is not the only one in which AG Rokita has stood strongly for the inter-

ests and liberties of Hoosier farmers. Among other things, he has [led efforts to curtail federal bureaucrats](#) from riding roughshod over farmers' property rights through such power grabs as the EPA's expansion of its own powers under the Water of the United States rule. In this scenario, the EPA has used a rule intended to apply to navigable waters as a blunt instrument with which to smash property rights anytime a ditch crossed a land parcel or heavy rains caused flooding.



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Join lifelong farmers Donald and David Zeller at 2:30 p.m. or 4 p.m. as they discuss how farming in Wayne Township has changed over the decades. Plus, check out the agricultural artifacts "show and tell." Inside the church, enjoy history displays about Clarksville and the surrounding areas. Outside, experience the Hamilton Southeastern Schools FFA "touch a truck" area with old tractors alongside new Reynolds farm equipment and old Ford trucks and Model T's alongside new trucks. Free refreshments will be provided at the church, with the Wayne/Fall Creek Lions Club providing food for sale.

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Rahal earns first pole of season

The REPORTER

SPEEDWAY — What a difference three months can make, especially in the world of Graham Rahal.

The 34-year-old veteran earned his first pole position of the season Friday, qualifying P1 for the Gallagher Grand Prix, which takes place this afternoon at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Not only is it Rahal's first NTT P1 Award in six years, but it's also the fourth of his career.

"It's really good to be able to translate what we had in practice to qualifying," said Rahal.

Reaching the pole made it a complete turnaround from the heartbreak Rahal suffered in May, when he was bumped out of qualifying for the Indianapolis 500.

"You move on from May as best you can," said Rahal. He noted that the tribulations he dealt with that month are "things that build character." After the May disappointment, Rahal said he received a message of encouragement from former Indy 500 champion Al Unser Jr. "The best have been through it," he said.

Rahal held off his teammate Christian Lundgaard by a tenth of a second for the pole. Rahal finished his top lap in 1 minute, 10.1132 seconds during the Firestone Fast Six, with Lundgaard qualifying in 1:10.2286. That gave Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing the top two spots going into tomorrow's Grand Prix, which begins at 2:30 p.m.

"We are strong here," said Lundgaard. "Every time we come to this race track, we know we'll be able to fight for a win." Lundgaard said that claiming the top two spots means that as a team, "we've give ourselves the best opportunity to win the race;" it would be the first Grand Prix win for either man.

Live coverage of the 85-lap race on the 14-turn,



Reporter photos by Kent Graham

Graham Rahal was focused before qualifying, but was in celebration mode afterwards by winning the pole position for today's Gallagher Grand Prix at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Rahal finished his top lap in 1 minute, 10.1132, leading a dominant day for Rahal Letterman Lanigan Racing.

2.439-mile starts at 2 p.m. Saturday on USA Network, Peacock and the INDYCAR Radio Network.

Three teams — RLL, Arrow McLaren and Andretti Autosport — comprised the competitors in an ultra-competitive Firestone Fast Six session. Just .2889 of a second separated the six drivers, the third-tightest margin in the format's history.

2016 Indianapolis 500 winner Alexander Rossi qualified third in the No. 7 Arrow McLaren Chevrolet at 1:10.2932, tying his season best set on the oval at Texas. Teammate Pato O'Ward was fourth at 1:10.3453 in the No. 5 Arrow McLaren Chevrolet.

Devlin DeFrancesco was another one of the stars of the three rounds of qualifying. He earned a career-best starting spot of fifth at 1:10.3938 in the No. 29 TRUBAR/Jones Soda Honda fielded by Andretti Steinbrenner Autosport after driving into the Firestone Fast Six for the first time in his two-year NTT INDYCAR SERIES career.

Romain Grosjean rounded out the Firestone Fast Six at 1:10.4021 in the No. 28 DHL Honda fielded by Andretti Autosport.

Narrow time margins were a theme of the three-round session, as rookie Marcus Armstrong qualified seventh at 1:10.2106 in the No. 11 IU Simon Cancer Center Honda fielded by Chip Ganassi Racing. He missed a spot in the Fire-

Qualifying Friday for the Gallagher Grand Prix NTT INDYCAR SERIES event on the 2.439-mile Indianapolis Motor Speedway road course, with qualifying position, car number in parentheses, driver, engine, time and speed in parentheses:

1. (15) Graham Rahal, Honda, 01:10.1132 (125.232 mph)
2. (45) Christian Lundgaard, Honda, 01:10.2286 (125.026)
3. (7) Alexander Rossi, Chevrolet, 01:10.2932 (124.911)
4. (5) Pato O'Ward, Chevrolet, 01:10.3453 (124.819)
5. (29) Devlin DeFrancesco, Honda, 01:10.3938 (124.733)
6. (28) Romain Grosjean, Honda, 01:10.4021 (124.718)
7. (11) Marcus Armstrong, Honda, 01:10.2106 (125.058)
8. (30) Jack Harvey, Honda, 01:10.2228 (125.036)
9. (10) Alex Palou, Honda, 01:10.2974 (124.904)
10. (6) Felix Rosenqvist, Chevrolet, 01:10.4389 (124.653)
11. (3) Scott McLaughlin, Chevrolet, 01:10.4782 (124.583)
12. (06) Helio Castroneves, Honda, 01:10.5207 (124.508)
13. (26) Colton Herta, Honda, 01:10.4398 (124.651)
14. (60) Linus Lundqvist, Honda, 01:10.4570 (124.621)
15. (27) Kyle Kirkwood, Honda, 01:10.4869 (124.568)
16. (9) Scott Dixon, Honda, 01:10.5006 (124.544)
17. (12) Will Power, Chevrolet, 01:10.5237 (124.503)
18. (8) Marcus Ericsson, Honda, 01:10.6348 (124.307)
19. (2) Josef Newgarden, Chevrolet, 01:10.6150 (124.342)
20. (21) Rinus VeeKay, Chevrolet, 01:10.7249 (124.149)
21. (14) Santino Ferrucci, Chevrolet, 01:10.6461 (124.287)
22. (20) Ryan Hunter-Reay, Chevrolet, 01:11.0083 (123.653)
23. (18) David Malukas, Honda, 01:10.8687 (123.897)
24. (78) Agustin Canapino, Chevrolet, 01:11.0611 (123.561)
25. (51) Sting Ray Robb, Honda, 01:11.5658 (122.690)
26. (77) Callum Iott, Chevrolet, 01:11.1027 (123.489)
27. (55) Benjamin Pedersen, Chevrolet, 01:11.2971 (123.152)

stone Fast Six by .0008 of a second, the second-closest miss in this qualifying format's history.

Jack Harvey completed a magical day for RLL, qualifying eighth at 1:10.2228 in the team's No. 30 Kustom Entertainment Honda.

Championship leader Alex Palou qualified ninth at 1:10.2974 in the No. 10 The American Legion Honda fielded by Chip Ganassi

Racing. It's his second-lowest qualifying performance on a road or street course this season, with only 15th at Toronto lower. But any sting for Palou may be eased because his closest rival in the title hunt, Josef Newgarden, qualified a season-low 19th at 1:10.6150 in the No. 2 Hitachi Team Penske Chevrolet.

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SCHEDULE (All times local)

7 a.m. to 8 p.m.: Public gates open

9:30 to 10 a.m.: Pennzoil 150 at the Brickyard presented by Advance Auto Parts NASCAR Xfinity Series Practice

10 to 11 a.m.: Pennzoil 150 at the Brickyard presented by Advance Auto Parts NASCAR Xfinity Series Qualifying

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Verizon 200 at the Brickyard NASCAR Cup Series Practice

12:30 to 1:30 p.m.: Verizon 200 at the Brickyard NASCAR Cup Series Qualifying

2:30 p.m.: Gallagher Grand Prix NTT INDYCAR SERIES Race (85 laps)

5:30 p.m.: Pennzoil 150 presented by Advance Auto Parts NASCAR Xfinity Series Race (62 laps)

TICKETS

\$40 for General Admission seating for Pennzoil 150 presented by Advance Auto Parts practice, qualifying and race, Gallagher Grand Prix race and Verizon 200 at the Brickyard practice and qualifying in the Paddock (9 to 14), Tower Terrace (75 to 79) and the infield viewing mounds. Flex seating locations are available in Southwest Vista (1 to 10), H Stand (1 to 6), Northwest Vista (16 to 20) and North Vista (Section 26 to 30) for \$59 per adult. Children 15 and under are admitted free with a paying adult in General Admission and Flex seating locations. Reserved seats start at \$64.

PUBLIC GATES OPEN (7 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

Public pedestrian gates open: Gate 1, Gate 2, Gate 3, Gate 4, Gate 6N, Gate 6S, Gate 7, Gate 7S, Gate 9, Gate 10, Gate 10A, Gate 11A.

PARKING

Free parking is available in Lot 7 (North 40). Race fans must enter through Gate 10 from 30th Street. Paid parking is available in Lot 1B, Lot 2, Lot 3G and Main Gate for \$20, Turn 3 Infield for \$25, Lot 6A for \$40 and Gate 1 (Parcel B) for \$75. ADA parking is \$20 for outside lots. Motorcycle parking is \$20 in the South Carousel Lot and is pre to purchased only.

CASHLESS OPERATIONS

All IMS concession stands and merchandise locations are cashless. Tap-to-pay phone payments will be accepted, as will credit and debit transactions. Parking and gate locations will accept cash and credit card.

INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY

MUSEUM HOURS: (7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

The Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum, located inside Gate 2 of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, will be open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$14 for guests over the age of 62 and \$8 for guests ages 6 to 15. Children 5 and under and Museum members are free. Race fans can walk to the Museum from within the Speedway's infield. Museum visitors must possess an event ticket or credential as well as purchase a general admission Museum ticket to enter the Museum. Gate 2 will not be open for parking at the Museum.

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WWE superstar Ricochet to ride in Fastest Seat in Sports at IMS

The REPORTER

WWE Superstar Ricochet will ride in the Fastest Seat in Sports at the Gallagher Grand Prix on Saturday, Aug. 12 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, leading the full field of drivers to the green flag of the NTT INDYCAR SERIES road course race.

Ricochet will star in the WWE Fastlane on Saturday, Oct. 7 at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis, which will be streamed live exclusively on Peacock in the United States.

One of the world's most innovative high-flyers, Ricochet uses his whiplash-inducing speed and unfathomable aerial mastery to take on opponents of any size.

After dazzling the international scene for more than a decade, Ricochet emerged in NXT in 2018, capturing the NXT North American Championship, and later won the 2019 Dusty Rhodes



Photo illustration courtesy IMS

Tag Team Classic alongside Aleister Black. He landed on Monday Night Raw the following year, dazzling the WWE Universe in sensational clashes against the likes of AJ Styles. In early 2022, Ricochet added to his trophy cabinet by winning the Intercontinental Championship.

During the 2023 WWE Draft, Ricochet was drafted to Monday Night Raw and appears on USA Network every Monday at 8 p.m. ET.

INDYCAR's Fastest Seat in Sports is a high-speed, high-octane, super-charged thrill ride in a custom INDYCAR SERIES car with a special back passenger seat. At almost every race on the schedule, the car advances the field of drivers to the start/finish line to signify the beginning of the race, with a special passenger in the guest seat. Previous participants in the Fastest Seat in Sports include Lady Gaga, NBA

champions Steph Curry and Kawhi Leonard, Olympic gold medalists Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone and Lilly King, actors Simu Liu and Channing Tatum, and many others.

The NTT INDYCAR SERIES represents the ultimate challenge in racing, with drivers competing at speeds of 200+ mph across a demanding set of ovals and road and street courses. The full schedule can be viewed at indycar.com/schedule.

Jeff Saturday still pulling for Colts 'like crazy' despite not getting head coaching position

By ANTHONY CALHOUN
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

On Thursday, former Indianapolis Colts player and former Interim head coach Jeff Saturday was back in Indianapolis.

Saturday, who took over for former head coach Frank Reich, who was let go mid-season last year, spoke with News 8 for the first time since he was told he wouldn't be the Colts' permanent head coach.

The former Colts center went 1-7 in eight games last season, but despite the team's struggles, Saturday was still a finalist for the head coaching position that eventually went to former Philadelphia Eagles offensive coordinator Shane Steichen.

It was a roller-coaster ride for Saturday and the team last year. Bad losses and nightmare primetime performances on the NFL's biggest stages. Saturday says he learned a lot from



Photo courtesy WISH-TV

Jeff Saturday, interim head coach of the Indianapolis Colts, talks with the news media on Jan. 9, 2023.

the entire journey, and when Colts owner Jim Irsay calls, he will always answer.

"You understand the business of football, but coming in and stepping in, I wouldn't have changed it," Saturday said. "It's an organization I believe in. It changed my life. I would al-

ways step in and do the best I could. Win, lose or, draw, do your best, and that's what we did."

During his time as interim coach last season, fans witnessed arguably some of the most dramatic and frustrating losses in the history of the organization. Despite


the tough times guiding their team, Colts Nation has remained loyal to Saturday, who played 13 seasons in Indy.

"Fans have been great, people have been great," said Saturday. "The notes I've gotten, former players, you name it. I've never wavered in that part. It never bothered me. People get upset and they have their opinion. None of that bothers me. I still love the Colts and I pull for them like crazy, and hopefully we will have a good year, a better year, and get this train going in the right direction."

This year, Saturday, like many Colts fans, are excited to watch rookie quarterback Anthony Richardson.

"We got to get him as many reps as we can get him," Saturday said. "It's experience, especially at that position. I kind of likened it to when Peyton came in. The team wasn't great, not a lot of success. They were kind of ugly, but you saw him build into what he's going to be that year. I think that's what Richardson is going to look like this year. What are the good things we can do? What can we show? We're going to have to build in and just take your time with him, and understand it's not always going to be good. He's going to be a rookie. Sometimes, he's going to play like a rookie, and sometimes, he's going to play hopefully above that, but the expectations should be the future."

Colts head coach Steichen announced Thursday that Richardson will start on Saturday in Buffalo in the Colts' first preseason game of the season.



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Palou leads Newgarden by 84 points – a gap of 1.5 races – with four races remaining.

"Confident for tomorrow, but obviously a bit bummed not being in the Fast Six," Palou said. "We're starting P9 tomorrow, right? So, it's not a bad starting position. We can do a lot from there, especially being such a long race with the strategy."

Newgarden, who has won four races this season – all on ovals, wasn't the only star to be eliminated in a wildly unpredictable first round of qualifying. He was joined by Long Beach and Nashville

race winner Kyle Kirkwood (starting 15th), six-time series champion Scott Dixon (16th), reigning series champion Will Power (17th) and St. Petersburg winner Marcus Ericsson (18th).

Daly at Pennzoil 150
Noblesville's Conor Daly will compete in the NASCAR Xfinity Series' Pennzoil 150 at the Brickyard today.

Daly will be driving the No. 44 car for Alpha Prime Racing. Qualifying for the Xfinity Series race runs from 10 to 11 a.m. this morning, with the 62-lap main race starting at 5:30 p.m.



Upcoming Broadcasts

Sat Aug 12 - IEFA Youth Football
7:00 pm - Noblesville Grinders vs Westfield Rocks | HCTV

Mon Aug 14 - Volleyball
6:00 pm - North Central vs Noblesville | Girls JV | HCTV Sports
7:00 pm - North Central vs Noblesville | Girls Varsity | HCTV Sports

Wed Aug 16 - Girls Soccer
5:30 pm - Pendleton Heights vs Noblesville | Girls JV | HCTV Sports
7:00 pm - Pendleton Heights vs Noblesville | Girls Varsity | HCTV Sports

Fri Aug 18 - IHSAA Football
6:50 pm - Covenant Christian vs Speedway | Indiana SRN
6:50 pm - Brebeuf vs Bishop Chatard | Indiana SRN
7:20 pm - Jasper @ Evansville Memorial | Indiana SRN

Sat Aug 19 - IEFA Youth Football
1:00 pm - Avon Junior Orioles vs Plainfield Red Pride | HCTV Sports



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SPORTS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Aug. 12
BOYS SOCCER
Mount Vernon at Hamilton Southeastern, 10:30 a.m.
Carmel at Zionsville, 11:30 a.m.
Fishers at Franklin Central, 11:30 a.m.

CROSS COUNTRY
Carmel girls, Westfield boys at Valley Cross Kickoff, 9 a.m. at Terre Haute
Fishers at Hamilton Southeastern Hokum Karem, 9 a.m.

GIRLS SOCCER
Hamilton Southeastern at Carmel, 11 a.m.
McCutcheon at Fishers, 11:30 a.m.
Noblesville vs. Cathedral, 11:30 a.m. at Pride Performance Center
Pendleton Heights at Guerin Catholic, 11:30 a.m.

GOLF
Fishers at Western Invitational, 8 a.m. at Chippendale
Hamilton Heights, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville, Westfield at Lapel Invitational, 9 a.m. at Edgewood
Guerin Catholic at Ben Davis Invitational, noon
University at Shenandoah Invitational, 1 p.m. at Tri-County Golf Club
Carmel at Zionsville Invitational, 1:30 p.m. at Golf Club of Indiana

TENNIS
University at Hamilton Heights Husky Invitational, 9 a.m.
Guerin Catholic at Fishers, 10 a.m.

VOLLEYBALL
Hamilton Heights at Peru Invitational, 9 a.m.
Lawrence North at Westfield, 10 a.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at McCutcheon, 10:30 a.m.
Carmel at Fishers, 11 a.m.
Hamilton Southeastern vs. Warsaw, 12:30 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 14
BOYS SOCCER
Heritage Christian at University, 5 p.m.
Pike at Carmel, 7 p.m.
Southmont at Sheridan, 7:15 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER
Eastern at University, 5:30 p.m.
Westfield at North Central, 7 p.m.
Fishers at Park Tudor, 7:30 p.m.
Lebanon at Sheridan, 7:30 p.m.

GOLF
Westfield vs. Carmel, 4 p.m. at Wood Wind
Hamilton Southeastern at Yorktown, 4:45 p.m.

TENNIS
University at Lawrence Central, 5:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL
Carmel at Hamilton Southeastern, 6:30 p.m.
Crawfordsville at Sheridan, 7 p.m.
North Central at Noblesville, 7 p.m.
Yorktown at Westfield, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 15
BOYS SOCCER
Hamilton Southeastern at Cathedral, 7 p.m.
Park Tudor at Guerin Catholic, 7 p.m.
Westfield at Fishers, 7 p.m.
Yorktown at Hamilton Heights, 7 p.m.
Noblesville at Perry Meridian, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER
Carmel at South Bend St. Joseph, 7 p.m. at Newton Park
Heritage Christian at Hamilton Heights, 7 p.m.

GOLF
Fishers at Hamilton Southeastern, 4 p.m.
Carmel vs. Noblesville, Westfield and Zionsville, 4:30 p.m. at Prairie View

TENNIS
Carmel at Hamilton Southeastern, 5 p.m.
Guerin Catholic at Park Tudor, 5 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at Elwood, 5 p.m.
Westfield at North Central, 5 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL
Guerin Catholic at Hamilton Heights, 7 p.m.
Sheridan at Clinton Central, 7 p.m.
Lawrence Central at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.

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