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# Lions District Gov. Julia Kozicki inducts three new Carmel Lions

Submitted by  
**Denisse Jensen**  
*Carmel Lions Club*

The Carmel Lions Club was honored to welcome Lions Club District Governor Julia Kozicki at their Aug. 12 meeting.

The evening was marked by a momentous event as Governor Kozicki took the lead in inducting three new members into the Carmel Lions Club: Hill Swayze, Stacy Swayze, and Jay Sharma.

With a determined goal of reaching 100 members this year, the Carmel Lions Club is making remarkable strides towards that target. The addition of these three new members brings the total membership count to an impressive 91, underscoring the club's commitment to community service and growth.

Governor Kozicki's visit served as a significant inspiration to the club members, who were delighted to have her join them. Her leadership



Photo provided by Carmel Lions Club  
**(From left) District Governor Julia Church Kozicki, GMT Jeff Kozicki, Matt Best, Hill Swayze, Stacey Swayze, John Rodgers, Jay Sharma, and Bryan Ferry.**

and involvement in the induction ceremony highlighted the importance of the Lions Club's mission of service and community betterment.

The Carmel Lions Club is dedicated to making a positive

impact in the community, and with their ever-growing membership, they are well on their way to achieving their ambitious goals. As they continue their journey towards 100 members, their commitment to

service and community support remains unwavering.

For more information about the Carmel Lions Club and their upcoming activities, please visit [CarmelLions.org](http://CarmelLions.org) or email [carmellionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:carmellionsclub@gmail.com).

## Reducing the mental load

### Home maintenance, repair & upkeep


We're moving on from how to lighten your mental load in finances to another area of our homes – home maintenance, repair, and upkeep. This column topic could almost be a book!

You could take some drastic measures to help reduce the mental labor of home ownership by buying or downsizing to a smaller home. Or you could live in a condominium where you pay for someone else to handle all outdoor upkeep and maintenance.

Another option is a tiny home, which reduces both physical and mental labor – a big reason for this trend. If you do choose one of these options, you'll drastically reduce your mental load with homeownership. But tiny homes may not be viable for a lot of people.

Repairing, maintaining, and taking care of a home involves a multitude of monthly, seasonal, and yearly tasks. Most of these you can do yourself, but some involve paying a professional. For this mental load, and many others we will talk about later in this series, I highly recommend a checklist.

**COLUMNIST**



**AMY SHANKLAND**  
*Perfectly Imperfect*

## Westfield Chamber holds ribbon cutting for first American Bank of Freedom in Indiana

By **AMY ADAMS**  
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Westfield Chamber of Commerce partners, community leaders, bank staff, and customers gathered on Wednesday for a ceremony at 14611 N. Gray Road in the Bridgewater Marketplace Shopping Center for the ribbon cutting of the first Indiana branch of American Bank of Freedom.

Courtney Albright, director of partner and member engagement for the Westfield Chamber, welcomed everyone to the event. Westfield Chamber of Commerce Board Chair Steve Rupp introduced American Bank President and CEO Tim Nash who traveled from Missouri for the grand opening.

Nash spoke about the history of the bank which goes back to 1880 as the American Bank of Missouri and has eight branches in Missouri. The bank operates as American Bank of Freedom at its location in Rochester, Ill., near Springfield, and now in Westfield.



Reporter photo by Amy Adams  
**American Bank of Freedom Regional President for Indiana Peter Dunbar and his staff cut the ribbon on the new bank branch, located at 14611 N. Gray Road.**

He also spoke of the future of the bank and how it fits the Westfield community as it is also growing quickly.

"We close about \$350 mil-

lion a year," Nash said. "And we will close even more now that we are in Westfield."

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Westfield is the

sixth-fastest-growing city in the nation and the fastest growing city in Indiana, and it was the

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## It's about to get wild at CrossRoads Church of Westfield's Fall Fest & chili cook-off

### The REPORTER

Wild, Wild Westfield's Fall Fest and Premier Chili Cook-Off returns at the end of this month.

This free event will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 30 and is for all people and families who want to enjoy a fun and relaxing afternoon of games, food, and music.

Three bands will provide live musical entertainment, along with face painting, inflatables, pony rides, food, kids games, petting zoo, silent auction, bounce houses. And of course, what would Wild, Wild Westfield be without Manny the

Mechanical Bull?

The public is encouraged to enter the Premier Chili Cook-Off. Bring a crock pot of chili by 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 8 to CrossRoads Church at Westfield, 19201 Grassy Branch Road to enter. Local judges will determine the winners. Cash prizes will be given: \$100 for first, \$50 for second, and \$25 for third. [Click here](#) to register your chili entry.

This big event is part of CrossRoads' four-part strategic plan to meet, enjoy, know, and serve our local neighbors.

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Reporter file photo

## 4-H Junior Leaders invite families to Halloween Carnival

### The REPORTER

Come in costume and enjoy games, treats, hayrides, and more at the annual Community Halloween Carnival from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 3.

The Carnival will be held in the Exhibition Center at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville. This fun family activity will be offered at no charge.

Youth aged 10 and under should be accompanied by an adult and are encouraged to come in costume to enjoy games, prizes, candy, refreshments, a haunted house, and a hayride. Hayrides begin at 6 p.m.

The evening is organized and sponsored by the Hamilton County 4-H Junior Leaders.

For more information on the Halloween Carnival or about the 4-H Program in Hamilton County, call the Purdue Extension Service at (317) 776-0854 or visit [extension.purdue.edu/county/hamilton](http://extension.purdue.edu/county/hamilton).

## Sniff & rescue

*Sheriff's Office to hold third bloodhound training seminar*

### The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office will play host to the third annual bloodhound seminar Sept. 24 to 28. With over 20 teams from across the United States attending, this training offers over 40 hours of fieldwork for these handler and K-9 duos.

"Hamilton County Sheriff's Office has this workshop to provide education and support to K-9 teams throughout the county and beyond," said Deputy Neal Hoard, seminar host. "With seven groups from the state, this week specifically increases training to teams in central Indiana, so that our bloodhound handlers are equipped to handle any real-life scenario."

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I adore checklists! I use them in my grant consulting business to help break down the many components of large applications. Turns out they're useful in both business and in the home.

The site [lifeoptimizer.org](#) (how's that for a great name that relates to what we're talking about?) says the reason why checklists are good is simple – without them, it's easy for us to forget things. Don't we know that too well when we refer to mental labor?

The site goes on to say that besides helping you do your task correctly every time, other benefits of using a checklist include:

1. Saving your brain power for more creative things. Since you don't have to remember all the steps you need to take, you can use your brain for something more creative. That's one goal we can reach after reducing the mental load!
2. Saving time. You eliminate having to remember the steps, so you can devote the entire time on doing the task. Hallelujah! Less stuff to keep track of.
3. You can delegate more easily. If you ever want to delegate a task, your checklist will make it easier for you to hand it over. Del-

egation is another wonderful tool we will refer to often. By giving the checklist to the person you delegate to you can describe exactly what you want.

I found numerous checklists available online to help you keep track of your monthly, seasonal, and yearly home maintenance tasks. The site [prudentreviews.com](#), which was created specifically to help make life easier for homeowners, offers an excellent one.

Once you have your checklist, I recommend automating as many tasks as possible. My furnace and air-conditioning maintenance man sends us a postcard every fall and spring as a reminder to schedule our yearly furnace and air conditioner tune up. I receive an email reminder every year when it's time to tune our piano.

For companies that don't send notices, I like to schedule an automatic yearly reminder in Outlook for other maintenance tasks.

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only Midwestern city to appear in the Top 15. In addition to area growth, the central location will allow the bank to meet the needs of customers from Noblesville and Carmel, as well.

Mayor-elect Scott Willis said he is looking forward to American Bank of Freedom being a part of the Westfield community. As a former U.S. Marine colonel, Willis also expressed his love for the bank's colors of red, white, and blue and showed off his socks that matched the decor, saying that he wears patriotic socks every day.

Regional President Peter Dunbar will lead all aspects of American Bank of Freedom for the Indiana market.

"This community has just welcomed us," Dunbar said. "Everyone has been positive and proactive. They want businesses here. I can't say that for every community where I've been, but they do, they want business to be successful."

Dunbar has 35 years of leadership experience in commercial banking and wealth management in Chicago and Miami as well as in Indianapolis.

Born and raised in Terre Haute, Dunbar and his family moved back to the state

in 2007.

"After a couple of decades of living away, we thought Indiana would be a great place to raise our children," Dunbar said.

Dunbar is part of the Hamilton County Leadership Academy Class of 2024 and is on the Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre Board of Directors. He is also involved with the IU Student Foundation, Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, and Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Carmel.

"For me, to be able to live and work in my community and offer real value to the people here is fantastic," Dunbar said.

Branch Manager John Whitaker comes from Forum Credit Union in Westfield and has more than 10 years of banking experience. Assistant Branch Manager Beth Michalak worked with Chase Bank for about five years before taking a year off to work in the floral industry. They both say they are excited to help launch a new bank branch.

Check out American Bank of Freedom online at [AmericanBankOfMissouri.bank/Locations-Contacts#Westfield](#).



Reporter photos by Amy Adams  
(Top) American Bank of Freedom Branch Manager John Whitaker and Assistant Manager Beth Michalak welcomed the community into the new bank. (Above) Mayor-elect Scott Willis (right) welcomed American Bank of Freedom to Westfield.



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## CHILI

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"We provide three big events per year," Lead Pastor Eric Lohe said, "our Fun Fall Festival and Premier Chili Cook-Off and two family-friendly comedy events. The eighth annual free Pizza and Punchlines will take place on Feb. 17, 2024, at the Westfield High School auditorium – 6 p.m. for pizza, 7 p.m. for comedy. We are bringing in three nationally known comedians for a night of fun and pizza. Our second comedy event is our outstanding free Summer Comedy Showcase at 7 p.m. on May 31, 2024, featuring eight comedians from around the country at Westfield's IMMI Conference Center."

Lohe said there are other

"For Our Neighbor" strategies of CrossRoads Church at Westfield.

"We adopted Washington Woods Elementary School," Lohe said. "Over the last five years, CrossRoads has provided school supplies, athletic shoes for any of the kids who need them, and assistance for food-insecure students. We have been helping 15 to 20 families during school breaks who do not have enough food."

CrossRoads works to support community members' other needs as well.

"We have been working on needs that are not being

addressed in the community," Lohe said. "On the first Saturday of each month from 9 to 11 a.m. at CrossRoads, we provide free pet food to help so some of the resources people are using for their pets can be used for their families' needs. We are the distribution point of Kids' Coats in Westfield on Oct. 28. We also provide free Zumba at CrossRoads Church each Tuesday at 7 p.m. for folks to get exercise. We also sponsor a Celebrate Recovery program every Thursday night for anyone who is struggling with a hurt, a habit, or a hangup."

Additionally, in June

2023, CrossRoads hosted 200 high schoolers from across the country who provided free home repairs for 23 local Hamilton County senior adults and veterans. They provided mobile home skirting, decks, ramps, and interior and exterior painting.

"Come serve our neighbors with us," Lohe said. "It is the greatest thing we can do to bring joy and unity to our local community!"

CrossRoads Church at Westfield is located at 19201 Grassy Branch Road. Find out more online at [ForOurNeighborLife](#) or email [ForOurNeighborInfo@gmail.com](mailto:ForOurNeighborInfo@gmail.com).

## BLOODHOUND

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The training spans past just fieldwork, offering scenario-based workshops and legal and medical

roundtables to the attendees. Two instructors are designated to every five handlers allowing for an

individualized approach to teaching.

The seminar is held at the Indiana Diabetes Camp each year and the handlers train throughout Hamilton County. Registration for the seminar opened in late spring and closed beginning of August.

Handlers interested in attending the 2024 seminar are encouraged to reach out to Deputy Neal Hoad at [kenneth.hoad@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:kenneth.hoad@hamiltoncounty.in.gov).

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# NFL player Dylan Gandy to emcee Westfield Rotary Club's Bingo Bash

Submitted by  
**Melody Jones**  
For The Reporter

The Rotary Club of Westfield has announced Dylan Gandy will be the emcee for the 2023 Bingo Bash Fundraiser.

Gandy is a former football center. He was drafted by the Indianapolis Colts in the fourth round of the 2005 NFL Draft. He played college football at Texas Tech. He earned a Super Bowl Ring with the Colts in Super Bowl XLI against the Chicago Bears. He then went on to play for the Detroit Lions.

Gandy is married and has four children and is a Sales Representative for Team Pride Athletics.

After taking a break in 2022, Bingo Bash is back, bigger, and better than before. This year's event will take place on Saturday, Oct. 7 at the Palomino Event Center, 481 S. County Road 1200 East, Zionsville. Over 60 businesses and individuals have donated amazing prizes and silent auction items. There will be some-



Gandy

thing for everyone.

Tickets are on sale at [WestfieldRotaryIN.com](http://WestfieldRotaryIN.com) through Tuesday, Sept. 26, so don't delay in getting your tickets online. You must be 21 or older to attend. Tickets are \$50 and include the dinner buffet and three bingo game cards for all 10 bingo games.

You may also be a big cash winner with the additional games of Heads & Tails or 50/50. You must have cash to play these two games. Credit can be used for additional bingo cards, daubers, and, of course, the bar. The Silent Auction is offered throughout the night with the final winners walking away with their big prize packages at the end of the evening.

Please plan to attend this fun event and help the Rotary Club of Westfield continue to support its mission of "Service Before Self," both locally and internationally.

# Don't wear your pajamas in public

"You might as well like yourself. Just think about all the time you're going to have to spend with you. And if you don't think too much of yourself, how do you expect others to?" – Jerry Lewis as Prof. Kelp in "The Nutty Professor," 1963



SHARON McMAHON  
Be Well

I can't say that I have always been a huge Jerry Lewis fan, but I noted several insightful moments in the above named movie that really hit home. Although the movie was marketed as a comedy (and granted there are some funny moments!) it says so much more about both self-acceptance and society's expectations of individuals.

I could also definitely go off on a political reverie here; however, I will spare my readers that! Essentially what I wish to convey in this column is how many of us tie our self-perception to the perceptions and ideals of others – be that friends, family, or celebrities. Both men and women are prone to doing this, but my experience is that women are more likely to have these issues of non-acceptance as it appears

to their physical attributes or fitness levels.

In working with clients as a fitness instructor and nutrition/wellness consultant, I have learned that most women seem to have an "ideal" that they have formulated over the years and often feel "less than" if they have not achieved that. And, frankly, I see this played out as I observe my friends, family, and random strangers I see in the grocery store. It can happen at every age but more so as we enter our middle years and beyond that we "give up" and don't feel it is helpful or important to work on our fitness level, our healthy eating plan (not a DIET!) and our mode of dress.

When we give up on self-improvement the results are apparent to others, yes, but most importantly to ourselves – and as the quote above indicates – think of all the time you get to spend with you! How we present ourselves in public reflects our own view of how we see ourselves. And how we think is likely to be reflected in how we feel, how we

look, and most importantly our emotional and physical health. Age is not a factor; self-improvement is not just for the young!

Using myself as an example, as a teenager and young adult I was very active and within my prescribed weight for my height. Moving forward, maintenance becomes important! Flexibility for coordination and balance, weight training for toned muscles, and aerobic conditioning for heart and lungs are all needed on a regular basis particularly as we age.

While I have always been a vegetarian, as a young person I was not careful about balancing my eating for nutritional purposes, and I have always enjoyed dairy products and sweets. Although I do still sometimes enjoy those latter items, I do so only in moderation and work to make sure I am balancing with protein and complex carbohydrates as well as vitamin supplementation.

Now – the last point of the top three issues, i.e., fitness, eating plan and mode of dress, please hear me out. Men and women PLEASE do not wear your pajamas in public! Sigh. Most often the way we present ourselves by

our chosen mode of apparel sends a message to others and most importantly to us regarding the way we perceive ourselves. There are ways to present ourselves – dressed – which fit whatever our style may be: casual, professional, trendy, etc. that do not include sleepwear as streetwear. Clean, fitted, stylish, and appropriate attire does not mean expensive wear. There are options for any budget.

I can guarantee that if you truly want to be the best YOU, to feel good, be healthy, and look great, just move your body finding some activity that you enjoy that will also give you the rewards you deserve. Enjoy your occasional treats but provide your body with the energy and nutrition it deserves.

Finally, leave the lounge-wear at home and present yourself looking your best. You won't regret it!

**Sharon McMahon, CNWC**

*The opinions expressed in this article are not intended to replace advice of your personal physician or licensed health professional. Please consult your physician for any issues you may have related to nutrition or fitness activity.*

# Rokita warns Hoosiers to beware of scammers sending texts & emails claiming shipping-and-delivery issues

## The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is advising Hoosiers to watch for texts and emails informing them

of shipping-and-delivery issues with items they supposedly have ordered.

Scammers are flooding inboxes with these false claims in an effort to steal personal information and/or lure victims into unknowingly downloading malware onto their computers or phones.

"Our team works hard to bring scammers to justice," AG Rokita said. "Working with partners in law enforcement, we're regularly catching and prosecuting more of these criminals. At the same time, another big part of our mission is raising awareness among all Hoosiers about these various scams so they can spot them and avoid falling into their traps."

The fraudulent emails and texts often contain links purported to help the consumer track a package – when in reality those links connect to malicious websites.

These scam messages typically appear to come from such sources as Amazon, FedEx, the U.S. Postal Service, UPS, and others.

If you receive an email or text of this nature, DO

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An example of a text received by an Indiana resident. If you receive an email or text of this nature, DO NOT click on any links or reply in any manner.

NOT click on any links or reply in any manner. Instead, if you believe there is any possibility such a message could be valid, simply contact the delivery carrier yourself by navigating to the appropriate website – without using any con-



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tact information provided in the suspicious text or email.

Anytime you believe you are the target of a scam attempt, you may file a complaint at [in.gov/attorney-general](http://in.gov/attorney-general) or call 1-800-382-5516.

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# Sheridan staff helps Phi Beta Psi have the best lasagna dinner yet

Phi Beta Psi's Theta Alpha Alpha Chapter in Sheridan had a great turnout for the annual Lasagna Dinner held on Friday, Sept. 8 at Sheridan High School. Co-chairs Cathy Good and Judy Langdon did a fabulous job organizing the dinner which saw over 240 community members attend. A very special thank you to the cafeteria staff, Sheridan Community Schools, Wallace Grain, Price Heating and Air Conditioning, Ella Community Pharmacy, GetGo, The Farmers Bank, The Hamilton County Reporter Newspaper, Sheridan Public Library, Dollar General, Wilson's Farm Market, First Farmers Bank & Trust, and Sheridan Town Hall for their support and promotion of the event. (Photos provided by Phi Beta Psi Theta Alpha Alpha Chapter)



Photos provided by Phi Beta Psi Theta Alpha Alpha Chapter (Top) Suzanne Lyon, Sarah Godby, and Patty Barker. (Center) Elaine Cannon, Sandy Moore, and Pam Drury. (Above) Jeanna Pearson and Nancy Day.

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# Annual dinner raises over \$20K to fight local food insecurity



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Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank (HCHFB) raised over \$20,000 at its annual Late Summer Harvest Dinner held last Sunday, Sept. 16 at Late Harvest Kitchen, 8605 River Crossing Blvd., Indianapolis. Thank you to the staff of Late Harvest Kitchen for their exceptional service (seen top right), and to these sponsors: Platinum Sponsors – Late Harvest Kitchen by Ryan and Laurie Nelson; Silver – Helping Hands of Noblesville and First Merchants Bank; Bronze – Andrew and Kate Bender, Brad and Katrina Lewis, Carpenter Realtors, and Team Englert. HCHFB is still accepting donations, which can be made either via check to Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank, P.O. Box 881, Noblesville, IN 46061; or online at [hchfoodbank.org/online-giving](https://hchfoodbank.org/online-giving). (ABOVE LEFT) HCHFB recently acquired its own food delivery truck. The board members took a moment to pose with it: (from left) Brad Lewis, Anita Hagen, Andrea Mikels, Amy Englert, Matt Englert, Kathy Young, Mary Lou Finchum, Alan Ariel, and Bob Killmer. *Not pictured: Janet Gafkjen and Gary Baird.* (ABOVE RIGHT, from left) Matt Englert, John Finchum, Mary Lou Finchum, Emily Reynolds, Bob Killmer, and Gwen Killmer.

## Community News

### Rep. Spartz to hold town hall in Westfield

Congresswoman Victoria Spartz will hold a town hall at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23 at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn St. All constituents are invited to attend.



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## NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS Board Highlights

Sept. 19, 2023 Meeting

### Submitted by Noblesville Schools

The school board has responsibility for major district functions including school district governance and oversight, setting school policies, approving funding, strategic planning, and hiring and evaluating the superintendent.

- Stony Creek Elementary presented a board spotlight on their writing goals.
- The board approved an updated a memorandum of understanding between Noblesville Schools and the Noblesville Police Department. The agreement lays out the roles, responsibilities, details, and goals regarding the school resource officer program.
- The Department of Learning shared school improvement plans, as required by the state. The plans are based on the analysis of academic data from each school and set goals to continue to enhance academic excellence. Board member Laura Alerding abstained from voting on the plans.
- A new office/storage building that will be constructed by Noblesville Youth Baseball on the district's property at Hazel Dell Elementary was approved by the board.

Visit the school board area of the [Noblesville Schools website](https://www.noblesvilleschools.org) for meeting agendas, minutes, videos and more.

## OneZone welcomes Kelley Stacy of SMC Corp. to Eggs & Issues

### The REPORTER

OneZone Chamber has announced Kelley Stacy, President & CEO of SMC Corporation of America, as the October Eggs & Issues presenter.

Stacy is the President and CEO of SMC Corporation of America located in Noblesville. A subsidiary of SMC Corporation in Japan, SMC is a comprehensive manufacturer of components for the Automation, Controls, and Process industries. As Noblesville's largest private employer, SMC develops eco-friendly automation products that keep the world moving.

In her role, Kelley sets the strategic direction of the company, promotes SMC's employee-driven culture, and ensures the sustainable growth and value of SMC's diverse portfolio of products. Under her leadership, SMC has achieved both record sales and the distinction of a Best Managed Company by the *Wall Street Journal* and Deloitte.

Kelley has developed a strong reputation for innovation and customer development globally throughout her 30-year career. Kelley strives to cultivate an environment of excellence by investing in the long-term success of employees, customers, and industry trend-

setters in order to promote the continued progress of SMC.

Attendees will hear Kelley discuss the impacts of sustainability, projects that SMC Corporation of America has launched, and ways we can collectively leverage the power of businesses to advocate for sustainable practices and incentives throughout the county and state. The program will be moderated by Jack Russell, President of OneZone and Northern Hamilton County Chamber.

"SMC has always been an industry leader and their work around sustainability is another example of the impact they make to our county, state, and around the world," Russell said. "We are excited to welcome Kelley Stacy to share with our members the incredible work her team does each and every day."

This event will take place from 8:30 to 10 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 13 at FORUM Events Center, 11313 USA Pkwy, Fishers. Registration is required by Thursday, Sept. 28.

Members and non-members are invited to attend. The cost for members is \$30 and \$40 for non-members. Reservations can be made at [OneZoneChamber.com](https://OneZoneChamber.com) or by calling (317) 436-4653.



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# Indiana Senate candidate John Rust sues to get on 2024 ballot

**By GARRETT BERGQUIST**  
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A challenger to Jim Banks' Senate bid claims that party insiders are keeping him off the 2024 ballot.

**John Rust** this week filed a lawsuit in Marion County court claiming Jackson County Republicans are using a new state law to rule him ineligible to run in next year's Republican Senate primary.

The law requires that anyone who wishes to run in a party primary either vote in that party's primary in the two most recent election cycles or be certified by their county's party chair.

Rust's filing claimed he did not vote in the 2020 Republican primary due to the COVID-19 pandemic, so he asked Jackson County Republican Party Chair Amanda Lowery to provide written certification. She refused, citing the lack

of a 2020 vote and Rust's past votes in Democratic primaries for candidates he said he knew personally.

Rust claims Lowery's actions and the candidacy law violate both the state and U.S. constitutions because they have led to him being treated differently from other candidates.

"The statute makes it so only a small percentage of Hoosiers and those hand-selected by the party

chair are eligible to run for office," attorney Michelle Harter wrote.

Rust's lawsuit names Lowery, Secretary of State Diego Morales, and the Indiana Election Commission as defendants. The filing asks a judge to rule the primary eligibility law unconstitutional and block any further efforts to keep Rust off the 2024 ballot.

Lowery did not immediately return a call seeking comment on the filing.

# Doden calls on Indiana Chamber to drop school consolidation effort

**Submitted**

Eric Doden, Republican candidate for governor, is calling on the Indiana Chamber of Commerce to reexamine its long-time effort to consolidate rural and small-town school corporations of less than 2,000 students.

**In a letter** to incoming Chamber President and CEO Vanessa Green Sinders, Doden said that while the goals of the policy might have some merit, eliminating "small public school districts through consolidation will be seen as a death knell for the millions of Hoosiers who live in small towns and rural communities."

The Chamber's recently released Indiana Prosperity 2035 plan calls for a reduction "by half the number of very small school districts with enrollments below 2,000 students."

"We need a vision for Indiana that reverses the population decline and makes our small cities and towns a destination to live, work and raise a family as opposed to plans that are perceived to give up on them entirely," Doden wrote. "For far too long, our state has ignored

our small and rural communities and had no plan for them, only giveaways to corporations."

Doden has called for Indiana to adopt a new bold approach to economic development that treats all 92 counties as communities of opportunity. Doden's Indiana Main Street Initiative would take 10 percent of what Indiana spends on economic development – around \$100 million per year – and redirect it to small towns and rural communities creating more than \$16 billion in economic growth in these communities.

"Lobbying for consolidation, no matter how noble the aim, sends the wrong message to the two million Hoosiers who choose to live, work and raise their families in small communities and is ideologically inconsistent with our shared principles of school choice and local control," Doden said.

[Click here](#) to read Doden's entire Indiana Main Street Initiative plan.



Doden

# Sen. Mike Braun introduces bipartisan bill to prioritize American-grown commodities for international food aid

**The REPORTER**

On Wednesday, U.S. Senators Mike Braun (R-Ind.), Jon Tester (D-Mont.), Roger Marshall (R-Kan.) and Pete Ricketts (R-Neb.) introduced bipartisan legislation to enshrine a continued role for American farmers in the Food for Peace (FFP) program and increase accountability and transparency in FFP program functions.

U.S. Representatives Tracey Mann (R-Kan.-01), John Garamendi (D-Calif.-08), Rick Crawford (R-Ark.-01), and Jimmy Panetta (D-Calif.-19) introduced the companion legislation in the House of Representatives in June.

"American farmers have played a critical role in reducing hunger overseas for decades," Sen. Braun said. "The bipartisan American Farmers Feed the World Act would ensure that

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"American farmers have played a critical role in reducing hunger overseas for decades," Sen. Braun said. "The bipartisan American Farmers Feed the World Act would ensure that

American-grown food is prioritized over foreign competitors for American aid programs around the world. It will also allow for more efficient use of funding so we can feed even more hungry people without any additional taxpayer dollars."

The American Farmers Feed the World Act would:

- Reserve half of FFP dollars for purchasing com-

modities and shipping them overseas

- Reduce the maximum share for 202(e) spending in FFP from 20 percent to 10 percent
- Move key decision-making points from USAID to USDA
- Prohibit the use of food vouchers or cash transfers instead of food
- Increase reporting requirements around any waivers granted under FFP

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# Meet Aspire’s new leader, Anthony Sheehan

**Submitted**

This month marks a momentous occasion as Antony Sheehan begins his term as President & Executive Officer of Aspire Indiana Health. He brings a reputation as a tireless advocate for bringing healthcare services to the underserved.

“I’m so proud to have joined Aspire and plan to spend the next few months connecting with key stakeholders, from local and state elected officials to our colleagues at other healthcare

organizations,” Sheehan said. “We share a commitment to improve the health and wellbeing of those we serve. I look forward to being your ally and partner.”

Sheehan, brings a variety of experiences from his work in Europe and the U.S. He relocated to Indiana from Massachusetts where he was CEO of a community Behavioral Health System. He began his career in his native United Kingdom as a clinical nurse specializing in mental health and addiction, he also served as a

senior civil servant in Tony Blair’s government and as a health system CEO.

Sheehan came to the U.S. to undertake a year-long fellowship at The Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) in Cambridge Mass. After his time at IHI, he began his U.S. career in Memphis, Tenn., as president of a health center and community health advisor in a large health system.

Learn more about Aspire Indiana Health at [AspireIndiana.org](http://AspireIndiana.org).



Photo provided by Aspire Indiana Health

## Institute of Transportation Engineers awards Carmel for Main Street Corridor project

**The REPORTER**

The City of Carmel has won a prestigious award from the Institute of Transportation Engineers for the Main Street Corridor project.

The project, completed earlier this year, featured two new roundabouts and corridor improvements in front of Carmel High School. It was designed to make Main Street safer for motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians, particularly Carmel High School students and users of the Carmel Clay Public Library.

The Safe System Approach Roundabout Project Award was presented during National Roundabouts

Week on Tuesday during a special webinar for transportation engineers from across the country.

“We spend a great deal of time working with expert designers and construction crews to develop projects that benefit our local residents and visitors,” City Engineer Jeremy Kashman said. “In this case, with so many pedestrians from the largest high school in the state and the library that draws about 600,000 visitors each year, the project took on an even greater importance.”



Kashman

Kashman led the team on the Main Street Project. Bradley Pease, PE, Carmel Engineering Department, was the project manager; the designers included Andrew Wolf of CrossRoad Engineers, PC and Dylan Sievers of RQAW; and the contractor was White Construction.

Some of the design elements for this project included:

- Roundabouts were designed to address the safety needs of all road users, including pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists, includ-

ing appropriate lane widths and raised crosswalks.

- Mid-block crossings include refuge islands and rectangular rapid flashing beacons to enhance crosswalk safety.

- Traffic speed was addressed by introducing traffic-calming measures within the corridor, including more narrow lanes, street trees, a median throughout the project, the refuge islands and raised crosswalks.

Roundabouts reduce the number of accidents with injury by 47 percent, according to national studies. For more information on Carmel’s system of roundabouts, [click here](#).

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October 5 and 19

**The REPORTER**

On Saturday, Sept. 23, MashCraft Fishers, 11069 Allisonville Road, Fishers, will welcome “The Piano Man” Bruce Barker, a Lafayette icon and Purdue tradition, to perform live at the brewery. The 21-and-over outside event will be from 5 to 11 p.m. and attendees are encouraged to bring their own camp chair.

Now is the perfect time to try out MashCraft’s German-style beers on tap:

MashCraft Oktoberfest, Easy Shuffle Hefeweizen, and City Limits Kolsch.

Barker is known for his Thursday night performances for more than 25 years at The Neon Cactus near Purdue University campus in West Lafayette.

MashCraft Fishers will also welcome Barker back to perform Saturday, Oct. 21.

For more information about MashCraft Fishers, visit [mashcraft.com/fishers](http://mashcraft.com/fishers).

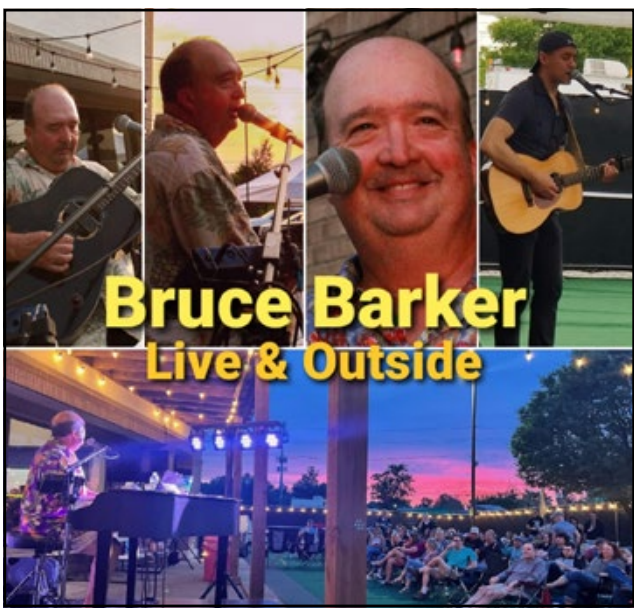


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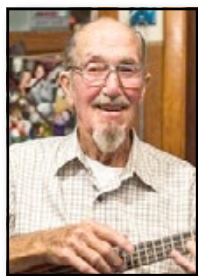
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**Ernie Taylor**

July 9, 1928 – September 16, 2023

Mr. Ernie Taylor, 95, Zionsville, passed away on September 16, 2023, at his home.



Ernie was born July 9, 1928, in Henryville, Ind., a son of the late James and Dora (Casey) Taylor. He married "Dot" Taylor on May 3, 1957. She preceded him in death on August 14, 2019.

Ernie graduated from Battle Ground High School in 1946. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and deployed to Naples, Italy. Ernie was a retired steamfitter and life member of UA Local 440 Plumbers and Pipefitters Union. He maintained a family farm and enjoyed collecting antique tractors and horse-drawn equipment. He was

an artist with metal, and many of his works are permanently displayed along State Road 32 if you know where to look. At age 72, he took up music instruments, learning to play the ukulele, guitar, and banjo, often performing for rehab patients at the Parkwood Center.

Ernie is survived by his son, Thomas (wife, Christine) Taylor of Virginia; grandchildren, Zach Taylor, Madison (Adam) Stillabower, and Rhonda (Tony) Poe; great-grandchildren, Megan, Paul, and Mary Hurley; and eight great-great-grandchildren. He has many nieces and nephews, as well.

In addition to his wife, "Dot" and son, Ronald Hartrum, Ernie was preceded in death by his sister, Doris Lowry, and his brothers, Earl, James, Roy, and Ward Taylor.

Family and friends will gather for a visitation at 10 a.m. on Friday, September 22, 2023, until the time of the funeral service at 2 p.m. at the Strawmyer & Drury Mortuary, 2400 N. Lebanon St., Lebanon. Ernie will be laid to rest at Rosston Cemetery in Zionsville.

You are invited to visit [strawmyerdrury.com](http://strawmyerdrury.com) and sign his online register and leave a personal message.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Ernie's memory may be made to the Boone County Cancer Society, 117 W. Elm St., Lebanon, IN 46052; or to the charity of your choice.

**Gene Marinacci**

April 10, 1935 – September 20, 2023

Gene Marinacci, 88, Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at Prairie Lakes Health Campus in Noblesville. He was born on April 10, 1935, to the late Joe and Betty (Carsillo) Marinacci in Atlantic Highlands, N.J.



Gene proudly served his country in the United States Army where he played baseball. He was a part of the Dodger Baseball organization for 10 years. Gene coached baseball at Noblesville Freshman High School. He worked as a builder and enjoyed wood-working and building bird houses.

Gene is survived by his wife, Brenda Marinacci; sons, Gene (Sue) Marinacci Jr. and Michael (Toni) Marinacci; son-in-law, Christopher Shumate; sister, Millie Harris; and seven grandchildren.

No services are scheduled at this time. Gene's care has been entrusted to Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes.

Condolences: [randallroberts.com](http://randallroberts.com)

**— COUNTY —****NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(a)(2)(D)(ii), the Hamilton County Airport Authority will meet in Executive Session at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 5, 2023, in Conference Room 1A of the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, IN. The purpose of the meeting is discussion of negotiations with commercial prospects by the Hamilton County Airport Authority as the lessor of real property at the Indianapolis Executive Airport located at 11329 SR 32, Zionsville, IN 46077.

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**— CICERO —****Notice**

On September 26, 2023, Cicero Town Council will hold an Executive Session at 7:00 at Cicero Town Hall, 70 N Byron Street, Cicero, IN according to Indiana Code IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D) A real property transaction including: (i) a purchase; (ii) a lease as lessor; (iii) a lease as lessee; (iv) a transfer; (v) an exchange; or (vi) a sale; by the governing body up to the time a contract or option is executed by the parties. This clause does not affect a political subdivision's duty to comply with any other statute that governs the conduct of the real property transaction, including IC 36-1-10 or IC 36-1-11.

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**— ARCADIA —****NOTICE**

The Arcadia Town Council will meet in a special meeting on Monday, October 2, 2023 at 6 p.m. located at 208 W. Main Street Arcadia, IN 46030.

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**Meeting Notices**

The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an special session at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 28, 2023, at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St., Carmel.

The Westfield Washington Schools Board of Trustees will hold a regular meeting and a preliminary determination hearing at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2023, at the Westfield Washington Schools Administration Office, 19500 Tomlinson Road, Suite B, Westfield.

A work session to discuss strategic planning will follow at 6:15 p.m. in the same location.

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**TODAY'S BIBLE READING****SODOM AND GOMORRAH DESTROYED (CONT.)**

*But Lot said to them, "No, my lords, please! Your servant has found favor in your eyes, and you have shown great kindness to me in sparing my life. But I can't flee to the mountains; this disaster will overtake me, and I'll die. Look, here is a town near enough to run to, and it is small. Let me flee to it—it is very small, isn't it? Then my life will be spared."*

*He said to him, "Very well, I will grant this request too; I will not overthrow the town you speak of. But flee there quickly, because I cannot do anything until you reach it." (That is why the town was called Zoar.)*

*By the time Lot reached Zoar, the sun had risen over the land. Then the Lord rained down burning sulfur on Sodom and Gomorrah—from the Lord out of the heavens. Thus he overthrew those cities and the entire plain, destroying all those living in the cities—and also the vegetation in the land. But Lot's wife looked back, and she became a pillar of salt.*

*Early the next morning Abraham got up and returned to the place where he had stood before the Lord. He looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah, toward all the land of the plain, and he saw dense smoke rising from the land, like smoke from a furnace.*

*So when God destroyed the cities of the plain, he remembered Abraham, and he brought Lot out of the catastrophe that overthrew the cities where Lot had lived.*

Genesis 19:18-29 (NIV)

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Volleyball

# Huskies cruise past Pendleton Heights

## Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville & Fishers all get conference wins

By **RICHIE HALL**  
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**ARCADIA** — Service and smiles brought success to the Hamilton Heights volleyball team on Thursday, and in general this season.

The Huskies swept Pendleton Heights 25-13, 25-16, 25-14 in a home match, running their record to 14-5 for the season. Heights cruised to victory thanks to exceptional serving, aggressive play, and keeping the energy up throughout the match (which accounts for the smiles).

“We do the little dance and celebrate, try to get the energy moving when we want to try to motivate,” said Heights coach Steve Ward. “We were really relaxed tonight, but really focused on what we wanted to do and it was a pretty good outcome for us.”

The Huskies were in control from the beginning. With the score at 1-1, junior Emma Blanton served seven straight points, including an ace during that run. Heights led 8-1 after the run and was never threatened during the set.

“Whenever we can get out to an early start with good serving, it really helps us out throughout the whole match,” said Ward.

Everyone was serving well on the team. Sophomore Macie Smith nailed back-to-back aces during the later part of the set, which

got the Huskies ahead 22-11. The offense was doing its job as well, with Smith and juniors Hailey Hall and Patience King both hitting kills. Lauren Lewis, the lone senior on the Heights team, blasted in three kills during the final part of the set, including one on set point to get the Huskies up 1-0.

The second set was a little tighter at the beginning. But the Huskies broke away from the Arabians, with a nine-point run that increased their lead from 9-8 to 18-8. Lewis served during that run, and she smacked two aces, while Smith put down two kills and teamed with Blanton for a block.

Pendleton made a run to get within 19-14, but Smith again stepped up with back-to-back kills, and hit a third kill to move Heights ahead 22-15. The Huskies ran out the set from there.

The Arabians went up 2-0 in the third set, but Smith ended that with another kill. That started a run of three straight points (including a Lewis ace and an Ellie Miller/Smith block), and the Huskies never trailed again. Junior libero Kennedy Cherry helped out with a five-point serving run midway through the set to get Heights up 15-6, and a Smith kill made it 18-8.

Pendleton put up some resistance after that, making a run to get within 21-14. The Huskies took a timeout, and went into their celebra-

tion dance again.

“Sometimes we get so laser-focused that we lose some of that intensity of the energy and the excitement,” said Ward. “And so a few years ago, we started doing a celebration to where we could celebrate ourselves and get going and get that energy back.”

The dance worked, as Heights did not lose another point after the timeout. The Huskies swiftly won the next four points to take the match: Lewis put down a kill, Cherry served an ace, then Lewis spiked back-to-back kills to end the match.

Heights will now prepare for a busy week next week. The Huskies host Seccina Monday and Delta on Wednesday, then play in the Hoosier Conference tournament on Sept. 30.

\*\*\*  
Hamilton Southeastern rolled to a Hoosier Crossroads Conference victory on Thursday.

The Royals celebrated Senior Night with a 25-10, 25-23, 25-18 victory over Zionsville. Southeastern improved to 5-0 with the win and is still unbeaten for the season at 19-0.

The Royals play Saturday at the Crown Point Invitational.

\*\*\*  
Noblesville got an HCC sweep on Thursday, beating Franklin Central 25-13, 25-14, 25-19 at The Mill.

The Millers improved to 3-2 in the conference with the victory and is now 16-3 overall. Noblesville travels to the Yorktown 4-Way tournament on Saturday, where it will take on Noblesville and the host Tigers, last year’s Class 4A state runner-up.

On Wednesday, the Millers beat Carmel 25-20, 25-19, 25-12. Aubrey Stitche and Anna Elkin both hit seven kills, with Madison Brown dishing out 18 assists. Elkin served five aces, with Brown hitting three.

Maddie Coates collected 12 digs. Reese Resmer had four total blocks (three solo, one assist), while Elaina Hendrix made four block assists.

\*\*\*  
Fishers toughed out a five-set HCC win over Avon Thursday, 25-11, 24-26, 25-17, 16-25, 15-6.

The Tigers evened their conference record at 3-3 with the win, and also brought their overall record level at 13-13. Fishers plays Tuesday at Mount Vernon.

\*\*\*  
Sheridan was swept by a tough Lapel team on Thursday, 25-15, 25-17, 25-17.

Despite the loss, one of the Blackhawks made history. Nova Cross dished out 10 assists, which gave her the school record for most assists in a season. Cross has 416 assists for the year, breaking the old record held by Taylor Bates (412),



Reporter photo by Richie Hall  
**Hamilton Heights’ Emma Blanton prepares to serve the ball during the Huskies’ Thursday match with Pendleton Heights. Blanton had a run of seven straight service points in the first set, helping Heights to get out to an early lead.**

which was set in 2020.

Trinity Parkin and Meredith Krupp both served one ace. Kenzie Garner hit six kills, with Parkin putting down five.

On defense, Krupp collected 17 digs, with Garner making 10 digs. Cross added seven, Claudia Headlee and Parkin both made six

and Ali Pickard had five. Garner had one solo block and one block assist, Parkin and Shelby Eaton both made one solo block, and Beth Adams had one block assist.

Sheridan is 13-10 and plays at Rossville Tuesday in a Hoosier Heartland Conference match.

Boys Tennis

# Millers fall to Cathedral, regular season concluded

The REPORTER

The Noblesville boys tennis team dropped a 3-2 meet to Cathedral on Thursday to finish its regular season.

The No. 24-ranked Millers won both doubles matches against the No. 13 Irish. Noblesville will host Sectional 56 next week, which also contains Hamilton Heights, Lapel and Westfield.

Results from the match now follow.

**No. 1 singles:** Cole-

man (C) def. Ethan Feliciano (N) 6-4, 6-2

**No. 2 singles:** Wojtalik (C) def. Max Habel (N) 6-0, 6-1

**No. 3 singles:** Schneider (C) def. Zane Panning 6-2, 6-1

**No. 1 doubles:** Rory Bushong and Liam Shepard (N) def. Hanchar and Cobb (C) 6-3, 6-4

**No. 2 doubles:** Coleman Kratz and Dane Campbell (N) def. Whelan and Berle (C) 6-2, 6-1

Boys Soccer

# Millers beat Center Grove on Senior Night

The REPORTER

The Noblesville boys soccer team celebrated its return to No. 1 in the Class 3A coaches poll with a 5-2 win over 3A No. 4 Center Grove Thursday in the Millers’ Senior Night game.

Sam Holland scored for the Millers in the first half, making a penalty kick with 5:01 left for the only first-half score. Holland got another goal in the 44th minute to give Noblesville a 2-0 lead.

Freshman Ben Hewitt blasted in a goal with 29 minutes left in the second half. The Trojans put in a penalty kick to get on the

board with 26:03 remaining, but Noblesville scored again one minute later. Senior Max Reason’s free kick landed in front of the net and senior Alex Pursch, who easily kicked it in.

Center Grove put in a goal during the 67th minute, but Holland answered that with his third goal of the game with 4:24 left. Ashton Craig, Caden Rice, Reason and Carsten Shidler all had one assist during the game.

Noblesville is 10-0-5 and finishes its Hoosier Crossroads Conference and regular seasons on Tuesday by hosting Franklin Central.

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Carmel, ranked No. 2 in 3A, cruised to a 7-0 win Thursday at New Palestine.

The Greyhounds led 3-0 at halftime, with goals from Nick Basso (assist Connor Dora), Christian Nielsen (assist Basso) and Johnny Gilbert scored Carmel’s opening goal of the second half, with Hayden Warneke making the assist.

Basso picked up his second goal (assist Gourley) to make the score 5-0, then Nielsen scored, with Gilbert making the assist. Henry Boyd finished the Greyhounds’ scoring, with Brigham Forsythe making that assist.

Carmel is 11-1-1 and plays Saturday at Guerin Catholic.

The 2A No. 11 Golden Eagles played at Fishers Thursday in an all-county battle, with the 3A No. 8 Tigers winning 7-2. Complete stats from the game were not available at press time.

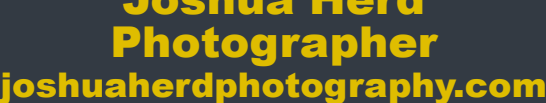
Fishers improved to 8-2-4 and hosts Kokomo on Saturday. The Golden Eagles are 4-8-1.

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Westfield took care of Harrison 5-2 in a Thursday home game.

The Shamrocks are 6-5-1 and play Saturday at Plainfield.



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# Indiana Golf makes major announcement that will grow the sport

By **ANTHONY CALHOUN**  
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On Tuesday, **Indiana Golf** launched a \$6.5 million capital campaign that includes the construction of a new headquarters at The Fort Golf Resort in northeast Indianapolis.

The property is located at the Fort Benjamin Harrison State Park in Lawrence Township.

The headquarters, named The Pete and Alice Dye Indiana Golf Center, will feature the Indiana Golf Hall of Fame, administrative space for staff, an indoor training facility, and an adjacent outdoor short-

game practice area.

The 13,000 square-foot building will be home to the offices of the Indiana PGA, the Indiana Golf Association, the Indiana Women's Golf Association, the Indiana Golf Course Superintendents Association, the Indiana Golf Foundation, and First Tee-Indiana.

"The new administrative headquarters and teaching facility will allow us to enhance several of our programs at our new location including PGA HOPE, First Tee, and additional player development programs to grow the game of golf," said Mike David, Executive Director of Indiana Golf, in

a press release. "Golf contributes more than \$2 billion to our state's economy annually, supports charitable organizations, and promotes youth development and quality of life, and we look forward to expanding the sport's impact through our new facility."

WISH-TV Sports Director Anthony Calhoun helped make the big announcement at The Fort Golf Resort on Tuesday evening, and David spoke with AC before the event.

"This is a fun day. We work hard for Indiana Golf, and this is a significant move for us to have a new headquarters, to be at a visi-

ble location, and to generate some exposure for everything we're doing," David said to AC. "The building is one thing, we have a lot of great things going on, but if the building and the campaign bring some attention to us then we'll take that, that's great."

\$4.3 million has already been raised during the initial phase of the capital campaign, and the not-for-profit organization hopes to raise the rest of the \$6.5 million by next Summer.

The project is expected to break ground in the Spring of 2024 and the grand opening is scheduled for the Spring of 2025.

## Champions Palou, Chip Ganassi Racing take spotlight at Victory Lap Celebration

*Rasmussen saluted for INDY NXT by Firestone title*

### The REPORTER

Alex Palou was honored for his second NTT INDYCAR SERIES championship during the Victory Lap Celebration on Sept. 21, the headline of an incomparable 2023 season for Chip Ganassi Racing.

Palou dominated this season to earn another title to join his 2021 championship for Chip Ganassi Racing. He won a series-high five races in the No. 10 The American Legion Honda, with a total of 10 podium finishes in 17 races. Palou finished eighth or better in all 17 races this season and became the first INDYCAR SERIES driver to clinch the championship at least one race early since Sebastien Bourdais in 2007.

Spanish driver Palou won the Astor Challenge Cup for the title by 78 points over teammate and six-time series champion Scott Dixon, earning the 15th INDYCAR SERIES championship for Chip Ganassi Racing and the organization's third in the last four seasons.

Palou was one of six members of Chip Ganassi Racing to receive special honors at the ceremony, which took place at the Gallagher Pavilion at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Marcus Armstrong of New Zealand received the Rookie of the Year Award as the top-finishing first-year driver in the standings. Armstrong scored five top-10 finishes in just 12 starts in the No. 11 Ridgeline Lubricants Honda to surpass full-time rookie Agustin Canapino of Juncos Hollinger Racing by 34 points in the standings.

Team owner Chip Ganassi accepted the Champi-

onship Owner Award, and Palou's chief mechanic, Ricky Davis, was presented the Pennzoil Chief Mechanic Award. Additional season honors for the Ganassi team included the NTT INDYCAR SERIES Team Manager award to Barry Wanser and Blair Julian.

The awards haul was a reward for a dominant year by Indianapolis-based Chip Ganassi Racing. The team achieved the unprecedented feat of taking the top two spots in the driver standings and winning the Rookie of the Year title in one season.

While Palou's winning margin in the driver standings was the largest since 2016, the Manufacturers Award race came down to the final laps at the season finale Sept. 10 at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca. Chevrolet edged Honda by just 16 points to win its second consecutive engine manufacturer title and eighth overall since it returned to the series in 2012.

Mark Stielow, General Motors director of motorsport competition engineering, accepted the award on behalf of the

Chevrolet team.

A successful first season with a rebrand and Firestone sponsorship for INDYCAR's development series also was recognized at the Victory Lap Celebration, as Christian Rasmussen of HMD Motorsports was honored as 2023 INDY NXT by Firestone champion.

Rasmussen won a series-high five of the 14 races this season in the No. 6 HMD Motorsports with DCR entry. He beat Andretti Autosport's Hunter McElrea to the title by 65 points.

Danish driver Rasmussen's HMD teammate, Nolan Siegel, was named INDY NXT by Firestone Rookie of the Year. Siegel, from Palo Alto, California, finished third in the series standings with two victories.

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## SPORTS SCHEDULE

### Friday, Sept. 22

#### FOOTBALL

Avon at Fishers, 7 p.m.  
Bishop Chatard at Guerin Catholic, 7 p.m.  
Brownsburg at Westfield, 7 p.m.  
Hamilton Southeastern at Zionsville, 7 p.m.  
Noblesville at Franklin Central, 7 p.m.  
North Central at Carmel, 7 p.m.  
Sheridan at Taylor, 7 p.m.  
Twin Lakes at Hamilton Heights, 7 p.m.

#### GIRLS SOCCER

Sheridan vs. Whiteland, 7 p.m. at Evansville Memorial.

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6:00 pm **Lapel High School vs Hamilton Heights** | Girls Varsity Volleyball | Husky Sports  
7:00 pm **Carmel vs Noblesville** | Varsity Volleyball | HCTV Sports  
7:00 pm **Avon vs Fishers** | Girls Soccer | Fishers Sports Network

**Thur Sept 21 - Boys Soccer**

6:00 pm **Center Grove vs Noblesville** | Junior Varsity | HCTV Sports  
7:00 pm **Guerin Catholic vs Fishers** | Varsity | Fishers Sports Network  
7:30 pm **Center Grove vs Noblesville** | Varsity | HCTV Sports

**Fri Sept 22 - IHSAA Football**

6:45 pm **Pendleton Heights vs Mt Vernon** | Indiana SRN  
6:45 pm **Heritage Christian vs Covenant Christian** | Indiana SRN  
7:00 pm **Avon vs Fishers** | Fishers Sports Network  
7:15 pm **Evansville Memorial vs Bosse** | Indiana SRN  
7:15 pm **Twin Lakes vs Hamilton Heights** | Husky Sports Network

**Sat Sept 23**

10:00 am **Avon vs Fishers** | Freshman Football | Fishers Sports Network  
11:00 am **Rose-Hulman vs Baldwin Wallace** | College Volleyball | Indiana SRN  
1:00 pm **Penn vs Noblesville** | Girls Varsity Soccer | Noblesville H.S. Sports  
3:00 pm **Center Grove Junior Trojans vs Noblesville Grinders** | IEFA Youth Football  
3:00 pm **Rose-Hulman vs Olivet** | College Volleyball | Indiana SRN  
3:30 pm **Ohio Northern vs Rose-Hulman** | Mens College Soccer | Indiana SRN

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