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**TODAY'S WEATHER**

Today: Mostly cloudy and humid, with periods of showers and storms in the morning. Scattered showers in the afternoon.  
 Tonight: Partly cloudy evening. Scattered showers and storms overnight.  
 HIGH: 82 LOW: 70



# Westfield unveils design for new Fire Station 84

**The REPORTER**

The City of Westfield and the Westfield Fire Department have unveiled renderings for Station 84, located at 191st Street and Chad Hittle Drive in the northern portion of the city.

This additional station will serve the growing community with exceptional fire and medical services. Construction will begin soon and is anticipated to open and operational in October 2025.

The two-story, 20,000 square-foot building will include three full apparatus bays, living and sleeping quarters, and a museum open to the public.

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Rendering provided by City of Westfield  
 The cost of the new 20,000 square-foot Station 84 is approximately \$11 million and is financed through a Build-Operate-Transfer bond.

In order for the people of The Hamilton County Reporter to enjoy the Fourth of July holiday with friends and family, we will not publish a Friday, July 5 edition. The Reporter will return to your inboxes on Saturday, July 6. Happy Independence Day, Hamilton County!

## Why I write

Aside from a few papers in high school and college and a sporadic journal I kept, writing and I really didn't have much of a relationship.

I was sitting in a church service one Sunday a few years ago, and my pastor challenged us to do something way outside of our comfort zone – something that could push us further toward our purpose in this life.

I couldn't think of anything more terrifying than vulnerably sharing my story about my life living with a disability, and what it was like being on a lifelong search for a diagnosis. At the time of this challenge, I was still being referred to as "unidentified" by my doctors, so starting out that's what many of my blog posts centered around.

Of course, I had no way of knowing that just around the corner were the answers I had waited a lifetime on, and in a sense, a new beginning for me. It was like I was finally released to be the person I was always meant to be. The curtain was finally pulled back, allowing me to see and understand so much about myself.

It was a physical as well as an emotional release when I finally heard the words I had been longing to hear my whole life. "Your genetic test results revealed you have a condition called "Bethlem Myopathy." I stood in the bathroom of a local coffee shop of all places to take in this news. Not exactly how I always envisioned it going down. I had never heard of Bethlem Myopathy, let alone knew anything about it. But yet, I already knew everything about it because it was with me from the beginning. A strange feeling.

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**COLUMNIST**



AMY SHINNEMAN  
 Disability in the City

## TONIGHT: Join CSO & ATI for patriotic concert at Carmel Gazebo

**The REPORTER**

Join the Carmel Symphony Orchestra for a free concert at CarmelFest at 8 p.m. tonight, July 4, at the Gazebo.

Guest Conductor Vladimir Kulenovic to conduct the full Carmel Symphony Orchestra. He's been a "conductor with an uncommon passion" by John von Rhein of The Chicago Tribune. Read more about at [VladimirKulenovic.com](http://VladimirKulenovic.com).

In addition, Actors Theatre



of Indiana will join CSO on the Gazebo stage during the concert. Stay until the end and en-

joy a spectacular fireworks show in downtown Carmel. For more information on

upcoming events and how to get tickets, go to [CarmelSymphony.org](http://CarmelSymphony.org).

## Who has the best rain barrel in Carmel? Don't ask us, that decision is all yours



Photo provided

Carmel's Rain on Main event will take place Aug. 9 to 17 in the Arts & Design District. Walt Thacker, seen here, will represent the Hamilton County Artists' Association and is one of two dozen artists who are painting these rain barrels. On Aug. 9, these barrels will be displayed throughout downtown Carmel and will be auctioned off on Aug. 17 at the Farmers Market. Check them out and vote for your favorite barrel. This annual event is to increase awareness of water quality and conservation, and proceeds from the auction go to fund water management and education programs.

## Mother was a drop-out, part 3

To enter college, one signed a paper telling age, high school attended, and parents' names. That was it. If you could pay tuition, you could enter. PK's got a reduction in tuition. Since I qualified as a preacher's kid, I got the reduced rate. Making at least a B average also helped financially. I managed to do that.

My parents did not want me to take a job. They thought I should keep up my grades and borrow what I had to. I think they thought I was going to die. Cousin Vera was a schoolteacher but died in her early 20s. Brother Russel was a teacher and minister. He also died in his early 20s. Ruth had not been able to go to high school from age 16 to 20. I could understand why my parents were concerned but felt I should have had a job anyway. I missed only one day of school in two years.

Two years passed quickly. Now where to find a job. Every place I heard of a job opening, I heard the same story. They would be glad to hire me, but a local person had already applied.

So I dropped out. With a debt hanging over my head, I had to find some kind – any kind – of employment. I was lucky enough to get a job with R. R. Donnelley. This was a printing company located in Crawfordsville. I worked there for a little over two years (1937-39).

I started in the bindery for 33¢ an hour. After a while I was promoted to time clerk. Later the office boss called me upstairs for an interview. He gave me a test and a few days later I began office work as a cost clerk. Then through my dad's influence and effort, I was hired to teach grades three

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## STATION 84

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Rendering provided by City of Westfield

It can house up to 12 fire department personnel for 24/7 response with a ladder truck and an engine.

The location fills a critical need as the city's northern area has grown with additional residential neighborhoods. The station will serve primarily the U.S. 31 corridor, the Grand Park area, and Chatham Hills. Given that the nearest fire

stations for this area are located off State Road 32, it is expected to reduce response times by more than two minutes in an industry where every second matters.

"We are woefully behind in the number of fire stations needed for the City of Westfield," Mayor Scott Willis said. "It is a priority of my administration to provide exceptional public safety to

our residents and visitors, and this is one of the first steps in accomplishing that goal. We can only advance Westfield if we get projects like these started."

The cost of Station 84 is approximately \$11 million and is financed through a Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) bond.

Designs for Station 85 are currently underway.

## WRITE

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As I kept writing, I found that the more I opened up, the more I started to understand about my life. Recounting times from the past, helped me to walk through those times again. I was able to process all those emotions through a different lens. Writing about these life experiences was serving the purpose I had of wanting to reach others who were feeling alone on their path with a disability, while also healing my past wounds.

In time, I began to see a change in myself, and others around me began to see it

as well. I became open in a way that I never was before. Bitterness and anger slowly transformed into acceptance and joy. Where only darkness was for so long, a light began to glow. Over time, the light has become brighter. My inner thoughts have become much more positive.

There were many things that deep down I knew were true, but I didn't really believe those truths until I started writing about them. The more I wrote about these truths, the more I felt them.

Writing continues to open doors for me that allow me to serve my community and help others. While I never envisioned myself as a "writer" here I am. Sometimes our joys in life sneak up on us and take us by surprise. Be ready!

Until next time ...  
*Amy Shinneman is a former National Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, disability blogger, wife, and mom of two boys. You can find her blog at [humblycourageous.com](http://humblycourageous.com) and reach her on Instagram @ashinneman.*

## MOTHER

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and four at Rob Roy School south of Attica. That was in the fall of 1939.

My classmate was teaching all eight grades, but I had to go back to college in order to teach third grade. I taught at Rob Roy from fall 1939 to Spring 1941. At that time I moved to Adams County (sic) and I dropped out of school.

Time marched on and brought many changes. Sometime around 1950, a cousin wanted Dad to go to Huntington College with him. That worked until the cousin finished his four-year course. Having begun, Dad wanted to finish, but it was a long drive after working all

day. Dad needed someone to ride along, and he elected me. Grandma encouraged that and offered to baby-sit. Dad graduated in 1953. We took the children to his Commencement. I wonder if either one remembers. It was an outdoor service. The speaker got tied-up in a traffic jam and arrived late.

Raymond fell asleep on my lap, but he awakened in time for the processional and the rest of the service. We were all proud of Dad in his cap and gown. Mother was one semester and one hour behind Dad, so she did it again. She dropped out. "No more school for me," she said.

In 1955, Vernon Zurcher decided to quit farming and go back to college. He wanted a carload to ride with him to Huntington to help pay transportation expenses. He asked me to go. I said no. I said no several times. I did not want to go. I asked Dad if I should go. Dad and I discussed the situation. He had lots of good reasons why I should go. I went. In January 1956 I finished a four-year course, got my life license and BS degree in June and I DROPPED OUT again.

*Be sure to read The Reporter next Thursday for the fourth and final part of this series.*

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Letter to the Editor

# It's time to work together for HSE

Dear Editor:  
I'm writing this having just left HSE's June 26, 2024, Board of Trustees work session – a work session where Mr. Pat Mapes, our new school Superintendent, gave his "vision" for this district.

I watched as slides were presented with cherry-picked data points, the previous administration was blamed for questionable financial decisions that may not be factual, credit was taken by the current administration for things already in place before Mapes' hiring, and teachers were told their "satisfaction should come from student achievement" rather than district leadership committing to a healthy work culture or entertaining pay increases.

How did we get here?  
I'm a moderate. I think if you talk with most people in Fishers and Noblesville, they'd say the same. Our schools are not meant to be political – and yet we seem to have made them that way.

Mayor Fadness, along with many Hamilton County Republican leaders, have helped fund and fuel Fishers One, whose stated purpose is: "We are dedicated to keeping people informed, while restoring academic excellence in our schools, holding elected officials accountable, maintaining Fishers as a great place to live, and cultivating the next generation of leaders."

This purpose is honorable and could truly make our community better. The trouble is that's not what they're actually doing. They've created a reality in our community where school board elections are won because a conservative candidate can raise \$25,000 or more through Republican channels. They're not looking for the most qualified people – they're looking for conservative people.

Why did they do this? Well ... our school board had become dominated by Democrats and district decisions around during the pandemic and hiring

of the previous Superintendent became left-leaning – and that's not right either. HSEqual, whose purpose is "a non-partisan political action committee dedicated to supporting Hamilton Southeastern Schools" (another great reason to start an organization!) has swayed from its original, non-partisan vision to closely align with the Democratic Party.

And now, on both sides, we have politicized our schools.

We need to do better for our kids. I have two young sons in HSE schools, one in elementary and one about to start intermediate school. We LOVE our schools. We campaigned hard to get the referendum passed and I could tell you 1,000 reasons why HSE is amazing. But what I witnessed tonight was the culmination of several years of partisanship in one meeting – and it was heartbreaking.

I'm calling on our Republican and Democrat leaders, the Fishers One and HSEqual leaders, HSE Administration and HSE Teachers Association leaders, to put a stop to this. Come together. I know some have tried – but it's going to take everyone. Figure out where we agree and then move forward for our kids. None of us wants to see our teachers unhappy and we all want our schools to thrive.

Cool it with the high-dollar funding for school board candidates. Let's create a community where well-qualified candidates with the best interest of our kids, community and teachers as their north star can win an election.

Here's the thing: most of those people don't want to get into the fray that's been created.

The vitriol and division need to stop. For our kids. For our teachers. For our community.

**Laura Cole**  
HSE Parent  
Fishers

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## Carmel Clay Public Library to hold Local Author Fair

### The REPORTER

The Carmel Clay Public Library will hold a Local Author Fair, a celebration of literary talent and community engagement, from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 24 at the Main Library, 425 E. Main St. Admission is free.

Attendees will have the unique opportunity to connect with dozens of local authors representing a diverse range of genres. From established writers to emerging voices, the fair will showcase work by authors from Carmel and the surrounding area. Authors will discuss their writing, sell and sign books, and share insights into their creative process.

"We've seen an increase in recent years in the number of authors in our community, especially as self-publishing has tak-



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en off," said library Adult Services Assistant Manager Kendall Culbertson. "This event will be a great way to connect those authors with new readers and for readers to learn about the writing process from the people who do it."

Local authors who are

interested in being part of the event may apply online through July 26 at [carmelclaylibrary.org/local-author-fair](http://carmelclaylibrary.org/local-author-fair).

More details about the event, including a list of participating organizations, can be found at [carmelclaylibrary.org/events](http://carmelclaylibrary.org/events).

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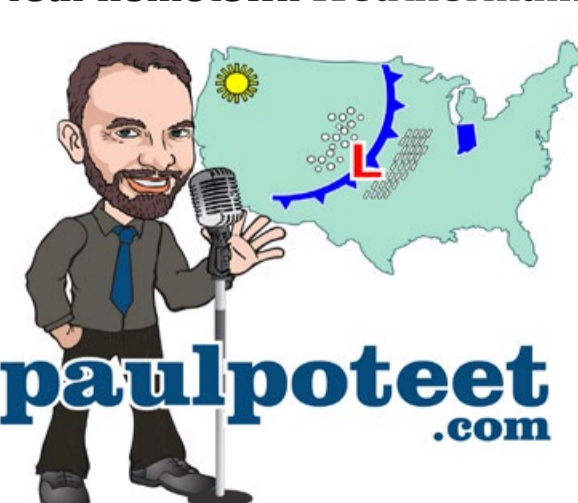
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# Carmel Christkindlmarkt announces 2024 mug design

### The REPORTER

The Carmel Christkindlmarkt has unveiled the 2024 design of the Market's iconic boot mug. This year's mug will be royal blue, with a snowy white interior.

Along with the updated color, this year's mug features a heart-shaped handle for the first time. The mug maintains the traditional scene of delicate snowflakes, views of the Palladium, ice skaters on the Ice at Carter Green, and the Glühwein Pyramid – one of the signature sights at the Market, and the first Pyramid of its kind in the United States.

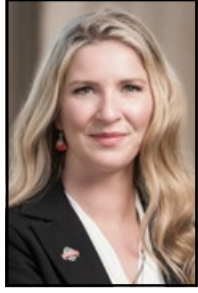
“Since the inaugural Christkindlmarkt in 2017, the Glühwein boot mugs have become wildly popular,” said CEO Maria Adele Rosenfeld. “They are a treasured

keepsake for many individual collectors and families. This year's rich blue and white colors help evoke the wonder and magical feel of the Market, and the heart-shaped handle represents how beloved the event is to our visitors.”

These collectible mugs will be available for sale on-site at the Market for \$6 each while supplies last. They cannot be purchased online, although they can be purchased in advance when participants register for the Glühwein Gallop.

Mugs can be purchased at various booths throughout the Market with or without a beverage.

The Market will be open Nov. 23 through Dec. 24, 2024. For a list of all hours and more information, please visit [CarmelChristkindlmarkt.com](http://CarmelChristkindlmarkt.com).



Rosenfeld



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The mugs will be available for purchase for \$6 each while supplies last during the Market.

# Indiana State Fair announces additional concerts for Hoosier Lottery Free Stage

### The REPORTER

The Indiana State Fair has unveiled additional concerts, including the return of Buddy Guy, the lineup for Latino-Fest 2024, and rocker Lita Ford for the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage, and more.

The Hoosier Lottery Free Stage has become a summertime staple for concert goers and music lovers. The lineup each year consists of some of music's most legendary and diverse acts, and this year is no exception. All shows at the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage are free with paid fair admission, and seating is first-come, first-served. All shows start at 7:30 p.m., unless noted otherwise.

The 2024 lineup for the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage at the Indiana State Fair includes:

- Three Dog Night – Friday, Aug. 2 (opening day)
- \*Celebrating The Beatles at the Indiana State Fair – Saturday, Aug. 3 featuring Hard Day's Night – Beatles Tribute (afternoon) & Live and Let Die: The Music of Paul McCartney (evening)
- Gladys Knight – Sunday, Aug. 4
- \*84 – Van Halen Tribute – Tuesday, Aug. 6
- \*Buddy Guy *Damn Right Farewell* – Wednesday, Aug. 7
- Dogstar (guitarist/vocalist Bret Domrose, drummer Robert Mailhouse and bassist Keanu Reeves) – Thursday, Aug. 8
- Bell Biv DeVoe – Friday, Aug. 9
- Fearless: The Taylor Swift Tribute – Saturday, Aug. 10
- Newsboys (evening) and Blessing Offor (afternoon) – Sunday, Aug. 11
- \*Latino – Fest En La Feria Del Estado De Indiana presented by Radio Latina 107.1 FM feat. Con La Sonora Dinamita de Colombia – Tuesday, Aug. 13
- Happy Together Tour featuring The Turtles, Jay & The Americans, The Association, Badfinger ft. Joey Molland, The Vogues, and The Cowsills – Wednesday, Aug. 14
- Sublime with Rome – Thursday, Aug. 15
- Gary Allan – Friday, Aug. 16
- \*Lita Ford – Saturday, Aug. 17
- Gospel Music Festival featuring Yolanda Adams – Sunday, Aug. 18

There will be a limited amount of reserved viewing area tickets available for these concerts made available in July. The 2024 Indiana State Fair is scheduled to open on Friday, Aug. 2 and runs through Aug. 18, when you can enjoy The Greatest 15 Days of Summer at this iconic Hoosier tradition. For more information, please visit [indianastatefair.com](http://indianastatefair.com).

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# What's happening at Westfield Chamber & Downtown Westfield Association?

## The REPORTER

Join the Westfield Young Professionals for breakfast from 8 to 9 am. on Tuesday, July 9 at the Hampton Inn Westfield for a networking event featuring Courtney Albright, President of the Westfield Chamber of Commerce and Downtown Westfield Association (DWA).



Albright

and housing sectors. Albright most recently served as the Director of Partner and Member Engagement at the Chamber before entering her role as President, bringing her exemplary leadership and dedication to the Chamber's mission.

Albright was appointed as President of the Westfield Chamber of Commerce and DWA on Dec. 1, 2023. She brings a wealth of experience to the role and has previously been a Marketing and Business Development Executive, primarily in the healthcare

The Westfield Chamber is the leading organization that serves Westfield, regional businesses, and community prosperity through advocacy, access to leaders, economic development, connectivity, and business education. It serves over 400 member businesses and is an integral part of the extreme growth West-



field has experienced, making it the fastest-growing city in Indiana. The Chamber serves as a central voice for Westfield businesses and holds many events throughout the month along with the Young Professionals Council.

DWA is an organization which strives to connect the community through the downtown. With events throughout the year, including Dinner Party on Union, DWA is able to make donations to continue the good

works of the community at large. In past years, DWA has donated to Student Impact, Grand Junction Plaza, Westfield Playhouse, and the new Westfield Washington Public Library.

Don't miss out on your chance to network with community professionals and gain valuable insight towards becoming a leader in your community. Bring your coworkers for complimentary coffee and continental breakfast. [Click here](#) to register now.

# Hear from Alexander & Heirbrandt at next Westfield GOP meeting

## The REPORTER

The Westfield GOP will welcome County Councilman Ken Alexander and County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt to this month's meeting.

Alexander and Heirbrandt will provide updates on various county projects.

The meeting will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23 at the Viking Meadows Clubhouse, 15757 Viking Meadows Drive, Westfield. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to [westfieldingop@gmail.com](mailto:westfieldingop@gmail.com).

One more thing ... don't miss the Westfield GOP at their booth during Westfield Rocks the 4th Celebration tonight at Grand Park.



Alexander



Heirbrandt

# Jacob Talty of Fishers makes honor list at Minnesota State University

## The REPORTER

The Academic High Honor and Honor lists (Dean's lists) for the past spring semester at Minnesota State University,

Mankato have been announced by Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs David Hood.

Jacob Talty of Fishers

made this past semester's Honor List.

Among 3,679 students, 2,529 earned a 3.5 to 3.99 grade-point average to qualify for the

Honor List.

To qualify for academic honors, undergraduate students must be enrolled for at least 12 credit hours for the semester.

# New labor rule raises salary threshold, affects overtime pay regulations

## The REPORTER

The U.S. Department of Labor has unveiled a significant update to overtime pay regulations under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).

This update comes amidst concerns that the previous salary threshold of \$684 per week (\$35,568 annually) has not kept pace with inflation, leaving many salaried workers vulnerable

to long hours without additional compensation.

Effective July 1, the new threshold rose to \$844 per week (\$43,888 annually), with a further increase to \$1,128 per week (\$58,656

annually) starting Jan. 1, 2025.

In Indiana, 360,855 extra workers should now be paid for working overtime according to the new federal rule.

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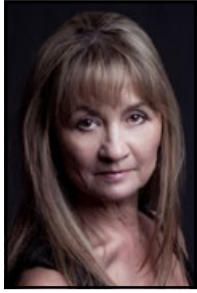


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# Hear the story of CIDE on *The Omnibus Show*

## The REPORTER

This week's episode of *The Omnibus Show* featured Suzann DeLay and Ashley Jacobs – the mother/daughter duo from Central Indiana Dance Ensemble. DeLay is the Founding Director/Executive Director and Co-Owner of CIDE. Jacobs is Co-Artistic Director of CIDE, as well as the Co-Owner of the Central Indiana Academy of Dance.



DeLay



Jacobs

They discussed Central Indiana Dance Ensemble, this year celebrating 25 years with a special announcement. They also told their success stories, how they fell in love with their art, how they train students, advice for students looking to become professional dancers, and memorable moments from performances.

DeLay received her early dance training in California with the founders of The Sacramento Ballet. She went on to dance a variety of contemporary and classical roles while a member of The Sacramento Ballet, had a brief career with Pacific Northwest Ballet, and then was forced to retire due to injury.

She then taught, choreographed, and performed throughout the United States. She occasionally teaches for the Contemporary Dance Department at Indiana University. She brings with her a vast knowledge of classical ballet and has taught that, as well as a creative dance program for children. DeLay has been recognized with numerous awards for choreography works and her teaching and is the former President for

the Mid-States Board of Directors of Regional Dance America.

In 1999, DeLay founded the Central Indiana Dance Ensemble, which is celebrating its 25th season. Then, in 2009, she opened Central Indiana Academy of Dance to provide pre-professional training for CIDE.

Jacobs began her formal ballet training at the age of 10 with DeLay, who happens to be her mom. She performed several lead soloist roles for CIDE and also attended summer programs with

major ballets across the U.S. Jacobs attended the University of Utah as a ballet major, and in her sophomore year transferred to Indiana University to study in the Contemporary Dance Program. She also has received several awards in her dance and choreography. She has taught at many local studios, including Indiana University's Pre-College Dance Program, and is currently a supervising teacher for Butler University's Ballet Department.

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Next week, *The Omnibus Show* welcomes Dr. Toby Malichi. He's an inspiring, purpose-driven leader, influencer, and problem solver. 'The Global Godfather' for All Things Trade, Malichi is the Founding Executive Chairman and Global Head of Development, Investment & Diplomacy of Malichi Group Worldwide, LLC.

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# Central Indiana Dance Ensemble celebrating 25 years of success

## Offering "Christmas in July" discount on holiday classic

### The REPORTER

Central Indiana Dance Ensemble (CIDE), located in Carmel, prepares to announce its 2024-2025 season while celebrating 25 years of educating, inspiring and performing. Join CIDE for a toast to celebrate this monumental anniversary at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 9 at the studio, located at 14950 Greyhound Court #4, Carmel.

CIDE was founded in 1999 by Artistic Director Suzann DeLay. The company is committed to providing cultural and educational enrichment to the central Indiana community. The company provides an environment for aspiring young dancers to learn, practice, and perform in a pre-professional atmosphere in a variety of dance forms.

CIDE has a lot to celebrate along with its Silver Anniversary. This past week, CIDE announced that it has received a grant from the Penrod Society's Penrod Arts Fair. This Arts Operation Support Grant provides annual operating support for the ongoing artistic and administrative functions of eligible arts organizations during the grant period in alignment with public funding initiatives such as excellence, authenticity, inclusion, diversity, equity, access, and education.

CIDE's Co-Artistic Director Michael Casey Clark and Board President-Elect Nicole Bradley attended the Penrod Impact Breakfast to receive the grant and learn



Photos provided by CIDE

The Central Indiana Dance Ensemble invites you to a toast to the future next Tuesday, July 9 at the studio, located at 14950 Greyhound Court #4, Carmel.

more about the Penrod Society and all it does for the arts in central Indiana.

This grant allows CIDE to host a free performance of *The Nutcracker* for school children as part of CIDE's mission and vision.

Looking ahead to *The Nutcracker*, CIDE is also offering a Christmas in July discount for tickets to the holiday classic. Visit [CIDEdance.org](http://CIDEdance.org) and enter the code XMASJULY10 for 10 percent off all evening balcony tickets from July 1 to 10. Show dates are Dec. 13 to 15, 2024, at the STAR Bank Performing Arts Center in Zions-

ville. This will be CIDE'S 20th year presenting *The Nutcracker* in this fantastic venue.

Plan to come to CIDE's studio at 14950 Greyhound Court #4, Carmel, at 7:30 p.m. July 9 to celebrate with the staff and dancers

and to learn more about the upcoming season.

To learn more about CIDE, including its mission, history, and upcoming shows, as well as to see photos of the dancers and events at CIDE, visit [CIDEdance.org](http://CIDEdance.org).



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Letter to the Editor

# Shaffer: wishful thinking is no way to run a city

Dear Editor:  
An alarming outbreak of wishful thinking has infected Carmel's central planning elites.

First it was the CEO of the Great American Songbook (GAS) telling the city council there were "tens of millions of dollars" in charitable donations "out there" just waiting to be plucked by GAS.

Why no plucking yet wasn't explained. Now comes a proposed ordinance allowing public boozing along the Monon.

The rationale given claims "millions of visitors" each year for the taxpayer-funded amusements which provide "an engine for economic growth."

In both cases, no hard evidence backs up the claims, no data to support the hoped-for expressions.

Locals will recall the former mayor's feeble attempt on providing hard evidence.

In a State of the City address, he claimed 840,000 patrons had flocked to 1,800 Center for the Performing Arts performances.

Elementary students citywide divided 840,000 by 1,800 and came up with just 467 patrons for each performance.

The mayor hoped to impress with spurious numbers, a mutant of the wishful thinking virus.

Making a wish could be okay before blowing out birthday cake candles, but it's a lousy way to run GAS or the city.

**Bill Shaffer**  
Carmel

# July welcomes 40 young singers for summer of song

## Songbook Academy set to begin later this month in Carmel

### The REPORTER

In just a few short weeks, the Great American Songbook Foundation will open the doors of the Palladium to host 40 talented high school singers for the 2024 Songbook Academy. This year's program will showcase a variety of entertainment industry professionals who will serve as guest mentors, including GRAMMY Award-winning jazz singer-songwriter Nicole Zuraitis, Tony-nominated Broadway star Joshua Henry, and more.

There are a multitude of ways to get involved in this year's program, whether you are local to Carmel or will be joining virtually from afar. You're invited to share in the magic of all three public events, but there is one performance in particular that you should absolutely add to your calendar.

Keep reading for more



Photo illustration provided by Great American Songbook Foundation

information about the annual Songbook Showcase taking place on July 18.

The Songbook Academy is a life-changing week

for these students to hone their vocal and performance skills with an emphasis on song interpretation, and one of the events where students

have the opportunity to shine as a solo artist is the Songbook Showcase.

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## Joshua Henry to appear at Songbook Academy

### Broadway star will join host Michael Feinstein for popular Public Masterclass

### The REPORTER

Three-time Tony Award nominee Joshua Henry will team up with Michael Feinstein on July 16 for one of the public highlights of the Great American Songbook Foundation's annual Songbook Academy summer intensive.

Now in its 15th year, the Songbook Academy brings together 40 talented high school students from across the nation for a week of workshops, masterclasses and performance opportunities that help participants hone their vocal

and stage skills with an emphasis on song interpretation, while building friendships and professional connections for a lifetime.

The 2024 Songbook Academy takes place July 13 to 20 at the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel, where the Songbook Foundation is headquartered.

One of the week's three public events is the Public Masterclass, in which Feinstein – the five-time GRAMMY Award-nominated founder of the Songbook Foundation – is joined by a guest in-

structor and a live audience for an onstage coaching and critique session, as each of 10 randomly selected students performs a song of their choice. For music lovers, the proceedings are fascinating and often funny.

The special guest for this year's Public Masterclass is Henry, best known for his Tony-nominated leading roles in *Carousel*, *The Scottsboro Boys*, and *Violet* on Broadway, as well as his portrayal of Aaron Burr in the Chicago production and

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# IU Kokomo School of Education HENRY earns national accreditation

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**The REPORTER**

The Indiana University Kokomo School of Education was one of 38 programs recognized for excellence by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) in spring 2024.

The school received accreditation for its educator preparation, joining 559 CAEP-accredited programs in 44 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and four other countries.

Tara Kingsley, interim assistant dean, said the CAEP accreditation is “the gold standard” for teacher preparation programs.

“It’s a stamp of approval from a nationally recognized organization that we are meeting national standards for preparing future teach-

ers,” she said. “It shows we are hitting that mark – we are excelling.”

Education faculty provided documentation of the school’s success, including case studies, assessments, and data about the effectiveness of program alumni from the schools that hired them. Kingsley said 96 percent of graduates were rated as effective or highly effective by their schools.

A hallmark of the program is providing experience in schools starting from the first year, so that each education graduate graduates with over 1,000 hours of classroom experience.

“We get our students into field practicums their freshman year, and build on that,” Kingsley said. “They

spend a lot of time in authentic settings. That is another highlight of our program: Our students get on-the-job training.”

Kingsley said the accrediting team commended the partnerships the School of Education has developed with area P-12 schools, and its yearlong teacher residency student teaching.

Chris Darr, interim dean, said the School has proactively worked to combat the teacher shortage by creating the Tomorrow’s Teachers program, which allows students in 12 area school districts to take college education classes in high school. It also started a program to assist school paraprofessionals in earning a college degree and teacher certification,

with 60 students currently enrolled.

“Earning this accreditation celebrates what the School of Education has done, and highlights the great work they are doing,” he said. “It shows we have a program of the highest quality.”

CAEP is a nationally recognized accrediting body for educator preparation and accredits providers at the initial and advanced levels. Accreditation is a nongovernmental activity based on peer review that serves the dual functions of assuring quality and promoting improvement. CAEP is a unified accreditation system intent on raising the performance of all institutions focused on educator preparation.

First National Tour of *Hamilton*. He recently starred in the 2022 Broadway revival of *Into The Woods*, sharing a GRAMMY Award for the cast recording. On-screen credits have included Gaston in the ABC special *Beauty and the Beast: A 30th Celebration* and a key role in the Academy Award-nominated film *tick, tick ... BOOM!* directed by Lin-Manuel Miranda. Other Broadway credits include *In the Heights*, *Waitress*, *Shuffle Along*, *American Idiot*, *Porgy and Bess*, and *Bring It On: The Musical*. Henry also is a BMG recording artist whose debut album, *Grow*, is available worldwide on all streaming platforms.

The public events take place at the Center’s Palladium concert hall before a live audience and are livestreamed for viewers worldwide, offering opportunities to see tomorrow’s stars just as their careers begin to blossom. Tickets are on sale now at [TheCenterPresents.org](http://TheCenterPresents.org), by phone at (317) 843-3800 or toll-free at (877) 909-2787 for these events:

**Public Masterclass**  
2 p.m. Tuesday, July 16

Michael Feinstein and Joshua Henry critique performances by 10 randomly selected students. On-site tickets and livestream registration are free (pay-what-you-can with no minimum).

**Songbook Showcase**  
7 p.m. Thursday, July 18

Each of the 40 national finalists will take a turn in the spotlight to perform a selected song. Traditionally a daytime event, the Songbook Showcase has shifted to a more accessible eve-

ning time. This year’s event also will feature special solo performances by Feinstein and guest mentor Nicole Zuraitis, a New York-based jazz singer-songwriter, pianist, arranger and bandleader who claimed the 2024 GRAMMY Award for Best Jazz Vocal Album with her sixth release, *How Love Begins*. Tickets are pay-what-you-can with a \$5 minimum for on-site viewers and no minimum for the livestream.

**Songbook Academy in Concert**

7 p.m. Saturday, July 20  
Feinstein will emcee as all 40 singers perform in choral numbers, small group ensembles and featured solos, celebrating their growth over the week and paying tribute to iconic composers and lyricists from George Gershwin to Duke Ellington. On-site tickets start at just \$25, and livestream registration is pay-what-you-can with no minimum.

The Songbook Academy is supported nationally by the Efroymson Family Fund and also receives generous support from the Ella Fitzgerald Charitable Foundation and Mentor Champions to expand program awareness and provide financial assistance to students who request it. The Public Masterclass is generously sponsored by Bob and Rose Popovich. Additional support comes from the City of Carmel and Salon 01.

Activities are made possible in part by Noblesville Creates, a regional partner, Indiana Arts Commission, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

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On Thursday, July 18 at 7 p.m., all 40 of the 2024 finalists will perform one song that they have been developing over the week to the public at the Center for the Performing Arts.

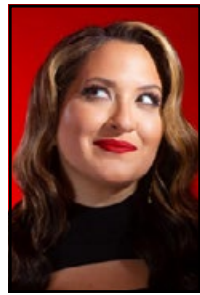
What can you expect from these performances? In years past, students have performed classics like “On the Street Where You Live,” “These Foolish Things,” and “The Impossible Dream.”

To get a glimpse of what this incredible performance will look like, [watch last year’s video](#) of returning Songbook Academy student Clara McGough singing “I’ve Got a Crush on You.”

The Songbook Academy is truly a unique experience as there are few programs nationally where you can hear performances from 40 rising stars of the future. Alumni from previous years have gone on to appear on *American Idol*, Broadway National Tours, Hulu, and more.

This year’s cohort is already dreaming big and aspiring to:

- Pursue a BFA in Musical Theatre and collaborate with other performing artists



Zuraitis

- Perform on Broadway
  - Be the resident diva at an opera house
  - Be a music therapist
  - Research Alzheimer’s and combine a love of music and science
  - Work in International Relations or Urban Planning
  - Be the second woman to ever play Elphaba and Glinda in *Wicked* on Broadway
- To learn more about these exceptional students and enjoy their performances either in person or via livestream, register to attend

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this year’s Songbook Showcase and experience each student’s hard work unfold before your eyes. Showcase tickets are pay-what-you-can with a \$5 minimum for on-site viewers and no minimum for the livestream. [Click here](#) to register.

**Want to make an impact at the Great American Songbook Foundation?**

Through July 31, all gifts will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$20,000 by Dr. Larry Weeda Jr. and Sharon Polk. [Become a Songbook Foundation supporter](#) and encourage young talent to create their own Songbook stories for years to come.



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# Help fight ongoing blood shortage

**The REPORTER**

To help fight the ongoing blood shortage, First Christian Church of Noblesville, 16377 Herriman Blvd., will hold a Community Blood Drive from 8 a.m. to noon on Sunday, July 14.

The bloodmobile will be located in the church parking lot.

Appointments are preferred. Visit [versiti.org/IN](http://versiti.org/IN) or call 800-632-4722 to make an appointment. Donors will be entered to win a grill including accessories.

# Indiana launches PathWays for Aging Medicaid managed care program

**Submitted by Applegate & Dillman Elder Law**

The **Indiana Family and Social Services Administration** (FSSA) has officially launched the Indiana PathWays for Aging program, aiming to enhance Medicaid services for over 123,000 eligible Hoosiers aged 60 and older. This new initiative marks a significant step in streamlining and improving the support system for Indiana's aging population.

PathWays for Aging is a Medicaid-managed care program designed to improve health outcomes, provide greater choice for aging Hoosiers to remain in their homes or communities, and better manage the rising costs of Medicaid coverage.

It is the state's fourth managed care program, alongside the **Healthy Indiana Plan, Hoosier Healthwise, and Hoosier Care Connect.**

**What is PathWays for Aging?**

PathWays for Aging of-

fers several key features to simplify and improve the support system for elderly Medicaid recipients:

- **Single Point of Contact:** PathWays participants will have access to a care coordinator who can help them access services or find resources to meet their needs, simplifying their interaction with the healthcare system.

- **Waivers and Slots:** The program introduces two new waivers: (1) The PathWays Waiver for individuals aged 60 and older has 39,842 slots, with 29,268 already filled by Hoosiers receiving services, leaving 10,574 slots for newly eligible individuals; and (2) The Health and Wellness Waiver for individuals 59 and younger has 16,127 slots, 13,190 of which have already been filled, leaving 2,937 slots for newly eligible individuals.

- **Elimination of the Aged and Disabled Waiver:** The previous Aged and Disabled Waiver has ended, and eligible individuals will transition to the new waiver. In April, FSSA established a waitlist for the former Aged and Disabled Waiver. Start-

ing this month, the agency will begin inviting eligible individuals on the waiting list to continue the process to access either the PathWays Waiver or the Health and Wellness Waiver.

- **No Overall PathWays Waitlist:** No waitlist will exist for the overall PathWays program; however, individuals eligible for waiver services under PathWays may be placed on a waitlist. As of early July, there are currently 9,015 people on the waiting list for the PathWays Waiver, and 3,762 are on the Health and Wellness Waiver list.

**Transition & next steps**

FSSA will invite a group of individuals to continue the process of receiving services each month as long as capacity remains. Based on the number of slots, the number of people on the waiting list, and the necessary steps, FSSA plans to invite:

- 125 individuals per month to the Health and Wellness HCBS Waiver
- 800 individuals per month to the PathWays HCBS Waiver

These estimates are

based on the required steps following invitation, such as face-to-face level of care assessments and determining functional and Medicaid eligibility. Individuals invited to proceed will receive a letter with further details.

**How do I begin this process?**

To access services through the PathWays for Aging or Health and Wellness Waivers, follow these steps:

- Check your eligibility to ensure you meet the age and Medicaid criteria for either the PathWays or Health and Wellness Waiver.

- If you are not already enrolled in Medicaid, consider consulting with a Medicaid specialist to understand your options and receive guidance on navigating the process.

- If you are on the waitlist, wait for an invitation from FSSA to proceed with the next steps, including the level of care assessments and eligibility determinations.

- Participate in required assessments and submit necessary documentation to determine your functional and Medicaid eligibility.

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# AG Todd Rokita: dismantling of administrative state by SCOTUS could bring new dawn of American liberty

**Submitted by Office of the Attorney General**

By overturning the so-called "Chevron deference" rule that gives outsized power to federal agencies in interpreting laws, the U.S. Supreme Court is helping restore American liberty and the proper balance of powers, Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita said Monday.

His office – along with 26 other states – asked the court months ago to take the critical step of overturning the Chevron rule because it created an unaccountable administrative state.

"We are seeing truly remarkable progress in dismantling an administrative state that has oppressed Americans and their liber-

ties for far too long," AG Rokita said. "The U.S. Constitution gives authority to Congress, not unelected bureaucrats, to enact laws. For 40 years, we tolerated a precedent that turned that principle on its head."

That precedent – *Chevron v. Natural Resources Defense Council* – became null and void with the Supreme Court's decision Friday in *Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo*.

According to Rokita, when disputes arise over the meaning of laws, those disputes should be settled in the courts rather than the back rooms of federal agencies.



Rokita

"Hoosiers and all freedom-loving Americans can be grateful the Supreme Court is curbing the excessive power that has been given to executive-level agencies," AG Rokita said. "When we

rely on the administrative state to govern us, we lose the checks and balances inherent in the system created by America's founders."

The Supreme Court has also indicated a willingness to trim back the powers of the administrative state in other recent cases – such as last Thursday when it stayed the EPA's so-called "Good Neighbor Rule" that imposes extreme emissions-control measures on "upwind" states like Indiana to mitigate pollution in "downwind" states. That case will continue to be litigated in appellate and circuit courts.

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# New Indiana law: third graders must pass state reading exam

By CAT SANDOVAL  
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About one in five third graders in Indiana are struggling to read, the state's Department of Education says.

Earlier this year, lawmakers banked on new legislation, which took effect Monday, to encourage more readers. In the upcoming 2024-2025 school year, third graders who don't pass the Indiana Reading Evaluation and Determination (IREAD) assessment exam will be held back. Exceptions will be made for students with learning disabilities, and students learning English as a second language.

The law requires schools to administer the assessment exam in the second grade, and offer funding for summer school or a reading tutor for students who don't meet the requirement.

Black and Hispanic students in Indiana have had the most difficulty reading, according to the IREAD results from 2023-2024 with reading proficiencies in the 66 to 69 percentile range.

The before-and after-school program At Your School also focuses on the fundamentals of reading. Madi Gregory, director of communications for the nonprofit corporation, said, "It's become especially important after the (COVID-19) pandem-

ic that learning loss was significant – and we see that study after study – and showed we needed to focus on that to help schools, students and teachers."

Gregory said, "It's already a law. It's July 1, and the best way to support students and families is by supporting that legislation."

Gregory encourages students to read aloud to people, to animals or anyone. She says promoting confidence is key. Gregory also encourages a wholistic approach, such as safe spaces, the giving of resources including food to kids, and meeting students where they are.

Also in effect July 1, is another law that bans cell-phones during instructional time in classrooms.

The Indiana State Teachers Association has called the new law "short-sighted" and encouraged lawmakers to address foundational challenges:

"Today's literacy challenges did not happen in a vacuum but are the result of longstanding systemic problems, including the chronic underfunding of public schools and lack of support for educators. These problems have compounded, bringing us to the urgent situation we currently face."

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wistv.com/news/education/new-indiana-law-3rd-graders-must-pass-reading-exam](http://wistv.com/news/education/new-indiana-law-3rd-graders-must-pass-reading-exam).



## Find the best route to your destination thanks to Hamilton County Tourism

### The REPORTER

With construction season in full swing, thus making it ever more challenging to travel around Hamilton County, our friends at Hamilton County Tourism have compiled this handy guide.

Below you will find links to road projects in each of the four major cities in the county, as well as county projects like the Streamline 146th plan. Even a link to state projects through INDOT is included. Thank you, Hamilton County Tourism!

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## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

### MOSES AND THE BURNING BUSH

Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"

God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'THE LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.'

"This is my name forever; the name you shall call me from generation to generation.

"Go, assemble the elders of Israel and say to them, 'The Lord, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—appeared to me and said: I have watched over you and have seen what has been done to you in Egypt. And I have promised to bring you up out of your misery in Egypt into the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites—a land flowing with milk and honey.'

Exodus 3:13-17 (NIV)

### Meeting Notices

The Carmel Plan Commission meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 16, 2024, has been canceled due a lack of agenda items.

The Hamilton County Commissioners have canceled the Highway Meeting scheduled for Friday, July 5, 2024.

The Sheridan Community Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 8, 2024, in the Library/Media Center at Sheridan Middle School, 3030 W. 246th St., Sheridan.

The Carmel Advisory Committee on Disability will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, in the Board Room at Carmel Clay Public Library, 425 E. Main St.

The Hamilton County Commissioners will meet in an executive session at 1 p.m. on Monday, July 8, 2024, in Conference Room 1A at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville. A regular public meeting will follow at 1:45 p.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom.

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## Olympic Swimming

# Shackell siblings on the road to Paris

### Journey to 2024 Olympics goes through Raleigh, N.C. & Croatia

By **RICHIE HALL**  
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The Olympic journey for Aaron and Alex Shackell began on Tuesday.

The Carmel siblings that turned heads at the U.S. Olympic Trials, which took place just down the road at Lucas Oil Stadium, joined the other members of the U.S. Olympic swimming team at the first of two training camps that began earlier this week in Raleigh, N.C.

The Olympic swimmers will train at Raleigh until July 11, when they travel to Croatia for the second training camp. The second camp lasts until July 22, after which the Olympians head to Paris, the site of the 2024 Games, to begin international training.

This year's Olympic Games begin with the opening ceremonies on July 26, with the swimming events taking place from July 27 to Aug. 4. (A complete schedule of all swimming events is available at [olympics.com/en/paris-2024/schedule/swimming](https://olympics.com/en/paris-2024/schedule/swimming).)

The Shackells spoke at

a press conference last Friday at Carmel High School, right before a practice and a few days before traveling east to Raleigh. The two will be following in the footsteps of their father Nicholas Shackell, who competed in the Olympics for the United Kingdom at the 1996 Atlanta games.

"My whole life, I've wanted to be an Olympian, ever since my dad explained to me what it was," said Alex Shackell. She competed in the trials for the Tokyo Olympics three years ago, and she said, "that's when it hit me that I have to do a lot of work if I want to make it in three years."

Alex did indeed put in the work and quickly became someone to watch in the swimming world. She grabbed notice at the 2021 Speedo Winter Juniors Championships as a 15-year-old, when Shackell and her Carmel Swim Club teammates won the 200 medley relay.

Shackell is also helping Carmel High School to continue its long state championship streak. The incoming



Reporter photo by Richie Hall  
**Carmel's Alex Shackell and Aaron Shackell spoke to the media at a press conference at Carmel High School last Friday. The siblings are presently training with the U.S. Olympic swim team in Raleigh, N.C., preparing for the Paris Olympics.**

senior has so far won 11 state championships, including setting state records in the 100-yard butterfly and the medley and 200 freestyle relay.

Shackell claimed two

gold medals at the 2022 Junior Pan Pacific Championships in Honolulu. She won the 100-meter butterfly and was the anchor of the 400-meter free relay. Shackell also picked up a silver

medal was part of the American 800-meter free relay at the 2023 World Aquatics Championships in Fukuoka, Japan.

Shackell earned her place on the U.S. Olympic

team by placing second in the 200-meter butterfly. She achieved her dream in front of a large crowd at Lucas Oil Stadium.

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# Getting teed off over Lou Gehrig's disease

### Longtime Indy sports journalist Bob Kravitz gathers community for ALS benefit

By **RICHIE HALL**  
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On Monday, local celebrities and golfers will head to Prairie View Golf Club for a benefit to help those affected by one of the scariest and most devastating diseases there is: ALS.

The 12th annual 2024 Bob Kravitz ALS Golf Classic takes place Monday morning with registration at 9:30 a.m. The golf begins at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start.

ALS is formally known as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, and is commonly referred to as Lou Gehrig's disease, named after the baseball legend whose career ended prematurely after he was diagnosed with it at age 36. ALS is a progressive motor neuron disease, which gradually robs people of their ability to walk, talk, swallow, and eventually breathe. There is no known cure for ALS.

The event is hosted by Kravitz, a longtime Indianapolis sports journalist who lost his mother Edith to the disease in 2017. It was organized not only in memory of Edith but in support of all those impacted by ALS, raising funds for Hoosiers and their families as they deal with the disease.

"This golf outing has been an instrumental event, especially in the Indy area," said Jena McEwen, Director of Development for the ALS Association. "We have such a large ALS community there and such a tight-knit ALS community there. It

helps bring attention to their journey and the struggles that they face."

There are around 420 people in Indiana with ALS, with 100 of them having been recently diagnosed.

"It's absolutely vital that events like this are happening and raising the critical funds to support people living with ALS and their families," said McEwen.

The Kravitz Classic took place at Highland Golf Club last year but has been hosted by Prairie View in past years. The event annually raises over \$70,000 for Hoosiers living with ALS, and that helps the ALS Association to provide equipment, support groups and other tangible and intangible aid for people living with ALS and their families.

"We're really hyper-focused local because ALS is such a unique disease and it needs people on the ground," said McEwen. "We have a care service team local to Indiana. We help fund the multidisciplinary clinics in Indiana." Those clinics allow patients to see neurologists, social workers and other caregivers so they can have all their needs met at one time and not "have to find transportation for multiple appointments with multiple doctors and social workers," said McEwen.

The local focus also helps patients to remain in their homes. McEwen said Indiana patients have an equipment loan closet, including an Obi, a robotic adaptive eating advice that



Photos provided

**The 12th annual Bob Kravitz ALS Golf Classic will take place Monday, July 8 at Prairie View Golf Club in Carmel. The event raises \$70,000 annually for Hoosiers living with ALS. The pictures shown here are from previous years.**

allows patients to eat independently. Another important part is home modifications for people who need to reassess their home.

The ALS Association also gives support for the caregivers of people living with ALS. McEwen said the Association has a class

called "Powerful Tools for Caregivers," which is designed to educate and guide caregivers.

"When we say it takes a community, it really takes a community to help someone," said McEwen. That includes what is called a respite grant, which allows

caregivers time for themselves.

"ALS is a full-time job," said McEwen. She said the organization has found that ALS patients' quality of life "is so much higher when they're allowed to stay in their homes. A course like this, it really allows the caregiver to learn more about how to safely care for their loved ones. That's really empowering at a time when you feel like so much is out of your control."

The Kravitz Classic will be emceed by Scott Sander, anchor for WISH-TV's Day-break show. Also in attendance will be former Purdue University men's basketball coach Gene Keady, Indiana Fever general manager Lin Dunn, Indianapolis Colts wide

receiver Bill Brooks, former Indiana University basketball player Phil Isenbarger, Indiana Pacers assistant coach Jenny Boucek, former professional hockey player Al Karlander, who played for the Indianapolis Racers team from 1975 to 1977.

In addition to golf, there will also be a silent auction at the event. Some of the items up for bid include a year-long membership to the Dormie Network of golf courses, two tickets to a Purdue football game, tickets to the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, an autographed Colts football and tickets to winery events.

For more information, [click here](#) to visit the Bob Kravitz ALS Golf Classic website.

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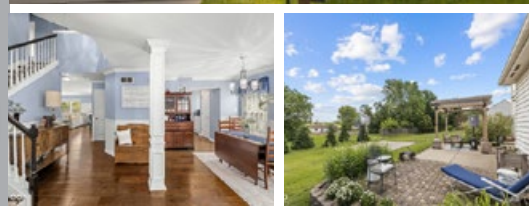


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## Swimming

# HSE's Paton gets double wins at Enchanted Forest

### The REPORTER

Southeastern Swim Club's Zara Paton was a double winner last Sunday during the 11-12 age group events at Noblesville Swim Club's Enchanted Forest Swim Meet.

Paton won the Girls' 100 backstroke and 100 freestyle swims. Fishers Area Swimming Tigers' Gatlin Babcock was another Hamilton County winner, placing first in the 100 backstroke.

The top 20 Hamilton County finishers in each event now follow.

#### Girls 11-12 50 butterfly

"A" Final: 2. Zara Paton (Southeastern Swim Club) 32.30, 4. Addie Adams (Fishers Area Swimming Tigers) 34.28, 5. Miriam Willhite (Westfield Aquatics) 34.29, 7. Kenley Gentry (WWA) 34.49, 8. MacKenzi Fleck (SSC) 34.58, 10. Kenna Arnold (NOB) 36.59.

"B" Final: 12. Vivien Morris (WA) 35.65, 13. Sarah Ding (SSC) 37.53, 16. Annelise Birk (WA) 38.37, 18. Evelyn Friend (NOB) 39.45, 20. Emily Wilhelm (NOB) 39.85.

#### Boys 11-12 50 butterfly

"A" Final: 2. Bryce Conner (NOB) 32.65, 4. Gatlin Babcock

(FAST) 34.41, 5. Noah Terrell (FAST) 34.42, 6. Colin Davis (FAST) 34.86, 10. Landon Worley (NOB) 35.93.

"B" Final: 14. Zach Biddle (NOB) 36.93, 15. Scout Pope (SSC) 37.82, 16. Matthew Macabulos (SSC) 37.91, 17. Jacob Lugar (FAST) 38.36.

#### Girls 11-12 100 backstroke

"A" Final: 1. Paton (SSC) 1:12.04, 2. Annie Hare (FAST) 1:14.76, 6. Adams (FAST) 1:21.30, 8. Milley Sealls (SSC) 1:22.91, 9. Natalie Gladieux (SSC) 1:23.62.

"B" Final: 12. Ding (SSC) 1:26.37, 13. Abrielle Andrzejewski (SSC) 1:26.67, 14. Morris (WA) 1:26.99, 15. Grace Gowdamarajan (SSC) 1:29.14, 16. Cali Jones (NOB) 1:29.23, 19. Friend (NOB) 1:31.06, 20. Wilhelm (NOB) 1:34.01.

#### Boys 11-12 100 backstroke

"A" Final: 1. Babcock (FAST) 1:16.15, 2. Terrell (FAST) 1:17.40, 4. Davis (FAST) 1:19.76, 6. AJ Chesterfield (SSC) 1:20.64.

"B" Final: 12. Dane Teske (NOB) 1:27.06, 15. Macabulos (SSC) 1:30.39, 16. Pope (SSC) 1:31.02, 17. Worley (NOB) 1:32.88, 18. Jack Birch (SSC) 1:33.28, 19. Henry Mize (FAST) 1:33.70.

#### Girls 11-12 50 breaststroke

"A" Final: 3. Hare (FAST) 38.13, 5. Sealls (SSC) 41.21, 6. Gladieux (SSC) 41.68, 8. Arnold (NOB) 42.12, 9. Fleck (SSC) 42.20,

10. Gentry (WA) 42.32.

"B" Final: 12. Willhite (WA) 43.75, 13. Adams (FAST) 44.19, 16. Brianna Bannon (NOB) 45.65.

#### Boys 11-12 50 breaststroke

"A" Final: 5. Babcock (FAST) 40.60, 7. Terrell (FAST) 42.11, 8. Biddle (NOB) 42.30, 9. Chesterfield (SSC) 43.59, 10. Macabulos (SSC) 44.16.

"B" Final: 12. Conner (NOB) 45.09, 13. Lugar (FAST) 46.19, 17. Andrew Nguyen (FAST) 49.15, 18. Cameron See (FAST) 49.57, 19. Huck McGee (NOB) 49.80.

#### Girls 11-12 100 freestyle

"A" Final: 1. Paton (SSC) 1:04.54, 3. Hare (FAST) 1:05.84, 7. Gentry (WA) 1:08.96, 8. Willhite (WA) 1:09.04.

"B" Final: 11. Morris (WA) 1:11.61, 12. Arnold (NOB) 1:12.01, 13. Sealls (SSC) 1:13.22, 15. Ding (SSC) 1:13.69, 16. Andrzejewski (SSC) 1:14.45, 17. Gladieux (SSC) 1:15.17, 18. Friend (NOB) 1:15.72, 19. Jones (NOB) 1:15.87, 20. Fleck (SSC) 1:17.02.

#### Boys 11-12 100 freestyle

"A" Final: 3. Conner (NOB) 1:07.81, 4. Chesterfield (SSC) 1:07.89, 6. Davis (FAST) 1:10.46, 8. Biddle (NOB) 1:11.18.

"B" Final: 15. Teske (NOB) 1:14.51, 16. Birch (SSC) 1:14.64, 18. Lugar (FAST) 1:16.03, 19. Mize (FAST)



Mike Navarro / File photo

# Westfield's Jake Cesare named Reporter's Boys Golf Player of the Year

### The REPORTER

The Reporter has named Westfield junior Jake Cesare as its 2024 Boys Golf Player of the Year.

Cesare has been a key

player for the Shamrocks since his freshman year, and he helped Westfield to its third consecutive state runner-up appearance in June. Cesare tied for in-

dividual state runner-up, was named to the All-State team, and was the medalist at the Westfield sectional, one of the toughest sectionals in the state.

### The Reporter's 2024 All-County Boys Golf Teams

FIRST TEAM		
Name	School	Grade
Jake Cesare	Westfield	Junior
Will Harvey	Westfield	Junior
Mattingly Upchurch	Hamilton Southeastern	Sophomore
Eli Wessel	Guerin Catholic	Sophomore
Leo Wessel	Guerin Catholic	Senior
SECOND TEAM		
Name	School	Grade
Nate Benson	Hamilton Southeastern	Senior
Tyler Marucci	Noblesville	Sophomore
Owen Nielsen	Guerin Catholic	Junior
Dane Starnes	Hamilton Southeastern	Freshman
Drew Werkley	Noblesville	Junior
HONORABLE MENTION		
Ryan Cesare, Westfield; Lance Decker, Noblesville; Ethan Hoagland, Carmel; Tommy Klinker, Fishers; Alex Peck, Noblesville.		

## SHACKELLS

"It's so crazy," said Alex Shackell. "The walkout was the longest walk of my entire life, just walking to my block. And then trying not to look at everyone up there. That was something that was big for me, not getting too caught in the pressure that was there."

Aaron Shackell graduated from Carmel High School in 2023, also doing his part to keep the Greyhounds' boys team's state championship streak going. He won seven state championships and set state records in the 200 free and as a member of the medley relay team.

Aaron also competed in the 2022 Junior Pan Pacific Championships, where he won the gold medal in the 200 butterfly. He swam for the University of California for part of his freshman year, but returned to Carmel in December 2023, taking an Olympic redshirt. Shackell later announced that he was transferring to the University of Texas.

Shackell joined the U.S. Olympics team with his prime-time victory in the 400 freestyle at the Trials. He won the race in 3:45.46. That race got him noticed by

a couple of swimming legends.

"It was really cool to see Michael Phelps post me on his Instagram story," said Aaron Shackell. "That was really cool. Me and Katie Ledecky both won the 400 and we were underneath the pool to get our medals. She said she knew I was going to do something cool like that."

Both Shackells gave credit to Chris Plumb, head coach for both Carmel Swim Club and Carmel High School. Plumb has been the coach at both places since 2006 and has built both programs into powerhouses that are getting recognition on the national and international scales. Plumb will be an assistant coach for the U.S. Olympic Team.

"I'm just happy to do it for Coach Plumb," said Alex Shackell. "He deserves it so much. We have so many people behind us, and everyone wants us to achieve what Chris Plumb has on his mind. He's never satisfied. Coming with us, it makes me so happy for him."

Aaron Shackell mentioned Carmel's associate head coach Chris Pfaff, saying "he works side by

side with Chris and he just doesn't get enough credit. He's right up there with Chris as one of the best coaches in the world."

"To have them converge to make the Olympic team when they moved here is just crazy to think about," said Plumb, who also spoke at the press conference. "It's obviously a tremendous honor for them, and our program and myself." Plumb said knowing he helped them get there and being part of the process is what makes coaching fun.

Alex and Aaron have been champions together for a long time already. Now they will soon be Olympians together. Their story is just beginning and it's already playing out as they feel it should.

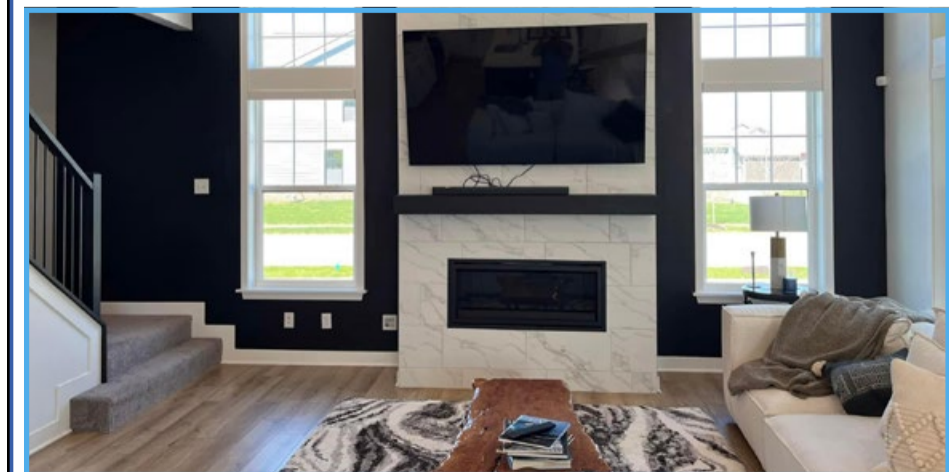
"We've done everything together our whole lives," said Aaron. "I made her try basketball when she was younger. I think she played like two games and then she quit. I'm not surprised we're doing this together for the first time."

"It just feels right," said Alex. "I couldn't see another way. I can't imagine both of us not going to the games together."

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