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**TODAY'S WEATHER**  
 Today: Partly sunny, hot and humid, with scattered showers and storms. Any storm could become severe.  
 Tonight: Scattered showers and storms, with a severe risk.  
**HIGH: 89 LOW: 72**



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**HOPE Family Care Center is now located in what used to be the Riverview Clinic in Cicero.**

**HOPE Family Care Center moves to expanded facility**

**The REPORTER**  
 HOPE Family Care Center, a free health care provider in Cicero, recently moved to an expanded new facility. The building previously housed a clinic affiliated with Riverview Health.



HOPE is now located at 509 N. Peru St. (State Road 19), several blocks northeast of the clinic's previous location on Jackson Street.

"Everyone at HOPE is extremely excited about our new home, which offers many advantages for both patients and staff," HOPE Board President Mike Jenkins said. "We look forward to providing even greater service to our communities, especially those people who most need but can least afford high quality health care."

HOPE Family Care Center is a faith-based 501(c)(3) non-profit clinic providing free medical, dental, and counseling services to uninsured, underinsured, and medically under-served patients from Hamilton, Tipton, Madison, and Boone counties. For more information, or to inquire about an appointment, call (317) 984-3444 or email [hfccicero@gmail.com](mailto:hfccicero@gmail.com).

**18 months of Miller work is finally coming to fruition**

By **ANNA MITCHELL**  
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Noblesville High School's (NHS) athletic and academic expansions are nearing the finish line after 18 months of work. Construction started at the end of 2022. The athletic portion is finished this month, and the academic portion will be finished August 2025. Both expansions are funded

through a bond. According to school officials, the projects do not raise taxes nor do they use referendum or classroom dollars. "As your superintendent, I do not ever take that funding for granted," Superintendent Dan Hile said. "I don't take any of these things for granted because I know that it matters. We want to be good stewards of our community's tax dollars and make sure that we're doing amazing

things for our children because these are the Noblesville residents of tomorrow." The project begins with the athletic expansion's renovations, which added on 36,000 square feet for:  
 • New courts  
 • Additional girls' locker rooms  
 • Classroom space  
 • Athletic office space  
 • New wrestling room  
 • Enhancements for cheer-

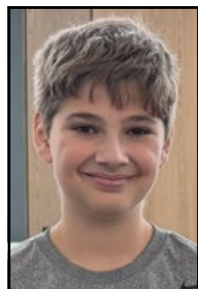
leading  
 • Enhancements for volleyball  
 The girls' locker rooms now have metal lockers equipped with hooks and rods on which to hang equipment. The new courts have automatic controls to raise and lower volleyball nets and other equipment. With the new controls, teachers can save both time and space in the gym.

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**Westfield Washington Public Library teen volunteer creates mini-golf course**

By **AMY ADAMS**  
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When you think of going to the library, do you usually think of playing mini-golf? Probably not. But thanks to a young volunteer, kids at Westfield Washington Public Library can putt their way through a literary-themed mini-golf course.



January

According to WWPL Assistant Director for Public Services Nancy Haggard, the mini-golf course is the "brainchild" of volunteer Children's Librarian Assistant Ethan January.

The incoming eighth grader at Westfield Middle School loves the library. Having served as a youth volunteer last year, January has volunteered nearly 250 hours this summer.

"He's been my right-hand man," Haggard said.

January came up with the

idea for creating a mini-golf course after doing research about programs other libraries have put together for children.

"The theme for the summer reading program this year is Adventure Begins at Your Library," January said. "So I went around the library and looked for different stuff we had a lot of and designed a course around that. There are different themes, so the kids get to go on a little adventure."

January has been working since June to design and construct the 13 holes. With themes such as construction, a race course, and the zoo, the holes allow young golfers to dodge books, boxes, paper cups, and any other obstacles January could invent. He even thought to use library bookends as a few of the "holes" through which each player aims for that

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Reporter photo by Amy Adams

Willie Martin considers his next putt on the zoo-themed hole.

**Spear-Huff Studio awarded \$10K for revitalization project on Sheridan's Historic Downtown Main Street**

**The REPORTER**

The Sheridan Redevelopment Commission recently presented a \$10,000 check to Melinda Spear-Huff, owner of Main Street's Spear-Huff Studio.

The check, presented July 23, is the final step for the studio in a Sheridan Façade Improvement Grant (SFIG) program launched in January. There are three additional owners working toward awards for their buildings as well.

"The Town of Sheridan has an historic business district that is the envy of other municipalities with 38 buildings more than 100 years old," Redevelopment Commission Chairman Parvin Gillim said. "Maintaining and rejuvenating these structures along with their beautiful facades is not just good stewardship but is a statement of pride and economic vitality. The Commission is happy to have established a \$200,000 grant program that can accelerate and support the community's commitment to revitalization."

The program offers Main Street building owners a matching grant for preserving and revitalizing buildings within the district recognized by the National Regis-



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**(ABOVE LEFT) Spear-Huff Studio, 325 S. Main St., the first Sheridan Façade Improvement Grant recipient. (ABOVE RIGHT, from left) Daniel Bragg, Garret Chesney, Andrew Porterfield, and Parvin Gillim with award recipient Melinda Spear-Huff.**

ter of Historic Places. The process – supported through a partnership between Sheridan Main Street Inc. and Ball State University's Center for Historic Preservation – includes discussion about the architectural details and historic significance of the building. Fifteen buildings have been through the design process. Through that work, the owner and the Center co-create a design that honors the building's heritage, addresses the building's needs for long-standing preservation, and assures the building's contribution to an

overall, cohesive design for Main Street. From there, an owner works through the application and approval process to secure reimbursement funds.

"We are grateful for the support from the town," Spear-Huff said in said in her thank you to the Commissioners. "We were able to do so much more than we originally planned knowing that there would be such a generous match. Our family is quite pleased with the results and thrilled to be a contributor to the Main Street we love."

The SFIG program is an extension of a 2023 \$100,000 matching grant program offered by United Animal Health.

Sheridan Main Street Inc., a supporting partner to both grant programs, has provided a walking map and window displays in several downtown buildings showing the designs.

Anyone wanting more information or to become involved with the community efforts may contact Cindy Keever, President of Sheridan Main Street Inc., at [keevercynthia@gmail.com](mailto:keevercynthia@gmail.com).

**Heights Area Pastors prayer breakfast set for Friday**

**The REPORTER**

The community is invited to attend the 11th annual Heights Area Pastors Community Prayer Breakfast this Friday, Aug. 2 at Hamilton Heights Middle School Café, located at 25150 State Road 19.

A light breakfast will be served beginning at 7 a.m. with the program starting at 7:30. Music will be provided by the Cicero United Family Wesleyan Church with Pastor Allen Gross.



Lofton

This year's speaker is Chuck Lofton, a well-known and award-winning meteorologist and feature reporter for WTHR-TV in Indianapolis. He has been a part of the 13News Sunrise team since the very first show in September 1985.

Attendees are asked to kindly bring Capri Sun pouches or individual juice bottles to donate to the Hamilton Heights' Backpack program.

The event is hosted by the Heights Area Pastors in conjunction with Hamilton Heights School Corporation.  
**#WeAreHuskies**

**Advancing Westfield Foundation opens grant applications**

**The REPORTER**

Westfield city officials have announced the establishment of the Advancing Westfield Foundation and has opened applications for grant funding. This foundation will serve as a conduit for Mayor Scott Willis' initiatives, channeling funds raised from the net proceeds of the Mayor's Grand Gala to nonprofit organizations within the community.

The mission statement of the Advancing Westfield Foundation is to support the efforts of the city's nonprofit partnerships, ensuring sustainable support for a wide range of vital services for youth, adults, seniors, veterans, and disabled community members.

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# ADVANCING

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The foundation has nine community members with voting privileges and one non-voting city representative. These members represent various corporate, nonprofit, and community partners. The nine members are Pete Emigh, Carrie Cason, Michelle Leonard McConnell, Allison Van Natta, Eric Douthit, Mitch Frazier, Brian Tomamichel, Danyele Easterhaus, and Tonya Harvey. The non-voting city representative is Danielle Carey-Tolan, Chief of Staff for the Mayor.

Applications for grant funding are now available online and are due by 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 30. Grant applications can only be

submitted by 501(c)(3)-accredited organizations that operate in and/or serve the Westfield community, and the maximum grant request per organization is \$25,000. Grant recipients will be notified by Tuesday, Sept. 17. Applications can be found by [clicking here](#).

The inaugural Mayor's Grand Gala is set for Saturday, Oct. 5 at Grand Park Sports Campus. More information about the Gala, including sponsorship opportunities and tickets, is available at [WestfieldGrandGala.com](#).

The Advancing Westfield Foundation has applied for 501(c)(3) nonprofit status.

# MILLERS

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NHS is adding 70,000 square feet and renovating 37,000 square feet of the academic portion for:

- Up to 22 new classrooms, including space for STEM and traditional academic courses
- Construction and welding labs
- Hands-on STEM makerspace
- A second student cafe
- Renovated large group instruction room to provide flexible meeting space
- Expanded jazz space
- New percussion and piano lab areas
- Expanded choir facilities, storage, and sound proofing

While NHS is starting with the athletic portion, Executive Director of Marketing and Communications Marnie Cooke said that this does not mean they value athletics above academics.

On the contrary, NHS is expanding both aspects because both are in demand. The student population has grown 25 percent since 2012, and the high school is at capacity with approximately 3,300 students.

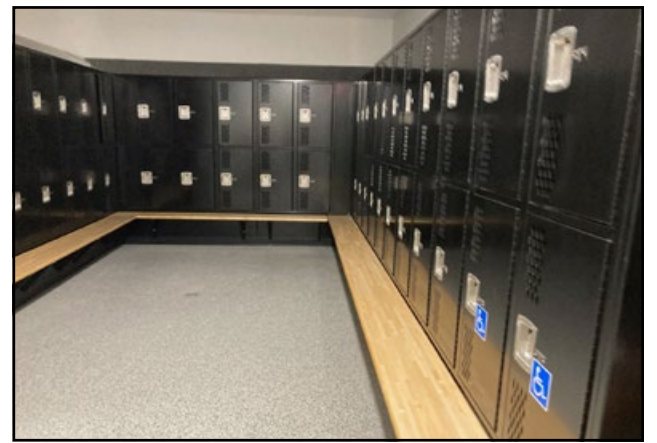
Enrollment in STEM classes has increased by 193 percent and perform-



Reporter photos by Anna Mitchell

ing arts enrollment has increased by 76 percent. NHS is preparing to equip students and give them new opportunities.

"This is a really exciting opportunity for our kids and for our community," Cooke said. "We needed this space. We are at capacity at the high school. This space is needed. It's also going to bring opportunities for community groups to come in and use this space in addition to our kids. So I think there's a lot of exciting growth. Next year when we're able to open up our STEM area and performing arts area - those are two areas that we are cham-



pions in, you know, in Noblesville. We have had huge growth in those areas. So I think this is going to be a really exciting opportunity."

Hile said that he is thank-

ful for the community's support for this project and others like it. He said that he does not take for granted the value the community has in investing in local kids.

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# MINI-GOLF

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hole-in-one. His personal favorite is the Dr. Suess hole which features cardboard recreations of beloved Dr. Suess characters.

January serves as one of many teen volunteers for the summer.

Teen Librarian Lisa Williams oversees 28 volunteers ages 13 to 18 who went through training in May and help oversee the summer reading program throughout its eight weeks.

"We could not do the summer reading program if they weren't here," Williams said.

Haggard said that the youth volunteers have managed the summer reading program through Beanstack, an app that tracks



Reporter photos by Amy Adams

(ABOVE LEFT) Nathan Kucherov is having a blast playing each hole again and again. (ABOVE RIGHT) Willie Martin aims his ball right into the castle on the fairytale-themed hole.

how many hours and books patrons read, as well as handling prize redemption.

"They work beside us all eight weeks of the

summer," Haggard said. "We're able to do our job here because they're able to do their job there."

The mini-golf course

will be open to young patrons and their guardians today, July 31, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Community Room.

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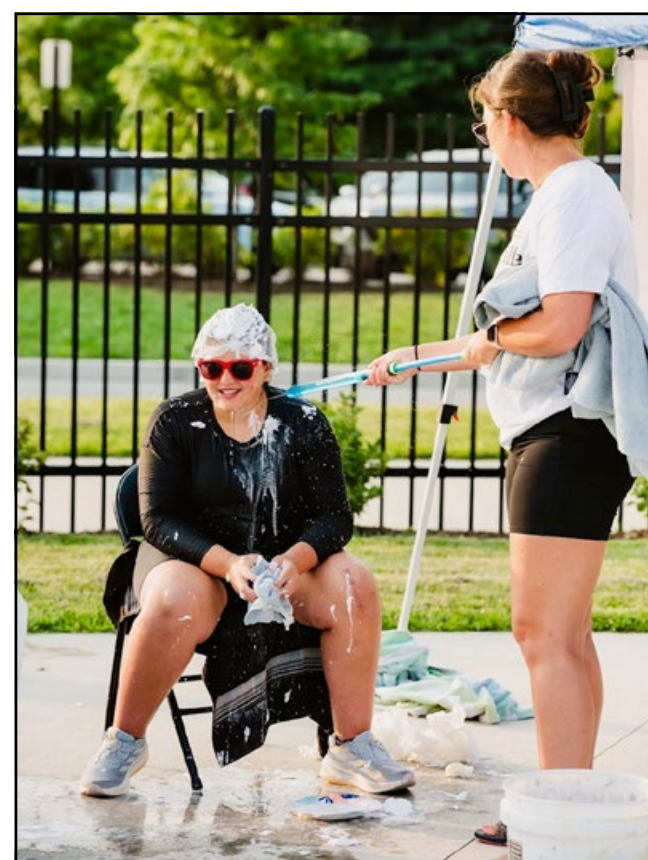
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# Millers BASH at Beaver Stadium

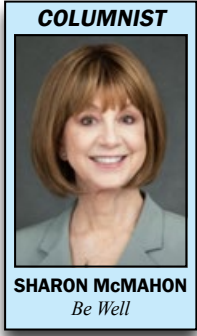
Thousands of Noblesville Schools families celebrated last Friday night at the 10th anniversary Back to School BASH at Beaver Stadium. The BASH featured over 80 exhibitor areas including sports, games, giveaways, music, art, food and community organizations. The first day of school is Wednesday, July 31. (Photos provided by Noblesville Schools)





# How I spent my summer vacation

"Summertime and the livin' is easy ... Fish are jumpin' and the cotton is high ..."  
 — George Gershwin, 1934



**SHARON McMAHON**  
Be Well

Anyone remember those "how I spent my summer vacation" essays when we returned to school in the Fall? Not surprisingly, I loved those essays! (Always a writer!) I enjoyed sharing my North Carolina vacations and trips to the lakes, riding bikes with my friends, sleepovers camping out in the back yard, trips to the Blue Ribbon Dairy for ice cream, Fourth of July cookouts, and fireworks at Forest Park.

Why am I waxing nostalgic about those so-long-ago summer times? The other day I was caught off guard as the local news was reminding us all that school started for some last week and others this week. It is July! Before you remind me that

students get a long Fall break, Winter break, and other extended days off ... IT IS SUMMER! Yes, I am showing my age here, but I know that many of you have experienced those long summers with some of us recalling that we did not start school until after Labor Day! 'Tis true!

Meeting up with friends on a nearly daily basis at the Forest Park swimming pool was a highlight of the summer activities. Playing outside until it was dark trying to catch "lightning bugs" was a passage of summer. Until I was a teenager, we did not have air conditioning so my bedroom window was open to the sound of crickets and other little night creatures while the circulating fan brought some breeze and comfort on those hot nights. Summer mornings were a little lazy before leaving the house to

find my friends. In those days here in Noblesville most of us adolescents were outside our homes most of the day as we did not own/use have any concept of electronic gadgets. When I was finally forced to come inside after dark for a late dinner and bath, I sometimes tuned in to an episode of *My Three Sons* or one of my dad's favorite westerns.

My teenage summers included of course the days at the pool with my friends as well as parties and dancing to the tunes of the local British Walkers band playing "Woolly Bully" and "Surfin' USA\*." My first "car date" was spent driving around Ramsey's Drive In and then on to the Jim Dandy for a marshmallow coke delivered by an energetic carhop!

As my own sons grew up here in the '80s they were of course involved in local sports activities and we spent hours at the Forest Park baseball diamond many days throughout the

summer. The kids were otherwise on their bicycles visiting neighborhood friends and playing outside.

Thank you, dear Readers, for joining me on this trip down memory lane. Times change, of course, and I understand that fully, though I do reminisce for the days when children were afforded a long, not-too-scheduled summer to recharge those batteries and enjoy the great outdoors! Our nation's children deserve a break in the action for their physical and mental health and, truly, don't we all deserve it?

*\*Two of those original band members are still going strong along with my husband Bruce as "The Rugged Brothers" band.*

**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.*

# Carmel establishes Mayor's Advisory Commission on Senior Living

**The REPORTER**

The City of Carmel announced on Tuesday the establishment of the Mayor's Advisory Commission on Senior Living, an initiative designed to enhance the quality of life for the city's senior residents. This new commission is part of Mayor Sue Finkam's ongoing commitment to making the city a welcoming and supportive environment.

"Our seniors are a vital part of our community, and we must ensure they have the resources and support they need to thrive," Mayor Finkam said. "The Mayor's Advisory Commission on Senior Living will play a crucial role in shaping a future where our older residents can continue to enjoy a high quality of life in Carmel."

Mayor Finkam's executive order underscores the city's dedication to addressing the needs of its aging population by fostering a community that supports active, healthy, and

engaged senior living. The commission will consist of a volunteer body of up to nine members. Carmel City Councilman Rich Taylor will co-chair the commission with Carol Applegate, an elder law attorney with Applegate & Dillman.

"Our focus is on evaluating ways to expand physical, recreational and educational activities for older adults," Taylor said. "Additionally, we remain dedicated to ensuring that our community environment promotes active aging through improved safety and accessibility."

Initial efforts by the co-chairs will focus on selecting and onboarding commission members, with the group establishing objectives in support of the senior community that aligns with the priorities of the **Elevate Carmel plan**.

For more information about the Mayor's Advisory Commission on Senior Living, please call the Mayor's office at (317) 571-2401.



**Finkam**



**Taylor**

# Soil & Water offering free cover crop seed packets for local gardeners

**The REPORTER**

Midsummer is when most gardeners are harvesting the fruits of their labor and enjoying fresh seasonal produce, but it is actually a great time to think ahead about caring for the soil on which your crops depend.

Cover crops are plants grown primarily to benefit the successful growth of future crops. They help with soil erosion, improve soil health, crowd-out weeds, control pests and diseases, increase biodiversity, and can bring a host of other benefits to your farm or garden.

"Hamilton County Soil and Water is excited to once again offer free cover

crops to gardeners in Hamilton County!" said Lynsey Johnston, volunteer coordinator at Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD).

This initiative aims to promote sustainable growing practices and soil health among home gardeners, community gardens, and local farmers. Free cover crop seed packets are available from at SWCD office, 1717 Pleasant St. #100, Noblesville, Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and



4:30 p.m. Packets of crimson clover and a peas and oats mix are available to home and community gardeners. Crimson clover should be planted by Sept. 30 while the oats and peas mixture should be planted by Sept. 15.

- Why cover crops?**
- **Soil health:** Cover crops improve soil structure, increase organic matter, and support beneficial soil organisms.
  - **Erosion control:** They protect against soil erosion by providing ground cover.

• **Weed suppression:** Cover crops can outcompete weeds, reducing the need for herbicides.

• **Nutrient management:** They help in fixing nitrogen and recycling other nutrients, making them available for future crops.

Seed packets are available on a first-come, first-served basis, so don't miss out. Visit the Hamilton County SWCD office to pick up your free packets and start benefiting from the advantages of cover crops.

For more information, please call the Hamilton County SWCD office at (317) 773-2181 or visit [hamiltonswcd.org/urban-agriculture](http://hamiltonswcd.org/urban-agriculture).

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## Letter to the Editor

## OneZone CEO thanks Brenda Myers for her decades of unrivaled leadership & vision

Dear Editor:

I am writing to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Brenda Myers, President & CEO of Hamilton County Tourism. Her remarkable leadership has profoundly impacted our county, not just through the visible projects we encounter daily but also in the countless unseen ways she has shaped our community.

Brenda's ability to bring people together has been instrumental in fostering a collaborative spirit across our county. Her responsiveness to every individual who has reached out to her – listening attentively and addressing concerns with genuine care – demonstrates her commitment to inclusivity and excellence. Her mastery in using data to drive informed decisions has ensured that our tourism initiatives are both effective and forward-thinking.

Moreover, Brenda's influence spans from the northern reaches to the southern corners, and from the eastern edges to the western expanse of Hamilton County. Her legacy will undoubtedly be felt for years to come, as she has left an indelible mark on our community through both her visionary projects and her personal example of leadership.

Thank you, Brenda, for everything you have done for Hamilton County. Your impact is immeasurable, and we are deeply grateful for your service and dedication.

**Jack Russell**  
President & CEO  
OneZone Chamber

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# The Rain on Main stays mainly in Carmel's Arts & Design District

## The REPORTER

The 10th annual Rain on Main event, a popular painted rain barrel contest and auction presented by Carmel Utilities, Carmel Department of Storm Water Management, and the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District, kicks off Friday, Aug. 9 with a display of 20 decorated barrels in the Carmel Arts & Design District.

The barrels will remain along Main Street through the following week until they are relocated to the Carmel Farmers Market on Saturday, Aug. 17.

Rain on Main uses art on ordinary barrels to help educate the public about the value of water efficiency. Rain barrels have grown in popularity across the country and decorated barrels are not only nice to look at but are a great way to save water and help the environment.

The painted barrels on display will be judged by an independent panel of experts, with the general public also invited to vote for the "People's Choice" award. First, second, and third place artists will receive cash prizes.

## Schedule of events

• **Friday, Aug. 9 at noon:** The 20 decorated barrels will be posted on Facebook and placed on display in the Carmel Arts & Design District. The public can vote on a "People's Choice" winner based on individual barrel likes by going to the [Rain on Main Facebook page](#). An online auction will also begin and individuals can bid on their favorite barrel to take home. You must register for the auction by texting RAIN to 88793 or visiting [RainOnMain.com](#).

• **Saturday, Aug. 10 and Sunday, Aug. 11:** The barrels will remain along Main Street and the designs will be judged by an independent panel. First, second and third place artists will receive cash prizes.

• **Saturday, Aug. 17:** The barrels will be moved to the Carmel Farmers Market, where the "People's Choice" voting concludes at 10 a.m. and the online auction continues during the Market hours until 11 a.m. The "People's Choice" award winner will be announced



Photo provided by City of Carmel

live at the market at 10:45 a.m., just before the online auction concludes.

Net proceeds from the auction will fund water education in Carmel including signage that has been installed at Founders Park, located at 116th Street and Hazel Dell Parkway. Additionally, Carmel residents who install a rain barrel are eligible to apply for a \$50 rebate per barrel from the City's Storm Water Utility. Learn more about the rain barrel subsidy at [this link](#).

Rain on Main is supported by in-kind sponsors Sherwin-Williams Automotive Finishes, Tom Wood Collision Center, White's Ace Hardware & Garden Center, and the

Carmel Farmers Market, in addition to the following 20 Rain on Main Barrel Sponsors: All Things Carmel, Bazbeaux Pizza, Brown Hound Studios, Bub's Burgers and Ice Cream, Calico Counseling, Carmel Clay Public Library Foundation, Carmel Education Foundation, Carmel Symphony Orchestra, Club Canine, Discover White River, Fancy Fortune Cookies, Hamilton County Tourism, Inc., Indiana Artisan, Indiana Women's Running Festival, Jessica Irvine, MEG & Associates, Papa Fattoush Restaurant, Ranj Puthran Allstate Insurance Agency, Support CCS, and Vivante at Hotel Carmichael.

## Hear the story of today's Westfield Washington Township

### The REPORTER

Join the Westfield Young Professionals from 8 to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 13 at the Hampton Inn Westfield for an exciting networking event featuring Chelsea McCarty, Marketing Manager at Westfield Washington Township.

McCarty has been with the Township since January of this year. Previous-

ly, she worked with Westfield Welcome managing events and social media/marketing. She has a passion for creating engaging content, and she says she is excited to continue sharing the story of the Township. Westfield Washington Township is a



McCarty

local grassroots government that assists, protects, connects, grows, and impacts the community. The Township also offers several programs for residents from pre-school age to 55 and over. The office is in a shared building with the new Westfield Washington

Public Library, 17400 Westfield Blvd.

Don't miss out on your chance to network with community professionals and gain valuable insight towards becoming a leader in your community. Register now and bring your coworkers for complimentary coffee and continental breakfast.

[Click here](#) to register for this month's coffee.

# Welcome to Our New Minister



On August 16, 2024, the Stony Creek Church of Christ will begin a new chapter of their work in Noblesville. On that Sunday, we will welcome Curtis Cooper as our new minister. He is a talented young family man and will do an outstanding work in our community. Our congregation and our community will be blessed by him. We invite you to come meet Curtis and be blessed by his writing, teaching and preaching.

**You are encouraged and invited to join us for any of our Bible studies, worship or a private study.**



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# Coroner hires four deputies

**The REPORTER**

Hamilton County Coroner Jeff Jellison has announced the hiring of four deputy coroners.

Jellison said his department received nearly 50 applications for recent vacancies within the office.

“We had a large pool of applicants with very qualified and diverse range of experience,” Jellison said.

The new deputies began July 13 and are currently undergoing their field training in preparation of attending the state-mandated coroner certification in September.

**Brad Corbin**

Corbin is a 25-year veteran of the Anderson Fire Department. He served as Captain, as well as a member of many specialty teams including Dive/Rescue, HAZMAT, and High Angle Rescue team. During



Jellison



Corbin



Craig



Wilber



Bradley

his professional career, he received numerous awards including a Medal of Excellence for Valor/Heroism. He also serves as Special Deputy with the Madison County Sheriff's Office and has prior Deputy Coroner experience with both Madison and Delaware counties.

**Bradley Craig**

Craig is a graduate of Stratford Career Institute and comes to the coroner's office with a long history of law enforcement, most recently as Deputy Sheriff for the Marion County Sheriff's Office. He previously served

as volunteer Deputy Coroner for Hamilton County from 1998 to 2002. He has received numerous awards including Medal of Valor and DUI Enforcement Officer of the Year (three times). He resides in Carmel.

**Scott Wilber**

Wilbert has his associate's degree in paramedicine and is working toward an associate's degree in criminal justice. He has experience as a firefighter/paramedic and fire investigator with White River and Lapel fire departments. He performed continuing education and CPR

instruction for Midwest Ambulance Service. He served in the Security Forces for the United States Air Force at Lackland & K.I. Sawyer Air Force Bases.

**Joseph Bradley**

Bradley graduated from Indiana Wesleyan University with an associate's degree in criminal science. He served four years with the United States Marine Corps as Infantryman in Montgomery, Ala. He currently works as a Code Compliance Administrator for the City of Noblesville, where he is a resident.

# From TV to Kroger: What more could Halvorson WISH for?

**The REPORTER**

This week's episode of *The Omnibus Show* featured Eric Halvorson who spent 33 years as an anchor and reporter with WISH-TV and now serves as the Manager of Public Affairs for the Central Division of the Kroger Company.

Halvorson recounted his background in television at both Channel 4 and WISH-TV. He shared stories of his most memorable interviews, including one that stands out with Jim Morris who was with the World Food Program and worked with former U.S. President Barack Obama in the journey to feed the world.

Halvorson discussed how he came to be in his current position with Kroger as the Manager of Corporate Affairs. This position has given him the opportunity to expand on goals he discussed with Morris in that long-ago interview. One of his main focuses, currently, is the Zero Hunger, Zero Waste Program. The goal of this program is to eliminate hunger

in Kroger communities. He has also been a documentary producer for WFYI and adjunct professor for the University of Indianapolis. He started out as a reporter for WTTV, Channel 4.

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Next week, *The Omnibus Show* will welcome Marria Peduto, an Indiana University student, who has extensively studied abroad. This Fulbright Research Scholar has traveled to Dubai, Indonesia, and several other countries. You'll hear about her travels, as well as the various projects she has been involved in.



Halvorson



Peduto



about *The Omnibus Show*. The Omnibus Show is Carmel's No. 1 podcast, hosted by Dave Gibbs and produced for people who love interviews of interesting and accomplished people and who are life learners themselves.

Visit [TheOmnibusShow.com](http://TheOmnibusShow.com) for the audio podcasts and YouTube channel for more information and to sign up for the newsletter.

# Kelly Mitchell named new CFO of State Police

**Submitted by ISP**

Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter has announced the hiring of former Treasurer of State Kelly Mitchell to serve as ISP's Chief Financial Officer (CFO).

Mitchell, who began her new position Monday, assumes the duties of ISP's previous CFO Mickey James, who will soon retire.

As a member of the Superintendent's senior leadership team, Mitchell will lead the Fiscal Division and will be responsible for all facets of budgeting, payroll, procurement, accounts receivable, and grant management. These responsibilities are

crucial for the success of every member of the ISP, sworn and professional staff alike.

Throughout her education and careers in both public and private sectors of service, Mitchell has developed tremendous skill sets and experience. Her forward-thinking and innovative mindset led to the implementation of several successful initiatives during her time as Treasurer, which are still in place today.

Mitchell serves on several boards – Indiana Education Savings Authority, Circle City Fellows (chair), National Association of State Treasurers Emeritus Committee (co-chair), Indiana Women in Public Fi-

nance, and several more. She has also served as a panelist and moderator numerous times. She was awarded CEO of the Year Award – The Arc of Indiana, National Association of State Treasurers – Harlan Boyles/Edward T. Alter Award for Distinguished Service, Woman of the Year Award – Indiana Federation of Republican Women, Sagamore of the Wabash, and numerous other awards and honors.

“I am so proud and excited to welcome Kelly Mitchell to our leadership team,”



Mitchell



Carter

Carter said, “We have every confidence she will continue to take our agency down the path of sound fiscal management while pushing forward with the positive, productive fiscal relationships we enjoy with stakeholders like the State Budget Agency and the Indiana Department of Administration.”



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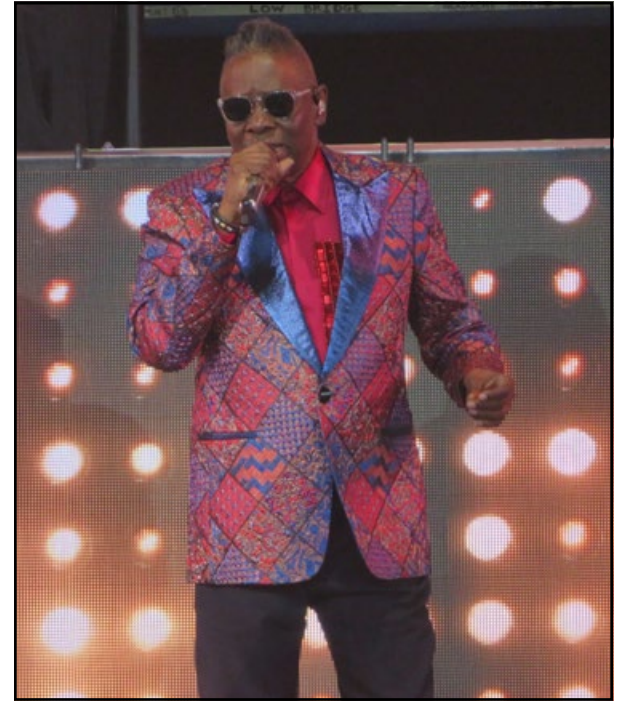
**US Capitol and White House Tour Requests**

My office can help arrange tours throughout our nation's capital.



# Baby, what a big surprise that finale was!

For classic rock fans, it was a dream come true. Chicago plus Earth, Wind & Fire on one stage for a night of hits across the decades. Then, just to spike the ball a little, both bands took the stage at the same time for a rock 'n roll concert climax for the ages. (Photos provided by Bill Miller)





# Celebrate last blast of summer in Fishers with free community events for all ages

Enjoy beach days, outdoor adventures, farmers market fun & more

## The REPORTER

As the summer season draws to a close, Fishers is bustling with exciting events and activities where residents and visitors can make memories and enjoy late summer traditions around the city.

Find the season's freshest picks at the award-winning Fishers Farmers Market, cool off with extended swim hours at the Geist Waterfront Park, get creative with the Fishers Arts Center's fall classes, and enjoy a concert under the stars at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater.

The end-of-summer event lineup includes:

**Geist Waterfront Park Extended Swim Hours**  
Park open daily, dawn to dusk

**Extended Swim Hours:**  
Daily through September, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (through Aug. 12)  
Geist Waterfront Park, 10811 Olio Rd.

The 70-acre waterfront park in east Fishers features beach and water access to Geist Reservoir, non-motorized boat launch and dock access for kayaks and canoes, walking trails, playground, and public gathering amenities.

Park access is open to all during non-peak hours. During peak hours (generally weekend afternoons), admission is free for Fishers residents and \$25 per

vehicle for non-residents. It's now easier than ever for residents to access the park – just show your government-issued ID at the entrance – no Smart Pass is needed. Learn more at [FishersParks.com/GeistWaterfront](http://FishersParks.com/GeistWaterfront).

## Fishers Art Center Fall 2024 Classes

The Fishers Art Center, located in the Fishers Municipal Center at 1 Municipal Drive, offers art classes and programs for all ages, engaging summer camps, unique gallery exhibitions, and more. Registration is open for fall semester classes for children and adults, as well as various Make It Take It classes for adults. Learn more at [FishersArtCenter.org](http://FishersArtCenter.org).

**Fishers Farmers Market presented by IU Health Fishers**  
Saturdays through Sept. 29 | 8 a.m. – noon  
Nickel Plate District Amphitheater, 6 Municipal Drive  
Free

Rated one of the top farmers' markets in the region, the Fishers Farmers Market presented by IU Health Fishers features local vendors offering fresh produce, baked goods, honey, specialty food, meats, coffee, plants, and more. Don't miss the following special event days, including the National Farmers Market Week on Aug. 10, Health and Wellness Day on Aug. 17,

Safety Day on Sept. 9, and Club Day on Sept. 21. Learn more at [FishersParks.com/FarmersMarket](http://FishersParks.com/FarmersMarket).

**Before the Bell**  
Thursday, Aug. 1  
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
Nickel Plate District Amphitheater  
Free

Ring in the start of the school year with Hamilton Southeastern Schools. Come out with your family to learn more about HSE, network with other families, and get excited about the upcoming school year. Learn more at [HSESchools.org](http://HSESchools.org).

**National Night Out**  
Tuesday, Aug. 6  
5 to 7 p.m.  
Fishers Police Dept., 4 Municipal Drive  
Free

Join Fishers Police Department at National Night Out for an open house to meet officers, tour the building, learn about their specialty units, and enjoy food and Kona Ice. Learn more at [police.fishersin.gov](http://police.fishersin.gov).

**Ticketed shows at the NPD AMP**  
Various dates  
Nickel Plate District Amphitheater  
Get tickets at [npdamp.com](http://npdamp.com)

Fishers Parks' summer lineup also includes ticketed shows from the following national touring bands:

- Aug. 23 – Niko Moon
  - Aug. 24 – Brett Dennen
- Follow the NPD AMP on [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com) and [Face-](https://www.facebook.com)

[book](https://www.facebook.com) for the latest concert announcements.

**12th annual Fishers Blues Fest**  
Saturday, Aug. 31 & Sunday, Sept. 1 | 4 to 10 p.m.  
Nickel Plate District Amphitheater  
Free

End the summer with the annual Fishers Blues Fest, a Labor Day tradition. The free, two-night event includes performances by renowned local and national blues artists. Learn more at [npdamp.com/BluesFest](http://npdamp.com/BluesFest).

**Safety Day at Fishers Farmers Market**  
Saturday, Sept. 7  
8 a.m. to noon  
Nickel Plate District Amphitheater  
Free

Join Fishers Fire & Emergency Services at the Fishers Farmers Market at the NPD AMP for live entertainment and safety demonstrations, meet and greets with Fishers first responders, opportunities to connect with local organizations and more. Learn more at [fire.fishersin.gov](http://fire.fishersin.gov).

**Geist 5K, 10K & Half Marathon presented by Meijer**  
Saturday, Sept. 14  
7:30 a.m.

Enjoy the beautiful waterfront scenery of Geist Reservoir with the family-friendly Geist Half Race Series presented by Meijer. This annual tradition returns Sept. 14 with a walk-

er-friendly course complete with live music, community support, and an all-ages after party. Register before prices increase on Sept. 1 at [GeistHalf.com](http://GeistHalf.com).

**City Recycling Day**  
Saturday, Sept. 14  
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Billericay Park, 12690 Promise Road

The City of Fishers will be hosting its bi-annual free City Recycling Day for the fall at Billericay Park, where residents can recycle electronics and household electronic or metal items (such as mowers, treadmills, bikes, etc.) and household hazardous wastes (such as automotive fluids, acids, paints, etc.) For a full list of acceptable items, please visit [FishersIN.gov/Recycling](http://FishersIN.gov/Recycling).

**Glow in the Park 21+ Night** | Friday, Sept. 20 | 8 to 10 p.m.  
**Family Night** | Saturday, Sept. 21 | 8 to 10 p.m.

Nickel Plate District Amphitheater | Prices vary, tickets required

Get messy while enjoying face painting, live DJs, dancing, neon splash zones, and more. Black lights, fog machines, and lasers will light up the night, so wear white and get ready to glow. Tickets are on sale now at [FishersParks.com/Glow](http://FishersParks.com/Glow).

**Geist Greenway**  
Open daily  
Free

Explore the Geist Green-

way, now open from 104th Street to Geist Park (10979 Florida Road) and from Geist Park to 126th Street. Once completed, the five-mile pedestrian path will stretch from 96th Street to 131st Street. With the addition of this trail, Fishers' extensive trail system grows to 131 miles and increases connectivity and recreational opportunities for pedestrians and bicyclists in eastern Fishers. [Click here](https://www.fishersin.gov) to learn more.

**Fishers AgriPark**  
Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Thursdays to Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Fishers AgriPark, 11171 Florida Road  
Free

The 33-acre urban farm featuring public fields and gardens, managed by Fishers Parks, is now open for the season. The farm offers livestock encounters and you-pick opportunities once produce is in season. From educational series to agricultural-themed summer camps, public programming at the Fishers AgriPark is rooted in farm operations and agriculture in our community, the state, and the United States. Learn more and see their programming and events at [FishersParks.com/Agripark](http://FishersParks.com/Agripark).

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See the full lineup at [FishersIN.gov/SeizetheSummer](http://FishersIN.gov/SeizetheSummer).

## HSE Superintendent discusses "Journey of a Student" plan

By HANNA MORDOH  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

Every month, WISH-TV highlights a local school district with "The Morning Bell," a conversation focused on new or exciting programs and accomplishments within Indiana schools.

This week, The Morning Bell's focus is getting people ready to head back to school through interviews with superintendents in central Indiana.

On Tuesday, **Hamilton Southeastern Schools** Superintendent Patrick Mapes joined Daybreak to discuss the upcoming school year which begins on Wednesday, Aug. 7.

### Before the Bell celebration

On Thursday, there is a **back-to-school district-wide celebration**. It's at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. There will be informational booths and ways for families and students to get involved. There will also be games, inflatables, student performers, and food trucks.

"What's really cool is all of our schools will have a booth so parents and students can visit, see their building principals, some of their

teachers and kind of get ready for that first day the following week," Mapes said.

### Goals for the district

Mapes says for this school year, the most important goal is to emphasize learning.

"We want to make certain that we're looking at our test scores and make certain our kids are getting better in language arts and mathematics skills," Mapes said. "But more importantly, we need to make certain that we're emphasizing learning, right? As times change, the one thing that we can give all of our students is the ability to learn. And if we do that, no matter what the job or careers that lie ahead, they'll be able to adapt to make certain that they can become successful."

District leaders say building literacy skills at elementary grade levels and preparing secondary students to pursue their educational pathway are key factors of the plan.

"We'll have all of our schools now in the reading cadre that the state provides, which I think will continue to build skills for our students," Mapes said. "We're going to have a lofty goal of 100 percent of our kids passing IREAD-3, which isn't

really too far off for us as 94 percent of students currently have done that. So, we're really excited about being able to help our teachers in the classroom, making certain that the Science of Reading is implemented with fidelity in our school district."

### 'Journey of a Student' Plan

The district is starting a new plan called "Journey of a Student," which is described on [HSE's website](http://HSE's website) as a way to provide each student with learning experiences that are deep and relevant, and that integrate the knowledge, skills, and attributes needed to thrive as adults in today's world.

"With the emphasis of pathways that when a student finishes their K-12 experience, we've prepared them to go and do what they want to do, whether it's enroll in school to be employed in the workforce or enlist in the service," Mapes said. "We want to start that process even in the elementary – to give them experiences of different careers. So all of our business leaders, community leaders, and educators for the last 18 months came together to kind of plan a 'Journey of a Student.'"

The "Journey of a Student" looks to introduce



Photo by WISH-TV

Hamilton Southeastern Schools Superintendent Patrick Mapes joined WISH-TV's Hanna Mordoh in studio for a recent interview.

concepts of careers early in the elementary level, then follow students through high school by immersing them in real-world work-based learning.

"You need to be able to dream and we want to start that early for what that career is going to be for you," Mapes. "And I really think to go out into our community that has so many different

businesses and opportunities and kind of test drive that career before you go to college or before you go into the workforce will be really valuable for our students."

### Mapes' advice to students & parents

"Start early when getting up early, maybe on Monday instead of Wednesday. And for our parents, please be patient. We have a lot of riders to school and we've

got construction going on at Fishers Elementary and Lantern Road Elementary, let alone just the traffic problems that we have throughout the metro area, kind of plan accordingly, so you can get to school on time."

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wishtv.com/news/education/the-morning-bell-hse-superintendent-discusses-journey-of-a-student-plan](http://wishtv.com/news/education/the-morning-bell-hse-superintendent-discusses-journey-of-a-student-plan).

## Don't just ride the rails... Bike them!

**Forest Park Rail Adventure**  
An 8-mile round trip rail bike ride starting at Hobbs Station in Forest Park.

**White River Family Cruise**  
Enjoy this short, scenic rail bike ride from Hobbs Station in Forest Park.

NickelPlateExpress.com/railbike-rides



## Vendors at this week's Westfield Farmers Market

### The REPORTER

The Westfield Farmers Market, presented by Duke Energy runs from 5 to 8 p.m. at Grand Junction Plaza, 225 S. Union St., each Thursday through Sept. 26.

#### Aug. 1 vendor lineup

- Alcomy
- Almost Paradise Farms
- AMAZN AZN Food Truck
- Atchley Farm
- Baked
- Bier Brewery
- Bricks Made Better
- Circle City Smoke
- Coconut Rose Designs
- Country Fun Freeze
- Downs Farm
- D's Biscuit Co.
- Dune Collection
- Eagle Creek Apiary
- Epic Coffee
- Gomez BBQ
- Gracie's Little Ladies
- Happy Mutt Pet Bakery
- Joy Through Dawn
- Kernel King
- Kora's Kitchen
- Lazy Labs Pet Bakery
- Lexi Lu's Boutique
- Local Stems Farm
- MacDesigns
- Midwest Shirt Co.
- Moore's Pies
- Mr. T's Ice Cream
- My Dad's Sweet Corn
- Old Major
- Pastry Sweet Salty
- Peace Water Winery
- Preservation
- Schooley's Hots & Brats

- Stephan Orchard
- Taco Loco M&C
- The Barn at Helm
- The Lemon Bar
- Three Shepherds Dog Accessories
- Tomi Makes
- Urban Vines
- Victoria In Design
- Willowood Apothecary
- Winegard Workshop
- With Wonder Cake House
- Wrightway Crafts

*This list is subject to change without notice.*

#### Kid's Activity Booth

A kid's activity area sponsored by Centier Bank is new to the market. It will include a kid's activity booklet, sticker sheets and kid-sized canvas bags to decorate with custom stamps.

The Westfield Farmers Market thanks additional sponsors, including Renewal by Andersen, Leaf Home LLC, and Market District.

Public parking is available in the lot at the southwest corner of Poplar and Park streets, and a courtesy shuttle will run throughout the market. There are also designated on-street spots along Union and Mill streets. Please note that Jersey Street will be closed each market day at 2:30 p.m.

For more information and weekly vendor updates, visit [facebook.com/westfieldinmarkets](https://facebook.com/westfieldinmarkets).

# Duke Energy deploys drones

Equipment used for infrastructure inspections in Hamilton & Boone counties to improve reliability & strengthen grid

### The REPORTER

Duke Energy is deploying aerial drones to inspect overhead power lines and electrical equipment across Hamilton and Boone counties to improve power reliability and strengthen the electric grid.

With drones, crews can safely and efficiently inspect areas – from substations down to individual transformers – that are difficult to access. The aerial vantage point allows the company to easily identify any equipment that needs repair or replacement and to get a clear view of vegetation growth around power lines.

Drone inspections are currently underway in Carmel, Cicero, Fishers, Noblesville, Westfield, and Zionsville. Work in the area is scheduled to conclude by the end of August.

Duke Energy uses small-sized unmanned aerial



Photo provided

drone flights across its systems in Florida, Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina, Ohio and South Carolina. For more information about Duke Energy's use of drone technology to strengthen the grid, visit [duke-energy.com/GridInspections](https://duke-energy.com/GridInspections).

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## Carmel's own Jessica Irvine among Hoosier Women Forward's Class Seven

### Submitted

Hoosier Women Forward (HWF) has announced its participants in Class Seven.

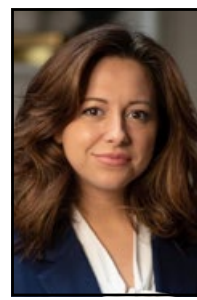
Each year, HWF selects a diverse group to participate in a political and civic leadership training program designed to empower Democratic women to become more active participants in politics and leaders in their communities.

Founded in 2018, and now boasting 133 alumnae, HWF is a growing network of women helping women. Since its inaugural class, 77 percent of HWF graduates who stepped up to run for office won their elections. Alumnae say they look forward to supporting the 12 HWF graduates who are on the ballot in November.

In addition to being ac-

tive participants in the political arena, HWF alumnae hold leadership positions in the corporate and non-profit sectors, ensuring decision-making that is more reflective of their communities.

"We are proud of the numerous accomplishments of this organization and our alumnae," HWF Executive Director Amy Levander. "The selection process for our class members is increasingly competitive each year, as women from across the state are eager to join this growing network of women supporting women. We can't wait to induct our incoming class this September during our annual luncheon, where we'll celebrate by building on the accomplishments of this diverse group of wom-



Irvine

en has already achieved."

"This program is a shining example of what can happen when stakeholders in local communities are given the opportunity to fine-tune their political acumen and lock into a network of alumnae who are elevating how leadership looks in our state," HWF Board Chair Elise Shrock said. "I can't wait to see what our program will unlock within the women of Class Seven, and the change will follow in their wake."

HWF's 22 incoming Class Seven members are below:

- Bri Andrews, Fort Wayne
- Christina Crist, Terre Haute
- Maricel Driscoll, Muncie
- Tamesha Fikes, Fort Wayne
- Gloria Howell, Bloomington
- Jessica Irvine, Carmel

- Michelle Daniel Jones, Indianapolis
- Regenia Frison Jones, Fort Wayne
- Carey LaBella, Terre Haute
- Samantha Lozano, Indianapolis
- Nohemi Lugo, Lafayette
- Caz Margenau, South Bend
- Katie Miller, Jeffersonville
- DeShong Perry-Smitherman, Indianapolis
- Ashley Polomchak, Valparaiso
- Blythe Potter, Bargersville
- Rebecca Reazer, Mooresville
- Ellise Smith, Indianapolis
- Angel Suttle, Fort Wayne
- Catherine Torzewski, Indianapolis
- Kristina Wheeler, Indianapolis
- Yulonda Winfield, Indianapolis

A Section 527 nonprofit political organization, Hoosier Women Forward raises funds through private donations and fundraising events. To read more about the members of Class Seven and past classes, or to learn more about the nonprofit, please visit [HoosierWomenForward.org](https://HoosierWomenForward.org).

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# National Fossil Act naming mastodon as national fossil passes U.S. Senate

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The National Fossil Act has now passed the United States Senate. This bill names the mastodon as the U.S. national fossil and was introduced by Senators Mike Braun (R-Ind.) and Gary Peters (D-Mich.) and cosponsored by Senators Eric Schmitt (R-Mo.) and Maggie Hassan (D-N.H.).

This is Senator Braun's fifth standalone bill to pass the Senate this year, and if signed into law will be his 10th in the 118th Congress (2023-2024) to become law, including provisions on veterans' healthcare, opioids, and budget reform.

The National Fossil Act aims to celebrate the unique natural history of the United

States and encourage interest in paleontology.

If the National Fossil Act is passed by the House and signed into law, the mastodon would join the bald eagle, bison, rose, and oak tree as enduring national symbols of the United States.

The mastodon lived more than 13,000 years ago in the Pleistocene era, predominantly on land that would eventually become the United States of America. A fully grown mastodon was over 10 feet tall, weighed more than 11 tons, and was preceded by a pair of 16-foot-long tusks. Un-



Braun

like its distant cousin, the mammoth, the mastodon was found exclusively in the United States, with its bones being unearthed in every state across the continental U.S.

Mastodon fossils are frequently found in Indiana and Michigan, and the mastodon was made the Indiana state fossil in 2022. Mastodons have been found in nearly every Indiana county, including notable discoveries in Hebron, Fort Wayne, and Seymour.

"Mastodons embody the spirit of exploration, resilience, and strength that exemplifies our great na-

tion," Sen. Braun said. "As a uniquely American symbol, mastodons inspire us to embrace our heritage and to protect our country's natural treasures. I hope making Indiana's state fossil our national fossil will inspire young Hoosiers to take an interest in our country's rich natural history that may be in their own backyard."

The National Fossil Act:

- Section 1 designates the bill as the National Fossil Act.
- Section 2 establishes findings on the role of the Mastodon in American public life.
- Section 3 designates the Mastodon as the national fossil under Title 36 U.S. Code and makes necessary conforming amendments.

## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

### AARON TO SPEAK FOR MOSES

Now when the Lord spoke to Moses in Egypt, he said to him, "I am the Lord. Tell Pharaoh king of Egypt everything I tell you."

But Moses said to the Lord, "Since I speak with faltering lips, why would Pharaoh listen to me?"

Exodus 6:28-30 (NIV)

### The Reporter's policy on obituaries

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# Gov. Holcomb & ISBVI Board names next Superintendent of the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

**The REPORTER**

Governor Eric J. Holcomb and the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ISBVI) today announced James R. Michaels will serve as the next superintendent. The school's current superintendent, James Durst, announced his retirement earlier this year. Michaels will enter the role with over 35 years of serving Hoosier youth and adults with disabilities.

"James Michaels has spent his life in service to Hoosiers with disabilities," Gov. Holcomb said. "I know James will bring that dedication along with his decades of experience providing and leading human services to the Indiana

School for the Blind and Visually Impaired."

Michaels is an alumnus, former employee and former board member of ISBVI. Since 1998, he has served in education, counseling and leadership positions, including VP of Programs, at Bosma Enterprises, an Indianapolis non-profit providing employment, rehabilitation and job training for people who are blind or visually impaired. Earlier in his career, he held multiple student-serving roles at the Indiana School for the Deaf.

"I am so grateful to have the opportunity to re-



Michaels

turn to the school that made such a difference in my life," Michaels said. "As a former student and employee of the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, I have witnessed first-hand the life changing impact the school has on the students, parents, staff, and the community at-large. I am excited to have the opportunity to work side by side with the amazing ISBVI staff to continue to support, encourage, and educate the student-body. The message the students will hear from me over and over again is, 'I believe in you.'"

Michaels completed his undergraduate and graduate degrees at Indiana University. He resides in Brownsburg with his wife, Connie; they have a son, Jesse, currently attending college.

As one of the largest state schools in the nation serving students who are blind or have low vision, ISBVI enrolls 110 students spanning preschool through high school, approximately 40 of whom are residential, as well as directly serving over 300 students across 46 school districts. Established in 1847, the school also offers a wide array of other programming aligned to its statutory mission of serving Hoosier students with visual disabilities.

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## From scholarships to charities, golf outing helps improve lives of others

*Evan R. Hansen Legacy Foundation has now raised over \$350,000*

By **RICHIE HALL**

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**NOBLESVILLE** – The sixth annual Evan R. Hansen Legacy Foundation golf outing took place last Saturday at Pebble Brook Golf Course in Noblesville.

The tournament benefitted the foundation, which began as a tribute to Guerin Catholic graduate Evan Hansen, who passed away in 2018 while a student and football player at Wabash College. The foundation creates scholarships for students that are entering the medical field and promotes mental health awareness in the community, according to its website ([erh32.org/about-us](http://erh32.org/about-us)).

Chuck Hansen, Evan's father, said that including this year's tournament, the foundation has raised "in excess of \$350,000 over six years." Hansen said the foundation annually gives out \$50,000 to \$75,000.

"The money goes to the Evan R. Hansen Legacy Foundation and then we distribute to other charities that foster and support Evan's legacy," said Chuck Hansen. "That includes scholarships at Guerin Catholic, we have an endowed scholarship. Marian University. We sponsor a summer intern at the Merciful HELP Center. We're working to create an endowed scholarship at Wabash College."

Another organization that receives money from the foundation include the Concussion Legacy Foundation, which Chuck Hansen said is "investigating, furthering research and advocacy for concussions and CTE and the impacts of repetitive impacts on people." CTE stands for chronic traumatic encephalopathy, a brain disorder that is caused by repeated head injuries.

The foundation also supports the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and FOCUS, a fellowship of Catholic university students that forms missionaries and sends them around the world.

The tournament began with mass at the Guerin Catholic chapel, followed by registration for the tournament. Charleston's provided a burger bar for lunch, followed by announcements.

After that, the players headed on to the course. A total of 164 golfers participated in the tournament, including many friends of Evan Hansen.

"It's important to understand the reasons why Evan's not with us and his death, which is something we're working on, but also, the kind of person Evan was when he was alive attracted a lot of people," said Chuck Hansen. Chuck and Mary Hansen, Evan's mother, greeted each group as they came on to the No. 3 hole.

"He was very humble and kind-hearted," said Chuck Hansen. "He was also a good athlete and football player. A lot of people miss him, so this is a chance for us to celebrate his legacy and then point out some of the things that really reflect the kind of person that Evan was."

This year's winning team at the outing was Aaron Hacherl, Luke Hacherl, Mike Fremion and John Dewaal with a score of 50, or 22 under par. The team won in a tiebreak.

The foundation announced at the outing that it will give \$10,000 to the following four organizations: Merciful HELP Center (tools for school summer intern), Marian University (Evan's nursing scholarship), Guerin Catholic High School (Evan's scholarship) and Concussion Legacy Foundation. The foundation will also donate \$3,200 to FOCUS and is setting aside money to establish a future fund at Wabash College.



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(ABOVE) The team of Aaron Hacherl, Luke Hacherl, Mike Fremion and John Dewaal won the Evan R. Hansen Legacy Foundation golf tournament in a tiebreak. The tournament took place last Saturday at Pebble Brook Golf Course. (BELOW LEFT) A total of 164 golfers participated in the golf outing. (BELOW RIGHT) Guerin Catholic assistant football coach Steven Shackelford was one of the participants in the golf outing. (BOTTOM LEFT) Golf participant Cullan Magnuson talks with Evan Hansen's parents, Chuck and Mary Hansen. (BOTTOM RIGHT) Will Hagenow volunteered to sit in the dunk tank, which offered golfers a chance to dunk him for a free T-shirt, hat, or golf shirt.



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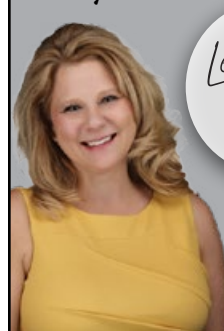


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## Olympics — Ram makes it to men's doubles quarterfinals

**The REPORTER**

Carmel's Rajeev Ram is into the quarterfinals of the Men's doubles competition at the 2024 Paris Olympics.

Ram and partner Austin Krajicek are the fourth seeded team at the Olympics, which features a 32-team draw. In the first round, the Americans beat the Australian team of Alex de Minaur and Alexei Popyrin

6-2, 6-3. That moved Ram and Krajicek into the second round, where they defeated Brazil's Thiago Monteiro and Thiago Seyboth Wild 6-4, 7-6 (3).

Ram and Krajicek's next opponents will be the powerhouse Spanish duo of current two-time Wimbledon champion Carlos Alcaraz and the legendary Rafael Nadal. The match will take place today.

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## Fans flood Grand Park for Colts Training Camp



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Fans flocked over the weekend to Grand Park in Westfield to see the Indianapolis Colts get ready for the upcoming season. This year's Training Camp runs through Thursday, Aug. 15. To claim your tickets, go to [colts.com/events/trainingcamp/schedule](http://colts.com/events/trainingcamp/schedule).

## 'I just like to hit people': Colts put full pads on at training camp

By JOSH BODE  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

WESTFIELD — Full pads were officially put on for Colts training camp on Tuesday for the first time on Tuesday.

The first three practice of training camp were not with full pads. Now, the shoulder pads have been put on as the Colts ramp up to their first preseason game.

Colts head coach Shane Steichen thought the first practice with full pads on went really good.

"I liked the way the guys competed today in full pads, taking care of each other, but really competing at a high level today," Steichen said.

The players agreed. Defensive end Tyquan Lewis was especially happy to have the full pads back on.

"That's my favorite time of the year," Lewis said. "I don't like spiders or whatever they call them. I just like to hit people."

"It went great," Laiatu Latu said. "I feel like it hasn't changed drastically for me other than you get to thud a little bit, people got some tension going on, but I mean it's been amazing."

It wasn't just the defen-



Josh Bode / WISH-TV

Colts rookie first round pick Laiatu Latu stretches out before the first day with full pads on at training camp.

sive lineman that were happy to suit up on Tuesday. The offensive lineman were happy to have the full pads on as well.

"It's just awesome," Bernhard Raimann said. "Getting back to playing with the guys and then competing against the defensive guys. So, it's just great to be back out there. It's real football again and it's fun — that's what makes it fun."

Getting the full pads back on helps the coaching staff figure things out too. Offensive coordinator Jim

Bob Cooter was really excited for that.

"We put the pads on, get out there and try to run the ball a little bit, and pass protect and all that fun stuff, we'll kind of really find out what we got," Cooter said on Saturday.

The Colts return to practice at Grand Park for training camp on Wednesday from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

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## Olympics



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Drew Kibler, shown here during the U.S. Olympic trials, picked the first ever Olympic medal for Carmel swimming on Tuesday. Kibler was part of the U.S. Men's 4x200 relay team that won the silver medal in that event.

## Drew Kibler brings home Carmel's first Olympic swim medal

### The REPORTER

Drew Kibler has delivered the first-ever swimming Olympic medal to Carmel.

The 2018 Carmel High School graduated and University of Texas national champion was part of the United States' Men's 4x200 freestyle relay team that won a silver medal Tuesday at the 2024 Paris Olympics. Kibler joined Luke Hobson, Carson Foster and Kieran Smith, with the team finishing in a time of 7 minute, 0.78 seconds.

Great Britain won the gold medal in 6:59.43, while Australia took the bronze

medal in 7:01.98.

Kibler swam the third leg of the relay, keeping the American team in second place by completing his leg in 1:45.12. Smith anchored the relay, and his split of 1:44.80 clinched the silver medal.

The U.S. team qualified for the finals by placing second in the preliminaries earlier in the day. The Americans finished their prelim in 7:05.57, which means they dropped nearly five seconds from that round to the final. Kibler was the leadoff man in the prelims; he swam his split in 1:46.43.

In earlier action:

Carmel's Aaron Shackell made the finals of the Men's 400 freestyle last Saturday, where he finished eighth with a time of 3:47.00. Shackell qualified for the eight-man final by placing sixth in the preliminaries with a time of 3:45.45.

Noblesville's Luke Whitlock, swimming for Fishers Area Swimming Tigers, placed 15th in the Men's 800 freestyle, clocking in at 7:49.26.

Carmel's Alex Shackell will swim in the second heat of the Women's 200 butterfly event this morning at 5:46 a.m. Indiana time.




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