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**TODAY'S WEATHER**

Today: Partly to mostly cloudy, with scattered showers and storms.  
 Tonight: Scattered showers and storms.  
 HIGH: 81 LOW: 68



# Sheridan Community Schools gears up for exciting new year

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

Sheridan Community Schools is buzzing with anticipation as the new school year approaches.

With 16 new faculty members joining the district, Superintendent Dave Mundy said he is confident their expertise will significantly impact both the district and the community.

"We are thrilled to welcome these top-notch educators from across the county and state," Mundy said. "Their presence will undoubtedly strengthen our academic programs."

The district has also completed the much-anticipated Fieldhouse and turf project. Sports teams and especially the band are already on the field, gearing up for the new season. The ongoing softball project marks the final outdoor development for now, with future plans focusing on building enhancements.

"We are diligently planning



Photo provided by Sheridan Community Schools

The Sheridan High School marching band has already tested the new football field turf.

for the next five to eight years and are excited about what the future holds for Sheridan," Mundy added.

Enrollment is on the rise, adding to the vibrant and productive atmosphere expected this year.

**Sheridan Elementary School**

*Embracing growth & new initiatives*

At Sheridan Elementary School, Principal Valerie Roberts said she is enthusiastic about the upcoming year. Mrs.

Lindsey Martin will begin the year as the new instructional coach.

"Mrs. Martin will be partnering with our teachers to improve classroom effectiveness,"

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## Make the most of those detours

Is anyone else in the Noblesville area sick and tired of detours? Or, heck, central Indiana in general?

While the detours that start with orange signs can generally drive us crazy (pun intended), last weekend reminded me that the detours in life often lead to good things.

Some of you may have seen the front-page photo of a few Reporter columnists and I attending the Taylor University writer's conference last weekend. Special thanks to superstar and conference presenter Jan Hart Leonard for telling us about this exceptional program.

Like so many attendees, I learned a lot during this event. But it also highlighted a tremendous struggle that writers like me often face — rejection.

You must get used to rejection if you want to succeed as a writer. I even experience it through my grant consulting business. We tell our clients that you can have the perfect proposal that checks every box for a funder, and they can still tell you "No."

As a little girl, I dreamt of becoming a famous author as I sat down on our shag carpet in the living room typing away on my K-Mart Snappy Blue typewriter. I imagined that I'd write books full-time and make an incredible living out of it. The money would just roll in.

I'm sure you're laughing just as much as I am as I type this.

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COLUMNIST



AMY SHANKLAND

*Perfectly Imperfect*

# Indiana American Water awards State Strategic Grant to BGCN

The REPORTER

Indiana American Water, a subsidiary of American Water, and the American Water Charitable Foundation (AWCF) recently awarded the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville (BGCN) a State Strategic Grant of \$5,000.

BGCN has provided opportunities for youth to enjoy activities and experiences that shape character since 1951. Serving youth from kindergarten to 12th grade, BGCN provides positive and engaging programs that enrich the lives of a diverse group of members. In 2023, BGCN served 2,086 members. No one was turned away because they could not pay the membership fee.

"We're grateful for AWCF's grant because as they aren't earmarked for a specific program which allows us to help fill the gaps where we need the money

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Photo provided by Indiana American Water

Indiana American Water's Noblesville Operations Senior Superintendent Greg Stephens (center) presents a \$5,000 AWCF State Strategic Grant to Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville's Executive Director Becky Terry (right) and Director of Development Nathan Helm (left).

# Red Geranium Market is one-of-a-kind

The REPORTER

The ninth annual Red Geranium Artisan Market will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 17. This event is held both indoors and outside the historical First Presbyterian Church (FPC) of Noblesville, 1207 Conner St.

The market continues to grow, as this year you will find 60 artisan vendors selling one-of-a-kind, handmade, and unique items. The artisan booths will be located both inside FPC and outside on the parking lot surface.

Shoppers will also enjoy live music throughout the day and be able to enjoy some delicious food from the Smokey Blue BBQ food truck, an icy cool house-made gelato at Stacco House by Mammamia, or visit the ladies' bake sale inside the church for some yummy homemade treats.

**Music schedule**

- 9 to 10 a.m. — Molly Jones, harp
- 10 to 11 a.m. — Julia Keller-Welter, Viola
- 11 a.m. to noon — Rhythm and Cues Cloggers
- Noon to 1 p.m. — Robin and Jennifer Ruffato, vocal contemporary Christian and classics



Photos provided

The annual Red Geranium Artisan Market helps First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville raise money for its mission programs and nonprofit work.

• 1 to 2:30 p.m. — Emily Ann & Kelly Thompson, Celtic and American old-time, folk, bluegrass, and country

**The Market keeps growing!**

The 2024 market has grown again this year and will have 60 vendor booths compared to 52 last year. An expanded and re-configured arrangement added the 10 additional artisan booths inside and outside the church.

Red Geranium received over 100 applications for this year's

market. A jury committee selected the 60 finalists based on uniqueness, quality, and originality focusing on limiting crafts to just a few of each kind to provide variety for our shoppers. In the first year, the market only had just 24 artisan vendor booths.

The Red Geranium Artisan Market is different than most arts and craft fairs. The market's purpose is based on mission giving rather than making money, as are most commercial orga-

nizers of art fairs.

FPC plays host to several non-profit organizations each year, free of charge, so they can sell wares to promote their artisans or clients who might not otherwise have an avenue to support themselves. Here are some examples:

- One returning organization is ArtMix, an Indianapolis non-profit. They will be selling handmade ceramic art made in

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## Westfield seeks submissions for artistic benches

The REPORTER

Westfield is seeking artists to design and paint original artwork on up to four benches throughout the city in high-traffic locations (Project). The city is seeking eye-popping artwork designed with the city's park and trail system in mind, with the intention of paying homage to the city's heritage.

Applicant artists are welcome to use Westfield's history, signature events and physical environment as inspiration, if they choose.

**Deadline for submission**

Friday, Aug. 30 at 11:59 p.m.

**Eligibility**

To be eligible to submit qualifications for this Project opportunity, applicant artists must:

- Be able to meet all Project requirements (see below)
- Be age 18 or over
- Be willing to meet all contractual obligations and adhere to a strict budget and timeline

• Carry and submit proof of appropriate liability insurance for the duration of the Project (the City of Westfield can provide a referral to an insurance provider, if needed).

**This project will require:**

- Providing a concept design with qualification submission
- Coordinating with city officials to develop an approved design
- Coordinating with city officials for installation dates
- Painting and sealing the art on a concrete bench

**Project budget**

This Project will carry a commission fee of \$1,000 per bench, to be paid to each artist selected to complete the Project pursuant to this Request for

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## SHERIDAN

Roberts explained. “Her role is to model best practices and grow alongside our educators.”

The elementary school's theme for the year is “Growing Together,” reflecting a commitment to fostering a growth mindset and cultivating exceptional students.

“We are excited to welcome our students with renewed energy and a full slate of outstanding teachers,” Roberts said.

New staff members at Sheridan Elementary include Amanda Williams, SES Counselor; Amanda Crussel, 5th Grade Teacher; Bailey Doyle, Special Education Teacher; Madi Stevens, 1st Grade Teacher; Jordan Johnson, Kindergarten Teacher; and Addy Weaver, Resident Teacher from IUK.

“We are eager to welcome all our students, both new and returning,” Roberts continued. “Our goal is to help each child meet their academic goals and plant the seeds of lifelong success.”

#### Sheridan Middle School New opportunities & facilities

Sheridan Middle School is also experiencing growth, with enrollment currently at 276 students in grades 6 to 8. Principal Kent Davis highlighted the opportunities available for eighth graders to earn high school credits in Physical Education, Preparing for College & Careers, and Personal Finance.

“We are excited about the new learning spaces in the United Animal Health Blackhawk Fieldhouse,” Davis said. “It's a fresh start for teaching, learning, and activities.”

Over the summer, the middle school focused on hiring new staff and planning for the year ahead. The school is now fully staffed with new members: Laura Johnson, Special Education; Toni Hillman, Math; and



Photos provided by Sheridan Community Schools

#### Sheridan Elementary students enjoying summer school.

McKaylie Kinkead, Art.

“We look forward to the dynamic process of a new school year,” Davis added. “Our partnership with parents is crucial in helping students learn and grow, preparing them with the skills to become successful Sheridan High School graduates.”

#### Sheridan High School Expanding programs & preparing for changes

Sheridan High School continues to see slight growth in enrollment, a trend that Principal Rick Davis said he finds exciting. The school is introducing new courses in Business and Education Pathways, a new graduation pathway in Exercise Science, and additional offerings like AP Microeconomics and additional Dual Credit English.

“The new school year brings the excitement of welcoming incoming freshmen and new students,” Davis said. “We are expanding our Early College Program and enhancing our overall curriculum and instructional practices.”

Summer was a busy time for the high school, filled with hiring new personnel, planning for new courses, preparing facilities, and setting goals for the 2024-25 school year. New



staff members include: Ellie Arrowood, English; Tanya Busailah, English; Kristen Perry, Spanish; Jessica Line, Math; Bethany Mineart, Counselor; Nissa Sompels, Counselor; Sandi Byle, Exercise Science (also current Athletic Trainer); and Aleah Caraballo, Sheridan Youth Assistance.

“The daily interactions, teaching, and learning make our school vibrant and dynamic,” Davis shared. However, he expressed concerns about the uncertainty surrounding the new Indiana High School Diploma requirements for the Class of 2029.

“The final version has yet to be provided by the State, creating challenges in planning and preparing our students for graduation,”

he said. He expressed confidence that SHS will be prepared and do whatever it takes to make sure Sheridan students meet the new requirements.

Davis emphasized the importance of parental involvement.

“We want parents to know that they are essential partners in the educational process,” he said. “We look forward to working with them to ensure their child's success all the way through graduation.”

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With so many new initiatives, facilities, and staff members, Sheridan Community Schools is poised for an exceptional year. As Superintendent Mundy put it, “Let's make this year the best one yet!”

## DETOURS

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I've sent book proposals to various publishers and agents throughout the years. I've also entered contests. I've been rejected more often than I've been accepted. Those rejections have been some of the biggest detours of my life.

But if I hadn't encountered those detours, would I be the grant professional that I am today? I've done this for almost 23 years now, and I still love it. I have an amazing partner, Anne, and three other team members.

Our business is doing well, and it helps nonprofits both in and out of Indiana. I feel like we're making a difference in the world. Those same nonprofits have shaped who I am on a professional, personal, and even soul level.

I've given local, regional, and national presentations on various grant topics. And I rarely encounter the Sunday evening “scaries.” Sometimes I even look forward to Mondays! And, of course, my business still involves quite a bit of writing.

I'm sure I'm not alone in having a dream be de-

layed through various detours – ones that can also be described as brick walls. As Randy Pausch once said, “The brick walls are there to stop the people who don't want it badly enough. They're there to stop the other people.”

I'm not going to give up my dream of becoming a full-time author. I know there are more detours ahead, but I'm working to embrace them and see what adventures they lead me to.

If you're feeling discouraged about life's detours, take a moment and look back on the ones you've faced in the past. I'll bet they shaped who you are today and have often led to you to some wonderful surprises that you never imagined.

Make the most of life's detours ... and know that the ones highlighted by orange signs won't last forever!

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## GRANT

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across the wide range of programs and services that we offer,” BGCN Executive Director Becky Terry said. “These donations are huge for us to support the mission and the work that we do.”

Indiana American Water's Noblesville Operations Senior Superintendent Greg Stephens presented the grant to BGCN.

“It makes me feel really good to present a grant to an organization that meant so much to me as a kid when I was growing up,” Stephens said. “I spent a lot of time during my youth at the Boys & Girls Club, and it played a big part in shaping me into the person I became.”

This year, AWCF award-

ed \$35,000 in State Strategic Grants across communities served by Indiana American Water. In addition, the AWCF recently provided \$20,000 in disaster relief assistance to the Town of Selma and City of Winchester after those Hoosier communities were devastated by tornadoes in March.

State Strategic Grants are part of the AWCF's Keep Communities Flowing Grant Program, which focuses on three pillars of giving: water, people, and communities. AWCF offers several grant opportunities throughout the year. For additional information about grant eligibility and how to apply, visit [amwater.com/awcfgrants](http://amwater.com/awcfgrants).

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## GERANIUM

their Urban Artisan Program. ArtMix is devoted to developing vocational skills in teens and young adults with disabilities and transforming lives through the creation of art.

• Another vendor booth, Padelka, will be back with us again selling hand-made Ukrainian artworks created by artisan Marina Shepeluk. The sale of her work helps Marina to support her young family living in Zhytomyr, Ukraine.

• There are also several artisans, MoJoJudo, Jim Miles Woodworking, Gardening Gals, and the Presbyterian Women's Bake Sale, who donate all their sales proceeds to charity.

The Red Geranium Artisan Market is both family- and dog-friendly with free

admission and free parking. Organizers suggest parking at the City Hall parking lot, one block west of the market, at 10th and Maple streets and walking up the street while enjoying the shaded "Old Town" homes of Noblesville. Street parking near the church is available but limited. Handicap parking spaces are available on the alley running between Adrienes Flower Shop and the church. Find an attendant to help you get parked and access the market.

### What makes Red Geranium unique

Red Geranium only selects two to three artisans from each category to keep the focus on providing shoppers with a variety of unique finds. Over half of the vendors are return artisans year

after year because they love coming to the Red Geranium.

There will also be some exciting new artisans ready to share their creations. Categories include antiques, primitives, up-cycled and repurposed creations, garden art, mosaics, pottery, wood, glass art, metal, fibers, photography, jewelry, furniture, boutique clothing for adults and children, pet products, homemade candies and treats, vegetable or flower farmers, food vendors, musicians, and fine artists of all kinds.

The purpose of the Red Geranium Artisan Market is to provide a fun community event that helps First Presbyterian Church raise funds for local and world missions. Vendors are charged a booth rental that goes di-

rectly into the church mission fund. When you attend the market, you are helping people right here in Hamilton County and as far away as Appalachia, Hungary, and Ukraine.

The mission team hopes everyone will enjoy the market and encourages guests to take a free tour of the historic church built in 1893. They also invite anyone to attend a Sunday Service at 10 a.m. or check out the live stream worship service at [fpc-noblesville.org/live](http://fpc-noblesville.org/live).

For more information, visit [RedGeraniumMarket.wordpress.com](http://RedGeraniumMarket.wordpress.com) or [Facebook.com/RedGeraniumMarket](https://Facebook.com/RedGeraniumMarket).

Please direct questions to [secretary@fpc-noblesville.org](mailto:secretary@fpc-noblesville.org) or call (317) 773-2383.

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## BENCHES

Proposals (if a team of artists is selected to paint one bench, the \$1,000 commission will be split among the team members). This fee encompasses and includes all the selected artist's compensation and anticipated expenses, including (but not limited to) design fees, paint, brushes, sealant, other materials, production and labor. Additional compensation in relation to this Project will not be provided.

Each concrete bench will be provided by the city. Payment will be made in two installments: half will be paid to each selected artist at the beginning of the Project, with the remaining half to be paid upon completion of the Project. Please note that due to the city's statutory claims process, these payments may take up to 30 days to arrive.

### Resources

Upon request, city officials can provide any applicant artist with electronic copies of printed elevation drawings of the benches.

### Selection process

Artists must submit their qualifications (see below, "How to Apply") to Kayla Arnold ([karnold@westfield.in.gov](mailto:karnold@westfield.in.gov)) by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 30.

City representatives will review submitted qualifications and select finalist artists to design and paint up to four benches. One artist may be selected to paint multiple benches, and teams of artists are welcome to submit qualifications as a team. Each selected artist will be provided a contract for services that must be executed and returned before work on the Project may begin. Each contract will contain provisions required by Indiana law, including but not limited to Ind. Code § 22-5-1.7-11 and Ind. Code § 22-9-1-10.

Note: While this is the intended selection process,

in the event of an insufficient number of qualified applicants, the city reserves the right to invite an artist to propose to perform the Project, or to directly select an artist, and also reserves the right to cancel this RFP and the associated opportunity entirely at any point and for any reason.

### Selection criteria

Finalists will be selected based upon the following criteria:

• **Technical ability:** artist's submission indicates professionalism, skill with materials and techniques, and indicates the capacity to meet the requirements of this Project

• **Artistic quality:** artist's past work is appropriate to its context, innovative, creative and stylistically distinctive.

### Project Timeline

This timeline represents the Project as of the date of issuance of this RFP. Changes may be necessary as the Project progresses.

• Deadline for qualification submissions: Aug. 30

• Selection Committee Review: Sept. 2 to 5

• Selection of finalist artists and provision of contracts for signatures: no later than Sept. 6

• Design: Sept. 6 to Oct. 3

• Installation: early to mid-October 2024

### How to apply

Artists must submit the following information to Kayla Arnold, Director of Communications, at [karnold@westfield.in.gov](mailto:karnold@westfield.in.gov). Submission materials will not be returned to applicants.

• **Resume:** Please include a copy of your artistic resume.

• **Cover Letter:** Please include a statement about your interest in this Project, as well as any personal or professional connection you have to Westfield and how

that connection influences your interest in this Project. Please also include a statement about how your previous work experience qualifies you for this opportunity.

• **Concept Design:** Please include a digital concept design of your proposed artwork for the concrete bench.

• **Examples of previous artwork:** Submit two to 10 digital images in JPG or PDF format of past work. Please limit the file size of each image to 2 MB. If possible, include images of at least one previous project that is appropriate to the conditions of this Project.

• **Image information sheet:** Submit a sheet with the following information about each submitted project: title, date completed, client/neighborhood/site name, total artwork budget, and a brief (one to two sentences) description of the project or piece at is relates to this Project. Include a directory of which image titles you have submitted are associated with each project (example: for an artist named Smith: PROJECT X: Images Smith 1, Smith 2, Smith 3; PROJECT Y: Smith 4, Smith 5, Smith 6). Submit this sheet in DOC, DOCX, or PDF format.

### Delivery of submissions

Submissions may be emailed to [karnold@westfield.in.gov](mailto:karnold@westfield.in.gov), shared via Dropbox, or hand-delivered to Kayla Arnold at the City of Westfield located at the below address.

The delivery address is:  
ATTN: Kayla Arnold  
City of Westfield  
2728 E. 171st St.  
Westfield, IN 46074

Mailed or delivered submissions must be loaded on a single USB drive. CDs, DVDs, or printed items will not be accepted. USB drives must arrive at City of Westfield City Services building

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(address below) no later than 11:59 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 30. A Dropbox share request must be time-stamped by 11:59 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 30 – all items must be included in the shared folder by that time. Any item that is time-stamped as being uploaded after 11:59 p.m. will be disqualified from consideration.

### Questions?

Contact Kayla Arnold, Director of Communications at [karnold@westfield.in.gov](mailto:karnold@westfield.in.gov) or (463) 214-1928.

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# See Niko Moon live in Fishers

## The REPORTER

The Nickel Plate District Amphitheater (NPD AMP) and MOKB Presents Niko Moon live in concert in Fishers on Friday, Aug. 23.

Niko Moon's show is part of the venue's annual summer concert series, which also includes a performance by Brett Dennen on Saturday, Aug. 24. Additionally, the NPD AMP will continue to host the Fishers Farmers Market, local community concerts, and national tours. Details on the 2024 summer schedule can be found at [npdamp.com](http://npdamp.com).

### Tickets

Tickets for the Niko Moon concert are on sale now and available at [npdamp.com](http://npdamp.com) and [mokbpresents.com](http://mokbpresents.com). For

ticketed shows, the venue is an all-ages facility and children ages two and under are permitted for free. Fans can also bring their own lawn chair and blankets. Additional information is available on the venue website.

### About Niko Moon

Chart-topping American country artist Niko Moon has been having a very good time since breaking out as a solo act in 2019, after being a member for a couple of years of Sir Rosevelt alongside fellow artists Zac Brown and Ben Simonetti. His first single "Good Time" went No. 1 on country radio and his other hits continue to climb the charts as he releases more and more music, bringing feel-good positive



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vibes to all who listen.

Originally from Tyler, Texas, Moon relocated to Douglasville, Ga., when he was 10. His father, a truck driver, and his mother, a waitress, introduced him to the works of artists like John Prine and Patty Griffin. Beyond singing, Moon has written eight No. 1 songs and

over 40 major record label cuts for artists such as Morgan Wallen, Avicii, Dierks Bentley, Pitbull, Zac Brown Band, Rascal Flatts, and more. He also co-produced the Zac Brown Band albums *Jekyll+Hyde* and *Welcome Home* and was recently named a SESAC country songwriter of the year.

# Church News

## Take part in revival services at Bible Baptist Church

Bible Baptist Church, 1190 N. 9th St. Noblesville, will hold revival services Aug. 4 to 7.

Sunday night service will be held at 6 p.m. and Monday through Wednesday services will be held at 7 p.m.

Evangelist Matthew Barber from Valparaiso and his family will preach and sing nightly. Come and receive a blessing. Visitors welcome.

## Family fun & ice cream at Christ Lutheran Church

Christ Lutheran Church of Noblesville invites the community to an Ice Cream Social from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 24.

Come enjoy ice cream, hot dogs, a bounce house, and fun and silly games. You can even throw a pie at the pastor for only \$1!

Christ Lutheran Church is located at 10055 E. 186th St., Noblesville. For more information, visit the church's [Facebook page](#) or go to [clc-in.org](http://clc-in.org).

# Are you afraid of outliving your money?

Do you worry about running out of money during your retirement years? If so, how can you help prevent this from happening?



COLUMNIST

COREY SYLVESTER  
Cicero Edward Jones

In the first place, if you have this type of fear, you're far from alone. Consider this:

58 percent of retirement savers from all age groups, including current retirees, say that outliving their assets is their greatest retirement fear, according to a study by Cerulli Associates, a financial services research organization.

This type of fear can certainly affect your quality of life when you retire. Still, there's no need to panic because you can take steps to help prevent the running-out-of-money scenario.

Here are a few to consider:

### Know how much you'll need during retirement.

You need to get a clear picture, or at least as good an estimate as possible, of

how much money you'll need to support your retirement lifestyle. Once you do retire, some costs, such as transportation or other work-related expenses, might go down, while others –

medical expenses, in particular – will likely go up. The fear of running out of money, like many fears, is caused largely by what you don't know, so having a good sense of how much you'll need in retirement can help reduce your anxieties.

### Build financial resources before retirement.

You're probably at your peak earning capacity in the years close to your retirement, so consider contributing as much as you can afford to your IRA and 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan.

### Maximize your Social Security payments.

You can start collecting Social Security as early as

62, but your monthly benefits will be larger if you can afford to wait until your full retirement age, between 66 and 67. (Payments will "max out" at age 70.)

### Re-enter the workforce.

Going back to work in some capacity is one way to possibly help build retirement resources and delay taking Social Security. If you have a particular area of expertise, and you enjoyed the work you did, you might be able to go back to it on a part-time basis or do some consulting. You could boost your cash flow and potentially extend your contributions to an IRA and to an employer's retirement plan.

### Cut costs during retirement.

Possibly the biggest cost-cutting measure is downsizing – are you willing and able to move to a less expensive area or scale down your current living space? Of course, this is an emotional decision, as well as a financial one, and downsizing isn't for everyone, but it might be some-

thing to at least consider. As for the lesser ways of reducing expenses, take advantage of senior discounts, which are offered in many areas, including entertainment, public transportation, restaurants and retail establishments. And look for other opportunities, such as cutting out streaming services you don't use.

### Look for more income from your investments.

As you get closer to retirement, and even when you do retire, you might want to adjust your investment portfolio to provide you with more income-producing opportunities. However, even as a retiree, you'll want some growth potential in your investments to help keep you ahead of inflation.

Ultimately, the more you can bolster your financial security before and during retirement, the less fear you may have of outliving your money.

*This article was written by Edward Jones for use by your local Edward Jones Financial Advisor. Edward Jones, Member SIPC.*

# OneZone's OWN Tactical Workshop to focus on networking for women

## Submitted by OneZone

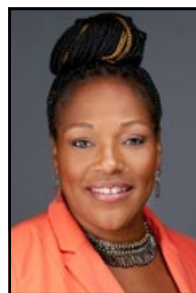
OneZone Chamber will welcome Crystal White to August OWN Tactical. She will discuss "Networking Best Practices for Women."

White is a licensed realtor and broker with over 20 years of experience in the real estate and sales industry. As a dedicated professional at FC Tucker, her passion lies in coaching and developing real estate professionals and ensuring that her clients receive the utmost confidence during the buying or selling process. With a strong local network and global reach, she is a sought-after realtor and trainer, providing clients with superior knowledge,

guidance, and support in their real estate endeavors.

"We know that networking plays a key role in growing your business," OneZone President & CEO Jack Russell said. "That is why we are excited to welcome Crystal to our August OWN Tactical Workshop. Those in attendance will learn tips and tricks on how to improve their networking skills."

This event is free to OneZone members and will be held from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 28 at The Balmoral House, 10101 Hamilton Hills Lane, Unit 100, Fishers. Reservations can be made at [onezonechamber.com](http://onezonechamber.com) or by calling (317) 436-4653.



White



Russell

# 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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Over \$35,000 in prizes were given during the July 27 Awards Presentation at Tinker House Events.

# Three Indy Shorts submissions qualify for Academy Awards

32 short films made by Hoosiers screened during festival

**The REPORTER**  
The 2024 Indy Shorts International Film Festival Powered by the Indiana Economic Development Corporation concluded July 28, with a record number of film submissions (5,130),

filmmakers in attendance (more than 200), and short films programs (34). Last year, *MovieMaker Magazine* named Indy Shorts on its list of the Top 25 Coolest Film Festivals in the World. The seventh edition of the festival embraced this recognition with a fun pool party theme that encouraged attendees to dive into 206 splashy short films July 23-28 at Living Room Theaters and Newfields.

Indy Shorts presented over \$35,000 in cash prizes at the Awards Presentation on Saturday, July 27 at Tinker House Events. The three Grand Prize-winning films, *Crust* (Jens Kevin Georg, Germany), *Wouldn't Make It Any Other Way* (Hao Zhou, United States), and *The Brown Dog* (Jamie-James Medina and Nadia Hallgren, United States) received their qualification for the 2025 Academy Awards in their respective categories and \$5,000 in cash awards.

"With a record number of 5,130 short film submissions, and only 206 shorts selected for the festival, it is a remarkable accomplishment to be recognized as an award winner today, Artistic Director Greg Sorvig said. Congratulations to all of the award-winning filmmakers whose shorts stood out to our esteemed jury members in a sea of amazing films."

There were more Hoosier films in the Indy Shorts lineup than ever before with a total of 32 short films from filmmakers with Indiana connections. The Indiana Spotlight Award and the \$2,000 cash prize was presented to directors Adam Oppenheim and Samuel-Ali Mirpoorian for their film *Saving Superman*.

Indy Shorts also introduced a brand-new cash award in partnership the TDB Family Foundation. The Executive Director of

the TDB Family Foundation, Will Stoller-Lee, attend the ceremony and presented The Lens of Hope Award and \$2,500 cash prize to *Cycling Without Age* (Isaac Seigel-Boettner, United States). The new award also includes a corresponding \$2,500 cash prize for a nonprofit associated with the film and was awarded to *Cycling Without Age of Greater Indianapolis*.

All the award-winning films are available to watch in the virtual **Awards Program**. Even though the festival ended July 28, there's an extended viewing period making it available to stream until 11:59 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4. This virtual program includes the three Oscar-qualifying short films and can be purchased [here](#).

**Audience Choice Awards**

The Audience Choice Award Winners were announced July 29. The Overall Audience Choice Award and \$2,000 cash prize went to *Jane Austen's Period Drama* by Julia Aks and Steve Pinder (United States). This witty film is set in England in 1813 and follows Miss Estrogenia Talbot who, in the middle of a long-awaited marriage proposal, gets her period. Her suitor, Mr. Dickley, mistakes the blood for an injury, and it soon becomes clear that his expensive education has missed a spot. This short film also won the Indy Shorts Comedy Award and a \$1,000 cash prize.

Director Michael Gabriele, who won the Horror Audience Choice Award for *Get Away* in 2023, repeated again this year with *Room Tone* (United States), earning a \$500 cash prize. *Room Tone* also won the Horror Award and a \$1,000 cash prize.

Director Cindy Lee's *The Last Ranger* (South Af-

rica, United States) won the Narrative Audience Choice Award along with a \$500 cash prize. World Premiere documentary *In The Paint* (United States), directed by Jonathan Cipiti, earned Documentary Audience Choice and \$500, and Director Toby Cochran's *LUKi & the Lights* (United States) garnered the Animated Audience Choice Award.

The Indiana Spotlight Audience Choice Award and \$500 cash prize went to *The Ice Cream Man* by Robert Moniot (United States, The Netherlands). This was the World Premiere of *The Ice Cream Man*, and more than 600 people attended the two sold-out screenings at Indy Shorts.

The festival also hosted the World Premiere of Director Ballard C. Boyd's *Night Session* starring Richard Kind, which took home the Comedy Audience Choice Award and \$500. *The Lake in the Sky* (United States) by Caleb Reese Paul pulled in the High School Film Competition Audience Choice Award and a \$500 cash prize.

The Audience Choice Award-Winning shorts are available to stream in a virtual program through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4, which can be purchased [here](#).

Learn more at [IndyShorts.org](#).

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The 33rd Heartland International Film Festival Powered by the Indiana Economic Development Corporation is scheduled for Oct. 10 to 20, 2024. Screenings will take place at theaters around the Indianapolis area and virtually. The films and tickets will be available Sept. 19.

More details on the Heartland International Film Festival and other Heartland Film programs can be found at [HeartlandFilm.org](#).



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# Noblesville Noon Kiwanis gearing up for Pickleball Extravaganza

**The REPORTER**  
The Noblesville Noon Kiwanis will play host to the second annual Pickleball Extravaganza on Saturday, Aug. 17. Check-in will begin at 8 a.m. with the first round of play starting at 8:30 a.m. at Forest Park, 701 Cicero Road, Noblesville.

Teams of two can register for \$60. Each year, the funds raised will benefit a different local children's charity. This year, the Kiwanis will support the children at the Tom & Soni

Sheehan Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville.

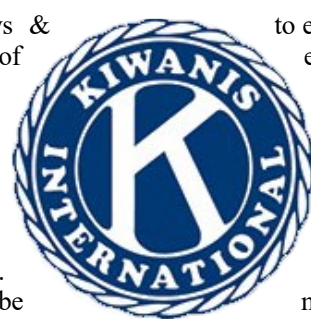
Teams will start in a pool based on skill level with a round robin format. Teams can be mixed-doubles or single-sex. Winners of each pool will advance to a single-elimination tournament to determine an overall winner.

Please bring your own chairs and beverages/snacks

to enjoy during the event. Refreshments will be available for a freewill donation.

Come out to play, have fun, and make some new friends. Register your team today online at [Eventbrite](#).

For more information, contact TJ Houghtalen at (317) 373-1191 or email [tj\\_houghtalen@green-vistalandscape.com](mailto:tj_houghtalen@green-vistalandscape.com).



**Thanks for reading The Reporter!**



# Emagine Theatre in Noblesville to hold specialty screenings this month

**The REPORTER**

Join Emagine Entertainment this August for a variety of specialty screenings for guests.

Each month guests can watch some of the newest film releases with an enhanced experience. Open Caption screenings provide subtitles for those with hearing impairments. Sensory Friendly Screenings provide modifications to the theater atmosphere without modifying the film for those who experience sensory issues.

Emagine Noblesville is located at 13825 Norell Road in Hamilton Town Center. [Click here](#) to see a full schedule of movies and purchase tickets.

**Open Caption Film Screenings**

Guests who experience hearing impairments will be able to enjoy the movie-going experience with audio subtitles displayed on the big screen for all to see.

All open caption movies are shown in 2D. There are no modifications made to the film.

- *Harold and the Purple Crayon*: Sunday, Aug. 4 and



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Wednesday, Aug. 7

- *Borderlands*: Sunday, Aug. 11 and Wednesday, Aug. 14

- *Aliens: Romulus*: Sunday Aug. 18 and Wednesday, Aug. 21

- *The Forge*: Sunday, Aug. 25 and Wednesday, Aug. 28

**Sensory-Friendly Film Screenings**

Specific modifications are made to ensure an enjoy-

able experience for individuals with sensory needs and their supporters. Their sensory-friendly programing makes going to the movies a more enjoyable experience for families, children, and teens with sensory needs.

All sensory-friendly films will be shown in 2D. There are no modifications made to the film.

What does sensory-friendly mean? First, it

means sensory friendly experience (lights up a bit, sound down a bit). Second, if your child needs to get up, move, dance, sing ... no problem. Third, guests are welcome to bring a safe snack for any food allergies or food avoidance/restrictions.

- *Harold and the Purple Crayon*: Saturday, Aug. 10

- *Ryan's World the Movie: Titan Universe Adventure*: Saturday, Aug. 24

# Public input sought on proposed deer hunting & otter trapping rule changes

**The REPORTER**

Indiana's Natural Resources Commission (NRC) has opened the final public comment periods for proposed changes to Indiana's deer hunting and river otter trapping rules before members vote on final adoption.

Public comments can be submitted at [IN.gov/nrc/rules/rulemaking-docket](https://www.in.gov/nrc/rules/rulemaking-docket) via the "Submit Comments Here" link in the Rulemaking Docket for the Deer Hunting Amendment Proposal and River Otter Trapping Rule. Comments can also be mailed to:

Natural Resources Commission  
Indiana Government Center North  
100 N. Senate Ave.,  
Room N103  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

The deadline for public comments via either method is Aug. 23. The public hearing for the river otter trapping proposals is from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Aug. 26. The public hearing for the deer hunting rule proposal is from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Aug. 26. Both hearings will be at Atterbury Fish & Wildlife Area, 7970 S. Rowe St., Edinburgh. You can attend in person or online anytime during the timeframes.

To attend online for the river otter trapping rule proposals hearing, go to Microsoft Teams and enter Meeting ID 222 103 323 673 and Passcode 6Uubce.

To attend online for the deer hunting rule proposals hearing, go to Microsoft Teams and enter Meeting ID 270 300 510 234 and Passcode v8ArCJ.

Indiana DNR is proposing to open regulated otter trapping statewide but retain all other otter trapping regulations, such as the statewide quota, bag limits, reporting, and tagging for the

regulated otter season. Indiana DNR values river otters and recognizes their value to the state, said DNR furbearer biologist Geriann Albers.

"We take the responsibility of balancing differing views around wildlife management seriously and are thoughtful about making small incremental changes for river otters," Albers said. Indiana DNR is confident the changes will not negatively impact river otter populations, which staff will continue to monitor.

Proposed deer hunting rule changes include:

- A statewide bag limit of six antlerless deer as well as a newly created county antlerless bag limit instead of season antlerless bag limits. Because of this change, the bonus antlerless license would be the multiple-season antlerless license that could be used in the archery, muzzleloader, and firearms seasons.

- Hunters would not be able to harvest antlerless deer on Division of Fish & Wildlife properties with a firearm.

- The use of crossbow equipment would be allowed under the archery license.

- The minimum caliber for a muzzleloader would be reduced from 0.44 inches to 0.40 inches.

- Removing the special antlerless firearms season.

For more information on the proposed rule changes, visit [wildlife.IN.gov/rule-regulation-changes](https://wildlife.IN.gov/rule-regulation-changes).

Questions about the proposed deer regulation changes should be directed to (812) 334-3795 or [indeer-hotline@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:indeer-hotline@dnr.IN.gov). Questions about the proposed otter rule changes should be directed to Geriann Albers at (812) 822-3304 or [galters@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:galters@dnr.IN.gov).

# Get ready for school with better health, thanks to Walmart

**The REPORTER**

Nearly 4,600 Walmart pharmacies nationwide will play host to Walmart Wellness Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3 to help families prioritize their health this back-to-school season.

Customers can receive free glucose, cholesterol, BMI, and blood pressure screenings, as well as affordable immunizations like flu, HPV, tetanus, hepatitis, and more. Select stores will also feature vision screenings making it even easier for customers to access the resources they need.

"As a back-to-school destination, Walmart's Wellness Day provides a unique opportunity for families to streamline health needs and school supply shopping," said Kevin Host, Walmart's Senior Vice President of Pharmacy. "It's one of our favorite times of the year and we are thrilled we can provide affordable health options for communities across the country on Wellness Day to help start the school year off strong."

Wellness Day also offers families a chance to chat with pharmacists and learn more about ways to main-

tain a healthy lifestyle. Customers can even learn about Walmart's Health & Wellness offerings and solutions. Wellness Day events will feature the following health resources, administered by qualified pharmacy and Vision Center teams:

- Free health screenings, including glucose, cholesterol, blood pressure, BMI, and vision screenings (select locations)

- Affordable immunizations, including COVID-19, flu, HPV, pneumonia, tetanus, measles, mumps, rubella (MMR), varicella (chicken pox/shingles), whooping

cough (TDAP), Hep A & B and more

- Wellness resources and an opportunity to talk with pharmacists

Walmart pharmacies have hosted Walmart Wellness Days since 2014 and have contributed more than five million free health screenings for customers. More than 4,000 Walmart stores are in medical professional shortage areas, which means Walmart is often the first stop for health care in these communities. To find a free event in your neighborhood, visit [Walmart.com/wellnesshub](https://Walmart.com/wellnesshub).



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# Coming up at Kroger Symphony on the Prairie: a tribute to ABBA & Yächtley Crëw

## The REPORTER

ARRIVAL from Sweden brings their production "The Music of ABBA" to Conner Prairie, following its decades-long run in arenas and venues all over the world since 1995.

Hits like "Dancing Queen," "Mamma Mia,"

"Does Your Mother Know," "Take A Chance," "SOS," "The Winner Takes It All," "Super Trouper," "Money Money Money," "Waterloo," "Honey Honey," "Fernando," "Chiquitita," "Knowing Me Knowing You," "Thank You For The Music," "Lay All Your Love

On Me," "Gimme Gimme Gimme," and many more are delivered with such accuracy that it's hard to believe that it's not the real ABBA on stage.

This production has all the features a great ABBA show needs: lovely costumes, extremely talented

musicians, and breathtaking singers. Millions of people all around the world celebrate this show as the best ABBA show anywhere.

See ARRIVAL at 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9 at the Conner Prairie Amphitheatre, 13400 Allisonville Road, Fishers.

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Then on Saturday, Aug. 10, Los Angeles-based Yächtley Crëw will bring the summer feels to Conner Prairie for an evening of rock-and-roll tunes and sailing attire.

Yächtley Crëw was formed by the answering of a personal ad on Craigslist. In the fall of 2016, drummer Sailor Hawkins and bass player Baba Buoy decided to put out the search for other musicians who had the same love and appreciation for yacht rock. That personal ad brought the group together to form what has been their primary passion and focus for the past nearly seven years. Each one has been lifelong professional musicians, involved



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in various bands and projects throughout the past 30 years. With more than 110 songs in their repertoire, the band works to strike a balance between honoring the original recordings of these iconic songs, while also incorporating their own style.

**Rock E Bassoon**, a rock ensemble featuring several Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra musicians, will open the concert. Founded in 2016, Rock E Bassoon has evolved into a tight, cohesive ensemble of top-notch professional musicians performing great music from the 1930s through the present.

See Rock E Bassoon and Yächtley Crëw at 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10 at the Conner Prairie Amphitheatre, 13400 Allisonville Road, Fishers.

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Tickets for all shows in the 2024 season of Kroger Symphony on the Prairie are available online at [IndianapolisSymphony.org](http://IndianapolisSymphony.org), at the ISO box office downtown, and at most central Indiana Kroger stores.

Concerts will be offered through Labor Day weekend at the Conner Prairie Amphitheatre in Fishers. [Click here](#) to see the complete 2024 schedule.

## Attorney General Todd Rokita & Comptroller Elise Nieshalla tell IU's Kinsey Institute to follow state law

Submitted by Office of the Attorney General

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita and State Comptroller Elise Nieshalla are calling on Indiana University (IU) to show proof of compliance with a clear and unambiguous state law, which prohibits the Kinsey Institute from using taxpayer funds.

"My office works tire-

lessly to protect Hoosiers' hard-earned tax dollars and Indiana law is clear – no state funds may be used to fund the Kinsey Institute," Rokita said. "More than a year has passed since IU assured the public and state officials that it would follow the law, yet we have seen no indication that any serious actions have been taken. IU is not above the law, and Hoosiers deserve answers."

An Indiana law passed by the General Assembly prohibits state funding of the Kinsey Institute in any way. The 2023 law cites more than a dozen potential funding loopholes which must now operate using zero taxpayer dollars. **A joint letter sent this week by Rokita and Nieshalla** demands IU's President and Trustees confirm compliance with the state law that went into effect on July 1 – of last year – which they say is more than ample time to provide such proof.

"As the state elected leader responsible for the accounting and reporting of state funds, I take seriously my responsibility to document and provide complete transparency for tax dollars spent within state government," Comptroller Nie-

shalla said. "With the absence of evidence per state law that tax dollars are no longer supporting the Kinsey Institute, we are calling for necessary financial information to prove adherence to state statute."

Indiana University issued a press release in April of 2023 promising a "thorough legal review to ensure the University follows state

law." But, Rokita and Nieshalla say, rather than show simple proof of compliance, the administrators of Indiana's largest public university school system voted to table and ultimately declined to separate the sex research center from the University itself. Instead, IU proposed a plan to use accounting methods to ensure compliance, yet two quarterly meetings have passed since this proposal with no public update as to the implementation of an appropriate accounting plan.

The law passed by the General Assembly uses succinct language forbidding state funds from being used in the administration, operation, or any programs of the Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender, and Reproduction.

## East Chicago officials repeal immigration ordinance

Submitted by Office of the Attorney General

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita issued the following statement on Tuesday.

"Due to the city of East Chicago common council voting to completely repeal its 'Welcoming City Ordinance' and Mayor Copeland approving its decision, our office has officially dismissed the lawsuit we filed on this issue.

"We are pleased East Chicago will no longer operate as a sanctuary city, giving safe harbor to illegal

aliens, and are now following state law.

"This is a big win for hardworking Hoosiers and legal immigrants who came to our great nation the right way.

"We will continue exercising our new enforcement authority by pushing forward with our lawsuit against Monroe County officials over their unlawful immigration policy and evaluating other local units of government that refuse to follow the law."

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# Orr Fellowship opens application process for 2025 cohort of fellows

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**The REPORTER**

**Orr Fellowship**, an early career development program for versatile high-achievers and future-focused businesses in Indiana, announced Thursday it is now **accepting applications** for its 2025 cohort of Orr Fellows. Selected finalists will interview and be matched with partner companies on Nov. 22, 2024.

Founded in 2001, Orr Fellowship recruits, assesses and matches university graduates with high-agency roles in growing Indiana businesses. Together, Orr Fellowship and partner companies give graduates the professional development resources and support network they need to accelerate their careers.

“Orr Fellowship has created the premier post-undergraduate experience in the nation,” Orr Fellowship President Steven Emch said. “We are changing the trajectory of Fellow lives, businesses and the state of Indiana. Not only have we found that Orr Fellows go on to outearn their peers by 2.5 times, but 84 percent of Orr Fellows remain in Indiana after their Fellowship,

helping to retain top talent across the state.”

Orr Fellowship is experiencing another year of growth in 2024, empowered in part by a Lilly Endowment grant to invest in capacity-increasing activities. The organization has a network of 624 alumni and 120 current Fellows in the program. With 41 partner companies, Orr Fellowship added 13 businesses to its network in 2024.

Qualified candidates for the upcoming cohort must be anticipating graduation in August 2024, December 2024 or May 2025 and have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.2 or higher; a strong interest in leadership or business; demonstrated leadership and/or impactful work, life and volunteer experiences; and authorization to work in the United States. Orr is a two-year commitment, with many Orr Fellows remaining with the partner company as they progress in their careers.

Orr Fellows are hired full-time for a variety of job functions, ranging from marketing to engineering to consulting, sales and more. These roles span across in-

dustries, from small startups to enterprise-level global organizations. In addition to full-time employment with a partner company, Orr Fellows participate in a unique curriculum geared towards leadership, continued learning and professional development designed to both challenge and propel them toward a career of excellence.

Outside of their full-time roles, Orr Fellows receive additional development opportunities, including a series of business leader speakers, non-profit consulting projects, career coaching, personal finance workshops and pitch competitions. In addition, Fellows benefit from being part of a community of Orr Fellow peers who are also experiencing their first professional post-graduate roles along with an engaged network of alumni. Orr Fellows maintain key areas of influence within the Orr Fellowship organization, including Fellow, alumni and community engagement; marketing; diversity, equity and inclusion; recruitment; continued learning; and serving as chief of staff.

“Orr provided my entrée to Indy’s startup community, which set the course of my career and opened doors to incredible opportunities. From founding a startup to TechPoint CEO to my current role as partner at venture firm High Alpha, the Orr experience has impacted my life in profound ways,” Orr Fellowship alumnus and High Alpha Partner Mike Langellier said. “On a personal note, I met my wife and some of my best friends through the Fellowship, forming a fun and powerful professional and social network. No other organization has had a bigger impact on the trajectory and quality of my life than the Orr Fellowship.”

Orr Fellowship is also accepting applications for both the Central Indiana and Evansville Region chapters for partner companies. A list of current partner businesses can be found [here](#). To become an Orr Fellowship partner company, apply [here](#).

College seniors who are anticipating graduation in the coming months or spring 2025 and are interested in pursuing the Orr Fellowship can apply [here](#).

## TODAY’S BIBLE READING

### AARON’S STAFF BECOMES A SNAKE

*The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, “When Pharaoh says to you, ‘Perform a miracle,’ then say to Aaron, ‘Take your staff and throw it down before Pharaoh,’ and it will become a snake.”*

*So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the Lord commanded. Aaron threw his staff down in front of Pharaoh and his officials, and it became a snake. Pharaoh then summoned wise men and sorcerers, and the Egyptian magicians also did the same things by their secret arts: Each one threw down his staff and it became a snake. But Aaron’s staff swallowed up their staffs. Yet Pharaoh’s heart became hard and he would not listen to them, just as the Lord had said.*

Exodus 7:8-13 (NIV)

## Cody Allen Long

July 9, 1953 – July 30, 2024

Cody Allen Long, 71, Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, July 30, 2024, at Community Hospital North in Indianapolis. He was born on July 9, 1953, to Roscoe, Jr. and Elberta (Clay) Long in St. Joseph, Mich.



Cody was a retired automotive manufacturing engineer. He was a member of White River Christian Church and enjoyed teaching scripture. Cody was a gunsmith and liked wood working.

He is survived by his wife, Ginger Long; children; Rae Ann (Brian) Mock and Amos Ray Long; brother, Leland (Mary) Long; sister, Charlotta Kay (Ken) Lehmann; grandchildren, Mikayla (Dominic) Krelie, Sydni (Nic) Hood, and Caleb Mock; great-grandchildren, Leona and Adam Paul Krelie; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Shaya Nicole.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, August 17, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 681405, Indianapolis, IN 46268-1405 ([cancer.org/about-us/local/indiana.html](http://cancer.org/about-us/local/indiana.html)).

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

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## Olympics

# Alex Shackell secures silver medal in Paris

### The REPORTER

Carmel's Alex Shackell did her part for the U.S. Women's 4x200 freestyle relay in the prelims. Her reward was a silver medal after the finals.

Shackell, an incoming senior for the Greyhounds, helped the Americans reach the final of the relay during Thursday swimming action at the 2024 Paris Olympics. Shackell anchored the U.S. prelims swim, finishing her leg in 1 minute, 59.47 seconds following swims from Anna Peplowski, Erin Gemmell and Simone Manuel. The Americans won the first semifinal in a time of 7:52.72 and qualified fourth for the finals.

The U.S. team in the final consisted of Claire Weinstein, Paige Madden, Katie Ledecky and Gemmell, who anchored the relay. The Americans finished in a time of 7:40.86 to take

the silver medal; Australia won the gold in an Olympic record time of 7:38.08.

Everyone who swam on the relay, whether in the prelims or the final, got to step on to the medal stand and receive a medal. Shackell is the first Carmel female athlete to win an Olympic medal.

Before the relay, Shackell competed in the finals of the Women's 200 butterfly Thursday afternoon. She finished in a time of 2:07.73. Shackell kept up with the top three during the first 100 meters, as she was in fourth position after the 50- and 100-meter splits. But the top three began to pull away during the final 100.

Canada's Summer McIntosh won the race in 2:03.03, a new Olympic record time. American Regan Smith took the silver in 2:03.84 and China's Zhang Yufei won the bronze in 2:05.09.

## Ram reaches finals, guaranteed medal

### The REPORTER

No matter what happens this weekend, Carmel's Rajeev Ram is coming home from the 2024 Paris Olympics with a medal.

Ram and his partner Austin Krajicek reached the final of the men's doubles tournament by winning their semifinal match on Thursday. The fourth-seeded Americans beat the Czech Republic team of Tomas Machac and Adam Pavlasek 6-2, 6-2 to reach the final.

Ram and Krajicek will play for the gold medal on Saturday, with their opponent to be determined today when the other semifinal match is played. That semifinal will see third-seeded Americans Taylor Fritz and Tommy Paul take on Australians Matthew Ebden and John Peers.

This will be the second time Ram gets an Olympic medal. He teamed with Venus Williams at the 2016 Rio De Janeiro games to win the silver medal.

## Ty Neal steps down as Carmel baseball head coach

### The REPORTER

Ty Neal has resigned as Carmel's baseball head coach.

Neal, who joined the Greyhounds in 2022, stepped down from the position to join the University of Michigan coaching staff.

"We are appreciative of Coach Neal's dedication to the program and commitment to our student-athletes," said Carmel Athletic Director Jim Inskeep on X (formerly Twitter). "An immediate search for the next head coach has started."

## Mudsock basketball games move to new Fishers Event Center

### Doubleheader scheduled for Dec. 20

### The REPORTER

The annual Mudsock basketball games between Hamilton Southeastern and Fishers is moving to a new place worthy of the rivalry.

The Mudsock games will be part of the initial event lineup at the new **Fishers Event Center**, the largest mid-size event center in the Indianapolis region set to open its doors in November 2024. The matchup between the Fishers Tigers and the Hamilton Southeastern Royals has been played since the 2006-2007 school year when Fishers opened as a new high school. Currently, the HSE boys lead that series 10-7 and the Royals girls lead 11-6.

The highly anticipated matchup will take place on Friday, Dec. 20. Doors open at 5 p.m., with the girls game starting at 6 p.m. and the boys game to follow at 8 p.m.

"The rivalry between Fishers and Hamilton Southeastern is the highlight of the sports season," said Fishers High School Athletic Director Jim Brown. "Every year, the highly anticipated matchup draws a large crowd, creating a vibrant and competitive atmosphere at the venue. Bringing Fishers and Southeastern basketball to the new Fishers Event Center is generating excitement throughout the community. The facility promises an enhanced game-day experience for players and fans alike, with top-notch amenities and a larger seating capacity. This move is seen as a significant step forward for both schools, fostering greater local support and elevating the high profile of the Mudsock rivalry."

"We could not be more excited to partner with the City of Fishers to host Mudsock Basketball at the new Fishers Event Center," said Hamilton Southeastern Athletic Director Jim Self. "A Friday night, prime time girls and boys basketball double header between the Royals and the Tigers right before the holiday season in a facility that can accommodate over 7,000 fans is going to be awesome. What a tremendous opportunity for our athletes, coaches, fans, and the Fishers community."

Tickets go on sale to the general public at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 9 at [FishersEventCenter.com](http://FishersEventCenter.com). General Admission is \$10, with Reserved Loge and Premium Club seats available for \$20. Reserved Courtside seats are selling for \$25. There is a limit of eight tickets per



Photo by Julie Brown



Photo by Joshua Herd

The Fishers boys (top) and the Hamilton Southeastern girls (above) won the Mudsock rivalry games last season.

purchase. Children 5 and under are free with an accompanying adult ticket.

"The Mudsock Rivalry Game is a legendary addition to the opening series of events we'll host in the first month of opening Fishers Event Center," said Fishers Event Center General Manager Mitch List. "We are excited to be the new home court for this widely anticipated tradition. This is just the beginning of many unforgettable events to come."

The Southeastern girls and Fishers boys will be the home teams for their respective games.

Back in the late 1890s and early 1900s, the community acquired the nickname of "Mudsock" because of the swampy nature of the soil. The ground was so muddy that residents would get stuck in mud up to their ankles, and their horses would have mud caked around their feet looking like brown socks. The name "Mudsock" became a nickname.

The 7,500-seat capacity ultra-modern Fishers Event

Center is situated on a sprawling 53-acre plot expanding upon the popular 18-acre lifestyle development Fishers District, and will host everything from concerts, entertainment acts to basketball games while serving as a community-focused venue for local athletes to compete, graduation ceremonies and more.

Beyond its programming, the Fishers Event Center boasts extraordinary sightlines offering a great view from the front row to the back of the house. With premier amenities and gluten free, vegetarian and vegan options available, full details on the venue's food and beverage selections will be unveiled soon. Future crowds at the Fishers Event Center will also appreciate the venue's cashless parking system and the approximately 2,000 parking spaces adjacent to the venue.

For a full list of upcoming events and ticket information, visit [FishersEventCenter.com](http://FishersEventCenter.com). The newly unveiled website boasts a modern design, intuitive navigation, and newsletter sign-up options for fans to stay informed of event announcements and presale options.

### About Fishers Event Center

Scheduled to open its doors in November 2024, the Fishers Event Center is situated on a sprawling 53-acre plot, expanding upon the recently developed 18-acre Fishers District, which features an array of dining and retail options. The Fishers Event Center will be

the largest mid-size event center in the region—capable of seating up to 7,500 people – and will be home to three professional sports teams: the Indy Fuel Hockey Club of the East Coast Hockey League, Indy Ignite of the Professional Volleyball Federation, and Fishers Freight of the Indoor Football League. From basketball games to concerts, this ultra-modern event center will bring a world of entertainment right to our community. And best of all, the center will be a community-focused venue, where local athletes can compete and children can walk across the graduation stage. Follow along on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/fishers), [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/fishers), [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/company/fishers) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/fishers).

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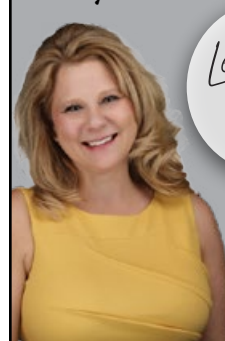


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# Noblesville's own Tippner makes early commitment to University of Miami

By **CRAIG ADKINS**  
For The Reporter

Noblesville senior multi-sport phenom Meredith Tippner can breathe a sigh of relief that a lot of high school seniors aren't able to do this early. For the second straight year, the Millers will have a player on its roster headed to a Division I school to play college basketball. Last year, now-freshman Reagan Wilson became an Iowa State Cyclone. Tippner has committed to play collegiately at the University of Miami (Florida).

"There has definitely been a weight lifted having made my decision and so much excitement heading into my senior year," said Tippner.

"I'm glad she was able to commit early. This will allow her to focus on her high school goals, which is to win more championships," head coach Donna Buckley said.

There's an extremely high possibility of a third straight soccer state championship. Tippner would also like to cap off her high school basketball career and help guide the Millers to another state crown on the hardwood.

"I have so much to look forward to this year. My goal every season is to win a state championship with a Noblesville jersey on," stated Tippner. "Every team is different from the previous year and this year will have challenges like the teams before. The fun part of team sports is finding the formula to get the most out of each unique set of teammates."

The 5-foot-10 guard has already had quite the decorated high school career and her senior year has just begun. She has been a starter on the 2022 and 2023 Class 3A girls soccer state championship teams and as a freshman was a starter for the 2022 Class 4A girls basketball state champion Millers. Last season, Tippner was the leading scorer and rebounder in helping get back to semi-state for the second time in three years.

Her latest soccer accolade is being named the 2023 girls soccer Gatorade Player of the Year in the state of Indiana. She hopes to repeat this feat and also add a third consecutive girls soccer state title.

She is also one of the favorites to win Miss Soccer and Miss Basketball, so there is much more excitement to come in this senior year for Tippner.

After numerous college visits and offers that she received, her decision only became final in the last week.

"I knew Miami was a great fit a while ago, but I had a lot of really good options also," said Tippner. "It wasn't until about a week ago that both my head and heart were locked in with Miami and I knew that was where I wanted to be."

Choosing a place where she'll be spending the next four years is an extremely tough decision and it took quite a while to really narrow it down with many factors involved.

"I had a list of 15 different things that were the most important to me and spent many months having

conversations with coaches and players, trying to find the best fit. There were more than a couple of schools that I could have called home, but I felt like Miami was just the best combination of those things most important to me," Tippner stated.

Being that far away from home, there are certain things that make the University of Miami stick out more than others.

"The relationships with the coaching staff, the style of play and the opportunity that Miami has to play the best competition night in and night out were some of the biggest reasons for my decision," continued Tippner.

Buckley couldn't be more proud of Tippner's college choice.

"I'm so excited for Tipp and so proud of her," said Buckley. "She is going to love Miami. I have known Coach Collup for over 20 years. She's an incredible coach and leader," Buckley on the Hurricanes' new head coach.

Head Coach Tricia Collup is in her first year at Miami after spending the last 16 seasons at the University of Toledo, where she was 353-169. Collup is originally from Bicknell, Indiana and a 1989 graduate of North Knox High School.

"Tipp and Coach Collup are going to do special things at Miami. They are perfect for each other - driven, competitive and incredibly good people who bring out the best in others," Buckley said.

The burning question of why she chose basketball over soccer at the next lev-



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**Noblesville senior Meredith Tippner announced on Thursday that she has committed to play basketball at the University of Miami (Florida). The state champion in both soccer and basketball is shown here with Millers head coach Donna Buckley after scoring her 1,000th point during her junior season.**

el might surprise some, but not all.

"I love both sports, but at some point, I realized that I get more excited to work and be in the gym for hours every single day for basketball," Tippner said.

"I know it takes everything and more to compete at a high level in our conference and sectional and know it will be no different in college. I was willing to make the necessary sacrifices when it comes to basket-

ball. I love soccer too, and I plan to do whatever it takes to win another state championship for Noblesville before it's time to hang up my cleats. But basketball is my greatest passion." Tippner said.




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