

The next year the same friend brought Little Sister a large grocery bag half-full of goose eggs. To this day Mother has never eaten (at least not knowingly) a goose egg. What to do? Well, Daddy said there is a hatchery just a few miles north of us. Maybe they would set these eggs. Little Sister was ecstatic. She just KNEW they would. And yes, they would hatch them for a fee. Daddy supplied the fee. Several days later Little Sister was in the goose business.



GROWING

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- Addition to the high school
- A new transportation center
- A new wing in an elementary school
- Operations building
- Many athletics fields

What students can look forward to

“For our exceptional learning kids, we’re opening a new cross-categorical program at Carey Ridge,” Kaiser said. “We have it in there. We expanded that program for our special kids with autism and other exceptional learning needs. That will open up this Fall. I just think the overall – we have a freshman orientation program which is really important. We’ve done that for a number of years and just welcoming the new students to our community and to our schools.”

- Career technical education programs:
- Culinary arts
  - Construction
  - Firefighting

- CNA certification
- Interior design
- EMS
- Family and consumer science programs – baking, fashion, event management, entrepreneurship

Kaiser’s advice to students

“I think the biggest thing about school, it’s all about relationships. You may not remember the physics class you took, you may not remember the history class you took, but you’re going to remember being involved in band. You’re going to remember being involved in extracurriculars and clubs. And it’s all about relationships. Just get involved as much as you can and your experience at the high school will be fantastic,” Kaiser said.

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NEW THINGS

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Luckily, I had a meeting already set up with the other columnists a few days before the conference. After meeting and discussing some of what I may need from them to help me successfully attend, I settled down a bit. It’s not that I doubted them. They are incredibly kind and made it clear that they would be more than willing to help me. I doubted my ability to express my needs to them. My biggest fear is that my needs will take away from someone else’s experience.

The day before the conference, I was very close to telling them I wasn’t going to make it after all. I picked up the phone and called my mom. As always, she set me straight. “She said, talk to

them and tell them exactly what you need. I know they will be more than happy to help, but you have to first tell them how they can help you.” Sounds so simple, but it is so incredibly hard for me. After 50 years you would think it would be easier. It’s not.

I often feel silly at all the fretting I do before an unknown situation. More times than not, it turns out to be just fine. When I tell you these ladies knocked it out of the park as far as stepping up for me, I mean that wholeheartedly.

Even Jan, whose plate was full, as she was a presenter at the conference (by far my favorite, just amazing stuff), made it a point

to check on me a few times during those two days.

As for Amy and Sharon, well they were my right-hand ladies. They are “instinctually blessed” as I call it. They didn’t skip a beat as we unloaded my wheelchair and laughed as we fumbled to get the wheels on. They offered to push when they knew it was hard for me, and also gave me space to be independent. That’s usually a dance learned much later in my relationship with people, but it was instantly there. I am beyond grateful for their help last weekend.

As for my first writers conference, it was incredible. I learned so much, met a few new people, and just enjoyed being there taking it

all in. The venue itself was very accessible. My only complaint would be no accessible buttons to get into and out of the restroom. A sure way to solve this common problem would be to have the people designing these buildings to have to use the restroom from a wheelchair just one time. I guarantee there would be accessible buttons on every restroom door.

Until next time ...  
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MYRTLE

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Indiana being what it is, warm days again turned cool. Geese had to be housed in the kitchen for several days. Little Sister was diligent about keeping their box clean, so mother didn’t object to much. Soon the geese were outside and gobbling all the food they could find. They were a noisy lot and announced the arrival of everyone with loud honking. Little Sister had them pretty well trained before the summer was over. All too soon, it seemed to her, the geese were grown and it was time to sell. Little Sister knew exactly what to do. She would call Mr. J. And ask two questions: (1) with you by my geese? (2) will you keep my geese?

Mr. J. was ready with answers because he had seen the geese often during the summer. (1) Yes, I will buy your geese. Then before little sister could ask the second question, answered it. “But I won’t keep them. They will have to move on.” No, Little Sister wasn’t much upset about that. The money she

received soothed whatever ruffled feelings she might have had.

Another year, another bird. Two of them in fact. These were college birds. For a class experiment one of the girls hatched three leghorn chickens. Then she had a disposal problem. The prof kept them in his utility room until his wife ordered them out. Out!

So one weekend Sister carted them home to Little Sister. One little bird was sadly crippled. After a few days, it died. The other two grew into handsome white roosters. They sat on the board fence and announced the dawn to anyone who otherwise might have missed it.

Again the cycle of seasons. Again the question: what to do? Little Sister could not bear to eat her pets nor to have anyone else eat them. Only two! Can’t we keep them? Against her better judgment Mother finally consented. So the two grew older and tougher while Mother grew wiser. Have you heard of the pecking system? These

two, whose names elude me, became proficient at flopping Mother any time she went into the barnyard. They had a definite system. If both roosters were present, Rooster A flopped while Rooster B stood by, looking innocent. Let A be out of sight, B would flop with a vengeance.

Mother carried a broom and did some “flopping” too, but she could not train them to leave her alone. They were smart enough not to attack her front side, but oh, that unprotected back! So the two roosters grew older and tougher and tougher and tougher. Mother would not have cooked them even if someone had dressed them for her.

Billy Zugg was the neighborhood repair man. He lived alone and seemed to be a forlorn character. One day he was called to repair a roof. Then Mother had a bright idea. Since Billy did his own cooking, why not give him the roosters? Why not indeed! No! No! Billy would not cook Little Sister’s pets. He said they would be de-

licious stewed a while and then fried, but the answer was No! No! Extra shingles were kept in the barn so mother walked along with Billy to show him where they were. Mother was not smart; she did not carry her broom. The roosters walked along, too. They stayed a few steps behind. Mother forgot about her own behind when she bent over to get the shingles for Billy.

Number I rooster saw his chance and flopped her good. She turned to swat him with her shingle. Number II saw his chance. Oh, what flopping! Billy stood by laughing hilariously. Now he knew why to Mother meant when she said the roosters were mean. Now he was willing to take them, but he was sure they were too wild to be caught. That was all the encouragement Mother needed. She picked up some string and a couple of gunny sacks. Then she called the dog. Dixie was smarter than the roosters. Billy soon had them tied up and ready to move.

Mother sighed. What a blessed relief!

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# State Rep. Victoria Garcia Wilburn testifies about proposed changes to high school diplomas

**Submitted**

On July 30, the State Board of Education (SBOE) and Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) held a public meeting regarding the proposed GPS and GPS Plus high school diplomas. Educators, concerned parents, and legislators gathered to voice their concerns about the new diploma requirements.

State Representative Victoria Garcia Wilburn (D-Fishers) provided the following statement regarding her testimony:

"I consider myself lucky to represent a district with some of the most involved parents in the state. I've held two listening sessions in my district so that residents could get their questions answered and express their concerns. I have been blown away by the level of engagement I've received, from parents of middle schoolers to retirees who want to ensure that their grandkids' education is what they deserve.

"Today, I summarized

the sentiments of my constituents who took the time to share their thoughts with me for the State Board of Education and Indiana Department of Education.

"First, people are overwhelmingly concerned that this proposal lacks balance. As the daughter of a union cement mason and cosmetologist, I understand and appreciate how essential the trades are to our state. However, it's important that all of our graduates, no matter whether they want to enter the workforce right after high school or pursue additional education, have a solid foundation that prepares them to be informed citizens in the world. As a result, most of my district believes that eliminating requirements for world history, foreign language, geography, advanced math, and health will not serve students or our state well.

"Additionally, District 32 shares the concerns of Purdue University's president about eliminating the academic honors diploma.

Dr. Chiang confirmed that neither diploma's base requirements meet admissions standards for Purdue, and even shared data that the completion of an academic honors diploma in high school sets Hoosier students up for better outcomes once they are on campus at Purdue. On behalf of House District 32, I urged IDOE and SBOE to reinstate the academic honors diploma in this plan. I also pointed out that neither House Enrolled Act 1002 (2023) nor House Enrolled Act 1243 (2024) called for a complete reworking of Indiana's high school diploma system — they just called upon state education officials to add a workforce-training-based diploma.

"Apart from these concerns, my constituents have questions about how these workforce and extracurricular requirements will limit students from fully participating in their beloved athletics and clubs. I share these concerns, along with



questions about how our businesses will find the time and resources to manage and create a safe workplace for minors who are participating in the internship or apprenticeship part of the diploma at a time when our workforce shortage is glaring in every sector.

"Finally, I asked IDOE and SBOE to share more of the peer-reviewed research that led them to make the large changes in this plan, such as the elimination of

classic high school standbys like world history and health class. Right now, the proposal only has links to other websites, which as a researcher, I view as insufficient rationale for these changes. My office reached out to IDOE twice to request this research and received no response. Their lack of response is indeed a response.

"My parents instilled in me a commitment to assuming best intent. I believe

that this proposal was crafted by IDOE with the best intent in mind, and I believe that they will take today's feedback from the public to heart in making revisions to the plan.

"Thank you to the constituents who have taken the time to share their thoughts and feedback with me as well as the IDOE and SBOE. Your input is invaluable and I am so thankful to you for your thoughtfulness and concern for our kids."

## DIPLOMAS

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"I believe that every child should have the opportunity to receive a robust education that will set them on the trajectory to be a successful lifelong learner and hopefully be in my classroom one day in Graduate School," Wilburn said. "However, I do share some great concerns that the latest diploma proposal focused on 'Reimagining High School' will leave our students without the tools to adapt to the ever-changing economy. The members of the State Board of Education have expressed that the driver behind the proposal is to allow more students to enter the workforce. Yet in the same breath, the same board has noted that only just over half of Indiana High School students go on to higher education. So my opinion is that education should be about expanding opportunities for our students and making them well-rounded citizens, not about catering

to one certain industry to fill a one-time need."

Others shared Wilburn's concerns and questioned whether their children would be prepared for their futures. Their questions included:

- How are colleges involved in the conversation?
- How will this impact rural and underprivileged communities?
- What data are they basing these changes on?
- Will the current diplomas be offered alongside the GPS and the GPS Plus?
- How will a child prepare for college if they change their mind about what courses they want to take or what they want to do in the future?
- How will not taking the SATs impact college decisions?
- Who verifies the workforce competencies?
- How will this affect kids in sports, IV classes, ACP classes, or AP classes?

Wilburn, Donsbach, and Hand presented the information they had and were open about when they did not know the answer.

Donsbach noted that all the classes offered previously will still be available. Students will be able to take the electives and subjects that interest them or align with their intended career path.

"None of these requirements prohibit students from taking these additional courses," Donsbach said. "None of these courses are going to go away just because they're not required. We as a school district do that based on demand, so there are still going to be kids who are in college, who are college-bound, and who are on a college track. They know that that's what they want to do, and they will continue to take these courses that will continue to be available. But there might be someone who maybe wants to go



into cosmetology or into welding, who might not necessarily need to take a whole lot of extra biology classes or earth science classes because they want to be able to take those welding classes earlier and then actually go out and get on the job experience, which will help them get a job quicker."

Donsbach also said students will have more flexible schedules, enabling them to take more relevant classes. Before, they may not have had the opportunity to take those classes because of the current graduation requirements.

On July 30, Wilburn attended an Indiana Department of Education and

State Board of Education (SBOE) public hearing on the draft diploma proposal, which you can read about above. She is still communicating with the board and encourages people to reach out to SBOE at [SBOE.Comment@sboe.in.gov](mailto:SBOE.Comment@sboe.in.gov) or to her office at [H32@iga.in.gov](mailto:H32@iga.in.gov) with their questions and concerns.

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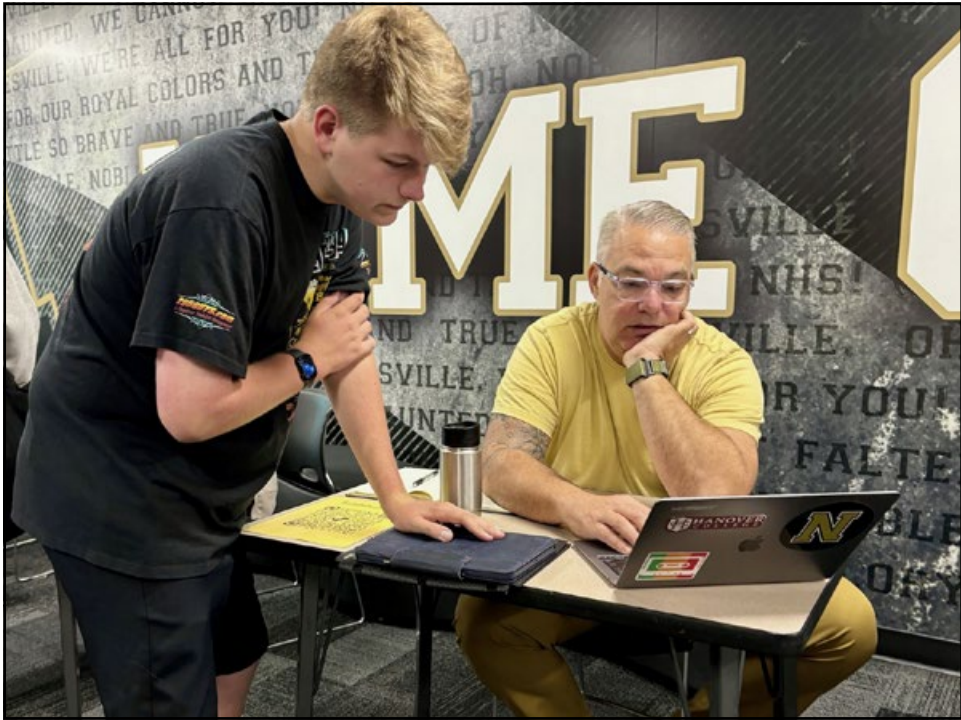
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## SUGGESTED DETOUR MAP



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# Brews on the Boulevard traffic & parking information

**The REPORTER**  
Heading to Brews on the Boulevard this weekend in Carmel? Here's what you need to know about event traffic and parking.

The third annual Brews on the Boulevard will take place from 5 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 3 in Midtown Plaza and along the Monon Boulevard.

There will be “No Parking” signs posted in designated areas and the parking restrictions will go into effect on Saturday from 8 a.m. to midnight. The street closures are as follows:

- Northbound Monon Boulevard from Walnut Street to the alleyway behind Sun King
- Southbound Monon Boulevard from 1st Street SW to Walnut Street
- Walnut Street from Monon Boulevard to Veterans Way
- Elm Street from 3rd Avenue to Veterans Way
- 3rd Avenue remains closed for construction from City Center Drive to 2nd Street SW

The city has free public parking at the following locations listed below and indicated on the map:

- Sophia Square Parking Garage (A)
- Range Line Road and 1st Street NW (B)
- 3rd Avenue SW and 1st Street Parking Garage (C)
- Indiana Design Center Parking Garage and Lot (D)
- Midtown North Parking Garage (E)
- Midtown South Parking Garage (F)

There will be no parking permitted in the event area along northbound and southbound Monon Boulevard and Elm and Walnut streets. Please be respectful of parking in residential areas. You can take detours to navigate your way to free and open parking.

Please also be advised of the construction along 3rd Avenue from Autumn Drive to Industrial Drive.

Railyard residents can enter and exit their building parking garage onto Elm Street and can travel north onto 3rd Avenue.

Need tickets? You can pre-order VIP tickets online until 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 2 at [OnTapTickets](#). General admission tickets will be available for purchase at the event with a credit card only. For more event information, please visit [CarmelBrewsandBarrels.com](#).

Visitors are urged to plan ahead and consider using rideshare services or designated drivers for safe and convenient transportation to and from the event.

# OneZone invites Indiana Secretary of Commerce David Rosenberg to speak at next Eggs & Issues

**The REPORTER**  
OneZone Chamber's Eggs & Issues, a monthly morning program dedicated to exploring crucial advocacy topics that shape the community.

The Friday, Aug. 9 edition promises to be an informative and engaging session featuring Indiana Secretary of Commerce David Rosenberg. The event will be from 8 am to 9:30 a.m. at The Bridgewater Club.

Rosenberg has served as Secretary of Commerce and a member of Governor Eric J. Holcomb's cabinet since his appointment in August 2023. In his role, Rosenberg leads the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC), guiding the strategy and growth of the state's economy and its related economic development efforts. He joined the IEDC in August 2021. Prior to becoming secretary of commerce, he served as the IEDC's chief operating officer and chief of staff.

This event is open to members and nonmembers. The member price is \$30 and \$40 for nonmembers.

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For more information about Eggs & Issues, please visit [onezonechamber.com](#) or call (317) 436-4653.



**Rosenberg**

# Shop local products at the Indiana Grown Marketplace during State Fair

**The REPORTER**  
The Indiana Grown Marketplace will offer fairgoers the opportunity to shop from 407 products representing over 90 Hoosier businesses in one location at the Indiana State Fair.

The multi-week event allows plenty of opportunity to discover and shop local products at the Indiana Grown Marketplace, located within The Mercantile building at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

“Getting a taste of Indiana has never been easier,” said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, who also serves as Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. “If you are looking for quality products created by people who care about their craft, look no further than the Indiana Grown Marketplace.”

Shoppers will be immersed in a storefront solely featuring products grown, processed, packaged or produced in Indiana with product samples available to taste each Friday, Saturday and Sunday starting at 11 a.m.

“The state fair always brings the best Hoosiers have to the table; the same can be said for the Indiana Grown Marketplace given that all products were cultivated with Hoosier care,” said Don Lamb, director of the Indiana State Department of Agriculture. “I hope you join us at the Indiana Grown Marketplace to experience the excellence of Indiana Grown producers for yourself.”

Shoppers will find a variety of products like sauces, cookies, fudge, teas and popcorn. Also available are body care items like hand-crafted soap, natural bath bombs, laundry detergents, lotions, and more.

The Indiana State Fair runs from Friday, Aug. 2 through Sunday, Aug. 18 (closed Mondays). The Mercantile building, formerly known as the Agriculture/Horticulture building, is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The Mercantile is located to the right of the Midway on the west side of the fairgrounds.

Learn more about Indiana Grown at [indianagrown.org](#).



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# Noblesville First UMC's GriefShare starts Aug. 15

## The REPORTER

Have you lost a loved one or know someone that will find it difficult to face each new day?

Noblesville First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St., announces its next GriefShare program, which is open to everyone in the community.

The fall sessions will meet from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursdays beginning Aug. 15. Participants are invited to join anytime during the 13 weeks of meetings. A one-time registration fee

of \$20 is appreciated, but scholarships are available.

GriefShare is a 13-week non-denominational Christ-centered program focusing on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion about what was seen on the DVD. Daily work in the GriefShare workbook also helps one look thoughtfully at their grief experience and helps



in the healing process.

GriefShare is led by caring people who have experienced grief and have successfully rebuilt their lives. They understand how you feel because they've been in the same place. They will walk with you through grief

toward healing and hope for the future.

To learn more about GriefShare, visit [noblesvillefirst.com](http://noblesvillefirst.com), email Coleen Albright at [coleen.albright58@gmail.com](mailto:coleen.albright58@gmail.com), or call the church office at (317) 773-2500.

## Letter to the Editor

### Shaffer applauds Ascension St. Vincent Heart Center

Dear Editor:

A round of applause, please, for Ascension St. Vincent Heart Center in Carmel.

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Good for Ascension St. Vincent.

**Bill Shaffer**

Carmel

## RFK Jr. officially on November ballot

By **MICHAELA SPRINGER**  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

Independent presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has officially landed a spot on Indiana's November presidential ballot.

After submitting his ballot access signatures to county election officials on July 1 and with the Indiana Election Division on July 15, his campaign announced Monday he'd been added to ballots in Indiana, Alaska, and Nebraska.

His name officially appeared on the Indiana Secretary of State's candidate list on July 24.

Kennedy – and his running mate Nicole Shanahan, a California philanthropist – are the ticket for 13 states: Alaska, California, Delaware, Hawaii, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma,



**Kennedy**

South Carolina, and Utah.

His campaign also says it's submitted signatures in 19 other states and has collected enough signatures for ballot access in two states.

In total, the 34 states have 348 electoral votes. Kennedy would only need 270 to be elected president.

Indiana Capital Chronicle previously reported that

Kennedy ranked 9 percent in a polling average, according to survey data by FiveThirtyEight. This score placed him far behind former President Trump at 43.5 percent and President Biden's 40 percent. The poll did not include data on Vice President Kamala Harris and her bid for the presidency.

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# Three great bands, one great venue

Bill Miller has become our unofficial concert photographer this year, but this time it was entirely a labor of love. We have never met a bigger Styx fan than this guy. He sailed away to Ruoff Music Center (it's still Deer Creek to Bill and to us, but we do appreciate the Ruoff investment in Hamilton County) and he was just gone, gone, gone. It was nothing but radio silence for several hours while he enjoyed the music of Styx, Foreigner, and John Waite last Friday night. We thought it was urgent to get these photos on the news budget. We hope all that good music did not play head games with him. We'd hate for him to have driven home with double vision. He's back on his feet again and ready for the next show. Don't worry, venue formerly known as Deer Creek, Bill ain't missing you at all ... because he will be back soon! (Photos provided by Bill Miller)





# AG Rokita invites Hoosiers to visit Indiana Unclaimed booth at State Fair

## The REPORTER

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is inviting Hoosiers attending the Indiana State Fair to meet the team, learn about the office, and reunite with your unclaimed property.

The Indiana State Fair runs Friday, Aug. 2 to Sunday, Aug. 18 and is closed on Mondays. AG Rokita's booth is located in the Mercantile Building and will be staffed from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day.

"The Indiana State Fair is a cherished tradition for Hoosiers of all ages," AG Rokita said. "It is also a great opportunity to interact with our team, learn about the Attorney General's Office and the services our office provides – including reuniting Hoosiers with their unclaimed property."

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the office will be available to assist Hoosiers with unclaimed property and provide information to help consumers protect themselves and their family from ID theft and other clever scams. Copies of Attorney General publications like the Parents' Bill of Rights, Gun Owners Bill of Rights, and Indiana Constitution will also be available.

Attorney General Rokita's office has returned over \$45,000,000 so far this year and much more is ready to be claimed. With more than \$1 million returned to Hoosiers every week, don't miss out on your chance to be next.

Grab a funnel cake, take a stroll down the Midway, and search for what you may be missing at [IndianaUnclaimed.gov](http://IndianaUnclaimed.gov).

# Exciting tributes at Feinstein's in Carmel this month: Heart, Jimmy Buffett & Tina Turner

## The REPORTER

Feinstein's Cabaret at Hotel Carmichael in Carmel offers not only one of the best venues for musical performances, but also honors the talent of current and past musical greats. Join the folks at Feinstein's for three of these tribute concerts in August – *Barracuda: America's Heart Tribute*, *Bubbles Up: Let's Celebrate Jimmy Buffett*, and *Simply the Best: A Celebration of Tina Turner*.

On Friday, Aug. 16, Feinstein's presents *Barracuda: America's Heart Tribute* takes the Feinstein's stage to salute the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductees Heart.

Hailing from Nashville, Tenn., each extremely talented member of this tribute band is world traveled with an impressive resume. The band is known nationwide for its monster vocals, stellar musicianship and dazzling

live performances.

Taking audiences on a musical journey back in time, *Barracuda: America's Heart Tribute* faithfully recreates Heart's radio and chart-topping hits that are loved by fans worldwide. With their highly stylized concert presentation of Heart's greatest hits, no audience member will be disappointed.

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*Bubbles Up: Let's Celebrate Jimmy Buffett* is coming up on Aug. 17. During his life, Paradise existed wherever Jimmy Buffett happened to be. Many of his lyrics were about living life, being happy, respecting each other, respecting nature, and much more. The tropical troubadour who left us last year earns a place being celebrated at Feinstein's at Hotel Carmichael.

Join the tribute "docu-cabaret" team of Don Farrell and the Terry Woods

Jazz Quartet as they conjure a world of sun, salt water, and nonstop parties while paying tribute to the singer, songwriter, author, sailor, and entrepreneur whose roguish brand of island escapism on hits like "Margaritaville" and "Cheeseburger in Paradise" made him something of a latter-day folk hero.

Farrell's team frequently appears on the Feinstein's stage with their tribute presentations. Some include *All the Way: A Frank Sinatra Tribute*, *Because of You: A Tribute to Tony Bennett*, and *Sweet Caroline: The Life and Music of Neil Diamond*. You'll love *Bubbles Up* as Farrell and Feinstein's help you celebrate the King of Cool.

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On Thursday, Aug. 22 is *Simply the Best: A Celebration of Tina Turner*. Join Feinstein's for a celebration of Tina Turner's iconic musi-

cal legacy, her singular voice and iconic hits.

All hail the "Queen of Rock 'n' Roll." Tina Turner's singular voice and decades spanning career gave us songs that became part of the soundtrack of our lives. This celebration of Turner's iconic musical legacy features hits like "Proud Mary," "What's Love Got to Do with It," "Disco Inferno," "Private Dancer," and "Simply the Best."

The team of Don Farrell and the Terry Woods Jazz Quartet return, launching their next tribute show featuring Indy vocal sensation Tiffany Gilliam singing the songs of the woman who inspired millions.

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All shows begin at 7:30 p.m.; doors open at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy a fantastic dinner and beverages before the show. [Click here](#) to get your tickets.

# Nieshalla & Elliott applaud public pension plan's fast action to divest assets from China

## The REPORTER

Indiana State Comptroller Elise Nieshalla and Treasurer Daniel Elliott offer their praise for the speedy action taken by the Indiana Public Retirement System (INPRS) to divest assets from China. Both Comptroller Nieshalla and Treasurer Elliott are INPRS board members.

In 2023, Indiana became the first state to enact a law, Senate Enrolled Act 268, requiring the public pension system to divest within five years from "any investment that is domiciled, issued, incorporated or listed in the People's Republic of China or the Chinese Communist Party." The law passed both chambers with unanimous, bipartisan support. As of July 1, 2024, just one year later, the pension plan has divested 100 percent of the \$1.2 billion investments in

Chinese entities.

"China is one of the foremost threats against our country's national security, and INPRS has nobly exceeding the parameters set forth in the law by divesting Hoosier's pension dollars from China ASAP," Nieshalla said.

"By divesting from China and focusing on investments in countries that value the principles of democracy, capitalism and freedom, we are safeguarding the best financial interest of Hoosiers and our nation," Elliott said.

Both Comptroller Nieshalla and Treasurer Elliott commend State Senators Chris Garten, Aaron Freeman, and Travis Holdman who authored SEA 268, and the Indiana General Assembly for passing this necessary common-sense legislation.



Nieshalla



Elliott

## The REPORTER

Ivy Tech Community College Hamilton County invites you to the Circle of Ivy Candle Making Event from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 29 at Unplug Soy Candles, 12550 Promise Creek Lane #108, Fishers.

Participants will enjoy a fun evening of candle making, guided by expert instructors, with opportunities for networking. Light refreshments will be provided, and attendees can take home their handmade candles. Please note that candles will need to be picked up the next day.

The Circle of Ivy is a women's giving society



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within the Ivy Tech Foundation, dedicated to supporting Ivy Tech Community College students by raising funds for projects that help remove barriers to their suc-

cess. Learn more at [giving.ivytech.edu/circle-of-ivy](http://giving.ivytech.edu/circle-of-ivy).

"We're excited to bring the community together for this unique experience that supports our students,"

said Kelly Wallace, Executive Director of Development at Ivy Tech Hamilton County.

[Click here](#) to register. For more details, [click here](#).

### Meeting Notices

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold its monthly Joint Board of Trustees and Capital and Construction Committee meeting at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 5, 2024, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville.

The Jackson Township Merit Commission will meet to consider and approve job applicants at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2024, at the Trustee's Office, 506 W. Main St., Arcadia.

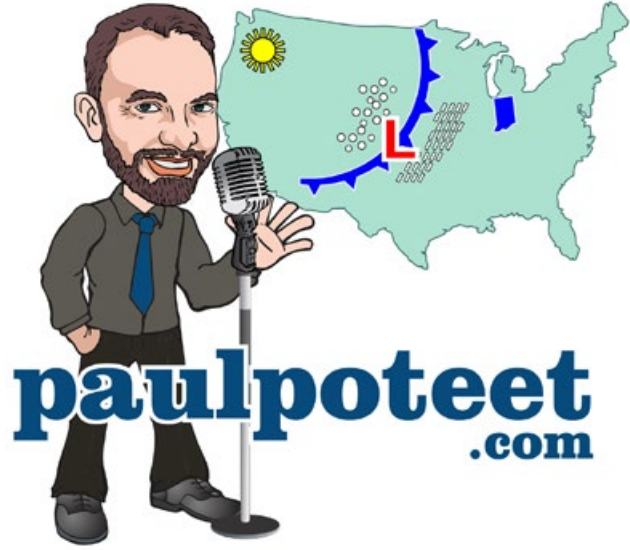
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Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Personnel Committee will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2024, in Conference Room 1A of the Hamilton County Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Hamilton County Council will meet in an executive session at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2024, in Conference Room 1A at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

A joint meeting of the Commissioners and County Council will follow at 5:30 p.m. in the same location.

Finally, a regular meeting will take place at 7 p.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom.



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# Noblesville Creates announces featured artists for August

## The REPORTER

Noblesville Creates will welcome Lisa Macha's *A Few of My Favorite Things* exhibit, Gal's Guide Library's *Things We Found in Books* exhibit, and HCAA's All Our Best exhibit in Noblesville City Hall, among its other artists of the month in August.

Details on *A Few of My Favorite Things*, *Things We Found in Books*, and *All Our Best*, as well as information on the August artist exhibit dates and receptions, are available below.

### Stephenson House Lisa Macha

"Paint what you love, and love what you paint" is a guiding theme of Lisa Macha's artistic journey. She describes herself as an emerging artist and is more interested in creating works that speak to specific emotions, rather than in trying to accurately depict a place or object. She enjoys experimenting with techniques and color combinations to change the mood of a painting and elicit different emotional responses.

This theme will be on display in her upcoming show, *A Few of My Favorite Things*, which is an homage to her artistic journey and the people who have guided her way. Macha credits several well-known local artists/instructors (i.e., Penny Roberson, Deb Slack, Randall Harden, and Rita Spalding) with helping her learn a variety of techniques that she combines to create unique pieces. These creations will be on display during the show, where she hopes to engage the viewer through a bit of beauty, humor, and contemplation.

Before becoming an artist, Macha spent nearly 30 years as a litigator in California. In 2017, her family relocated to Westfield

where her husband continued his law practice and her two children finished high school.



Macha

use of brush, palette knife, glazing, and scumbling in her work.

Macha is currently a juried artist who shows her work regularly at Art on Main Gallery and Gifts in Carmel. Also, she recently had her work juried into the Steuben Arts Scene in Angola, Ind., and the Ignite Gallery in Fishers. She is a member of Noblesville Creates and recently won "Honorable Mention" in the 2023 "Prized" competition for her oil painting "Strut."

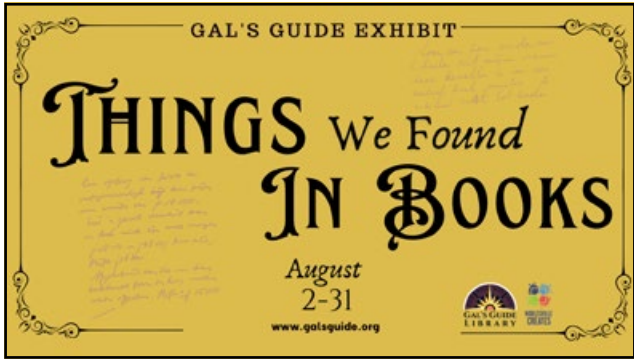
Macha says she sees her style as still evolving and looks forward to fine-tuning her distinct artistic voice so that her work is easily recognizable.

The full exhibit, *A Few of My Favorite Things*, can be seen in the Stephenson House from Aug. 2 to 31, Wednesday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visitors can meet Macha at her First Friday open house reception from 6 to 9 p.m. on Aug. 2 on the Noblesville Creates on 8th campus.

### Judge Stone House Gal's Guide Library

Have you ever lost a receipt, a note to yourself, or another piece of memorabilia? Chances are you might have forgotten them in a book. The Gal's Guide Library is exhibiting all the quirky bits and bobs folks have left behind in their donated books in its August exhibit, *Things We Found in Books*.

After the children left home, she had time to explore her interest in oil painting and fell in love. She enjoys experimenting with new tools, media, and techniques, and is currently working on combining the



The Gal's Guide Library is the first Women's History lending library in the United States. The organization's mission is to provide an independent women's history library to preserve, collect, share, and champion women's achievements and lessons learned. Gal's Guide strives to act as a catalyst to creators who utilize their resources to guide others to role models who have been waiting in the shadows of history for too long.

Gal's Guide was started in 2016 and opened a physical library space in March 2020. The library currently runs a number of monthly programs and yearly events, ranging from Walking Club to an annual Galentine's Brunch. This exhibit is the third the library has held on the Noblesville Creates campus.

*Things We Found in Books* can be seen from Aug. 2 to 31 in the Judge Stone House gallery. Visitors can expect to explore plane tickets, handmade bookmarks, Post-it notes, dedications, and more. The Noblesville Creates on 8th campus is open Wednesday through Friday from noon to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Noblesville City Hall Hamilton County Artists' Association

Hamilton County Artists' Association's exhibit, *All Our Best*, is moving from the Fishers Municipal Center to the Noblesville City Hall Gallery during the month of August. This exhibit features a wide variety of artwork from HCAA member artists, showcasing



their best works over the years.

*All Our Best* is open for viewing Aug. 2 to 30. Noblesville City Hall is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### Four Day Ray Mark Rouse

The full exhibit, *The Thrill of Victory*, can be seen through Sept. 27 at Four Day Ray Brewing, 11671 Lantern Road, Fishers, Sunday and Monday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Visitors can meet Rouse at his free open house reception at Four Day Ray from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 5.

### Meyer Najem Marianne Glick

See the full exhibit, *Old, New, Borrowed, and Blue*, through Sept. 27. This exhibit is viewable at the Meyer Najem 2nd floor gallery, located at 11787 Lantern Road in Fishers, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Visitors can meet Glick at her free public reception from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 23 at Meyer Najem.

### About Noblesville Creates

Noblesville Creates champions the arts as an essential element of the economic health and cultural vitality of Noblesville and central Indiana. As Noblesville's local arts agency, NC catalyzes opportunities for the arts and local creatives of all skill levels to thrive and lead in central Indiana. NC is also the Region 7 Arts Partner for the Indiana Arts Commission, serving the six counties at the center of the state. NC cultivates classes, events, programs, and services for art-lovers and artists of all backgrounds and experience levels. Start your creative journey with NC: they'll help you connect and flourish.



## HCAA's Art Fair on the Square moves to Federal Hill Commons

## The REPORTER

The Art Fair on the Square at The Market, hosted by the Hamilton County Artists' Association (HCAA) and Noblesville Creates, has a new location and start time due to the changing schedule of construction in downtown Noblesville.

This free event will now be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3 at Federal

al Hill Commons during Noblesville Main Street's Farmers Market. Come see some of Indiana's most talented fine artists, where they will display and sell their artwork. You can also enjoy live music, interactive exhibits, and family fun.

The event is sponsored by Church, Church, Hittle, and Antrim.

[Click here](#) for more information.



## Indiana Arts Commission announces new team members & staffing changes

## The REPORTER

The Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) has added several key staff members, with an additional staff member stepping into a new role.

Lydia Campbell-Maher joined the IAC in February as the Communities Services Manager. In this newly created role, she works to support communities around the state through the Every County Funded, Creative Convergence, Poet Laureate, and Creative Community Pathways programs. She is also working to co-manage the IAC's accessibility efforts. She was born and raised in Indianapolis. She earned her BMA in Music Business at DePauw University, MA in Ethnomusicology from U.C.C. in Ireland, and is a PhD Candidate in Ethnomusicology at Indiana University. She has over 15 years of experience working in non-profits including service at ArtMix, Arts for Learning, Habitat for Humanity, and Traditional Arts Indiana. She has worked with the IAC in the past as a member of the Strategic Framework Advisory Committee and a member of the 2023 On-Ramp Cohort.

Austin Hendricks joined the IAC in April 2024 as the new Administrative Assistant. At the IAC, he is responsible for office management, including archiving, scheduling and managing public meetings, and overseeing travel. He was born and raised in Marion and grew up studying the performing arts at organizations around the state. He is a graduate of Indiana Wesleyan University where he received a BA in Writing and a BS in Theatre. Prior to joining the IAC, he served as a professional theater technician for several years. He is passionate about all forms of art (particularly theater and performance art), community engagement, and arts education.

Gwendolyn Pickett joined the IAC in May as the Communications Manager. In her role, she sources and creates content designed to engage audiences and articulate the IAC's mission, programming, and impact through social media, artist and community newsletters, and other outreach efforts. An Indiana native, she attended Indiana University Bloomington where she received a BA in Journalism. She said she is thrilled to bring her passion for digital marketing and storytelling to her position at the IAC.

In addition to the new team members, an IAC employee has stepped into a new role.

Stephanie Pfendler was recently promoted to the Financial Operations Manager position. She has been with the IAC since 2015, previously serving as the agency's Executive Assistant. Prior to joining the IAC, she worked in antique restoration and conservation, assisting antiquarians with maintaining and archiving their collections. She received her BA in Art History with a minor in Painting from the Herron School of Art and Design with graduate non-degree work in Museum Studies.

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# Local dermatologist opens state-of-the-art practice in Carmel

## Submitted

Melanie Kingsley, M.D., a local board-certified and fellowship-trained dermatologist, has announced the opening of MK Dermatology, now located at 12174 N. Meridian St., Suite 210, Carmel.

MK Dermatology specializes in dermatologic and cosmetic treatments such as laser therapy for cosmetic and medical skin concerns, injectable treatments (including filler, neurotoxin, platelet-rich plasma), skin resurfacing, skin tightening, as well as treatments for acne, rosacea and scarring. The practice also performs surgeries and treats dermatologic diseases and skin cancers through pioneering technology.

"We built this new office

to be more of a destination for our patients, a place they look forward to visiting, receiving treatment and relaxing all while receiving the quality care and expert treatment they deserve," Dr. Kingsley said. "We pride ourselves in treating any and all skin concerns through customized treatment plans for everything from mild cases of acne to skin cancer."

Originally opened as a temporary office space in Noblesville with a team of four, MK Dermatology has grown with the addition of a Physician Assistant, a nurse, two medical aestheticians and a second patient registration specialist. The beautiful new office space features a warm and inviting lobby, Dr. Kingsley's own CAMU Anti-Aging

and CAMU ClearSkin skin-care products lining the walls, stunning artwork and thoughtful design, private relaxation rooms and more.

MK Dermatology is also the only Direct Care dermatology practice in Indiana. With a patient-centric approach to healthcare, this model means insurance companies have zero influence as to how they treat patients. Patients are provided with the best possible treatments and solutions, without the fear of surprise bills, copays or the constraints of reimbursement concerns.

Dr. Kingsley completed her medical education and dermatology residency training at Indiana University School of Medicine, where she served as chief resident and was awarded the Francour Award for Out-

standing Dermatology Resident. Following residency, Dr. Kingsley completed a prestigious laser, cosmetic and dermatologic surgery fellowship at SkinCare Physicians in Boston, with clinical faculty from the Harvard and Yale Departments of Dermatology.

In addition to her practice, Dr. Kingsley is also an Assistant Professor of Dermatology at Indiana University School of Medicine. She founded the Cosmetic Dermatology and Laser Center at IU Health Physicians (IUHP) in 2010 and helped build a very successful clinic through 2023.

For more information about Dr. Kingsley or to schedule an appointment with the MK Dermatology team, please call (317) 620-0024 or visit [mkderm.com](http://mkderm.com).

## TODAY'S BIBLE READING

*Then the Lord said to Moses, "See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron will be your prophet. You are to say everything I command you, and your brother Aaron is to tell Pharaoh to let the Israelites go out of his country. But I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and though I multiply my signs and wonders in Egypt, he will not listen to you. Then I will lay my hand on Egypt and with mighty acts of judgment I will bring out my divisions, my people the Israelites. And the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring the Israelites out of it."*

*Moses and Aaron did just as the Lord commanded them. Moses was eighty years old and Aaron eighty-three when they spoke to Pharaoh.*

*Exodus 7:1-7 (NIV)*

## Daniel L. Ireland

July 27, 1948 – July 29, 2024

Daniel L. Ireland, 76, Noblesville died on Monday, July 29, 2024, at Wellbrooke of Carmel. Danny was born in Tipton on July 27, 1948, to Clarence & Phyllis (Hobbs) Ireland who both preceded him in death. He is survived by his stepfather, Kenny Hine.



Danny graduated from Fishers High School in the Class of 1967 where he played football, basketball, golf, cross country, and ran track. He entered the U.S. Army and served in the 82nd Airborne in Vietnam from 1968 to 1970. Upon his return he worked at Chrysler Corporation in Kokomo for 32 years.

Danny was a member of VFW Post 6246 and American Legion Post 45, both in Noblesville. He was an avid hunter, trapper, and fisherman, and he loved working in his yard and garden.

Survivors include two children, Meredith Barrows and husband Steve, Arcadia, and Matthew Ireland, Noblesville; seven grandchildren, Tyler (Elizabeth) Wiltermood, Mattie (Brenndan) Rodewald, Mason Barrows, Chase, Kylie, Jonas, and Juliette. He is also survived by his great-grandchildren, Eliana, Raelynn, Jonah, and Oliver who is due in September and several nieces and nephews including a special niece, Cheryl Grant.

Danny was preceded in death by one brother, Steve Ireland and the mother of his children, Janie K. Ireland.

Funeral services for Danny will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, August 2 at Young-Nichols Funeral Home with Pastor Andy Marshall presiding. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery with military honors presented by the U.S. Army and the Tipton American Legion Post. Visitation will be on Friday from 11 a.m. until the time of the service.

Condolences for Danny's family may be left on his obituary page at [young-nichols.com](http://young-nichols.com).

## The Reporter's policy on obituaries

The Hamilton County Reporter does not charge families for publishing obituary notices in our pages. Every obituary appearing in online editions Wednesday through Saturday also appears in our Monday print editions. In order to continue to offer this as a community service, we ask that obituaries not exceed 600 words. The limitations of space may not allow for longer ones to appear in print.

Families and funeral homes are asked to send obituaries to [obits@ReadTheReporter.com](mailto:obits@ReadTheReporter.com).

# The Great Greek Mediterranean Grill brings authentic cuisine to Carmel

## Submitted

**The Great Greek Mediterranean Grill** invites guests to discover modern interpretations of classic Mediterranean cuisine at its new Carmel restaurant. Now open at 1352 S. Range Line Road in the Range Line Crossing shopping center, the 2,547 square-foot location of the award-winning brand is operated by husband-and-wife franchise owners Omar and Sobia Usmani.

The Great Greek Mediterranean Grill offers a [menu](#) featuring Mediterranean favorites served in an elevated fast-casual atmosphere. Guests can enjoy a variety of classic dishes, like the Great Greek Gyro as well as lamb, steak and chicken Souvlaki Plates. Each entrée is perfectly complemented by the restaurant's fresh Greek salads and four signature house-made dips, including Hummus, Tzatziki, Melitzanosalata (eggplant dip) and Tirokafteri (spicy roasted red pepper).

"We are excited to have the opportunity to serve this delicious food to our community, and we are confident that once they try it, our restaurant will become a local favorite," said Omar Usmani, who acquired the franchise with his wife after a career in service operations. "There's something on the menu for everyone, from kids to adults, including vegetarians, and we offer many healthy options packed with satisfying flavors."

Fulfilling the brand's mission to "Live Deliciously," everything is prepared in-house with high-quality ingredients that bring traditional flavors from recipes used for generations. The concept offers a wide variety of customizable options, including the Classic Greek Salad or Rice Bowl with a choice of gyro meat, salmon, and more. Guests can indulge in unique offerings like made-to-order, fresh Feta Fries and must-have desserts like Baklava Ice

Cream and Rice Pudding.

Before their new venture, the Usmanis ran a local Montessori school for 10 years.

"When we started looking for other business opportunities, The Great Greek Mediterranean Grill caught our eye," Omar Usmani said. "We were sold as soon as we tried the food. One of my favorites is the Athenian Burger, a high-quality, juicy burger with amazing Greek flavors."

The Great Greek Mediterranean Grill specializes in catering large parties, events, and meetings, and is perfect for family gatherings. It offers memorable, mouthwatering Mediter-

anean spreads with bold flavors that leave a lasting impression. Choose from build-your-own Gyros and savory Souvlaki Skewers accompanied by buttery Rice Pilaf, crisp Greek Salad, authentic dips and delectable desserts like Baklava to impress guests at any event.

The Carmel restaurant seats 52 guests in the dining room and is open for dine-in, pickup, catering and delivery Sunday through Thursday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Delivery orders can be placed through DoorDash and Uber Eats. For more information, call (463) 273-1311.

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## Cesare brings Pax Westfield to the golf world *Shamrock player dominates at Northern Amateur tournament*

**The REPORTER**

Westfield's Alec Cesare has picked up another big tournament victory.

Cesare won the Northern Amateur, which took place July 24 to 26 on the Marsh/Creek course at Sand Creek Country Club in Chesterton. Cesare was dominant the entire week, going under par in all three rounds to finish with a 10 under 206 for the tournament.

The tone was set in the first round, when Cesare blitzed to a score 66, going six under par for the day. Cesare totaled six birdies, including five in a row from holes 13 through 17. In the second round, Cesare carded a three under 69, pouring in five birdies during the round.

The third round was made interesting by the performance of Andrew Tan from Austin, Texas. Tan was one under after the first two rounds, but put together an incredible final round, scoring an eight under 64. Tan made eight birdies and 10 pars to jump into contention for the trophy.

But Cesare was able to hold on with his third under-par round of the tournament. He carded a one-under 71, totaling four birdies. Cesare made three consecutive birdies on holes 8, 9 and 10, and another birdie on the 15th hole turned out to be the clincher. He made 15 birdies for the entire tournament.

Cesare has transferred to Indiana University after playing his freshman year of college at Ball State University, where he helped the Cardinals to a Mid-American Conference championship and an appearance in the NCAA tournament. Cesare's younger brother Jake Cesare, an incoming senior at Westfield, announced his commitment to IU in the spring.

Indiana men's golf coach Mike Mayer said in a [news release](#) that "Alec is a fighter, a bulldog on the



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**(ABOVE)** Westfield's Alec Cesare won the Northern Amateur tournament, which took place July 24 to 26 on the Marsh/Creek course at Sand Creek Country Club in Chesterton. Cesare scored under par in all three rounds to finish with a 10 under 206 for the tournament. **(RIGHT)** Alec Cesare shows off the trophy after his Northern Amateur victory.

golf course who will never give up on himself or his teammates. He has the talent, athleticism, and ability to play at this level." Cesare has three years of eligibility for the Hoosiers.

**Harvey takes third**

Another Westfield golfer made some waves at Marsh/Creek. Will Harvey, an incoming senior for the Shamrocks, tied for third place with an eight under par 208.

Harvey also got off to a strong start, carding a three under 69 for his first round. He drained six birdies, including five in a row on holes 6 through 10. Harvey had an even better day in the second round, finishing with a five under 67. He totaled seven birdies in that round. In the third round, Harvey scored an even par 72. He made another four birdies, giving him 17 for

the tournament.

Leo Wessel, a recent Guerin Catholic graduate who is heading to the University of Cincinnati, tied for seventh with a five under par 211. Wessel also had a fantastic start to the tournament, with a five under 67 for his first round. That included an eagle on No. 6 and four birdies.

Wessel scored 73 in the second round, making two birdies. He got back under par in the third round, scoring a one under 71 and draining four birdies. Wessel made 10 birdies for the tournament.

Westfield's Andrew White tied for 34th with a score of 221. White was 73-75-73 for the tournament, making five birdies overall: two in the first and third rounds and one in the second round.



### Olympics

## Shackell flies to medal race *Carmel swimmer makes it to 200 butterfly finals*

**The REPORTER**

Carmel's Alex Shackell will get a chance to swim for a medal today.

The incoming Greyhounds senior made the finals of the Women's 200 butterfly event at the 2024 Paris Olympics on Wednesday. Shackell will compete in the finals this afternoon today.

Shackell began Wednesday by finishing fifth in the preliminaries with a time of 2 minutes, 7.49 seconds, placing her firmly among the top 16 swimmers and sending her to the semifinals. In the evening semifinals, Shackell placed second in the second semifinal, clocking in at 2:06.46, only 0.37 seconds behind China's Zhang Yufei,



Julie Brown / File photo  
**Carmel's Alex Shackell, shown here during the U.S. Olympic Trials, will swim in the finals of the Women's 200 butterfly today at the 2024 Paris Olympics. Shackell finished fifth overall in both the preliminaries and semifinals to qualify for the finals.**

who had the third overall fastest time among the two semifinals. The butterfly finals take place at 2:30 p.m. this afternoon.



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**Carmel's Rajeev Ram, shown here at another tournament, advanced to the semifinals of the men's doubles tennis tournament Wednesday at the 2024 Paris Olympics. Ram and partner Austin Krajicek beat Spain's Carlos Alcaraz and Rafael Nadal to advance to today's semifinals.**

## Ram now one step closer to bringing home a medal

**The REPORTER**

Carmel's Rajeev Ram is one step closer to playing for an Olympic medal.

Ram and partner Austin Krajicek advanced to the semifinals of the men's doubles tennis tournament Wednesday at the 2024 Paris Olympics. The Americans beat the Spanish team of Carlos Alcaraz and Rafael Nadal 6-2, 6-4.

Alcaraz has already won four major singles titles, while Nadal holds a record 14 singles championships at the French Open, which is played at Roland Garros, the tennis site of the Olympics. But the fourth-seeded Ram and Krajicek easily won the first set, then took care of business in the second set.

Ram and Krajicek will play the Czech Republic team of Tomas Machac and Adam Pavlasek in the semifinals today. The winner advances to the gold medal match, while a loss means the team will play for a bronze medal. Ram will be going for his second medal at the Olympics; he and Venus Williams won the silver medal at the 2016 Rio De Janeiro Olympics.

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# Indy to host upcoming Big Ten basketball tournaments

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Indianapolis is adding several major sporting events to its schedule for the next couple of years.

The Indiana Sports Corp announced Wednesday that The Big Ten Conference has picked Indianapolis to be its host for four upcoming Big Ten Women's and Men's Basketball Tournaments.

The 2025 TIAA Big Ten Women's Basketball Tournament is set for March 5 – 9, followed shortly after by the 2025 TIAA Men's Basketball Tournament from March 12- 16.

Indianapolis will host the women's tournament – and the **Men's Final Four** – in 2026. The men's tournament will return to the Circle City in 2027.

Both tournaments will take place at Gainbridge Fieldhouse, and will be the first to feature a 15-team field from the 18-team conference following the additions of Oregon, UCLA, USC, and Washington earlier this summer.

Indianapolis has an extensive history of hosting both the Big Ten Women's and Men's Basketball Tournaments, according to the Indiana Sports Corp. The Circle City has "previously hosted the Women's Tournament 27 times and the Men's Tournament 13 times, each most recently in 2022," they said in a release.

Patrick Talty, Indiana Sports Corp president, says the partnership to host the tournaments will continue the city's "storied tradition of Big Ten basketball while working to further enhance the tournament experience for the member institutions, student-athletes, coaches, and fans."

The announcement comes after the conference said Indianapolis would host the **football championship until 2028**.

"Just phenomenal for the city, especially coming off of last week's news about football," Dan Gilot,



Joshua Herd / File photo

The Purdue men's basketball team and Braden Smith will be returning to Gainbridge Fieldhouse this upcoming season, as Indianapolis hosts both the Big Ten women's and men's basketball championships. Westfield's Smith was an integral part of the Boilermakers' run to the national championship game last season.

director of marketing and communications at Indiana Sports Corp. said. "The Big Ten is here to stay and we're really excited about that."

The move is also set to bring in cash for the city.

"Anytime we get to host a large scale sporting event, like Big Ten football, Big Ten basketball, that means the hotels are filling up, the restaurants, the bars," Gilot said. "Both with last week's announcement with the football championship at

Lucas Oil Stadium through 2028, and these basketball championships, through the life of that partnership, we're looking at about \$150 million of economic impact for the city."

Ticket sales for each tournament will be announced at a later date.

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# Colts looking forward to dynamic backfield duo

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**WESTFIELD** – Anthony Richardson and Jonathan Taylor only played one game together last season.

This year, that is set to change. The two **dynamic runners** are both playing in training camp, something that did not happen last year.

The opportunities in the run game now have completely opened up, with head coach Shane Steichen being able to maximize the benefit of both of their playstyles.

"Well, I think it's exciting because the playbook is open to everything," Steichen said. "You've got a quarterback that can do everything. He can throw from the pocket, he can get out of the pocket, he can run the football. Then you've got Jonathan Taylor, who's one of the best backs in the league and to have both those guys in the backfield is going to be critical for our success."

For Taylor, this is the first time that he's ever gotten to share the backfield with someone as athletic as him.

"I think this year we got a little taste, especially getting some work during OTAs," Taylor said. "Now, just every single day hitting it during training camp, and I think we will be able to put

something really nice and special together."

The dynamic potential that Richardson and Taylor have in the backfield together is exciting for their blockers as well. Quenton Nelson said that the duo has brought them a lot of energy on the offensive line.

"It brings a different dynamic to the offense where the linebackers can't just go straight downhill for Jonathan (Taylor)," Nelson said. "They got to be ready for AR to pull the ball. So, those split seconds of them overthinking it makes a big difference for us being able to get up to the second level and get on blocks."


Mo Allie-Cox added that it reduces the stress for them as tight ends blocking on the outside against the defensive ends. He said there will be huge holes in the defense because defensive ends can't crash on Taylor because if they do, Richardson will keep the ball and showcase his speed on the outside.

The backfield duo will get back to work at **training camp** on Friday. Practice runs from 9 to 10:45 a.m.

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