

Westfield Lions recognized for over 270 years of membership

13 Lions celebrate anniversaries with the Club

By JEFF LARRISON
Westfield Lions Club

At the Aug. 15 Westfield Lions Club meeting, 13 Lions received membership anniversary chevrons, with an accumulated total of over 270 years of service. Members at the meeting who received their chevrons were Larry Clarino (10 years), John Wardlow (10 years), Keith Sanborn (20 years), Joel Davis (30 years), and Ted Engelbrecht (50 years!). Year in and year out, the Westfield Lions Club serves Westfield, and surrounding communities, in a number of ways. Raising funds to donate to various charities, providing scholarships for Westfield High School seniors, conducting vision screenings for elementary students, and serving in numerous capacities at events and activities are just a few of the ways impact our community.



Photo provided by Westfield Lions Club
(From left) Westfield Lions Joel Davis (30 years), Ted Engelbrecht (50 years), Larry Clarino (10 years), Keith Sanborn (20 years), and John Wardlow (10 years).

About the Westfield Lions Club
The Westfield Lions Club has been serving the community since 1930 and currently has 67 members. The Club is looking for men and women that would like to make a difference in Westfield. To find out more about the Westfield Lions Club and how to be a member, go to westfieldlions.org.

Psst . . . have you heard of this “new” band called Little Feat?

*“And I’ve been from Tucson to Tucumcari, Tehachapi to Tonopah
Driven every kind of rig that’s ever been made
Driven the back roads so I wouldn’t get weighed
And if you give me: weed, whites, and wine
And you show me a sign
I’ll be willin’ to be movin’ ”*
– Lowell George (Little Feat)

I saw a great, new band this summer: the kids call themselves Little Feat. I write that in jest, of course. Little Feat has been kicking rock and roll ass for 55 years – I use the “rock and roll” reference hesitantly since Little Feat remains, to this day, one of those refreshingly defiant gumbo acts, filling fans’ ear holes with a musical melting pot of funk, boogie-woogie, blues, rockabilly, swamp, country, horns, Caribbean beats, guitar gonzo greatness – and, yes, rock and roll. Their live shows are a joyous jam session jamboree. Their songs have been covered by a who’s who of popular musicians. Technically, though, Little Feat is a “new” band to me. Full disclosure: I was aware of Little Feat most of my life, mainly due to flip-flop flipping past their albums in record shop bins on my journey to finding (this is so embarrassing to admit) the latest Little River Band release.



COLUMNIST
SCOTT SAALMAN
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Carmel Lions Club announces 88th annual Grillin’ & Chillin’ Fish Fry

Carmel’s longest-running event is back with culinary delights & community revelry

Submitted by DENISSE JENSEN
Carmel Lions Club Member

The Carmel Lions Club has announced the return of its much anticipated Grillin’ & Chillin’ Fish Fry, scheduled for Friday, Aug. 23 and Saturday, Aug. 24 at the Carmel Lions Clubhouse, located at 141 E. Main St. Now in its 88th year, this Fish Fry is Carmel’s longest-running community event, bringing together friends, families, and neighbors for a memorable weekend of delicious food and good times. For nearly nine decades, the Carmel Lions Club Fish Fry has been a beloved tradition, drawing crowds from all over the region. The event has evolved from its humble beginnings into a cornerstone of the Carmel community, known for its signature sandwiches and home-cooked sides. **What’s on the menu?** **Signature menu items:** Attendees can enjoy the famous Roundabout Fish Filet Sandwich, Breaded Pork Tenderloin Sandwich, World Famous Grilled Chicken Sandwich, and Grilled Veggie Sandwich and Jumbo All Beef Hot Dog.



Photos provided by Carmel Lions Club
As always, the Carmel Lions are ready to serve you . . . some delicious food, that is!

Yummy sides: Complement your meal with baked beans, cabbage slaw, french fries, and mac & cheese. **Delicious desserts:** Be sure to save room for a variety of delicious pies that will satisfy any sweet tooth. “The Grillin’ & Chillin’ Fish Fry is more than just a fundraiser – it’s a celebration of our community and a way for us to give back,” Carmel Lions Club President Matt Best said. “We’re proud to continue this longstanding tradition and to see the familiar faces that come back year after year, as well as welcome new friends.” Proceeds from the Fish Fry support the Carmel Lions Club’s various charitable activities throughout the year, including supporting vision programs, providing scholarships to local students at the Indiana School for the Blind, and contributing to local food pantries. Attendees can preorder their meals online at carmellions.org/fishfry. **Raffle tickets** You can participate in a raffle to win a \$100 gift card to Ace Hardware. Raffle tickets will be available at the event: \$1 for one ticket or \$5 for six tickets. The drawing will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24. You do not have to present to win. The Carmel Lions Club invites everyone to join in the fun and become part of this historic event. Whether you’re a lifelong resident or new to the area, the Grillin’ & Chillin’ Fish Fry is the perfect way to experience the spirit of Carmel. For additional details and updates, go to carmellions.org/fishfry.



HYPERION

The Hyperion
Players to perform
An Inspector Calls

J.B. Priestley’s classic morality play runs Sept. 12 to 15 in Fishers

The REPORTER
The Hyperion Players will present J.B. Priestley’s *An Inspector Calls* Sept. 12 to 15 at The Switch Theatre in Fishers. The action of the play occurs in an English industrial city, where a young girl commits suicide and an eminently respectable British family is subject to a routine inquiry in connection with the death. An inspector calls to interrogate the family, and during the course of his questioning, all members of the group are implicated in the girl’s undoing. The play was first performed in the Soviet Union in 1945, before enjoying a successful UK run starring Ralph Richardson and Alec Guinness. *An Inspector Calls* is the first play of Hyperion’s third season. Coming in October is the hair-raising thriller *The Woman in Black*, followed by *The 39 Steps* in March 2025 and *Rocket Man* in May 2025. *An Inspector Calls* is scheduled for four performances:

- Thursday, Sept. 12, 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 13, 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 14, 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Sept. 15, 2:30 p.m.

All performances will be at The Switch Theatre, 10029 E. 126th St., Fishers (located inside Ji-Eun Lee Music Academy). The show will run two hours with one 15-minute intermission. Tickets cost \$15 and can be purchased at hyperionplayers.com/tickets or at the door.

Mission statement
Hyperion will be a collaborative, welcoming theatre that constantly strives for artistic excellence; we will deliver authentic stories that engage, inspire, challenge, and delight; and we will raise up our community through the power of the performing arts.

Women of Fishers Police Department break barriers with Habitat for Humanity

By MELEA VANOSTRAND
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Women of the Fishers Police Department have gone beyond the badge to help their community on a different type of crew as they teamed up with Habitat for Humanity to build a house on the south side of Indianapolis. The officers and support staff worked alongside Habitat Women Build volunteers. The initiative is more than just building a home – it symbolizes breaking barriers in roles typically dominated by men, while also helping the local community. “We’re laying sod. I don’t think most of us have every

done anything like that, so it’s pretty awesome to be able to say ‘I’ve done something like that,’” Fishers Sergeant Angela Ellison said. Their hands-on work will help lift two first-time home buyers, and hopefully build a positive relationship with the community. “When you don’t know where you’re going to lay your head at night, everything can go upside down,” Ellison said. “Knowing that we’re giving two families that safe place and warmth, security, and comfort in their own home is amazing.” Sgt. Ellison says she’s proud of her officers doing work with no prior experience in construction. “There’s no limitations to what you can do as long as you have heart,” Ellison said. “I have an officer out here who is 26 weeks pregnant.” For many, the initiative is a reminder of the big impact women can have in fields where they’re often underrepresented. “Sometimes people come out here, and they’re a little hesitant,” said Olivia Kirk of Habitat for Humanity. “They think, ‘I don’t know how to frame a house, I don’t know how to do this,’ and they really surprise themselves.” Habitat for humanity aims to build 35 to 40 homes by the end of the year. “The demand for affordable housing is growing, and with that, is our demand for homes at

habitat, so we’re trying to grow as many as we can,” Kirk said. As the officers see it, the build is about showing their promise to serve and protect goes beyond just being on-duty. “Maybe we could get this operation going every year for our neighboring communities,” Ellison said. “This habitat group does works in Hamilton County, so for sure that would be really fun.” The project dedication and reveal for the new homeowners will occur in a few weeks. This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/multi-cultural-news/women-officers-build-homes-with-habitat-for-humanity.



LITTLE FEAT

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Photo by Scott Saalman

Little Feat during a performance at Everwise Amphitheater this summer.

Bottom line: I had heard of Little Feat; I just had not heard Little Feat.

If I deserve a music lover demerit, it is due to my late appreciation of all things Little Feat.

I recall no friends mentioning Little Feat; but over the years, musicians I long admired occasionally referenced (and continue to reference) Little Feat as an influence, speaking their name with a reverence typically reserved for that other band of “musicians’ musicians” lore, The Band, who is a first cousin, sound-and talent-wise, to the lesser known Little Feat. The Band actually charted on mainstream radio with “The Weight,” “Up On Cripple Creek,” and “The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down.”

That Little Feat bypassed Casey Kasem’s *American Top 40* is what cemented my shameful closed-mindedness. Many years would pass before I realized that popular radio was merely the iceberg tip to deeper depths of a more rewarding musical spectrum.

To sample Little Feat “back in the day” would’ve meant plunking down hard-earned lawn mowing money while risking being “stuck” with a record I might regret. We cave people of the pre-online streaming generations lacked today’s at-your-fingertips luxury of sampling an entire record on Spotify before deciding whether to buy it or bypass it.

I am well aware of the grievances (rightfully so) aired by my professional musician friends regarding the digital streaming company’s chintzy compensation practices. Still, I unabashedly admit that Spotify has enriched my musical appreciations simply by introducing me to scores of artists (old and new) that I wouldn’t have known otherwise. Customized playlists populated by Spotify’s soulless bots based on the bread crumb trails of my recent song selections often result in me buying tickets for concerts I otherwise would’ve skipped.

I first “discovered” Little Feat thanks to an online ad for one of their shows last June in Indy. The ad included the band’s trademark cartoony, yet sexy, tomato girl plastered on album covers who once tried to seduce me and my wallet from the record bins of my youth. “Little Feat is still at it after all these years despite me still not being able to name even one of their songs,” I thought. I was impressed by their longevity and steadfastness. I also realized I still had a crush on a long-lashed, smiling, come-hither, bright-red tomato chick. (Farmers, hide your tomatoes!) The ad prompted me to do a deep dive via a Spotify *This Is Little Feat* playlist, which led me to *Waiting For Columbus*, hailed by critics, including *Rolling Stone*, as one of the best live albums recorded (rightfully so). Subsequent replays of *Columbus* set high expectations for their Indy concert. I’m happy to report that the show was everything I hoped it would be, if not more.

Arguably, Little Feat qualifies as the godfather of Americana music. They remain a pre-eminent band without boundaries, sustaining success in their own unique way while thumbing their noses at the mediocrity representing music commerciality. That, in itself, is no small feat.

Little Feat has become my favorite band. So what if I’m half a century late to the party? I’m pondering tickets for their Louisville show later this year. As a Little Feat newbie, I know I have a lot of making up to do. Let’s just say, I’m willin’.

Email Scott at scottsaalman@gmail.com. To read a 2022 review in *Under The Radar* magazine written by Scott’s music writer son Austin about Little Feat’s 1972 album, *Sailin’ Shoes*, [click here](#).

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Carmel celebrates grand opening of Fire Department headquarters

The REPORTER

The City of Carmel proudly celebrated the grand opening of the Carmel Clay Community Building on Thursday, Aug. 15, marking a significant milestone in the community’s dedication to public safety.

The event, held at 210 Veterans Way, attracted numerous residents and officials who came together to explore the new Carmel Fire Department (CFD) Headquarters and its associated facilities.

“Today’s grand opening is a proud moment for our city,” Mayor Sue Finkam said. “The Carmel Clay Community Building not only honors our past with its location on the site of our original fire headquarters but also represents a significant leap forward in public safety and community engagement. This state-of-the-art facility is a testament to the collaborative spirit of Carmel Clay Township, the City of Carmel, and our dedicated private donors. We are excited to see how this space will enhance our ability to serve and educate our community.”

In 1950, long before there was the bustle of neighboring Midtown Plaza, CFD’s original headquarters was constructed on the very site of the new headquarters. When City Hall and Civic Square were constructed in 1987, the administrative functions relocated to what is now Station #341. In 1989, the Fire Buffs Museum was founded and housed within the headquarters as a way to preserve and highlight historic

CFD vehicles, memorabilia, and important documents.

The facility’s upgrades will support the functions of CFD’s growing number of firefighters and was funded through a collaborative effort between Clay Township, the City of Carmel and private donations, including contributions from the Carmel Redevelopment Commission (CRC) and the Koorsen family of Koorsen Fire & Security.

One of the highlights of CFD’s new headquarters is the Stay Alive Family Education (S.A.F.E.) House. This interactive, immersive learning space, developed with cutting-edge audio/visual technology to enhance public safety education, was created by Bloomington, Ind.-based Blockhouse Studios and the city’s Information and Communication Systems team and features unique special effects designed to engage and educate the community about fire and life safety.

[Click here](#) to see a video of the S.A.F.E. House experience.

“Carmel Fire is excit-



Photos provided by City of Carmel
(ABOVE) Carmel Fire Department and Carmel Fire Buffs administrative staff. (BELOW LEFT) Chief David Haboush, Carmel Fire Buffs President Jim Martin, retired Clay Township Trustee Doug Callahan and Clay Township Trustee Paul Hensel (center) were joined by members of the Koorsen family, Carmel City Councilors, former Mayor Jim Brainard, Mayor Sue Finkam, representatives from Clay Township, CTI Construction, DLZ, and Envoy, Inc. (BELOW RIGHT) The original Carmel Fire Department headquarters.

ed to open this impressive education facility, museum and administrative offices,” Chief David Haboush said. “This one-of-a-kind interactive S.A.F.E. House will allow Carmel firefighters to educate our community on fire and life safety. The presence of this facility and its programs will ultimately save lives not only in our city but throughout the state.”

The grand opening event included remarks, refreshments, and guided tours of the new facility. CFD, along with partners and donors, were honored for their contributions, and attendees were treated to a firsthand look at the advanced educational tools and interactive exhibits.



Carmel forms ‘Team Bounceback’ initiative to bring back & retain talent

The REPORTER

The City of Carmel has introduced Team Bounceback, an initiative aimed at attracting former local high school students who have left the area and encouraging current students to build their futures in Carmel.

The committee, led by Carlton Anker, an attorney for Lewis And Wilkins LLP, will serve as an informal advisory body focused on strengthening the city’s ties with its younger generations.

“Our city has so much to offer, and we want to make sure that the young people who grew up here recognize the opportunities that await them in Carmel,” Mayor Sue Finkam said. “Team Bounceback is a crucial step in our efforts to keep our community strong by encouraging our talented youth to make Carmel their lifelong home.”

Team Bounceback will play a pivotal role in shaping strategies to make Carmel an even more appealing place for young people to live, work, and thrive. By reconnecting with former residents and engaging current students, the initiative

seeks to ensure that Carmel remains a vibrant and dynamic community for years to come.



Finkam



Anker

“As someone who has seen the growth and evolution of Carmel firsthand, I understand the value of keeping our local talent close to home,” Anker said. “With Team Bounceback, we aim to create a welcoming environment that inspires both former and current students to see Carmel as the ideal place to build their futures.”

The committee, composed of eight voluntary members, will meet on an as-needed basis and is open to expanding its membership as the initiative evolves. Team Bounceback will provide valuable insights and recommendations to city officials, ensuring that Carmel continues to grow as a community where young people want to live and contribute.

The initial members of this group have been selected and will be announced at a later date. For more information or questions about Team Bounceback, please contact committee chair Carlton Anker at carlton@theankerfamily.com.

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Noblesville Lions Club entertained by City Street Commissioner



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On the evening of Aug. 14, Patty Johnson spoke to the Noblesville Lions Club about the Street Department's current activities. Johnson has been with the city over 30 years and is very knowledgeable on the needed activities of the city. Some of the activities under the Street Department include road repair (i.e. pot holes), sidewalk repair, brush collection, tree repair in the streets (150 trees have been planted this year), mosquito control, street lights, Riverside Cemetery mowing and digging, street signs, along with leaf collection and snow removal. More detailed information can be found at noblesville.in.gov. (ABOVE) Johnson receiving a thank you from Lion VP Hayden Parsons.

Riverview Health receives of Culture of Good's 2024 Community Impact Award

Submitted

Riverview Health is one of 15 companies nationwide to be named a Culture of Good 2024 Community Impact Award recipient.

Presented by Culture of Good, Inc., an organization dedicated to inspiring businesses to make a positive difference in the world, this award celebrates companies that exemplify excellence in corporate citizenship and embody the values of compassion, generosity and purpose-driven leadership.

"We are honored to receive Culture of Good's 2024 Community Impact Award," Riverview Health President and CEO Dave Hyatt said. "Riverview Health's mission is to preserve and improve the health and well-being of those we serve. We know that if we want our community to be healthier, we need to partner with and support the work of other local organizations. Being recognized for creating that culture of working together to uplift the community really reaffirms why we're here."

According to Culture of Good, Riverview Health was hand-selected for this prestigious award based on an outstanding commitment to community service and using business as a force for positive change in the world. The selection committee cited the excellent care Riverview Health provides to the community in terms of health and wellness and how the health system gives back through the Riverview Health Foundation, which raises funds in support of patients, patient families and medical scholarships, and partners with local charities.



Ryan McCarty, the spokesperson for the awards, said, "We are proud to recognize companies like Riverview Health. Culture of Good's Community Impact Award is not just an event; it's a movement towards recognizing businesses that integrate social good into their core."

For more information about Culture of Good's Community Impact Award, visit cultureofgood.com or contact Culture of Good award spokesperson Ryan McCarty at ryan@cultureofgood.com.

About Culture of Good, Inc. Culture of Good is an initiative that seeks to infuse businesses with a deeper sense of purpose, aligning corporate operations with community values and societal well-being. Culture of Good launched the awards to celebrate and recognize companies that embody this ethos, setting an example for others.

About Riverview Health Riverview Health is an independent community-based health system comprised of a full-service, 156-bed hospital in Noblesville, a 16-bed hospital in Westfield, as well as free-standing combined ER and urgent care facilities. Also included are 15 distinct primary, immediate and specialty care facilities across Hamilton County. Riverview Health provides comprehensive inpatient and outpatient services in more than 35 healthcare specialties and has been frequently recognized for its clinical and service excellence.



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K9 Simon helps throw first pitch at Indians game

By HANNA MORDOH
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A local police therapy dog may have a future in baseball.

K9 Simon and his handler, Cicero Police Officer Sarah Lockhart, threw out the ceremonial first pitch at the Indianapolis Indians Bark at the Park game on Tuesday.

Officer Lockhart sent WISH-TV pictures of the two on the pitcher's mound. She says the team's catcher even let Simon keep the ball.

"K9 Simon was able to make friends with the catcher and keep the ball for his collection, earning a huge collective 'aww' from the crowd as he took off around the field with it after my pitch," Lockhart said.

She also says Simon enjoyed his first ballpark hot dog at the game.

The Indianapolis Indians have two more Bark at the Park games this season on Aug. 28 and Sept. 15.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/police-therapy-dog-helps-throw-first-pitch-at-indians-game.



Photos courtesy Indianapolis Indians

Did you know that Fishers has a dedicated Health Educator?

Submitted by Fishers Health Department

Meet Kacy Brobst, who plays a pivotal role in promoting health and wellness throughout the Fishers community. Her routine involves engaging with students and adults, providing education on a variety of important health topics.

A Day in the Life

Brobst spends much of her time in schools, teaching K-12 students about health and wellness. From the importance of hand-washing to understanding mental health, she ensures that young minds are well-informed about their

well-being. She also conducts sessions for adults, covering essential topics like food safety and Narcan training to combat opioid overdoses.

Mental Health Advocacy

One of the highlights of Brobst's role is witnessing the positive response from students during her lessons. She recalls how enthusiastic students become about public health after participating in activities like the glow germ experiment, which illustrates the ease of germ transmission. These interactive sessions educate and excite students

about taking care of their health.

Brobst emphasizes the importance of mental health, particularly during back-to-school periods which can be stressful for many children. She encourages parents to monitor their children's screen time and promote outdoor activities and imaginative play, aligning with guidelines from the American Academy of Pediatrics.

"We are so lucky to have an experienced HSE teach-



Brobst

er in our health educator role," Fishers Health Department Public Health Director Monica Heltz said. "Kacy's enthusiasm and experience will get our youngest residents set up for success to take charge of their own health and wellness."

To learn more about the Fishers Health Department's health education services, reach out to Kacy Brobst at HealthEdu@fishers.in.us or call (317) 567-5045.

Cool your jets & halt the stress

"If you ask what is the single most important key to longevity, I would have to say it is avoiding worry, stress and tension. And if you didn't ask me, I'd still have to say it."

— George Burns

COLUMNIST

SHARON McMAHON
Be Well

Although August is nearing its end, I was contemplating that as we move toward Fall, August is actually "National Wellness Month" – and although I seldom know who/what all the special days/weeks/months are named for, I am all for every month being a "wellness" month!

The level of stress we all feel from time to time can accumulate and become detrimental to our physical health. The stress response in our bodies is there for a reason; it is a survival tactic and is intended for dangerous situations, allowing the body to face a threat or flee to safety. Your pulse quickens, your brain uses more oxygen, your breath comes faster – functions intended for survival. While most of us do not have the experience of running from wild animals and foraging for food, surviving in this often-crazy world can be daunting!

similar schedule to pre-pandemic considerations.

There are other strategies and habits to make this time more manageable and less stressful, let's review some of those:

- Take 10 minutes to stretch when you wake up and again before bed.
- Go outside for a walk for 10 minutes or an entire afternoon.
- Drink a full eight glasses of water each day (unless you have a medical condition which prohibits).
- Experiment with a new workout.
- Turn on music and dance around your house. (One of my favorites!)
- Give your mind a workout with crosswords, Scrabble, etc.
- Go an entire day without foods that have added sugar.
- Spend 10 minutes with deep, focused breathing.
- Add a green veggie to every meal or snack.
- Take yourself on a picnic with a view. (Granted that finding a serene spot for this activity is challenging, though I do recommend Forest Park here in Noblesville as an option.)

When stress becomes chronic and the effects accumulate in the body, the result can be serious health problems, which may include sleep disorders, digestive issues, a weakened immune system, and other complications. Although I am by nature an optimistic person, being a "Type A" is certainly a challenge these days! Working at home is becoming common for many, although there can be a tendency to work many hours more than we would in our physical workplaces away from home. It is very important to limit or budget your time and retain a

We are moving through some times of uncertainty in this 21st Century, sometimes feeling helpless but knowing that although we cannot change the world we can take responsibility for taking care of ourselves to the best of our abilities.

Stay strong.

Sharon McMahon, CNWC

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

New at Sheridan Public Library

- The REPORTER**

Here are some of the new items that can be found at the Sheridan Public Library.

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Resources You Might Need

The Fishers Department of Health
website lists many resources for our whole community - <https://fishers.crediblemind.com/> You can access Mental Health, Anxiety and self care assistance, and or go to the Community Resource page to connect to the resource you need.

VA Health Care on Military Exposures
<https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures>
Visit this page to find out about the chemical, physical and environmental toxins you may have been exposed to and the health concerns they have created and what to do if you were exposed.

Hamilton County Military Veteran

VETERAN LEGAL CLINIC

WHEN
SECOND Tuesday of each month
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
(Must sign-in by 3 p.m.)
** Low-asset Indy Bar Wills Clinic on dates labeled with asterisk, must pre-register*

WHERE
VETERAN HEALTH INDIANA
Richard L. Roudebush
VA Medical Center
1481 W. 10th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202
• Room Location: Varies – Please ask front desk

NO COST, NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED
Legal Clinic offered in partnership with Indiana Legal Services/Military Assistance Project (MAP) to eligible low-income Hoosier Veterans, service members, and their families in non-criminal cases.

Walk-in to address your **civil** legal matter such as:

- Driver's License Restoration
- Veteran Eviction Avoidance
- Criminal Record Expungement
- Military Discharge Upgrades
- Child support and family law
- VA overpayments

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Unable to attend the Legal Clinic in person?

- * ILS phone intake: Ph# 1-844-243-8570
•Mon-Fri between 10am-2pm
Identify yourself as a Veteran
- * ILS online intake: <https://www.indybarwills.com> and click on "apply for help"



Veterans Justice Outreach (VJO) Central Line 317-988-3856
Call to connect to VJO Social Workers who assist Veterans access civil legal resources and VA care.

Sheridan Legion Rib Fest & Entertainment

Sheridan American Legion Sons
presents a Rib Fest and live entertainment on:

Saturday, August 17th
beginning at 6pm.

Event is open to the public.
Address is: 406 East 10th Street

Presenting B.T. Koning aka: Captain Stubby

Cost of meal is \$20.00

Which includes a full rack of ribs and 2 sides
Drinks not included with meal

Drinks may be purchased at the bar

Blue Star Memorial Dedication at Holiday Park

The Central District of The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc., and Holliday Park Foundation

Invite you to attend

The Blue Star Marker Dedication At Holliday Park

Please join us as we celebrate this dedication on **August 20, 2024 at 1 p.m.**

6363 Spring Mill Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46260
Dedication will be near the west parking lot near Spring Mill Rd

This memorial is to honor our military that have served, are serving or will serve this land that we love.

Activities & Events

Monthly 8 Ball Tournaments at the Fishers Legion

TWO TOURNAMENTS A MONTH

8 Ball: 2nd Saturday Of Every Month at 6:00 pm
9 Ball: 4th Saturday Of Every Month at 6:00 pm

July 13, 2024
August 10, 2024
Sept 14, 2024
October 12, 2024
November 9, 2024
December 14, 2024
January 11, 2025
February 8, 2025
March 8, 2025

July 27, 2024
August 24, 2024
Sept 28, 2024
October 26, 2024
November 23, 2024
December 28, 2024
January 25, 2025
February 22, 2025
March 22, 2025

\$10 Buy In

American Legion - Post 470
9091 East 126th Street
Fishers, IN 46038

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 17TH
2PM-8PM

INDY VET TO VET INC. SOME WOUNDS AREN'T VISIBLE

JOIN US FOR KAYAKING, FISHING, OR JUST SOME GOOD OL' RER. IN A TENT-COVERED AREA BY THE WATER

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QUESTIONS 317-737-6927

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FORTVILLE, IN 46040

Battlemind to Home Summit Oct 23-24

BATTLEMIND TO Home SUMMIT
This conference brings together a variety of experts each year to inform and educate Indiana professionals on the critical issues facing military-connected families in Indiana's communities. Our goal for this conference is to help reduce reintegration barriers for veterans, service members and their families. We work to educate attendees on the challenges military-connected families face, and the opportunities and strengths they bring to our communities. It will be at Embassy Suites 13700 Conference Ctr Dr Noblesville.
<https://www.mfri.purdue.edu/battlemind/>

Network With Your Community Joining Community Forces Indiana (JCFI)

Marion and it's donut counties have formed a JCFI through Easterseals Crossroads which is chaired by Buzz Smith and they meet online the third Thursday monthly at 10am. It is one of the best networking meetings for our Military Veteran community (MVC) which usually has up to 40 resources online each month discussing activities and what each resource does for our community. Buzz has a distribution list of over 500 resources and if you are interested in helping our MVC, reach out to Buzz at btsmith@eastersealscrossroads.org.

Good Samaritan Network

Resources and non-profits who help our Hamilton County families and our Military Veteran community, we'd love for you to join us as we connect and discuss some critical topics that can help Hamilton County families including our Veteran community. Your input is valuable to us, and we believe that together we can come up with some meaningful ways to make a difference here in Hamilton County. We meet online the second Tuesday monthly at 3:45pm and if you are interested in helping your community, please click here to register.

REGISTER
https://us06web.zoom.us/joining/register/tZwvf-quqT8qEtfccBxts7oVdv_TznTcPI2#/registration

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

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

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

NickelPlateExpress.com/railbike-rides

Letter to the Editor

The \$2 Question: Where is Fishers' trash admin fee going?

Dear Editor:

I attended the Fishers Board of Public Works and Safety meeting on Aug. 13 where the board heard public comments on the proposed city-wide trash contract.

While I support the City of Fishers' initiative to consolidate trash services, I believe it's important for the citizens to be aware of the details, particularly the proposed \$2 per month per household administration fee.

To put this in perspective, neighboring communities have much lower fees: Carmel charges \$0.25 per household, Westfield charges \$1, and Noblesville absorbs these costs entirely. Mayor Fadness mentioned this fee will fund staffing to manage customer service demands. It was also stated there is a plan to combine trash charges with stormwater and sewer bills, which implies additional printing and postage is unlikely.

During the meeting, the City commented on a recent article claiming Fishers' proposed rates were the highest in Hamilton County as unfair due to the fact Carmel and Noblesville had superior positions by going into negotiations renewing existing contracts. If you adjust the rates of Fishers and Carmel to remove the respective admin fees, Fishers' contract then becomes lower priced in the first four years (2025-2028).

I found Carmel has a staff of six representatives and a manager that serves as primary support for around 31,000 Carmel Utilities customers,

with many inquiries relating to trash. In Noblesville, the City has a dedicated phone line that goes directly to Republic agents to respond to customer concerns, only involving administrative staff of the City for more complex trash inquiries. Noblesville does, however, still provide billing for trash services and has staff of four utility clerks and a manager that share sewer billing responsibilities.

Let's break down the numbers: with an estimated 32,333 homes presented on the current contract, this \$2 fee would generate \$64,666 per month, or \$775,992 annually. That's a significant amount, especially considering the costs of staffing an additional three customer service agents and a team manager, would total around \$255,000 in base salaries per year based on the City's most recent salary ordinance.¹ This would be in addition to the staff already supporting sewer and stormwater billing today.

As a millennial, I consider myself one of the youngest regular attendees of City Council meetings, missing only a handful of meetings since early 2022. I graduated from the City's Citizens Government Academy in the fall of 2023, a program that I highly recommend as it allows citizens to get an inside look at how local government operates. I say this as it's very impressive to see all that the City of Fishers accomplishes with the lowest employee counts per capita of all second-class cities in the entire state – something Mayor Fadness

proudly presented to the City Council as they approved a mid-year update to the salary ordinance in May.

I have also witnessed how City administration is very methodical and thorough in their planning, and I will say they do their homework to crunch the numbers when it comes to policy recommendations. I cannot comprehend that the proposed \$2 monthly admin fee has not already been evaluated or forecasted by the City on how the proceeds will be spent.

This is why I would like to request publicly that the City share its proposed plans for funds raised from the proposed admin fee before the City submits the contract for final approval.

While I support the initiative and the potential savings for residents, I believe it's crucial for the City to provide a full justification of how these admin fees will be spent, given that they are among the highest in Hamilton County.

Josh Huser
Fishers

¹ According to the City of Fishers' Salary ordinance dated May 2024, a Customer Support Specialist with a maximum bi-weekly salary of \$2,186.12 is an annual cost of \$56,839.12 and a Utility Manager with a maximum bi-weekly salary of \$3,261.96 is an annual cost of \$84,910.96. Collectively, three additional Customer Support Specialists and a Utility Manager would cost the City a maximum of \$255,428.32 in base salaries.



HEPL celebrates Library Card Sign-Up Month with local business deals & Party in the Plaza events

Submitted by HEPL

Hamilton East Public Library (HEPL) invites the community to discover the power of a library card. Sign up for or renew your library card at the Fishers or Noblesville branch of HEPL anytime in September to celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month.

HEPL's guiding principles are Innovation, Discovery, Equity, and Access, which are at the core of what they do. As their tagline says, "IDEAs Live Here." But, so do Creativity, Play, Stories, Community, and so much more. Some of the best community resources live at the library, all available to you for free with a library card.

If you've ever been to the Fishers branch, you may have wandered down to Ignite Studio, the art studio and makerspace at HEPL. This space will help you unleash your creativity. Some of the most loved resources here include maker kits for adults and kids, an A.V. studio, a 3D printer, a vinyl cutter, an embroidery machine, and so much more.

Create some special family memories by checking out HEPL's brand new outdoor yard games. There's Ladder Toss, KanJam, Bocce Ball and more that you can take home or to the park to play with your family and friends. There are also yard games for public access stationed at the south entrance to the Fishers branch, and there's always space to play inside in the Youth Services area of either library branch.

Stories of all kinds can be found in HEPL's collection on the library shelves and in online databases, like

Libby and Hoopla. HEPL also wants to hear your story. Visit the newly opened Crossroads Discovery Center at the Noblesville branch where storytelling and genealogy are brought together. Here you can contribute to the community oral history booth and use interactive exhibits to explore historic records.

As you can see, there's so much more you can do with your library card than just check out books. A HEPL card gives you access to a myriad of resources just waiting to be explored.

To celebrate Library Card Sign-Up Month, HEPL has partnered with several local businesses to give cardholders special access to deals. Show your HEPL card at participating local businesses between Sept. 1 and 30, 2024, to get a special deal. View the full list of participating businesses on the library's website [here](#).

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Latest Fishers road construction updates

The REPORTER State Road 37 & 141st Street

Please note the continued lane restrictions on SR 37 North and South, approaching the 141st Street Interchange.

As of July 23, the west side of 141st Street at SR 37 has closed for the next phase of construction. Traffic will transition to the east side, with SR 37 north and southbound lanes remaining open. This closure will remain in place throughout 2024.

Please review detour routes to plan ahead during this time ([141st Street, SR 37 West](#), and [SR 37 East](#)). Thank you for your continued patience and remember to drive cautiously and safely through construction areas.

Find construction updates at [37thrives.com](#).

South Street

There will be a two-phase road closure on South Street for utility installation between Lantern Road and the Nickel Plate Trail.

- Phase 1: Aug. 5 to 19 (weather dependent)
- Phase 2: Aug. 19 to 26 (weather dependent)

First Internet Bank Building Parking Garage

- Access will remain open at all times.

Hotel Nickel Plate Access

- South Street drive access will be restricted.
- Use 116th Street for access.
- Visitors may also park on the west side of the hotel, accessible off 116th Street, after the trail.

Please proceed through the area with caution. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this essential work.

[Click here](#) to see a map of the closure.

141st & Prairie Lakes roundabout

Construction crews have begun preliminary work for the construction of a new roundabout at the intersection of 141st Street and Prairie Lakes Boulevard/Old Oak Lane.

Beginning on or after Monday, Aug. 19, the intersection will be closed to thru traffic. Access to Woods of Britton apartments will be maintained off Cumberland Road only during this first

phase. The 141st Street access to Prairie Lakes will be closed and access will be off Cumberland Road and 146th Street. View the map [here](#).

- **Business access:** Businesses along Mundy Drive remain accessible from SR 37 and 141st Street. A right in, right out configuration will continue at the intersection.
- **Prairie Lakes residents:** Access your complex via Cumberland Road or 146th Street. Access at 141st Street will be closed.
- **Woods of Britton residents:** Use Cumberland Road to access 141st Street, access to your complex along 141st Street will remain open. Exiting the complex, you may only travel east (right) on 141st Street towards Cumberland Road.

Please [see the map](#) for detour routes.

126th Street & Southeastern Parkway roundabout

This roundabout is now open but remains an active construction site with intermittent lane restrictions. The new roundabout will also include a connection for the development of Hunters Run, which will open in mid-November. The project will rehabilitate or reconstruct the pavement, add curb and gutter with storm sewers, and multi-use paths and/or bicycle lanes. [Click here](#) to view a detour route map and for more information visit the [Capital Projects Dashboard](#).

Lantern Road sidewalk project

Work on a new sidewalk installation along the west side of Lantern Road south of Frances Street to Pullman Pointe Apartments will be ongoing the week of Aug. 19. Watch for flaggers and lane restrictions on southbound traffic from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sidewalk Improvement Project

Restoration will be ongoing in the Sweet Briar North Neighborhoods the week of Aug. 19. The sidewalk work will consist of removal and replacement of sidewalk panels which pose a toe-kick trip hazard. Sidewalks within driveways are not included in the scope of this project.

Road resurfacing projects

The contractor will conduct milling operations at 131st Street and Promise Road on Saturday, Aug. 17 and paving operations will follow on the week of Aug. 19. There will also be ongoing work at the Tremont entrance. Watch out for intermittent lane restrictions and flaggers.

Residents should refrain from parking vehicles on the street during active construction operations. Homeowners will be notified via door hangers prior to any curb reconstruction near

their home. After ADA ramp and curb reconstruction is completed, those areas will be restored with topsoil and seed. It is the responsibility of the homeowner to water the seed for the seed to germinate. Prior to road resurfacing, residents will be notified via street signage for street parking restrictions.

For additional project information, view the Capital Project Dashboard [here](#). View the Road Resurface Overview Map [here](#). Roadways and neighborhoods are prioritized based on the PASER rating condition of their pavement. You can see a map [here](#).

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Don't miss these great events at Center for the Performing Arts

The REPORTER

Tickets are available for these upcoming arts and education events at The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. Just go to TheCenterPresents.org or call (317) 843-3800.

Center Presents Performances
Jerome Collins: Rewind – A Journey to Motown and Beyond

With special guest Small Town City featuring Mike Luginbill and Ryan Ahlwardt
8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13
The Tarkington
Tickets from \$29.50

Katz, Sapper & Miller Pop/Rock Series
Rewind: A Journey to Motown and Beyond is a captivating solo performance featuring Jerome Collins of the famed *a cappella* group Straight No Chaser. This show pays homage to the legendary sounds of Motown and classic R&B, taking the audience through electrifying renditions of timeless hits from some of the world's most iconic musicians and renowned artists. Expect songs from Marvin Gaye, Aretha Franklin, Sam Cooke, Stevie Wonder, and more. Opening the show will be Small Town City, featuring Collins' SNC bandmate Mike Luginbill and SNC alumnus Ryan Ahlwardt.

Veronica Swift

8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14
The Tarkington
Tickets from \$35

Drewry Simmons Vornehm Jazz Series
Veronica Swift established herself as one of the world's top young jazz singers with her first two albums, *Confessions* (2019) and *This Bitter Earth* (2021), showcasing her virtuosic technique, interpretive ingenuity, bracing songwriting and keen arrangements. She describes her latest album, 2023's *Veronica Swift*, as "transgenre," with influences that include French and Italian opera, European classical music, bossa nova, blues, funk, and industrial rock.

Nick Carter: Who I Am Tour
7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26
The Palladium
Tickets from \$35

Printing Partners Encore Series
Nick Carter was only 12 when he auditioned for the Backstreet Boys, who have sold more than 130 million records worldwide and earned five Grammy nominations, among other honors. Carter's solo career has produced three albums, along with singles including last year's "Hurts to Love You," which topped charts in the U.S. and Canada. After completing a world tour with the Backstreet Boys in 2023, Carter launched the current Who I Am Tour, his first solo outing in seven years.

Leonid & Friends:
The Music of Chicago and More
8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27
The Palladium
Tickets from \$55

Katz, Sapper & Miller Pop/Rock Series
Hailing from Russia, Leonid & Friends have drawn legions of fans with their uncanny ability to capture the spirit, musicality and fire of the American classic-rock group Chicago. Gaining attention with viral videos, the group has since expanded its repertoire to include such artists as Earth, Wind & Fire, Blood, Sweat & Tears, Ides of March, Stevie Wonder, and Steely Dan, along with new original material. The 11-piece band now has more than 700,000 followers across social media, an astonishing more than 200 million video views, and over 200 successful U.S. shows under its belt.

Damien Escobar: Victory Lap Tour
8 p.m. Saturday, September 28
The Palladium
Tickets from \$35

Katz, Sapper & Miller Pop/Rock Series
Contemporary soul violinist Damien Escobar returns to the Palladium to celebrate 20 years of music. Hailing from Queens, N.Y., he began studying music as a child and at age 10 became the youngest

artist ever admitted to the Julliard School, graduating at age 13. The Emmy winner and NAACP Image Award nominee began playing at New York City subway stations and first gained national attention as half of the duo Nuttin' But Stringz before launching a solo career with his energetic performances and crossover mix of classical, jazz, pop, R&B, and hip-hop.

Other September events include:
Peanut Butter & Jam: Soulful Music and Melodies with Allison Victoria
10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 14
The Palladium, Robert Adam Room
Tickets: \$10 per child, includes up to two free adult admissions

Indianapolis singer-songwriter and educator Allison Victoria promises a soulful sing-along. Designed for children ages 1 to 7, Peanut Butter & Jam sessions encourage young children to become engaged in the arts.

Live at the Center: Maciann
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17
Online and at the Palladium
Livestream: Free (pay-what-you-can, no minimum)
On site: \$10 (pay-what-you-can, \$10 minimum)

A registered nurse by trade, Maciann Hayes also is lead vocalist and lead guitarist for the high-energy rock band that bears her name. Inspired by such artists as Paramore, A Day to Remember, and Halestorm, the four-piece group has shared stages with national acts including Lita Ford and Nita Strauss.

Luminaries: History and Mystery of the Pipe Organ with Rob Heighway
2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24
The Palladium

Tickets: \$10, includes light refreshments
Pipe organ builder Rob Heighway will discuss the history and mechanics of the unique instrument. Luminaries is the Center's weekday speaker series about the arts.



Photo provided
See vocalist and guitarist Maciann Hayes on Sept. 17 at the Palladium.

About the Center for the Performing Arts

The mission of the nonprofit Center for the Performing Arts is to engage and inspire the Indiana community through enriching arts experiences. Its campus includes the 1,500-seat Palladium concert hall, the 500-seat Tarkington theater and the black-box Studio Theater. The Center presents and hosts hundreds of events each year, including the *Center Presents* performance series, featuring the best in classical, jazz, pop, rock, country, comedy and other genres. Educational and experiential programming includes children's concerts, summer camps, book clubs, lectures, and classes in music and dance. The Center is home to the affiliated Great American Songbook Foundation and provides space and support services for six resident arts companies. More information at TheCenterPresents.org.



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When insurance companies do not agree with your doctor

Medicare Advantage is frequently in the news over Prior Authorizations. What does that mean? If you have government Medicare and a Medicare Supplement plan, when your doctor orders a surgery, you just schedule that surgery. There is no extra process to get approval from the insurance company for your treatment. But with private Medicare, known as Medicare Advantage, when your doctor orders that same surgery, your doctor then has to ask the insurance company for PERMISSION to get that surgery. That is called Prior Authorization. Insurance companies can use this to delay or deny your treatment. Insurance companies have been sued for denying or delaying prior authoriza-

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Make Sense of Medicare

tions. There have been so many complaints to Medicare about this practice that the government has finally stepped in with new rules to speed up this process. Medicare Advantage companies all have this issue. It's not limited to one or two insurance companies. They defend the practice saying that they need to prevent unnecessary treatments by doctors who want to beef up their bank accounts. This will be great news for the nearly 30 million people on Medicare Advantage. The new rules will require the insurance companies to respond to your doctor's request within seven calendar days, and if it is an URGENT request, the insurance company must respond within 72 hours.

But this new rule doesn't make the insurance company actually approve the medical care your doctor orders. The new rule just says that the insurance company must tell you sooner if it will deny or approve your procedure. It will also have to give a reason why it denies a procedure. By requiring insurance companies to give some type of medical explanation, they can be called out when they have no reason to deny procedures. This will be a win for Medicare Advantage members starting in 2026. This new rule doesn't begin for another year. If you get your prior authorization denied, either now or in the future, be sure to appeal. Most people fail to appeal the denial. But for those who do appeal, the rate of approval is very high. This process takes time. Be warned that it is as frustrating for your doc-

tor's office as it is for you. Providers spend countless hours faxing (yes, the insurance company wants a fax) requests for approval. Clearly there is a more efficient way to process Prior Authorization requests. You can guess why they use such a slow process. Delays save money and private Medicare plans are about profits. This is not to say that I don't recommend these types of plans. Just know that Prior Authorization is an extra hurdle you may face with Medicare Advantage – one you won't face with government Medicare and a Medicare Supplement plan. Sylvia Gordon is known as Medicare Mama on social media. She and the Noblesville-based TheMedicare-Family.com have amassed nearly one million followers online where she teaches about Medicare, Social Security, and retirement.

Indiana Bar Foundation grants \$4.4M in Legal aid & scholarships to empower communities & future leaders

Submitted The Indiana Bar Foundation has awarded more than \$4.4 million to 12 Indiana organizations whose mission is to provide civil legal assistance to low-income Hoosiers. The Foundation distributed \$1.5 million in IOLTA grants and \$2.9 million from the Civil Legal Aid Fund established in 1997. The civil legal aid organizations receiving funding are:

- Center for Victim and Human Rights Corporation
- Child Advocates
- Disability Legal Services of Indiana
- Indiana Legal Services, Inc.
- Indianapolis Legal Aid Society, Inc.
- Legal Aid Corporation of Tippecanoe County
- Legal Aid Society of Evansville
- Metro Legal Clinic
- Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic
- Pro Bono Indiana
- Volunteer Lawyer Program of Northeast Indiana, Inc.
- Whitewater Valley Pro Bono Commission, Inc.

Additionally, the Foundation distributed \$10,000 among three scholarship recipients working to become

tomorrow's future leaders. The Phelps & Fara Scholarship assists a law student enrolled at the IU McKinney School of Law with an interest in family law. The Hon. Cale J. Holder Scholarship assists an IU McKinney School of Law student demonstrating dedication to the administration of law, desire to be a practicing trial lawyer, capacity for leadership, academic achievement, and military service record, if any. **Scholarship recipients**

- Aaliyah McGowan – Phelps & Fara Scholarship
- Richard Brown – Hon. Cale J. Holder Scholarship
- Adam Hall – Hon. Cale J. Holder Scholarship

"I am thrilled to distribute these funds to organizations dedicated to supporting Hoosiers statewide and to help fund the education of tomorrow's leaders," said Charles Dunlap, President & CEO of the Indiana Bar Foundation. "Continually supporting the civil legal assistance community is a cornerstone of the Foundation's mission." The Indiana Bar Foundation inspires and leads change to improve civic education and legal assistance for all Hoosiers. Learn more at inbarfoundation.org.

Parents of America: if your child isn't a Scout, they're missing out

Submitted While most people would like to forget the impact of COVID-19, its effect on parents and children is impossible to ignore. New research shows that post-pandemic parents are worried that their kids' childhood is slipping away. For their part, kids are increasingly focused on things like friendship and the future, being trusted and respected, and being capable of solving problems on their own. Fortunately, Scouting America has been evolving to meet the needs of both groups, easing parent concerns and helping kids thrive. Research company Human-ology assessed more than 100 human values and emotional priorities of parents aged 19 to 60 and children aged 6 to 12 over the course of five years. Unsurprisingly, when COVID-19 hit in 2020, parents were focused on safety and control, especially when asked about their children. By huge margins, parents traded the stated desire of "letting my kids be kids" for "avoiding sickness and disease." However, in the third quarter of 2020, there was an "aha moment." The opposite is now true. In fact, "letting my kids be kids" ranks 18 percent higher on parents' priorities lists than it did pre-pandemic while "avoiding sickness and disease" ranks 6 percent lower. Other priority shifts include:

- Preparing my child for real life (up 22 percent in 2024 vs. 2019)
- Teaching my child to

be resilient (up 15 percent in 2024 vs. 2019)

- My child discovering their world (up 15 percent in 2024 vs. 2019)

The global pandemic made parents realize that they will never be able to fully protect their kids from harm, and therefore made them more enthusiastic about equipping their kids with traditional skills more associated with older generations – such as preparedness, resilience, and ingenuity – to help their kids lead vibrant, resilient lives. "Scouting America can be a big part of the solution for these understandable concerns," said Roger A. Krone, president and chief executive officer of Scouting America. "Especially when introduced at a young age, Scouting can help kids develop relevant skills and promote the resilience, critical thinking and leadership their parents seek that are vital for them to become well-rounded individuals, ready for success in today's world." Similarly, COVID-19 made life chaotic for kids, and as worry took over, childhood took a back seat. Kids traded the stated desire of "just being a kid" for "feeling safe and content in my home," and while "feeling safe and content in my home" remains a priority, "just being a kid" is up 22



percent from its pandemic low, reflecting kids' desire to grow in a supportive, structured way. Across the board, kids are increasingly focused on things like competency, friendship, and the future, such as:

- Having fun with my friends (27 percent increase in three years)
- Being good at something I like to do (21 percent increase in three years)
- Being trusted and respected (14 percent increase in three years)
- Having the freedom to make my own choices (9 percent increase in three years)
- Being capable of doing things and solving problems on my own (12 percent increase in three years)

A pandemic that created chaos and a sense of lost control seems to have made kids increasingly interested in having a say in their lives. "Based on our analysis, there is a growing demand from both parents and kids for opportunities that unlock the full experiences of childhood," said Nico Turk, senior strategist at Human-ology. "Scouting can play a pivotal role in addressing these needs. Their programs provide structure to kids so they can accomplish things they haven't yet imagined." Scouting America is uniquely positioned to meet

the needs of both kids and parents. For parents, it can help their kids navigate a world that can be unkind. For kids, it provides a shot at childhood for a generation who has only known chaos. Parents who are unfamiliar with – or have misperceptions about – modern Scouting might assume that it's all camping, fishing, and hiking. Make no mistake, many Scouts love their boots and tackle, but they also take advantage of Scouting's modern-day skills that range from essentials in self-sufficiency and kindness learned early on in Cub Scouts to advanced skills like rocketry, robotics, coding, and combating cyberbullying. "At Scouting America, we pride ourselves in delivering the skills we know youth seek in fun and exciting ways," said Angie Minett, Scouts BSA Chairperson. "For example, engineering and creativity are taught as early as Cub Scouts with the iconic Pinewood Derby, offering Scouts hands-on problem-solving experience that remains relevant in today's environment. While kids may think they're just building and racing cars, we know they're accomplishing so much more." As parents navigate the complexities of preparing their children for adulthood, Scouting America stands out as a trusted partner, teaching young people the life skills needed to navigate 2024 and beyond. To learn more, visit BeAScout.org.

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Meijer remains one-stop shop for health & wellness this back-to-school season

The REPORTER

As families prepare for the back-to-school season, Meijer remains a one-stop destination for all health and wellness needs, catering to families and students of all ages – from young children heading into kindergarten to college-bound young adults. With a wide range of services and products, Meijer is committed to supporting families in making a healthy and smooth transition into the new academic year. **Comprehensive vaccination services** Meijer pharmacies are ready to assist families with a full spectrum of vaccination services, ensuring that students are protected and compliant with school health requirements. Meijer pharmacists are available to administer:

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Governor ceremonially signs into law Rep. Goodrich’s bill bolstering work-based learning in high schools

The REPORTER

Gov. Eric Holcomb on Thursday, Aug. 15 ceremonially signed into law State Rep. Chuck Goodrich's (R-Noblesville) legislation ensuring more Hoosier high schoolers have access to work-based learning opportunities.

Goodrich said **House Enrolled Act 1001** extends the application window for students to apply for the Career Scholarship Account and expands the use of the funds to include driver's training classes. According to Goodrich, transportation can be a critical barrier to applied learning opportunities because they usually take place in businesses or other unique learning environments outside of the classroom.

“Providing more hands-on learning opportunities outside of classroom instruction can help students be better prepared to enter college or the workforce,” Goodrich said. “These scholarships pave the way for high schoolers to explore industries they are interested in, and this new law will help more young Hoosiers access these opportunities.”

Goodrich said the new law builds on his work last year to create Career Scholarship Accounts, which can be used by sophomores, juniors, and seniors to enroll in earn-and-learn opportunities, as well as to pay for items like transportation and uniforms. The application window for the CSA program is currently open.



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Gov. Eric Holcomb ceremonially signs State Rep. Chuck Goodrich's (R-Noblesville) legislation boosting work-based learning opportunities on Thursday at the Statehouse. The new law extends the application window for students to apply for a Career Scholarship Account and expands the use of the funds to include driver's training classes. (From left) State Sen. Linda Rogers (R-Granger), Gov. Eric Holcomb, Indiana Secretary of Education Dr. Katie Jenner, and State Rep. Chuck Goodrich.

To learn more about Career Scholarship Accounts and enroll before the Oct. 1 deadline, visit in.gov/tos/csa, email CSA@tos.in.gov, or call (317) 232-0723.

Goodrich said this new law also expands eligibility for Education Scholarship Accounts, which help students with disabilities access the educational environment that meets their learning needs. Funding can be used for approved programs, therapies, services, tuition and fees, and other education-related expenses. Under HEA 1001, ESAs could be used by the siblings of students with disabilities,

even if those siblings do not have a disability. According to Goodrich, this change empowers more Hoosier parents to choose the best educational option for their child.

Goodrich said applications for Indiana's ESA program are now open through Sept. 1. To learn more, visit in.gov/tos/inesas.

For more information on **HEA 1001**, visit iga.in.gov.

Women’s Fall Event to showcase business funding & entrepreneurial journeys

The REPORTER

Women entrepreneurs can network with their peers while learning how to find and request funding for their business ventures.

SCORE Indianapolis and Ivy Tech Entrepreneurship Program's Women Entrepreneurs Fall Event is set for Sept. 7. The event will be held at Ivy Tech Culinary and Conference Center and will feature insight from women business leaders and funding experts, networking over lunch, as well as professional headshots on a first come first serve basis.

SCORE Indianapolis mentor Tricia Brace, an event organizer of Carmel, said the event will provide attendees with an overview of their funding options, including grants, microloans, and traditional bank loans. Brace is coordinating the event with fellow SCORE mentors, Sylanda McKinnor of Fishers, Chris Ward of Geist, and Debbie Guy of Near Eastside.

“A lot of people don’t even know what micro-lending is,” Brace said. “Or what steps they need to take to secure funding.”

Speakers

• **Rebecca Townsend**, founder of **Mantis Myofascial Massage Therapy**, will share how she made a career change from a decades long career in journalism to start her own business. With guidance from SCORE Indianapolis, she has launched several successful businesses.

• **Jean Lee**, Carmel, a SCORE Indianapolis mentee and founder of **The Academy of Chaos**, will discuss how she turned an educational need for her children into a business.

• **Katina Washington**, executive director of **SHE. Events Indy**, will share tips on finding and applying for grants. She has connected business owners with resources through master-classes, elite events, and strategic networking opportunities.

• **Stacey Walston**, Indianapolis, a community relationship manager for **Bankable**, will discuss micro loans and what lenders seek in applicants. In her role, she connects entrepreneurs to capital to grow their business. She previously served as the financial coach for the Indianapolis Urban League.

• **Janelle Campbell**, Westfield, will discuss traditional bank loans and community bank programs

available for entrepreneurs through **Community First Bank of Indiana**, where she serves as senior vice president, director of consumer banking.

• **Carlonda “Londée” Davis**, **Community First Bank of Indiana** chief administrative officer who also leads the bank's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion team, will discuss traditional bank loans and community bank programs available for business owners.

The event, which is a collaborative effort between SCORE, Ivy Tech, and the U.S. Small Business Administration, focuses on women business owners who are starting out, or who may be seeking to expand their business operations and seek funding.

As part of the partnership with Ivy Tech, students of the Garatoni School of Entrepreneurship and Innovation are invited to attend as well.

If you go

SCORE Indianapolis' Fall Women Entrepreneurs Event will be held from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sept. 7 in rooms 120 and 121 at Ivy Tech Community College Culinary and Conference Center, 2820 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Registration, networking, free professional headshots, and a custom coffee or tea courtesy of **A Cup Above** are available from 9 to 10 a.m. Discussions from women entrepreneurs and funding experts will follow from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A networking lunch provided by **IndyAnna's Catering** will close out the event from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$20. Early bird registration is available for \$15 through Aug. 21. [Click here](#) to learn more or register.

Since 1964, SCORE has helped 11 million entrepreneurs start or grow a business. SCORE's 10,000 volunteers provide free mentoring, workshops, and educational services to more than 1,500 communities nationwide. With more than 70 members throughout the Indianapolis area, SCORE Indianapolis provides nearly 3,000 mentoring services annually to local small business owners through one-on-one counseling and small business workshops.

For more information about starting or operating a small business, or finding a mentor, visit score.org/indianapolis.



Brace



Townsend



Lee



Washington



Walston



Campbell



Davis

Get ready to Strut 2 Save Lives

The REPORTER

A year ago, Danny Ernestes learned his kidney disease was progressing and that dialysis was imminent.

Ernestes, of Fairland, Ind., works as community action coordinator with the International United United Auto Workers. He was placed on the national transplant waiting list when doctors knew only a new kidney could save his life. A donor match was found and Ernestes received his life-saving kidney transplant in March in Indianapolis.

“Receiving my lifesaving gift of a kidney means everything to me and my family,” he said. “I’m a husband, a father of grown children and a grandfather. I now have more time. I have life.”

Ernestes will share his story before hundreds of

dog owners and their four-legged friends set off on a one-mile walk to raise awareness and support for the families of Hoosier organ donors Sunday, Sept. 8 at the eighth annual Strut 2 Save Lives.

The event returns to Noblesville's Dr. James A. Dillon Park, located at 6001 Edenshall Lane, just off 146th Street, about a quarter mile east of Hazel Dell Road in Hamilton County. Check-in begins at 10 a.m. and costs \$30 for adults and \$15 for children ages 2 to 12.

Strut 2 Save Lives will welcome a host of area vendors this year, including Filipow Music, Hot Diggity Dogz, Nothing Bundt Cakes, First Friend K9 Training, Bier Brewery, GRRACE Rescue, Black-jack Animal Rescue, Fall Creek Lavender Farms,

Summer's Concoctions, and Kora's Kitchen. Event sponsors are Nucor Rebar Fabrication, Solvita, and Leo's Pet Care Veterinary Clinic.

Last year, 215 participated in the event, raising more than \$30,000.

All proceeds from the event benefit the Indiana Donor Network Foundation Bryan Clauson Legacy Fund, which supports donor families before, during and after their loved one's donation by providing financial assistance for transportation, accommodations, food, and other necessities throughout the donation process.

Strut 2 Save Lives honors the legacy of former Noblesville resident Bryan Clauson, an IndyCar and USAC driver who died in 2016 from injuries sustained in an on-track accident in

Kansas. A registered organ and tissue donor, Clauson's gifts of life saved five people and helped heal countless others.

Clauson's parents, Diana and Tim Clauson, created Strut 2 Save Lives in 2017 to honor their late son and provide critical financial support for families of Hoosier organ donor heroes. Since the event's inception, nearly \$165,000 has been raised to support financial needs of the families of Indiana organ donors.

Despite age or medical history, anyone can sign up to be a donor at DonateLifeIndiana.org. Learn more about **Indiana Donor Network**.

Indiana Donor Network's mission is to save and enhance the quality of life through organ and tissue donation and transplantation. Its vision is to be a leader in organ and tissue recovery. Founded in 1987, the organization coordinates donation in 85 of the state's 92 counties and serves transplant hospitals throughout the U.S.

About Indiana Donor Network

The decision to become an organ, tissue, and cornea donor is a decision to give the gift of life. Indiana Donor Network serves as the vital link between donors and patients waiting for lifesaving organ transplants, healing tissue, and corneas to restore sight. The organization is a federally designated organ recovery organization and accredited tissue bank serving 85 of Indiana's 92 counties. Its team of nearly 400 dedicated professionals is committed to saving and healing lives through donation and transplantation, championing the cause through education and outreach and supporting donor families in their time of need. For more or to sign up as a donor, visit Indiana Donor Network online.

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State Comptroller Nieshalla fights for “GAAP” accounting principles to be upheld

Submitted by Office of the Indiana Comptroller

Indiana State Comptroller Elise Nieshalla stands by the core of “the big three” Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) of materiality, sincerity, and prudence, and says that incorporating the International Financial Reporting Standards Foundation (IFRSF) and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission’s (SEC) climate-disclosure rules into the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) would be inconsistent with those long-established principles.

Nieshalla joined 25 fellow state financial officers in a [letter to the FASB](#) asking it to reject an effort that would be inconsistent and politicize core accounting standards.

“If the FASB adopts the climate-disclosure rules from the IFRSF or the SEC into its accounting standards, it compromises its credibility as an independent organization that sets

standards solely based on its firm institutional standing on the big three principles in accounting,” Nieshalla said. In addition, the SEC climate-disclosure rules are currently being challenged alleging the rules would cause irreparable harm and exceed the SEC’s authority. On March 15, 2024, the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals granted a temporary stay of the rules.

“This proposal would undermine the standards adhered to in providing solid financial statements,” Nieshalla said. “This is an attempt to circumvent U.S. federal law to mandate environment related policies through financial reporting that is not prudent or appropriate.”

The State Comptroller’s Office has the responsibility and duty to provide accurate and reliable reporting of state funds using generally accepted accounting standards set by accounting boards like FASB.



Nieshalla



Linda Louise Fosnight, 85, Sheridan, passed away peacefully on August 14, 2024. She was born on May 9, 1939, to the late Milton Verne and Evelyn Louise (Bidgood) Kelshaw in Indianapolis.

Linda always loved telling the story of how she met her husband Richard Harold Fosnight. She was outside of her family’s home, and they caught each other’s eyes as he was walking by. It was an instant attraction. They started dating, and on August 4, 1956, the two of them were married. They had spent 52 years at each other’s sides until his passing in November of 2008.

She loved being outdoors, and she was an avid gardener. She took great pride working in her flower gardens, and she loved to show off her gardens.

She also loved to go camping and spent time with her family. She would look forward to sitting around the fire roasting marshmallows and telling stories.

When her children were at school, she could be found watching her soap operas, always catching up on her favorite soap, *The Young and the Restless*. Linda was an avid reader; she enjoyed reading fiction and nonfiction books – it didn’t matter to her, just as long as it struck her interest. She just loved to learn, but every morning she would read the *Ledger* newspaper to catch up on all the news.

Linda is going to be greatly missed by her family. She was a devoted mother to Beverly (Bryan) Jones, Richard (Pamela) Fosnight, Benita (Jeffrey) Johnson, Donna Smith, Freddie (Robin) Fosnight, and Teddie Fosnight. She was a loving grandmother to 32 and a proud great-grandmother to 53. She also leaves behind her siblings, Donald L. Kelshaw, Larry V. (Marsha) Kelshaw, Dennis Kelshaw, and Patricia Little, along with several nieces and nephews. Preceding Linda in death are her daughters, Wanda Kay Edwards and Treena Mae Gordon; her son, Sammie J. Fosnight; and her two brothers, Butch Kelshaw and Glenn Kelshaw.

Linda’s services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, August 19, 2024, at The Bible Church, 1478 State Road 38, Sheridan, where family and friends are invited to gather from 11 a.m. till the time of services. Burial will follow at Eagle Creek Cemetery. Pastor Harrell T. Wilson will be officiating her service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Humane Society for Hamilton County, 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038.

Everyone is invited to sign the online guestbook, leave a condolence or share a memory at [fisherfunerals.com](#).

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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.

TODAY’S BIBLE READING

THE PLAGUE OF HAIL

Those officials of Pharaoh who feared the word of the Lord hurried to bring their slaves and their livestock inside. But those who ignored the word of the Lord left their slaves and livestock in the field.

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand toward the sky so that hail will fall all over Egypt—on people and animals and on everything growing in the fields of Egypt.” When Moses stretched out his staff toward the sky, the Lord sent thunder and hail, and lightning flashed down to the ground. So the Lord rained hail on the land of Egypt; hail fell and lightning flashed back and forth. It was the worst storm in all the land of Egypt since it had become a nation. Throughout Egypt hail struck everything in the fields—both people and animals; it beat down everything growing in the fields and stripped every tree. The only place it did not hail was the land of Goshen, where the Israelites were.

Then Pharaoh summoned Moses and Aaron. “This time I have sinned,” he said to them. “The Lord is in the right, and I and my people are in the wrong. Pray to the Lord, for we have had enough thunder and hail. I will let you go; you don’t have to stay any longer.”

Moses replied, “When I have gone out of the city, I will spread out my hands in prayer to the Lord. The thunder will stop and there will be no more hail, so you may know that the earth is the Lord’s. But I know that you and your officials still do not fear the Lord God.”

Exodus 9:20-30 (NIV)

Meeting Notices

The Carmel Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a Hearing Officer meeting at 5:15 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 26, 2024, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall, 1 Civic Square. The regular meeting has been canceled.

The Hamilton Heights School Corporation Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2024, in the Board Room at the Hamilton Heights Student Activity Center, 420 W. North St., Arcadia.

The Noblesville Police Merit Commission will meet in executive session at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2024, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5) To receive information about prospective employees.

The regular public meeting will follow at 5 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.

Send Meeting Notices to:

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The Carmel Redevelopment Commission will meet in an executive session at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 21, 2024. The purpose of the executive session is to discuss pending litigation in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B); and/or to discuss the purchase or lease of real property in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D); and/or to receive information about and interview prospective employees in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5). A regular meeting will follow at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall, 1 Civic Square.



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Football



Noblesville senior Max Miller is moving from tight end to quarterback this year for the Millers team.

Millers reload offense, bring back experience on defense

By CRAIG ADKINS
For The Reporter

Head coach Dave Sharpe returns for his fifth season with the Noblesville football team and looks to improve on the Millers’ last two seasons, which each finished 4-7. In 10 years, Sharpe is 51-56 with previous stints at John Glenn and La Porte.

The Millers got off to a 3-2 start in their first five games of 2023, but a four-game losing streak to end the regular season put them at 3-6. They won a playoff game against Zionsville for the second straight season, but also lost for the second consecutive postseason to Westfield in the sectional championship to finish 4-7.

Noblesville scrimmaged against North Central Friday at Beaver Stadium, and Sharpe was pleased with what he saw out of the Millers.

“It was a great scrimmage, because pretty much everybody got to play and nobody got hurt,” said Sharpe. “And that’s all you’re looking for. You just want to get some of your guys that are two- and three-year starters, just got them a little taste and got them out right away. And then I can’t wait to get in and watch the film. We’ve got some guys battling for those starting spots, or rotating in, or legitimate backups. Tonight will help really paint the picture of our depth chart.”

Starters are never easy to replace or fill the void, but the Millers are having to do that after graduating 2,660 yards and 27 rushing touchdowns.

All-time leading rusher Logan Shoffner gained 4,168 yards (7.7 per carry) and scored 27 rushing touchdowns and Gage Guley was a steady complement for a one-two punch, graduating with 1,373 yards (4.5 average) and 25 TDs in 32 games during their three-year varsity careers.



The Millers have several solid returning players along with a talented sophomore class. Pictured are sophomore Caden Lydle (95), junior Nate Jones (16), senior Israel Oladipupo (0) and senior Michael Bennett (56).

The rushing load looks to be put on seniors Brody Gump, Israel Oladipupo and Bryce Englert, junior Luke Hile, along with sophomores Nicky Morris and Noah Shinkle.

“I think we handed the ball off to maybe 10 or 11 guys tonight, and we’re figuring that out,” said Sharpe.

Senior Max Miller sits atop the quarterback depth chart heading into fall camp. After playing a vital tight end role in 2023 and catching seven passes for 130 yards as well as blocking for graduated quarterback Jacob Baker, Miller is looking to use his height as an impact under center. Sophomores Aidan Braun and Windsor Hutchins are listed as Nos. 2 and 3 behind him as backups.

“What a great story to be that versatile within our program,” Sharpe said of Miller.

Senior Aiden Brewer, who recently committed to play in the Mid-American Conference at Bowling Green, is the leading returning receiver with 22 catches, 399 yards and two TDs. Fellow senior Indy Wilhelm will anchor at tight end opposite Brewer.

Toby Barnes (center), Merek Helvey (moving

from center to guard), Bennett and Wilhelm (tackle to tight end) all return on the offensive line.

Oladipupo, a Boston College commit, will also lead the Miller defense, coming back from a junior season of 75 tackles (6.5 for a loss), two sacks, two caused fumbles and a pass deflection. Classmates Corbin Hornickel had 68 stops (six for a loss, two sacks) and Jrue Kanté made 41 tackles and 1.5 sacks. Seniors Michael Bennett, Wilhelm and Adam Mhedbhi will also be a presence on the D-line. Brewer will also start at a linebacker spot.

Sharpe also believes his sophomore class will be strong, calling them “awesome” after the scrimmage. The coach said that “we got a ton of offensive line ex-

perience in the game today from Mason McDermott, Cale Metzler, Caleb Johnson, all three sophomores. Big Jackson Apple really led our JV team last year. Now he’s definitely in the mix to be one of our big offensive linemen as well.”

Noblesville will host Mount Vernon in its season opener on Aug. 30. They’ll then hit the road at Homestead on August 30 and open HCC action on Sept. 6. The Millers will host Westfield on Sept. 13 and visit Zionsville on Sept. 20 at the midway point of the season.

The Millers get a visit from Franklin Central on Sept. 27, followed by Hamilton Southeastern at home on Oct. 4. The regular season finishes up at Brownsburg on Oct. 11 and at home versus Avon on Oct. 18.



Fischers’ JonAnthony Hall was the top receiver in Hamilton County last year with 69 catches for 1,055 yards and six touchdowns. Hall, a Stanford commit, returns to the Tigers football team this season for his senior year.

Tigers turning a corner in 2024

By CRAIG ADKINS
For The Reporter

The Fishers football team is somewhat flying under the radar in the first four years of the Curt Funk era.

After two consecutive 7-4 seasons and 6-4 in 2021, the Tigers are trying to get over the hump to get back to their winning ways. Funk is 23-20 in his first four years and is more than ready to improve. Before Fishers, Funk was 77-36 in 10 years at Mississinewa, giving him a 100-56 mark in 15 seasons.

Last fall, Fishers went 4-2 over its final six games, but fell in the sectional championship at Hamilton Southeastern, 38-21. The Tigers are looking to win a sectional, which hasn’t happened since 2017.

Fishers looks to bounce back with numerous players coming back and up in the system, but the Tigers also lost many key players. “We lost a lot of really good players from last year and guys will need to step up this season,” said Funk.

Funk and his staff will have to replace the services of running back Khobie Martin (1,379 yards and 19 TDs) and quarterback Bennett Gorak’s 1,785 yards and 15 touchdowns through the air.

Junior quarterback Gage Sturgill returns with experience under his belt in a few games Gorak missed due to injury. Sturgill was a consistent 27-for-49 for 344 yards with three TDs and two interceptions. Senior Ryan Themblemubu showed spark in eight games with 50 carries and 283 yards and a score last season. Senior Brady Grifitts will also see some time in the backfield.

Senior and recent Stanford commit JonAn-

thony Hall returns as the top receiver in the county with 69 catches for 1,055 yards and six touchdowns. Fellow two-sport senior Millen McCartney helps provide depth at wide receiver with 220 yards on 13 catches and a pair of TDs last season. Themblemubu will also see some time at receiver, along with another senior Denkota Fletcher.


The Tigers return just one on the offensive line. Senior left tackle Chuck Slain is back to protect Sturgill’s blindside.

“We will need to continue to develop that group,” said Funk.

Senior outside linebacker Jev Hutton is tops on defense with 51 stops (31 solo, seven for a loss), along with two sacks and three caused fumbles. Senior three-year starting safety Owen Folta is right behind with 45 tackles (36 solo and two for a loss) and seven pass deflections. Seniors Tristan Johnson and Carsen Eloms look to be on lockdown at the corners. Junior Tyler Maynard also brings back 33 tackles (22 solo, five for a loss) at defensive end.

Starting on the road on Aug. 23 at North Central, the Tigers have two home games in a row on August 30 against Pike and opening Hoosier Crossroads Conference play with Noblesville on Sept. 6. The annual Mudsock game puts Fishers back on the road with the shortest road trip in the state at Hamilton Southeastern on Sept. 13.

A similar rotation for the remainder of their slate has them at Brownsburg on Sept. 20, then hitting the road again at Avon on Sept. 27 and Franklin Central on Oct. 4. The home finale will be against Westfield on Oct. 11, followed by a visit to Zionsville on Oct. 18.




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The Olympic break is over ... racing is back

If the fireworks at the Closing Ceremony of the Paris Olympics were not enough entertainment for you, the NASCAR Cup Series race at Richmond on Sunday night surely satisfied your appetite for drama.

Austin Dillion's last-lap whack-a-mole victory over Joey Logano and Denny Hamlin solidified himself a playoff spot – for all of three days – before NASCAR, in an unprecedented move, determined that Dillion's win would not count toward playoff eligibility. Dillion's antics on the last lap overshadowed a brilliant decision by NASCAR and the best Richmond race in years.

Coming into Richmond, the story was the short track package for the Cup Series. Except for the spring race at Bristol, the Gen 7 car

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has been abysmal on short tracks. Be it the lack of horsepower, the gear ratio and gearbox, the size of the tires, or a combination of each, short track racing sucked. NASCAR tried multiple aerodynamic packages to decrease downforce and make the cars more difficult to drive but nothing worked.

The spring race at Bristol may have been NASCAR's saving grace. A fluke with the weather and track conditions caused the tires to wear much faster than expected. The result: great short track racing.

Finally, a solution appeared to be at hand.

Though the spring races at Richmond and Martinsville had the same Gen 7 short track problems, NASCAR was working on a solution. Its solution was

revealed in the All-Star race at North Wilkesboro. There, NASCAR introduced an "option tire." The option tire was much softer and therefore faster than the regular "primary tire." However, because it was softer, the option tire would wear faster and quickly lose its competitive advantage. The All-Star test proved promising, and NASCAR decided to bring the option tire to Richmond.

Prior to the overtime escapades, the Richmond race can be summed up in one word: excellent. With only two sets of option tires available to the teams, strategy dominated the race. Although most teams opted for similar tire strategies, some made bold moves with the option tire. Daniel Suarez rocketed from the low teens to first place on only a handful of laps. His off-sequence tire strategy led to a Stage 2 win, an ever-important playoff point, and a top 10 finish.

As Suarez demonstrated, the difference between the primary and option tire was drastic and created great racing.

NASCAR should be applauded for its decision to implement tire options into a points race. While it is not necessary for every track, the tire option could fix many of the problems associated with short tracks and road courses. NASCAR has listened to its fans and drivers and brought a reasonable solution to the race. I believe that these changes need to continue moving forward. Bristol, Martinsville, and Phoenix are playoff tracks. If Richmond was any indication, the two-tire option can promote the racing that we have been missing for the last few years.

My advice to NASCAR: don't let off the gas now.

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Marvin Harrison Jr. returns to Indianapolis

By **JOSH BODE**

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WESTFIELD – The final two days of Colts training camp brought Hall of Famers Edgerrin James and Marvin Harrison back to the Indianapolis area. For Harrison he was able to see his son, Marvin Harrison Jr., play.

Harrison Jr. was the **fourth overall** pick in the 2024 NFL Draft by the Arizona Cardinals, who were at Grand Park for two joint practices with the Colts.

For Harrison Jr., it was crazy for him to have his first joint practice against his father's old team.

"First joint practice against the Colts, like who would have thought that," Harrison Jr. said. "It was definitely really special and I'm just super glad to be here and get to work."

He acquired a lot of Colts gear throughout the years, but he said, laughing, he's obviously grown out of all of it.

The Irsay family has been supportive of Harrison Jr. throughout his whole career to this point as well.

"They've been, obviously, extremely proud of me just throughout my whole journey," Harrison

Jr. said. "They've seen me since I was little, really since I grew up. So, my dad still talks to them and they always say how proud of me they are and they're always watching me and watched me throughout my college career. So, I've always had the support and

I'm extremely grateful for that."

Harrison Jr. said it will be special to be at Lucas Oil Stadium, where he was on the sidelines as a kid with his dad.

The Colts and Cardinals kick off in their second preseason game at 7 p.m.

on Saturday.

The **Colts starters**, as well as Joe Flacco, will not be playing in the game.

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SPORTS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Aug. 17

BOYS SOCCER

Hamilton Southeastern at Mount Vernon, 10:30 a.m.
Franklin Central at Fishers, 11:30 a.m.
Zionsville at Carmel, 11:30 a.m.
Noblesville at Columbus North, 12:30 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

Carmel girls, Westfield girls at Valley Cross Kickoff, 9 a.m. at LaVern Gibson Course
University at Hamilton Southeastern Hokum Karem, 9 a.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

Guerin Catholic at Westfield, 10 a.m.
Carmel at Hamilton Southeastern, 10:45 a.m.
Cathedral at Noblesville, 11:30 a.m.
Fishers at McCutcheon, 11:30 a.m.

GOLF

Fishers, Westfield at Western Invitational, 8 a.m. at Chippendale Golf Club
Hamilton Heights, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville, Westfield JV at Lapel Invitational, 9 a.m. at Edgewood
Guerin Catholic at Ben Davis Invitational, noon
Carmel at Zionsville Invitational, 1:30 p.m.
University at Shenandoah Invitational, 2 p.m.

TENNIS

Hamilton Heights Husky Invitational, 9 a.m.
Guerin Catholic at Fishers, 10 a.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Hamilton Heights at Peru Invitational, 9 a.m.
Hamilton Southeastern Round Robin, 10 a.m.
Westfield at Lawrence North, 10 a.m.
Fishers at Lebanon, 11:30 a.m.

Monday, Aug. 19

BOYS SOCCER

Carmel at Pike, 7 p.m.
Sheridan at Southmont, 7:15 p.m.
University at Heritage Christian, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

Sheridan at Lebanon, 6:30 p.m.
Park Tudor at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.

GOLF

Fishers vs. Hamilton Southeastern, 4 p.m. at Purgatory Golf Club
Hamilton Heights at Western, 4:30 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Yorktown, 4:45 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Hamilton Southeastern at Carmel, 6:30 p.m.
Noblesville at North Central, 7 p.m.
Sheridan at Crawfordsville, 7 p.m.
Westfield at Yorktown, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 20

BOYS SOCCER

Sheridan at Irvington Prep Academy, 5:30 p.m.
Cathedral at Hamilton Southeastern, 7 p.m.
Fishers at Westfield, 7 p.m.
Guerin Catholic at Park Tudor, 7 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at Yorktown, 7 p.m.
Perry Meridian at Noblesville, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

Covenant Christian at University, 5 p.m.
South Bend St. Joseph at Carmel, 7 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at Heritage Christian, 7:30 p.m.

GOLF

Fishers vs. Noblesville and Zionsville, 4 p.m. at Harbour Trees

TENNIS

Elwood at Hamilton Heights, 5 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Carmel, 5 p.m.
Park Tudor at Guerin Catholic, 5 p.m.
North Central at Westfield, 5:30 p.m.
Pendleton Heights at North Central, 5:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Clinton Central at Sheridan, 7 p.m.
Fishers at Lawrence Central, 7 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at Guerin Catholic, 7 p.m.
University vs. Indy Metro Mustangs, 7:30 p.m. at Castleview Church

Wednesday, Aug. 21

BOYS SOCCER

Lebanon at University, 5 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

Lawrence Central at University, 6:30 p.m.
Noblesville at Pendleton Heights, 7 p.m.
Westfield at Fishers, 7 p.m.
Zionsville at Guerin Catholic, 7 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Franklin Central, 7:30 p.m.

GOLF

Westfield vs. Zionsville, 4 p.m. at Holiday Farms Golf Club
Hamilton Southeastern vs. Pendleton Heights, 4:30 p.m. at Stony Creek
Sheridan at Rossview (with Clinton Prairie), 4:30 p.m.

TENNIS

Guerin Catholic at Westfield, 5 p.m.
North Central at Fishers, 5 p.m.
Lawrence Central at University, 5:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Carmel at Roncalli, 7 p.m.
Hamilton Heights at Lebanon, 7 p.m.
Mount Vernon at Noblesville, 7 p.m.
Fishers at McCutcheon, 7:30 p.m.

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