

Not my first rodeo, buckaroo

Duke's daring local linemen hope to head to international rodeo this fall

By **STU CLAMPITT**
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Apprentice and journeyman line workers from Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky will compete to earn the right to advance to the International Lineman's Rodeo in Kansas this fall, and it all comes down to Saturday morning's competition in Plainfield, Ind.

Line workers are often the face of any electric company, and Duke Energy's linemen are no different. These are the people you see out in the community building, repairing and upgrading the electrical infrastructure to keep your lights on, your electronics running, your refrigerated food cool, and all the other things we could not accomplish without reliable electricity.

At Duke, these skills are taught through years of apprenticeship, leading to journeyman certifications with more responsibilities.

Linemen work in extreme heat and cold, in wind and rain, night and day to ensure, among



Photo provided
The Reporter spoke with Duke Energy linemen Ethan McCammon, Tyler Adrian, Collin Boschert, Jason Washburn, Andrew Hall.

countless other things, that this newspaper can be produced and thus you can read it.

The lineman rodeo is a chance to not only test the skills needed in their jobs, but also to share knowledge and techniques

with others in their field.

The Reporter spoke with five local linemen who will show their stuff this weekend to find out who is good enough to make the cut.

Saturday's lineman rodeo

will involve four tests of skill: the hurt man rescue, the speed climb, and two mystery events that are not announced until the day of the rodeo.

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Feats of strength in my Grandpa Baltzell's barn

Great Grandpa Baltzell, my father's maternal grandfather, was a family icon. He was born on December 20, 1856, and died on February 13, 1956. He was President of the Indiana Sheep Association and, at one time, took approximately 300 sheep to Belgium and England for sale. He later served a term as County Auditor.

The family's lore indicates that he was on his own at age 10, probably because his father was in the Civil War. His mother was Rebecca Jane Ruby and his father was John Baltzell. He married Emma Jane Andrews.

He built a large barn that carried his name, Thomas A. Baltzell, and the words Shropshire Sheep and Berkshire Hogs. As a young child I asked what the "H" in the name on the barn stood for and nobody seemed to know. It was either Huffman or Hoffman but that nobody knew for sure. The local newspaper had it as Huffman but Ancestry.com has it as Hoffman.

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RAY ADLER
Ask Adler

Heights' Mary Ann Haymaker updates Cicero Kiwanis on HHYAP

The REPORTER

Mary Ann Haymaker, Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance Program (HHYAP) Early Intervention Advocate, was the featured speaker at the Cicero Kiwanis Club last Saturday. She shared with the group an overview of the program and its impact at Heights.

HHYAP, now in its ninth year at Heights, is a tremendous lifeline to services for district families in need. As an Early Intervention Advocate, Haymaker coordinates services for the youth and families at Heights. She is the "go-to" individual for connecting families to resources for food, clothing, financial assistance, mental health counseling, medication management, parenting support, and a little bit of everything in between.

The program is supported by a vast network of compassionate partners, and often work in tandem with other in-school advocates serving schools in Hamilton County. HHYAP serves children ages 3 to 17 ½.

The program operates in all six public schools in Hamilton County and takes a holistic approach to coordinate the community's vast array of talents, services, and resources to help youth and empower parents and caregivers. The Early Intervention Advocates in each commu-

nity work under the appointment of Judge Paul Felix, and Hamilton County Circuit Court Judge Michael Casati, Hamilton County Superior Court 1.

Hamilton County Youth Assistance is a private/public partnership involving its Board Members, Hamilton County in Westfield, Noblesville, Fishers, Carmel, Hamilton Heights, and Sheridan communities. For more information about Youth Assistance Programs in Hamilton County, go to youthassistance.org.

About Cicero Kiwanis

The Cicero Chapter of the Kiwanis International as a part of a non-profit global organization with members who are dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time. In the greater Cicero-area community, the Cicero Kiwanis provide scholarships to local high school students, support local schools through donations to various programs and manpower, provide food and assistance to local food pantries, support families and individuals in need or in crisis and help the community-at-large through donations to Riley's Children's Hospital. Weekly meetings begin at 7:30 a.m. on Saturdays at the Red Bridge Community Park Building in Cicero.



Photo provided
Mary Ann Haymaker (left), Early Intervention Advocate for Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance Program, is pictured with Emily Pearson, President of Cicero Kiwanis. Members of the Cicero Kiwanis presented Haymaker with a check for \$300 to support the youth assistance program at Hamilton Heights.



Photo provided by Westfield Lions Club
Westfield Lion Ted Engelbrecht (left) presents the Club's award to First Vice President Bill Nesbitt.

Westfield Lions Club awarded for top growth

Club added eight new members, most in District

The REPORTER

The Westfield Lions Club's recruiting efforts resulted in the Club adding eight new Lions during the 2022-2023 Lions year. That was the most new members added by any of the 34 clubs in District 25D.

Lions Ted Engelbrecht, Tammy Wilcox, and Dan Wilcox attended the District's cabinet meeting on July 22 and accepted the award from District Governor Julia Kozicki of the Noblesville Lions Club. The Westfield Lions Club now stands at 63 members.

Once the Westfield Lions were able to move into their new clubhouse on 169th Street, they began working on strategies to grow the Club and improve their ability to serve the citizens of Westfield, Hamilton County, and around the state. Along with their plans to continue to grow the Club, the Westfield Lions are close to beginning the renovation work on their clubhouse so that the community will have another option for a gathering place. As they did with their previous clubhouse on Jersey Street, the Lions will rent the clubhouse out for various events and meetings – at a rental rate that more people can afford.

The Westfield Lions Club is looking for men and women who want to make a difference in Westfield. If you are interested in finding out more about the Club and how you can serve your community, go to WestfieldLions.org, or attend one of their meetings. The Club meets on the first and third Thursdays at 7 p.m. at the clubhouse located at 1031 E. 169th Street.

Robin Hood & MSP are giving back
Turn to Page 4 to read about The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood, the upcoming play by Main Street Productions at Basile Westfield Playhouse.

HEPL's first Human Library proves popular

By **AMY ADAMS**
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On Saturday, July 15, readers in Hamilton County had the opportunity to read a completely different kind of book as Hamilton East Public Library (HEPL) in Fishers hosted the first Human Library in the area.

"It's just so unusual to be able to hear someone's story in an intimate setting," said attendee Jen Searcy. "I could do this all day."

Essentially a library of people and their stories, the Human Library Organization has been hosting personal encounters since its original event that took place in Copenhagen, Denmark, and lasted for four straight eight-hour days in the spring



Reporter photo by Amy Adams
At each table, different "books" open up to "readers" at the Human Library event.

of 2000. As an international nonprofit learning platform, the Human Library creates a safe framework for open conversations aimed at globally chal-

lenging prejudice and instilling empathy.

The Human Library allows "readers" to "borrow" a "human book" for 20 to 30 minutes

in order to learn more about those who face stereotyping and discrimination. That means

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Celebrate our county's history by joining Hamilton County Parks and Recreation for a unique visual evening experience at Potter's Bridge Park. Lighted canoes provided by White River Canoe Company will be visible as you stroll along the iconic covered bridge arrayed with luminaries. Music and roving lighted entertainment will help make this an event to remember. Food trucks and a beer vendor will offer their menu items for purchase.

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A complete list of bicentennial events can be found at HamCoTurns200.com.

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Scott Willis appoints Danielle Carey Tolan to lead his mayoral transition team

Submitted by Willis for Westfield Mayor

Scott Willis has appointed Danielle Carey Tolan to lead his transition team. She will lead the transition as Willis prepares to become mayor on Jan. 1, 2024.

Tolan, a lifelong Westfield resident, is currently serving her third term as the Westfield Washington Township Trustee.

“Danielle has proven her stewardship of not just our township but various community and state initiatives,” Willis said. “She is an agent of change with outstanding organizational skills.”

Tolan has more than 20 years of experience working in the government and non-profit sector. She has served on numerous boards and committees in Westfield, Hamilton County, and the state.

“Danielle brings a wealth of institutional knowledge of Westfield,” Willis said.

“Her relationships in our city span five generations, and she is a well-respected member of our community. It was important to me that my go-to person be someone who will first and foremost always have Westfield’s best interests in mind.”



Willis



Carey Tolan

Tolan said she is ready to get to work for Westfield.

“I see this role as both a privilege and a profound responsibility to serve the citizens of the City of Westfield in a transparent and meaningful way, and I am looking forward to starting our work as soon as possible,”

Tolan said. “I’m excited to work with Mayor-Elect Willis and the transition team on the path forward.”

Willis said the forthcoming transition team will look at key issues facing Westfield, including economic development, public safety, infrastructure, environment, and community engagement.

Robin Hood asks you to give to those in need

Basile Westfield Playhouse partners with Open Doors for this youth production

By STU CLAMPITT
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Main Street Productions (MSP) and Basile Westfield Playhouse, 220 N. Union St., Westfield, are not only staging a youth production of *The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood*, but they are also following Robin’s lead and asking those who have more than enough to give to those who do not.

The Reporter spoke to co-director Becca Bartley about the play itself and about MSP’s partnership with Open Doors of Westfield during the run of this show.

“It is very much a Monty Python-esque version of Robin Hood where you’ve got basically the Prince John as your evil villain, along with the sheriff, and they’re trying to find a way to make the prince become the king,” Bartley told The Reporter. “In the midst of this Robin Hood is finding a way to save the people and save Maiden Marion from being a pawn for the Prince to gain the throne.”

Bartley said she got involved in this show because of her long friendship with her co-director, Nikki Lynch.

“She had previously read the show and fell in love with it,” Bartley said. “She reached out because she knew she needed somebody else to come alongside and co-direct and we’ve actually worked on productions and



Photo provided

These actors are ready to tell you the story of Robin Hood – for the most part.

directing capacities together before, so this is a chance for us to do that again.”

Robin Hood has a cast of 20 with ages ranging from 12 to 19, mostly from Hamilton County. Bartley said the level of experience ranges from first timers, through hobby actors, all the way to young people who look for every opportunity to be in theater.

“Nikki’s done a wonderful job of sitting down and getting things moving,” Bartley said. “We’ve got a great crew, the designers, everybody, they’re very experienced and reliable. So it’s been very helpful to have people that you can depend on to say okay, this is the vision, this is what we need from you. And then the next time we come back, it’s done. That makes it really easy. But generally speaking, community theater is

Get Your Tickets

When: July 27 to Aug. 6. Thursday, Friday and Saturday shows at 7:30 p.m. Sunday shows at 2:30 p.m.

Where: Basile Westfield Playhouse, 220 N. Union St., Westfield

Cost: \$17 for adults 18 and older, \$15 for seniors 62 and older and for students with ID, free for active military or veterans with ID

Where to buy: Go to [WestfieldPlayhouse.org](https://www.westfieldplayhouse.org) or call (317) 402-3341 for tickets.

a place where most people who get involved are very committed individuals. So you’re willing to make it work for the greater good. There’s nothing like putting time and effort into something and having a final project.”

In this case, that final project is not only the play itself, but the partnership with local food pantry Open Doors of Westfield.

“Going along with the theme of Robin Hood, always trying to help the poor, we also want to help those in our community who do not

have enough,” Bartley said. “So we have a food drive happening during the performance and bring in food items. And there’s a specific list on the website.”

After the show, there will be a photo booth in the lobby available for kids who want to have their picture taken with Robin Hood.

The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood stages from July 27 to Aug. 6 at Basile Westfield Playhouse, 220 N. Union St., Westfield. Go to [WestfieldPlayhouse.org](https://www.westfieldplayhouse.org) or call (317) 402-3341 for tickets.

Give back like Robin Hood would


In the spirit of Robin Hood, food will be collected for Open Doors of Westfield to assist others in need in the community. There is no obligation to donate but patrons are encouraged to bring items for Robin to give to Open Doors and those in need.

Here are the list of items needed:

- Soups: chicken noodle, beef, vegetable
- Canned veggies: mixed vegetables, spinach
- Canned tomato: diced and sauce
- Fruits: mandarin oranges and applesauce
- Canned pasta
- Canned tuna and chicken
- Boxed mac and


- cheese, pasta
 - Breakfast: protein bars, cereal bowls
 - Peanut butter and jelly
- There will be a donation box in the lobby when you arrive. Thank you for your thoughtful generosity. For more information about Open Doors of Westfield go to [OpenDoorsWestfield.org](https://www.opendoorswestfield.org).


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Unnoticed & invisible neighbors

Visiting the Hamilton County 4-H Fair, I couldn't escape the fantastic aroma of Hoosier fair food. The smell of the burgers, pork chops, corn on the cob, the countless sweet treats like elephant ears, ice cream, and snow cones all made for a tough caloric experience.

Thousands of us enjoyed meals prepared and served by charities, food trucks and civic organizations. The pageantry, presentations, exhibitions, animals, activities, and competitions all served to enhance the unique, high-energy nature of this year's fair.

Yet, in the midst of all this bustle, just a few steps north of the Dunk-A-Deputy booth, there sits a lone yellow pantry. Hundreds walk by it every day as we experience the fun of the fair. And yet, concurrently, almost as if they were invisible, neighbors escape from the shadows, hide in plain sight and secure needed meals from that very pantry as it rests amid the excitement of the fair a mere few feet away.

I can't prove it, being neither a physicist nor a magician, but I swear pantry shoppers must be invisible. How else can we explain the hundreds of items, unnoticed, being reduced to a few dozen in a matter of days? Unseen neighbors swiftly stop by, some donating, most taking a few necessary meals to get by. Hunger in central Indiana rarely manifests itself in emaciated bodies or visible signs of malnutrition. Hunger here in our neck of the woods is a silent invisible struggle that often goes unnoticed, causing those suffering to remain invisible to a majority of the population.

Realizing (seeing) the issue of hunger is a great first step to addressing it. The hungry in central Indiana are not invisible. They are our co-workers, coaches, peers, bosses, cousins, grandparents, delivery drivers, plumbers, programmers, and architects. Hunger knows no socioeconomic boundaries and it's only invisible to those among us who are unwilling to see it. Information and communication begin to solve the challenge. In 20 years of food charity work I've often heard, "we don't have a food resource problem; we have a communication and

COLUMNIST



MARK HALL
The Feeding Team Feature

**FeedingTeam.org
Facts**
54 pantries
10,000 meals in June 2023
Over 30 volunteer families

food distribution problem." Be encouraged, help a neighbor, and together we can be part of the solution.

Greenie, last month's guest columnist, made his way to a dinner table a mere three days after his article was published. As he left, he asked me to remind those that

read this column to know that his sacrifice was not in vain, his cause was noble and that he hopes to be remembered not merely as a can of Green Beans from Canada, but as an example for all of us that together we are making differences in the lives of many of our neighbors.

With over 44,000 food-challenged neighbors in Hamilton County, FeedingTeam.org is a registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that provides outdoor 24/7/365 no-questions-asked free food pantries throughout the county.

The pantries exist to meet the food insecurity needs of gap families, neighbors who may not qualify for public assistance and could use a few meals before payday. The pantries serve as many food-challenged neighbors as possible, and our hearts are with those who, like my family, could not always make ends meet.

Thank you for supporting the pantries. We love serving with so many neighbors across Hamilton County. In future columns, we will share more stories about how your generosity served neighbors in times of need. The face of hunger in Hamilton County is not what you may think.

In practical terms, this straightforward way to help neighbors is having real impact on lives, families, and our communities. Thank you. A few meals can change the course of a person's life. A can of green beans means so much more when you have nothing to feed your kids.

Would you like to get involved? Volunteer opportunities are available. We are evaluating new pantry locations. If you think you have a potential location, please contact us.

Mark and Lisa Hall are the Founders of Feeding Team. They may be reached at lisa@feedingteam.org and mark@feedingteam.org or by calling (317) 832-1123.

Volunteers remove 20 loads of material from Morse Reservoir

Submitted by MWA

The Morse Waterways Association's (MWA) 2023 Lake Cleanup got an early start this year, thanks to the time and energy of volunteers from Duke Energy.

On Friday, July 14, the Duke Energy crew worked to remove all the debris around the town docks. This was a major task since the area had collected a very large number of logs, sticks, trash, floats, etc. It took several hours but the result was extraordinary. The group was even able to provide a boat to tow the large logs to Red Bridge to be removed and cut, thanks to the support from the town of Cicero.

Lake Cleanup on Saturday, July 15 turned out to be a the most challenging day in the history of Lake Cleanup! When we first arrived at Red Bridge Park it began to drizzle but not enough to avoid removing the logs that had been left from the prior day. Then the rain increased and, after an hour and a half and a forecast of rain for the remainder of the morning, we decided to end the project for the day.

Unfortunately, the forecast was not correct and, later in the morning, the rain stopped and volunteers began bringing logs to Red Bridge Park, only to find that no one was available to remove them. So, an emergency call was made to the MWA members, and, with the help of some volunteers, we were able to pull the logs onto the shore (using manpower and truck) since the tractor provided by the town was no longer available.

Finally, on Monday, the



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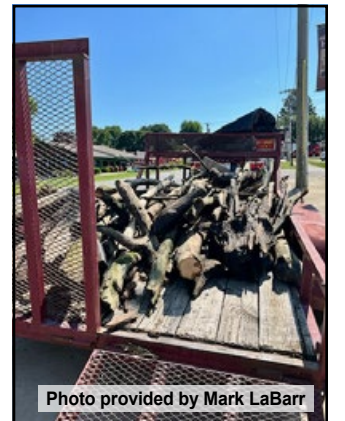


Photo provided by Mark LaBarr

MWA members and some more volunteers worked with the town crew to remove the logs as well as unload the barge that was delivered by Thomas Docks. The logs were loaded into the dump trucks and taken to Green Cycle for processing. The result of the efforts on Friday, Saturday, and Monday was 10 loads for Green Cycle and a dumpster of 10 dock floats of trash.

For future Lake Cleanup Days, taking a lesson from this year, we will be available at Red Bridge until noon, regardless of the

weather conditions. Thank you to everyone who supported the event this year and thank you for your patience and cooperation considering the conditions.

A special note of appreciation is extended to the volunteers from Duke Energy for their work on Friday, to Terry Cooper and Shannon Fiddler from Cicero Utilities for helping on multiple days, to Michael Berry for taking photographs, and to all who volunteered. Thanks to Dave Vanette and Art Hall for making it all happen.

Another note of recogni-

tion goes to Jimmie Hunter from the Cicero Parks Department for his cooperation and understanding in dealing with the special conditions, the multiple days, and the damage that was done to the park property.

About MWA

The Morse Waterways Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization supported by donations from those who use the reservoir. Donations can be made to Morse Waterways Assoc., P.O. Box 422, Cicero, IN 46034; or by using PayPal as found at morseh2o.org.

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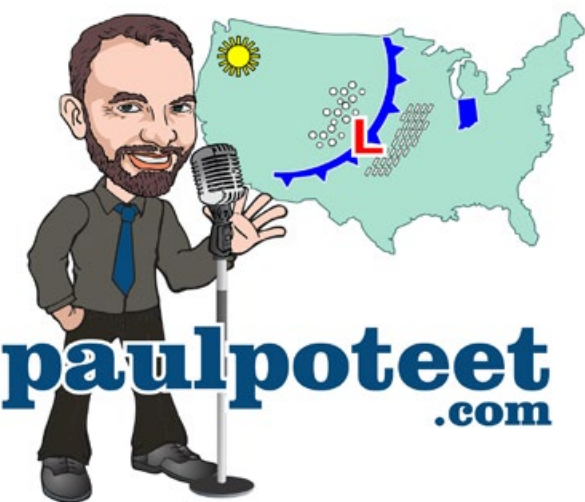
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Crowds flock to see 4-H exhibits

This week, The Reporter will continue to publish photos from this year's 4-H Fair. We could fill pages and pages with all the great photos . . . and that's exactly what we intend to do! You may remember when we brought back printed 4-H results and full-color photos following the 2022 fair. That special publication was a great success thanks to dozens of local businesses and supporters, so we're doing it again this year. If you're not currently subscribed to the print edition of The Reporter, read the information at the bottom of this page and be sure to subscribe by Friday, Aug. 4 to get your copy. Let's show these 4-H kids we care, Hamilton County! (Photos provided by Mark Jones)



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2023 Hamilton County 4-H Results

Westfield Chamber invites you to Colts Training Camp

Submitted by Westfield Chamber of Commerce

Get ready for the ultimate experience at Colts Training Camp with [exclusive tickets](#) for an unforgettable morning of football excitement and networking at the Indiana Chamber Day at Colts Training Camp from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 1.

Event hosts

The event is hosted by the Indianapolis Colts and the Westfield Chamber of Commerce at Grand Park Sports Campus. Each ticket grants access to the Colts VIP tent on the south practice field at the coveted south end zone. Enjoy the action from the front row with a shaded seat, ensuring your comfort throughout the training camp session.

About the event

Rise and shine to a delectable breakfast buffet, perfectly complemented with a steaming cup of coffee for each guest. Savor the delicious flavors while you mingle with fellow business professionals, industry leaders, and football enthusiasts from across the region and Indiana.

Step into the world of football fever as the event unfolds in a Colts-branded tent strategically located

next to the football field. Witness the players' impressive training maneuvers, hear the roaring cheers, and feel the adrenaline rush as you get closer to the gridiron action like never before.

Included with your Chamber Day ticket, you'll have the unique opportunity to explore Colts City, immersing yourself in the thrilling atmosphere of everything Colts-related. Whether meeting fellow fans or engaging in exciting activities, Colts City is the place to be.

Reserve your spot now and bring the whole office. [Click here](#) to secure an exclusive pass to the Indiana Chamber Day at Colts Training Camp. Take advantage of this golden opportunity to connect, learn, and experience the thrill of professional football.

Reserve today

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, Aug. 1. This is your chance to combine business networking with football fandom in one extraordinary event.

[Grab your tickets](#) today and be part of the excitement. Space is limited, so act fast, and we'll see you there for an epic morning of football fun at Colts Training Camp.



WESTFIELD — FARMERS MARKET

Westfield Farmers Market is back, baby!

Submitted

The Westfield Farmers Market continues from 5 to 8 p.m. today and every Thursday at Grand Junction Plaza, 225 S. Union St.

July 27

Market vendors

The following is a list of vendors that have confirmed their participation for today's Market. The list is subject to change without notice.

- Artisan Luuma
- Babydoll Boutique
- Baked, A Cookie Company, LLC
- Becky the Bakerster
- Boozee Bundts
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- Cr8 By Jennifer
- Creations by Candy Ganzel Photography
- Creolicious Bakery
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- Eagle Creek Apiary
- Etta's Gooley Goodies
- Fox Holler Woodworks
- GlauX Co.
- Good Chew Company
- Grace over Grace Boutique
- Groomsville Popcorn
- Happy Mutt Pet Bakery
- Hidden Acres
- June Ellen Clothing
- Lucky Lemon Bakery
- Mari's Fashion Boutique
- Mary D Jellies and Preserves, LLC
- Metal Honey Foods
- Middlefork Meadows LLC
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This week's live music

Each week the Westfield Farmers Market features live music from some of the Indianapolis area's best and brightest. This week will feature [Benito Dibartoli](#). Come out and enjoy a beautiful evening in the Grand Junction Plaza. All the music events are free and open to the public.

About the Market

The Westfield Summer Farmers Market and Winter Market are managed and operated by the Downtown Westfield Association. Interested in volunteering at the Market or have an idea or question? You can reach the Market Manager Nick Stepaniak at markets@westfieldchamberindy.com.

The Market would not be possible without the support of the City of Westfield, the Westfield Welcome Department, and the Parks & Trails Department – especially the city staff from those departments who help support the weekly market.

Date changed to Sept. 12 for Westfield Young Professional Board's inaugural golf outing

Submitted by Westfield Chamber

Ladies and gentlemen, get ready to tee off with the Westfield Young Professional Board's very first Young Professional Golf Outing. Swing your way to success on Tuesday, Sept. 12 at the Wood Wind Golf Club, 2302 W. 161st St., Westfield.

Whether you're an experienced pro or a newbie on the greens, this event is your chance to network with other

young professionals, take in the scenic views, compete for amazing prizes and, of course, the ultimate bragging rights. The outing is exclusively for young professionals aged 40 and under who live and/or work in Hamilton County. [Click here](#) to register



for the Golf Outing.

About the course

The Wood Wind Golf Club is the City of Westfield's only public golf course. Located in a charming country-style setting, Wood Wind Golf Club invites you to embark on a memorable day of golf with friends, asso-

ciates, and family members.

Immerse yourself in the club's 18-hole championship golf course, designed to offer a challenging and beautiful experience. As you explore the course, you'll encounter scenic nature, providing a truly unique golfing experience at every hole. Wood Wind Golf Club offers a calm and relaxing course for any level of experience.

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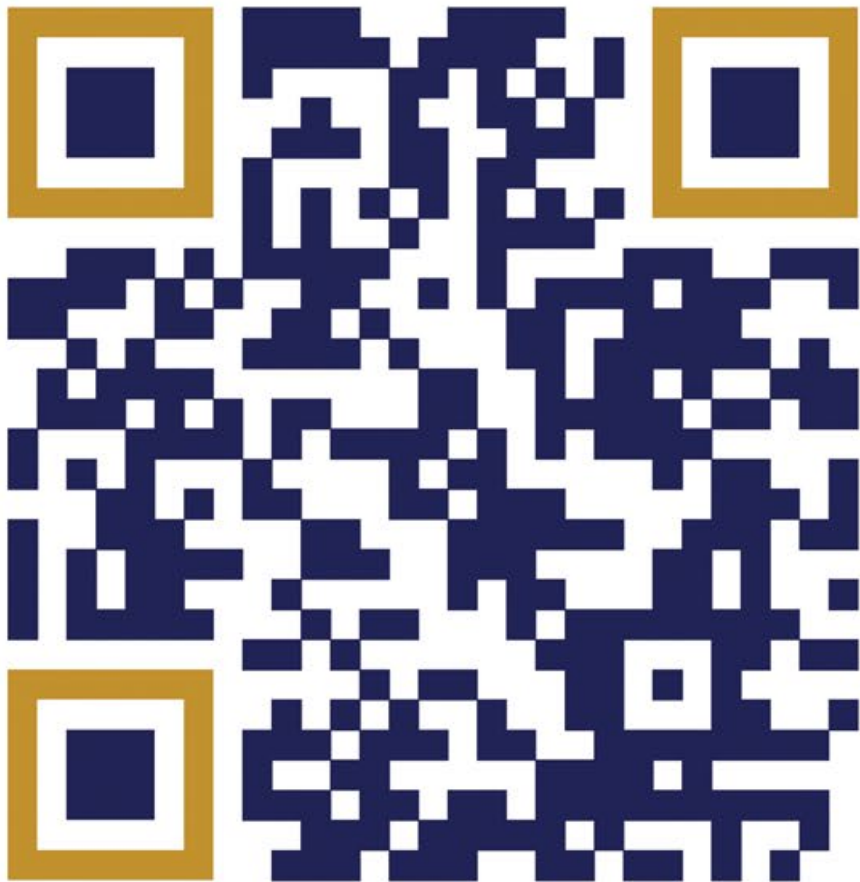
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United Way of Central Indiana announces its new five-year plan to reduce poverty

Priority efforts focused on early education, economic mobility, housing security & basic needs

The REPORTER

United Way of Central Indiana announced on Tuesday a new five-year strategic plan: *Partners in Purpose*. This plan will concentrate the organization’s resources toward areas necessary to supporting central Indiana families experiencing financial instability: early childhood education, economic mobility, safe and affordable housing, and providing essential services to neighbors in need.

According to the **2023 United for ALICE** report, more than 240,000 central Indiana families live in or near poverty. This number has increased by 11 percent since 2018.

“Poverty is one of the greatest challenges facing central Indiana,” said Fred Payne, president and CEO of United Way. “To measurably reduce the number of financially unstable households, we must focus our efforts and concentrate our resources on the top predictors of poverty: early care and learning, safe housing access for families and youth, earnings and employment pathways, and basic needs for those most vulnerable in our communities. Partners

in Purpose continues United Way’s 100-plus-year-old evolution from community chest to community impact partner and paves the way to make a measurable impact in our seven-county service area.”

To help United Way best determine how to support individuals and families moving out of poverty, the organization spent the past 18 months conducting research, facilitating discussions, and collecting input from community partners, funders, experts, community-based organizations, grantees and peer organizations.

From that effort and to make the strongest impact, United Way will work with partners in the areas that provide the most promise to help our neighbors rise above poverty, including:

- **Basic Needs:** Basic needs services have been a foundation of United Way’s work for more than a century. Basic needs funding gives community organizations the ability to respond to Hoosiers in crisis and to



Payne

those who count on life-saving assistance and the essentials to survive.

- **Early childhood education:** Childcare is expensive – more than the annual cost of in-state tuition at Indiana’s flagship universities. Whole families benefit from access to quality, affordable early care, and education. For parents and caregivers, access to affordable childcare is crucial to finding and maintaining employment or postsecondary education. For children, high-quality pre-K reaches them at a critical development stage and sets them up for school success – and eventually literacy and graduation success – at an early age.

- **Economic Mobility:** In central Indiana, poverty is close to inevitable for low-wage workers, especially those with children. Earnings have not kept pace with the cost of living, and many people face systemic inequities. Hard work alone is not enough to lift a family out of poverty. By building on the successes of its fam-

ily opportunity initiatives, United Way will invest in partners working alongside 10,000 households to increase earnings and enhance well-being.

- **Safe and affordable housing:** Housing is one of the largest monthly expenses for families, and these costs have rapidly risen in recent years. Since the beginning of the pandemic in 2020, rents in Marion County have, on average, increased by more than 20 percent while wages have grown only by 4 to 5 percent. Over 160,000 households in central Indiana are “housing cost-burdened,” meaning that they spend greater than 30 percent of their family budget on housing-related expenses. Evictions pose a risk to families, with loss of housing correlating to job loss, lower academic scores for children and long-term challenges of securing future housing.

United Way extended its Basic Needs, Family Opportunity, and Social Innovation grantmaking structure through Dec. 31, 2024. After that time, United Way will implement a streamlined process where applications



United Way of Central Indiana

and distribution of grants will occur within the same timeline. Reporting requirements are also being shifted from the current quarterly schedule to a biannual schedule. Extending the current grantmaking structure during this time provides community-based organizations that are receiving funding from United Way more than a year to engage and prepare for any changes.

“Our goal is to create positive, substantial change in central Indiana for individuals and families who need it most,” Payne said. “Poverty is not determined by a singular issue, and it can impact families for generations. But we know many of the ways to combat poverty, and we’re leaning into data and the on-

going work of our donors and community-based organizations to help us in our new approach.”

To learn more about the *Partners in Purpose* plan, visit uwci.org/partners-in-purpose.

About United Way of Central Indiana

United Way is powered by donors, advocates, volunteers, and partners who envision a community where children, individuals and families thrive; neighbors care for each other; and we are proud of all our residents’ quality of life. Our mission is to accelerate financial stability and upward mobility for individuals and families living in or near poverty. Learn more at uwci.org.

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Golfer information

Your ticket includes a round of golf on the 18-hole championship golf course. Additionally, golfers have two-hour access to the practice range before the Golf Outing begins, two golf carts per foursome, a free Bloody Mary Bar, a box lunch to take with you on the course, and entry to the 19th Hole Reception, featuring an awards ceremony and scrumptious heavy hors d’oeuvres.

Get ready to receive exciting prizes for first, second, and third place, longest drive, and closest to the pin. Hole sponsors are also giving away their amazing prizes at the reception.

Here are the 2023 golf packages available:

1. Foursome Team: \$350 Member / \$400 Non-Member; four players included; two golf carts
2. Three Player Team: \$300 Member / \$350 Non-member; three players included, plus one golfer as-

signed to the team; two golf carts

3. Two Player Team: \$200 Member / \$250 Non-Member; two players included, plus two golfers assigned to the team; two golf carts
4. Individual Golfer: \$100 Member / \$150 Non-Member; one player included, who will be assigned to a team to create a foursome; shared golf cart

Golf Outing itinerary

- 8 a.m.: Golfer & Hole Sponsor Check-In Opens
- 8 to 10 a.m.: Coffee

& Donuts Welcome Table (Sponsorship is available)

- 8 to 9:30 a.m.: Driving Range Open (Sponsorship is available)
- 8 to 9:30 a.m.: Bloody Mary Bar (Sponsor: Indiana Members Credit Union)

- 9:30 a.m.: Golfer Check-In Closes
- 9:40 a.m.: YP Board & Westfield Chamber Welcome Remarks

- 9:50 a.m.: Golfers Depart for Holes
- 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Golf Outing at Wood Wind Golf

Club; Shotgun Start

- 3 to 4 p.m.: 19th Hole Reception (Sponsorship is available)

Sponsorship opportunities

[Click here](#) to purchase a sponsorship opportunity on the Westfield Chamber website. Once your payment has been received, a Chamber Staff Member will reach out to obtain a high-resolution version of your company’s artwork. Arrival and set-up instructions will be sent the week prior to the event.

Volunteer at the Outing

Here is an opportunity for non-golfers in your office to participate. To pull off a successful Golf Outing, the Westfield Chamber needs more than two dozen volunteers on the day of the event. Help will be needed checking people in, marshaling the sponsors to their holes, driving volunteers on the course, ground support across the course, 19th Hole Reception set up, and much more. [Click here](#) to volunteer.

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(2 Timothy 1:13).

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Hurry! Tickets selling quickly for fall rides on Nickel Plate Express

The REPORTER

It's time to book your fall train rides on the Nickel Plate Express (NPX).

Get ready for a one-of-a-kind adventure on the rails with so many exciting options to choose from. Whether you're a superhero fanatic, a fall festival enthusiast, a wizarding world lover, or just looking for some delicious BBQ, you can find a ride you'll love.

Ride the **Superhero Express** on Sept. 16 and 17. If you're feeling heroic, hop on board for a Superhero-themed ride. Ride along with your favorite heroes, test your own superpowers, and experience an adventure like no other.

The popular **Ice Cream Express** is back Fridays in September. Take a scenic ride on the Little Red Caboose to the Arcadia Train Depot. Enjoy ice cream on the deck and tour the historic depot before riding back to Noblesville.

Avoid the traffic and parking for the Atlanta New Earth Festival and take the train. Board from Hobbs Station in Noblesville to enjoy a relaxing scenic ride to the festival. Enjoy the two-hour layover with shopping, food, music, and more before riding back to Noblesville. The **Atlanta New Earth Festival Express** will depart on Sept. 23 and 24.

All aboard for a murderous evening aboard the **Roaring 20s Murder Mystery Express**. Dress in your best 1920s duds and hop aboard for an exciting evening including dinner, music, and murder. Don't miss out on this one-weekend-only ride on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. Tickets are almost sold out.

If you're a Potterhead, then the **Wizard Express** is the ultimate adventure for you. Get your wands ready and experience the magic of the wizarding world with your fellow wizards and



witches. This magical journey comes to life on Oct. 7 and 8.

For those who want to embrace the fall spirit and do a little shopping, the **Arcadia Fall Market Express** on Oct. 22 is perfect for you. Enjoy all the fun of the season by riding a train to the Arcadia Fall Market for shopping, food, music, and more.

Don't miss out on a scrumptious **Fall Brunch Express** on Oct. 14. This unique ride will serve up a delicious fall brunch from Jefferson Street BBQ. Sit back and enjoy the scenery while you dine on brunch with your family and friends.

Speaking of food, don't miss out on the **BBQ Express** on Nov. 4 and 5. NPX is changing out on normal BBQ and bourbon rides to make this one family friendly. But don't worry, an amazing bourbon menu will still be included on this ride.

Finally, just added to the lineup for fall is the kid-friendly **Trick or Treat on the Rails**. Dress up in your best Halloween costume on Oct. 28 and 29 for a 65-minute ride down the historic Nickel Plate Road. Keep an eye out for some fun characters passing out candy and enjoy a delicious fall treat and apple cider.

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Check out these spotlights on two upcoming rides:

Book a private caboose Reindeer Express

Are you a business owner in search of a memorable holiday outing for your team? Look no further than NPX's private caboose ex-

perience during the highly sought-after Reindeer Express event. The exclusive caboose can comfortably accommodate up to 20 passengers, providing the perfect setting for celebrating the festivities.

As you travel through the enchanting holiday landscape, enjoy the warmth of hot chocolate and indulge in holiday sweet treats. This extraordinary experience is also suitable for families with older children and friends who wish to create lasting memories together. Given the limited availability, NPX highly recommends booking your caboose now to secure your spot for this exceptional holiday celebration.

To book your private caboose online, select the date and time you are looking for on the Reindeer Express page and select "private caboose" or send us a message to check on availability.

Ride the first-ever New Year's Eve Train

Celebrate the New Year in a unique and enchanting way by joining us for the exclusive New Year's Eve Masquerade Express. Departing from Hobbs Station in Noblesville on Dec. 31 at 8 p.m., this one-time-only train ride promises to be a memorable experience.

Step aboard the historic 1956 Santa Fe El Capitan train and enjoy a magical 45-minute journey to Atlanta. Upon arrival in Atlanta, you will disembark at Earthly Endearments for an evening of entertainment. Immerse yourself in the captivating melodies of a classical string quartet

while indulging in a wide selection of delectable sweet and savory options from our deluxe grazing table. Sip on champagne from our bar as you mingle with fellow guests and revel in the festive atmosphere.

As the clock strikes midnight, join in a countdown to welcome the New Year and raise a champagne toast to new beginnings. Shortly after, you will be whisked back onto the train for a relaxing journey back to Hobbs Station.

The Masquerade Express offers limited tickets, so early booking is recommended. The price is \$200 per person or \$350 per couple. The cost includes the train ride to and from the venue, along with heavy appetizers, desserts, and more. There is also an open champagne bar at the venue, and additional beverages, including themed cocktails, will be available for purchase on the train.

Don't miss out on this extraordinary opportunity to bid farewell to the old year and welcome the new in style. [Click here](#) for tickets.

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Learn more about NPX and find tickets at [Nickel-PlateExpress.com](#).

TCC & Wireless Zone stores offering free backpacks filled with school supplies

The REPORTER

Fishers-based Round Room, LLC., the nation's largest Verizon Authorized Retailer, announces its TCC and Wireless Zone retailers will donate 120,000 backpacks with school supplies through the 11th annual School Rocks Backpack Giveaway. Since 2013, the School Rocks Backpack Giveaway has provided more than 1.3 million backpacks to children across the U.S. ahead of the upcoming academic year.

At 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 30, while supplies last, TCC and Wireless Zone stores across the country invite families to pick up a backpack filled with pencils, paper, a pencil box, folders, a ruler and glue. One backpack per child present will be given away on a first-come, first-served basis at each participating TCC and Wireless Zone store. Any leftover backpacks at School Rocks Backpack Giveaway events will be donated to local schools of each store's choice.

To find your nearest TCC and/or Wireless Zone School Rocks Backpack Giveaway event, visit [locations.tccrocks.com/search.html](#) and [shop.wirelesszone.com](#) and select the "Backpack Giveaway Participating Store" filter.

"The School Rocks Backpack Giveaway is our company's cornerstone annual event, and I couldn't be more thankful for our store locations, employees and customers for helping us continue to do good in the thousands of communi-

ties we operate in," Round Room CEO Scott Moorehead said. "The start of the school year is an exciting time for many, and we look forward each and every year to make school supplies more accessible for students so they can thrive in the classroom."

According to the **National Retail Federation**, American families with school-aged children spent an average of \$864 on school supplies in 2022 – totaling \$36.1 billion spent in the U.S. last year on school supplies alone. Through TCC and Wireless Zone, Round Room aims to ease the strain of rising school supply costs each year with the School Rocks Backpack Giveaway.

Supporters of the School Rocks Backpack Giveaway are encouraged to use #BackpackGiveaway on social media to help spread the word. To learn more about TCC and Wireless Zone, and the School Rocks Backpack Giveaway, visit [RoundRoom.com](#), [TCCRocks.com](#), and [WirelessZone.com](#).

About Round Room LLC

Based in Fishers, Round Room leads and invests in companies serving the wireless industry. With 1,248 TCC and Wireless Zone stores across 43 states, Round Room is one of the largest Verizon authorized retailers in the U.S. Its portfolio of companies also shares a deep commitment to improving the communities they serve nationwide. Learn more at [RoundRoom.com](#).

Brews on the Boulevard returns to Midtown Plaza in Carmel

The REPORTER

Brews on the Boulevard, brought to you by Allied Solutions, returns to Carmel's Midtown Plaza and Monon Boulevard from 5 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 29. Bring a friend and enjoy beer sampling from breweries in the Carmel area and across the state. In addition to the sampling, beer and wine will be available for purchase to patrons 21 and older. There will also be live entertainment, food trucks, and more.

Please note: Elm Street between Veterans Way and 3rd Avenue, Walnut Street from Veterans Way to Monon Boulevard, as well as north and southbound Monon Boulevard will be closed to traffic from 8 a.m. to midnight. Parking will be available at nearby parking garages.

Below is a tentative list of participating Indiana breweries:

- Ash & Elm Cider Co. – Indianapolis
- Bier Brewery – Carmel
- Big Lug Brewing – Indianapolis
- Danny Boy Beer Works – Carmel
- Deviate Brewing – Indianapolis
- Field Brewing – Westfield
- Guggman Haus Brewing Company – Indianapolis

- Klooz Brewz – Lebanon
- Sun King Brewery – Carmel
- St. Joseph Brewery – Indianapolis
- Upland Brewing Co. – Carmel

Various food and merchandise vendors include:

- Allied Solutions
- All Things Carmel
- Aunt Jean's Kettle Corn
- Bearded Burger
- Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation
- Carmel Jazz Fest
- City of Carmel
- Daniel's Family Vineyard & Winery
- Ice Cream Donuts LLC
- Lil Rook Food Truck
- Kernels Popcorn
- Osteria by Fabio Viviani (Market District)
- Peace Water Vineyard & Winery
- Pure Green Carmel
- Rita's Italian Ice
- Sip and Share Wines
- Sugar Creek Winery
- The Licorice Guy
- Wine & Rind

Visit the Brews on the Boulevard [Facebook event](#) closer to July 29 for a full, updated list of participating vendors.

Live entertainment

- DJ Nicolas Rage from 4 to 6 p.m. on the Midtown Stage
- Cohen-Rutkowski from

5 to 7 p.m. on Monon Boulevard

- Six Figures from 6 to 8 p.m. on the Midtown Stage
- Corey Cox from 8 to 10 p.m. on the Main Stage

The Brews & Barrels Trail was launched in 2019. What began as an effort to promote the local Carmel breweries, distilleries and wineries has now expanded into this annual beer sampling festival filled with a variety of vendors, food trucks, live entertainment and more. This event is free and open to the public.

VIP (\$50) and general admission tasting tickets (\$30) are available at [this link](#). Tickets can be purchased prior to the event or on-site the day of the event with a credit card only. Patrons will receive a souvenir glass as part of their tasting ticket for unlimited beer sampling from all of the participating breweries along the Boulevard. A valid photo ID is required upon arrival.

VIP Prime Hour tickets include early entry at 4 p.m., souvenir tasting glass, customized bottle opener, insulated backpack and unlimited tastings at the participating breweries. General admission sampling begins at 5 p.m.

[Click here](#) for more information on this year's event.

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Preschooler concert series returning Sept. 30 to Center for the Performing Arts

Monthly Peanut Butter & Jam sessions make great weekend outings for families with young kids

The REPORTER

Families can introduce young children to the joy of live performance through the Center for the Performing Arts' monthly Peanut Butter & Jam series, which begins a new season Sept. 30.

With fun and informal sessions designed specifically for ages 1 to 7, PB&J typically takes place one Saturday each month from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., in the Palladium's Robert Adam Room or across Carter Green in the Studio Theater. Tickets are only \$10 per child, which includes the option of two free adult admissions upon request, creating a fun and affordable weekend outing for families.

[Click here](#) for more information and to get tickets. This season's events include:

Musical Conexion
10:30 a.m. Sept. 30
The Palladium – Robert Adam Room

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with this

fun-filled, bilingual cultural experience designed for both Spanish-speaking and non-Spanish-speaking families alike, with songs, movements and finger plays in Spanish and English accompanied by real instruments like guitar and *cajón peruano*.

The BallRoom Roustabouts
10:30 a.m. Oct. 28
The Palladium – Robert Adam Room

The BallRoom Roustabouts play low-volume, high-energy rock 'n' roll for families with kids, with the intent to promote, encourage and inspire reading, active imagination and merymaking.

Meghan Cristeen Martin
10:30 a.m. Nov. 11
The Palladium – Robert Adam Room

Join local songwriter, musician, and teaching artist Meghan Cristeen Martin as she shares her enthusiasm for the ukulele. She'll share some of her favorite songs

and demonstrate a variety of ukuleles, including some the children can try.

Melchior Marionettes: Holiday Cabaret on Strings
10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Dec. 9
The Studio Theater

Sing along with holiday classics and other favorites during this fast-paced, entertaining cabaret featuring handcrafted marionettes. Children and adults will delight in the hilarious antics of the characters and the skill of the puppeteers.

Phoenix Rising Dance Company: Anyone Can Dance
10:30 a.m. Jan. 6
The Studio Theater

Dance to rock 'n' roll and more in this fun, interactive educational dance performance based on the children's book *Giraffes Don't Dance* by Giles Andreae, created and choreographed by Phoenix Rising Dance Company Artistic Director Justin David Sears-Watson.

Kid Kazooey: It's Time to Have Band Practice
10:30 a.m. Feb. 10
The Palladium – Robert Adam Room

It's Time to Have Band Practice is a program exploring the fundamentals of music by playing music together. Rhythm, dance, and dynamics are shared in a highly interactive program with a seasoned performer.



Photo provided

Celebrate Jazz Appreciation Month in April 2024 with Indianapolis jazz group Premium Blend.

Silly Safaris: Spring Animal Babies
10:30 a.m. March 2
The Studio Theater

Meet Amazon John and his animals up close as he introduces us to several spring animal babies. Did you know that animals living where there are cold seasons have their babies in the spring, when food is more abundant? Attendees will celebrate motherhood as they learn how mommy animals take care of their springtime babies.

Premium Blend: Cool Jazz with Cool Kids
10:30 a.m. April 13
The Palladium – Robert Adam Room

To celebrate Jazz Appreciation Month, bring your imagination, spontaneity, and dancing feet for this very special performance by

the respected Indianapolis jazz group Premium Blend, known throughout the Midwest for its original compositions, modern grooves and rich harmonies.

Bongo Boy Music: Fam Jam
10:30 a.m. May 4
The Palladium – Robert Adam Room

Kids, parents and grandparents: Come share your groove with Ms. Lisa of Bongo Boy Music School. In this creative rhythmic and musical adventure, we'll be moving, grooving, and playing away on drums and other percussion instruments.

About the Center for the Performing Arts

The mission of the nonprofit Center for the Performing Arts is to engage and inspire the central Indiana community through enrich-

ing arts experiences. Its campus in Carmel includes the 1,500-seat Palladium concert hall, the 500-seat Tarkington proscenium 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 for all ages includes children's concerts and 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 is available at [TheCenterPresents.org](#).



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New world-class Indiana Farm Bureau Fall Creek Pavilion unveiled at State Fairgrounds

The REPORTER

The Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center unveiled on July 20 the new world-class Indiana Farm Bureau Fall Creek Pavilion and plans for its future use.

The century-old swine barn and public safety center at the Indiana State Fairgrounds underwent a \$50 million renovation through the last 18 months and will host its first event at the 2023 Indiana State Fair.

Built first and foremost as a Best-in-Class Livestock facility, the new building will also be a modern, flexible multi-purpose and multi-use facility with the ability to host a wide variety of events throughout the year. Specifically, the Indiana Farm Bureau Fall Creek Pavilion was designed to host indoor track and field events. A portable 200-meter, banked track will be installed annually to host local, regional, national and international events. The new building is already slated to host the 2025 NCAA Division II Indoor Track & Field Championships.



Photo courtesy Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center
A total of \$50 million was spent to renovate and expand the now 196,000 square-foot building.

State Fairgrounds leadership also announced a new partnership with the Indiana State Fairgrounds & Event Center and the USA Track & Field organization to host track & field events throughout the year.

"The opening of this world-class facility in Indianapolis is a significant milestone which underlines the immense commitment by the state of Indiana to the sport of track and field," USA Track & Field CEO Max Siegel said. "The pavilion will not only serve as a field for numerous national and prestigious events but, during the winter months, will transform into a national-standard indoor track. Moreover, it will serve as a hub for camps of all levels, coaching education clinics, and a center for athletes training at all levels to nurture talent and promote excellence in track and field. This multi-use facility will be an active part of our community here in Indianapolis, where we are proud to be based."

The Swine Barn at the Indiana State Fair has showcased the best Indiana has to offer for 100 years. Originally opening in 1923, this iconic building has hosted generations of Hoosiers making memories and building traditions. Champions have been selected, purple banners have been won, and countless 4-H members

have learned the value of hard work.

The new pavilion is a 196,000 square-foot facility with 118,000 square feet of show floor, a 14,000 square-foot north lobby, 80,000 square feet of clear-span space in the center of the building, with 25-foot ceiling height and complete restoration of the historic 1923 north façade.

"Agriculture is the only economy in the world that touches every person on this planet because it centers on food," Indiana State Fair Commission Chairman Mitch Frazier said. "Having a facility at the Indiana State Fairgrounds where we celebrate agriculture, not just a couple weeks in the summer, but year-round creates tremendous opportunity for ushering in the next generation of innovation while paying deep respect to the traditions and legacies that made this facility and this place possible."

Also announced for future use of the Indiana Farm Bureau Fall Creek Pavilion, the new facility has won the bid to host the nation's largest swine show, The Exposition, produced by the National Swine Registry in 2024 and 2025.

"We are thrilled to bring our event to this new facility in Indianapolis," National Swine Registry CEO Matt

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Judith K. Cummins December 4, 1940 – July 25, 2023

Judith K. Cummins, 82, Arcadia, passed away on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, at IU Health – Tipton Hospital. Judy's parents were Ray N. & Dorothy M. (Hunter) Cummins and she was born in Tipton County on December 4, 1940. She had also lived in Atlanta and Indianapolis before moving to Arcadia.

Judy worked as a Data Management Analyst for the Department of Defense, retiring in 1994. She attended Jackson Central School and was a 4-H member. During that time, she took several years of sewing, piano and played the piccolo. She was also a majorette for the school band. Judy was a member of the East Union Christian Church.

She is survived by one daughter, Rheann Cummins of Arcadia; a sister, Susan Cummins-Ringer and husband James Ringer, Atlanta; one brother-in-law, Buddy Sowers, Arcadia. Judy also has four grandchildren, Savannah Goff, Noblesville, Jada Cummins, Franklin Cummins, and DeeDee K. Cummins of Arcadia; and nieces and nephews Brandon (Angel) Ringer, Anthony (Tara) Ringer, and Robyn Sowers. She was preceded in death by one sister, Barbara Sowers, and a nephew David Ringer.

Visitation will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 28, 2023, with the funeral service to follow at 11 a.m., at the East Union Christian Church, 1711 E. 296th St., Atlanta, with Rev. Rex Dunning presiding. Burial will be in Union Cemetery.

Memorial donations in Judith's memory may be made to East Union Christian Church, 1711 E. 296th St., Atlanta, IN 46031.

Young-Nichols Funeral Home is honored to be assisting the Cummins family with Judy's arrangements.

Condolences: young-nichols.com

Meeting Notices

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Council Finance Committee will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2023, at Big Woods Hazel Dell, 14741 Hazel Dell Crossing, Noblesville.

The Hamilton County Council will meet in an executive session at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2023. A work session will follow at 5:30 p.m. in Conference Room 1A. A regular meeting will take place at 7 p.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government & Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

Send Meeting Notices to:
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Howard "Howdy" Merritt Boor June 18, 1932 – July 20, 2023

Howard "Howdy" Merritt Boor, 91, Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, July 20, 2023, after suffering a stroke a few days before his 91st birthday. He was born on June 18, 1932, to the late Francis Boor and Elizabeth (Merritt) Boor in Lafayette, Ind.

Howdy was a graduate of Lafayette Jefferson High School and Lawrence University in Appleton, Wis. After college, Howdy joined the army and was stationed in Germany. Making use of his location in Europe, he traveled to numerous countries, including England, and had fantastic stories to tell. When his two-year stint was done, he opted to go home "the long way" with a fellow GI who was also headed home. He traveled through Iran, Pakistan, India (went on safari for panthers), and Japan, to name just a few stops.

He married June (Law) Boor in 1959. She preceded him in death on September 18, 2021, after 62 years of marriage. Married in Lafayette, Howdy was working for Dun and Bradstreet in Indianapolis. In 1965, he joined Elliot Williams Co., Inc., a locally owned manufacturer of commercial walk-in refrigerators, as a credit and office manager. He stayed with that company until retiring in 1998.

His traveling did not stop throughout his life. Howdy and June traveled to all 50 states and to Europe as well as several cruises. Together they actively participated in horseback riding mostly in the Western mountains, cross-country skiing, canoeing, whitewater rafting, bike riding, and hiking. Howdy had been a swimmer in high school and college so, with June's encouragement, he continued to swim laps three times a week up to the week before he became ill.

His friends were many spanning from grade school, high school, college, work, and his cul-de-sac neighbors. In fact, a surprise 91st birthday party by his neighbors was scheduled until his stroke changed the plans.

Howdy is survived by his son, Mark (Cheryl) Boor of Evergreen, Colo., and daughter, Evelyn (Mike) Bonebrake of Gilbert, Ariz; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; his sister, Elizabeth "Tooty" Ribares of Fort Myers, Fla.; and his sister-in-law Marilyn (Law) Campbell of Terre Haute, Ind.

Services will be held at a later date. Howard's care has been entrusted to Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes.

Memorial contributions may be made to Meals on Wheels of Hamilton County, 395 Westfield Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 (mealsonwheelshc.org).

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"But you must not eat meat that has its lifeblood still in it. And for your lifeblood I will surely demand an accounting. I will demand an accounting from every animal. And from each human being, too, I will demand an accounting for the life of another human being."

"Whoever sheds human blood, by humans shall their blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made mankind. As for you, be fruitful and increase in number; multiply on the earth and increase upon it."

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "I now establish my covenant with you and with your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you—the birds, the livestock and all the wild animals, all those that came out of the ark with you—every living creature on earth. I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth."

Genesis 9:4-11 (NIV)

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homage to our important agriculture past while at the same time launching the Indiana state fair and Indiana into the future," Indiana Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers said.

The facility will be unveiled to the public during the 2023 Indiana State Fair, which returns for 18 days beginning Friday, July 28 through Sunday, Aug. 20.

Additional information can be found at IndianaStateFair.com or on the facility website at FallCreekPavilion.com.

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Hamilton County golfers prove their skills across state lines

The REPORTER

Over the past few days, Fishers’ Mattingly Upchurch has won two tournaments in two different states.

Upchurch, soon to be a sophomore at Hamilton Southeastern, went down to Miami last week to compete in the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships, which took place at the Trump National Doral Resort and Spa. Upchurch won the Boys 14-15 division, finishing with a three-day score of 214, one under par for the event and one stroke ahead of second place.

Upchurch blasted through his first round, which took place last Friday on the par-71 Gold Course. He went five-under par for a 66 in a round that contained four birdies and an eagle on the 16th hole.

For the next two rounds, Upchurch played on the par-72 Blue Course. He scored a 78 in his Saturday second round, making two birdies along the way. That put Upchurch at one-over par going into Sunday’s play, but he carded a two-under 70 in his third round to get back under par for the tournament, and clinch the win. He made three birdies in the third round, going back-to-back on the 11th and 12th holes.

The Optimist is one of the premier golf tournaments in the world, with many young players from around the world competing in the event. A total of 77 players made the cut for the Boys 14-15 Division.

Upchurch and his family returned home at 2 a.m. Wednesday morning, but Mattingly was up just a few hours later. He played in the Indiana Junior Team Championship at Maple Creek Country Club in Indianapolis, along with HSE teammates Cole Starnes and Kai Warner, and Zionsville’s Gavin Poole.

The team won, going 13-under par for the one-day event. The foursome finished with a score of 59, with nine birdies and two eagles for the day. It was a very successful few days, although Mattingly’s fa-



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(ABOVE LEFT) Fishers’ Mattingly Upchurch, a sophomore-to-be at Hamilton Southeastern, won the Boys 14-15 division at the Optimist International Junior Golf Championships, which took place last week at the Trump National Doral Resort and Spa. Upchurch totaled a one-under par 214 for the tournament, then came back on Wednesday to win the Indiana Junior Team Championships with two of his Royals teammates. Also pictured is Jack Nichols, the Indiana delegate for the Optimist Tournament. (ABOVE RIGHT) Carmel’s Christina Pfefferkorn placed ninth in last week’s Indiana Women’s Amateur Championship at Otter Creek Golf Club in Columbus. Pfefferkorn is a Guerin Catholic graduate and just finished her freshman year at the University of Dayton.

ther Matt said his son was operating on “short sleep” during the day.

Mattingly qualified for the Optimist tournament in early May by carding a 66 at Garrett Country Club. Because of his tournament win, Upchurch is now exempt from qualifying for the event, which makes him able to have direct entry until he turns 18.

Another county golfer competed in the Boys 14-15 division as well. Lorenzo Browning, a sophomore-to-be at Cathedral, finished with an 84-89-85=258.

Indiana Women’s Amateur

Four women with Hamilton County connections landed in the top 10 at the Indiana Women’s Amateur Championship, which took place July 19-21 at Otter Creek Golf Club in Columbus.

Becky Williams, a Zionsville resident who graduated from University in 2022, tied for third in the tournament with a two-over par 218. Williams, who played her college freshman season at Otterbein University in Westerville, Ohio, totaled 10 birdies over her three rounds. She scored

73 in the first round, a two-under par 70 in the second round, and finished with a third-round score of 75.

Two more local players tied for seventh. Fortville’s Yanah Rolston, a Hamilton Southeastern graduate who completed her freshman year at IUPUI, and Caroline Whallon, a recent Noblesville graduate headed to the University of Indianapolis, both scored 222s at the Amateur.

Rolston’s line was 73-75-74=222, totaling six birdies for the event. Whallon went 73-73-76=222, with nine birdies and a

first-round eagle, which she made one hole No. 14.

Carmel’s Christina Pfefferkorn, a Carmel graduate who played her freshman year at the University of Dayton, placed ninth in the Amateur with a 76-74-73=223. Pfefferkorn made six birdies during the tournament.

Modleski at U.S. Junior Amateur

Recent Guerin Catholic graduate Jacob Modleski is playing – and advancing – at the U.S. Junior Amateur Championship, which is taking place this week at Daniel Island Club in Charleston, S.C.

Modleski, soon to be a freshman at Notre Dame, finished tied for 19th in the stroke play part of the competition, going two under par for a 72-69=141. Modleski had 10 birdies during stroke play, seven of them in the second round.

The top 64 players advanced to the match play portion, and Modleski won his first-round match, beating Ireland’s Sean Keeling 1 up. Modleski will play in the Round of 32 this morning, taking on Bryson Hughes of St. John’s, Fla. at 8:50 a.m. Winners play in the Round of 16 later this afternoon.

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Shaq Leonard: 'Long journey' to get back on the field

By **ANDREW CHERNOFF**
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Indianapolis Colts linebacker Shaq Leonard was back on the football field at the team's first practice of training camp on Wednesday morning.

Leonard underwent two back surgeries last season, limiting his time on the gridiron.

"It felt good to get back out there," Leonard said. "First time in a while that I've felt this good."

Leonard not only took part in individual drills Wednesday, but also in the seven-on-seven and 11-on-11 portions of the practice.

"I felt like this was a

game day for me," Leonard said. "First time in a while, no sleep last night, jitterbugs all morning, I probably didn't truly feel like myself until after individual. I was so nervous, then after that, it felt like right where I left off. Coming in and being a leader for this team and being able to run around and hopefully make some plays."

Leonard only played in three games last year for the Colts.

"It's been a long journey," Leonard said. "You see a lot of bad things. People thought that I was just sitting out just to sit out and not understanding that I was fighting my tail



Photo provided by WISH-TV

off to get back and be the best version of myself for this team. And to come out here and just hearing the crowd's excitement just for me getting back on the

field, that was just reassurance that these fans are still with me and I'm doing something right. And hopefully I can continue to make them proud."

Heights grad Sterling Weatherford headed to Los Angeles Rams

The REPORTER

Sterling Weatherford is headed to the Los Angeles Rams.

The Hamilton Heights graduate was signed off waivers from the Chicago Bears, according to an nbc.com report and confirmed on nfl.com's transaction report. The Bears waived Weatherford on Tuesday, with the Rams signing him on Wednesday.

Weatherford is beginning his second year in the NFL. The linebacker signed by the Indianapolis Colts as an undrafted free agent, but was waived before the regular season began. He immediately signed with Chicago, where he played in 14 games last season. During that season, Weatherford totaled four tackles, three solo and one assist.



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The Haulers are back in town

NASCAR Hauler Parade returns Aug. 10 to Main Street in Speedway for Brickyard Weekend

The REPORTER

Returning for the first time since 2019, the NASCAR Hauler Parade will kick off Brickyard Weekend at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Haulers will drive down Main Street in Speedway in an epic display of color and excitement beginning at 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10.

This drive down Main Street signifies the return of NASCAR to Indianapolis and marks the beginning of one of the most highly anticipated weekends in global motorsports – Brickyard Weekend from Aug. 11-13.

Following the parade, the haulers will be displayed on Main Street until 7 p.m. Fans can get an up-close look at their favorite driver's hauler, while enjoying free entertainment from Radio One DJ Kenny Kixx, race-themed activities, photo opportunities and more. The family-friendly event is free for fans of all ages. In addition, Main Street establishments will be open for business and

ready to welcome fans.

"There is no better way to launch Brickyard Weekend than the return of the NASCAR Hauler Parade after a three-year hiatus," IMS President J. Douglas Boles said. "With four races over a three-day weekend, Brickyard Weekend is packed with family-friendly activities on and off the track."

Brickyard Weekend is the only time fans can see North America's top motorsports series competing on the same track during the same weekend, with the NASCAR Cup Series, NASCAR Xfinity Series, NTT INDYCAR SERIES and INDY NXT by Firestone all racing on the 14-turn, 2.439-

mile road course during the three-day weekend.

To explore the full list of Brickyard Weekend community initiatives and programs and for updates regarding the Hauler Parade, visit IMS.com/community.

Visit IMS.com for tickets and more information on Brickyard Weekend, which includes the INDY NXT by Firestone race Friday, Aug. 11, the NASCAR Xfinity Series Pennzoil 150 at the Brickyard presented by Advance Auto Parts and the NTT INDYCAR SERIES Gallagher Grand Prix on Saturday, Aug. 12 and the NASCAR Cup Series Verizon 200 at the Brickyard on Sunday, Aug. 13.

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