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A match made in Noblesville

Indiana Peony Festival & Smith's Jewelers spark Hallmark love story

Social hermit crab

**By KELLY McVEY**  
*President, Indiana Peony Festival Inc.*

Noblesville's sweetheart couple Aaron Head (Noblesville's Community Engagement Manager) and Lindsey McVey (Co-Founder & Marketing Director of the Indiana Peony Festival) found their "forever" in the heart of Noblesville.

From first meeting at the Indiana Peony Festival vendor tent at the Noblesville Main Street Farmers Market, to dating along all the spots of the historic square, and then getting engaged at Seminary Park, there is no other young love story as charismatic as this. It was truly a Hallmark movie in the making.

While their story is timeless, it's Head's endearing engagement idea that pulled at the heartstrings of man – taking a polished family heirloom from

Smith's Jewelers and bringing a legacy back to life. [Click here](#) to watch their sweet love story unfold with the aid of Smith's Jewelers.

**Smith's Jewelers is the premier sponsor** of the 2025 Indiana Peony Festival. Creating special moments for their customers for over 75 years, Smith's has been a community anchor with its readily identified physical presence on the Noblesville Square.

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Photo provided  
**Aaron Head and Lindsey McVey found that Hallmark kind of love at the Indiana Peony Festival.**

It's funny how life happens gradually but seems to go by so quickly. We grow and get a little older and wiser. Well, definitely older. The wiser part doesn't necessarily come for all people, but that's another column for another day.

It seems like yesterday I was a 20-something who could stay up late and do all the sometimes fun, sometimes stupid things that people do at that age. Somewhere along the way, I acquired more responsibility (i.e., wife, kids, dogs, house, good job) and became a 40-something.

This is by no means a complaint. I much prefer my 40s to my 20s. I don't often look back on my "glory days" because as far as I'm concerned, I'm living them now. But there is no doubt I was a very different person back then.

In my 20s I went to all the parties, sporting events, reunions, and gatherings. I'd say I was considered to be what some call a "social butterfly." However, since I'm a knuckle dragging, chest beating man, I'd prefer to be called a "social dragonfly." Or maybe more like a "social 007-hulk-skywalker-superfly."

Nowadays I consider myself to be more of a "social hermit crab."

In my extensive, top-of-page-one Google search, I found that *hermit crabs are not true crabs; they are a type of decapod crustacean more closely related to squat lobsters and porcelain crabs, belonging to the infraorder Anomura, while true crabs belong to the infraorder Brachyura* (thank you, AI Overview!).

While I have no clue what that means, or even how to pronounce half of it, I believe what it's telling me is that hermit crabs are crabs that have grown older and wiser and no longer like large crowds, which is exactly what I've become.

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**TIM RATHZ**  
*Forty-something in Fishers*

Make like a bunny & hop aboard for Easter fun with Nickel Plate Express

**The REPORTER**

Families looking for a spring-time outing will find a unique and memorable experience aboard the Easter Express and Bunny Brunch trains departing from Hobbs Station this April.

Presented by Nickel Plate Express, these themed rides offer an Easter experience complete with an onboard storyline, treats and a visit with the Easter Bunny. During the 75-minute Easter Express, passengers help the conductor track down Farmer Brown, a mischievous stowaway looking for his miss-

ing eggs. Along the way, kids receive complimentary "bunny juice" lemonade and bunny grahams, with activity sheets and interactive moments throughout the ride.

The Easter Express travels along the historic Nickel Plate Railroad through Cicero and Arcadia, crossing Morse Reservoir before returning to Hobbs Station in Noblesville. Train rides are scheduled for:

- Saturday, April 12: noon, 2, and 4 p.m.



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Blooming with purpose: Kiwanis Club of Cicero's Flower Sale fundraiser underway

**By TODD CLEVENGER**  
*Kiwanis Club of Cicero*

Spring is in the air, and so is the spirit of giving. The Kiwanis Club of Cicero has officially kicked off its 2025 Flower Sale Fundraiser, an event that not only brightens gardens but also helps grow brighter futures for children throughout the community.

Orders for flowers are being accepted now through Saturday, April 19, with a vibrant selection of blooms sure to enhance any yard, porch, or patio just in time for Mother's Day. Flower pickup is scheduled for 2:30 to 6 p.m. Friday, May 2 the Red Bridge Park Pavilion in Cicero.

"This is our biggest fundraiser of the year, and every single petal supports a purpose," Committee Chair Dottie Carlson said. "All proceeds go directly into programs that benefit the kids in our community – from literacy efforts to scholarships to local youth initiatives."



Photo provided by Kiwanis Club of Cicero  
**Last year's Flower Sale was a huge success, and the Kiwanis Club of Cicero encourages you to place your orders now online at [CiceroKiwanis.org](#).**

The Flower Sale has long been a staple event in Cicero, bringing neighbors together while supporting the Kiwanis mission of serving the children of the world ... starting right here at home.

Carlson added, "We're

proud of how this sale continues to grow year after year. It's not just about flowers – it's about hope, support, and community spirit."

Those wishing to place an order can do so by contacting a Kiwanis Club member or visit-

ing the club's website, [Cicero Kiwanis.org](#), for order forms and details.

Whether you're looking to spruce up your garden or simply want to make a difference, the Kiwanis Flower Sale is a beautiful way to give back.

Tipton receives \$10K Teaching Artist Residency grant

Submitted by City of Tipton


The City of Tipton has been awarded a \$10,000 Creative Convergence Action Grant from the Indiana Arts Commission to support its Teaching Artist in Residence program.


The initiative, organized by the recently established Tipton Public Arts Commission (TPAC), will bring a professional artist to engage with the community through workshops, presentations and creative activities.

"This grant provides a tremendous opportunity to enhance our community through the arts," Mayor Kegan Schmicker said. "The Teaching Artist in Residence program aligns perfectly with our goals of bringing people together across generations while fostering creative expression in Tipton."

The Creative Convergence Action Grant program, developed in partnership with the Indiana Communities Institute of Ball State University, supports projects that embed arts and creativity in community and economic planning. Launched in 2024, the program emerged from research showing Indiana municipalities needed support in leveraging the creative sector to

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- Sunday, April 13: noon and 2 p.m.
- Saturday, April 19: noon, 2, and 4 p.m.

Tickets start at \$25 for standard seating, with premium table seating options available. Tickets can be purchased at [NickelPlateExpress.com](https://nickelplateexpress.com).

The Bunny Brunch, taking place at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 19, offers a longer 90-minute experience that includes a spring-time breakfast and photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny.

“Easter is one of our favorite rides of the year,” said Emily Reynolds, Executive Director of Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad. “The Bunny Brunch and Easter Express give families a chance to make memories, share some laughs and enjoy the magic of spring on a

moving train.”

Nickel Plate Express is a program of Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad, a nonprofit organization committed to preserving and sharing Indiana’s rich railroad history through educational and entertainment-based train experiences.

### About Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad

Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad operates the Nickel Plate Express, offering themed excursions aboard 1950s passenger railcars along 12 miles of the historic Nickel Plate Road between Noblesville and Arcadia. The organization’s mission is to educate, entertain and connect the community through hands-on rail experiences that preserve Indiana’s transportation heritage.



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## HERMIT

In my heyday, I would go to at least five concerts every summer at Deer Creek, which will forever be what I call that venue. While only the top half a percent could possibly afford that today, I still wouldn’t be interested in going to that many events because I might accidentally see other humans. Plus, I get anxious just thinking about the parking and traffic.

I have nothing against Deer Creek, nor is that by any means the only place or event I’m talking about. It’s actually a really fun place to be. I just prefer to

not be within 20 to 30 feet (possibly yards) of other people that I don’t know anymore. And no, it’s not about germs or anything like that. I just enjoy living my hermit crab life with my own crustacean family and friends.

I, of course, have some exceptions to the crab-life rule, with the Indy 500 being at the top of that list. I know it sounds completely hypocritical to say I hate crowds, but I love cramming myself in the middle of hundreds of thousands of complete strangers for

several hours every year. This will always be an unexplainable anomaly. And I do enjoy going to an occasional sporting event, show or concert, so I guess I’m not entirely crab-like.

Technology and service today is fantastic for someone like me. I can do a click-list order at Kroger, Amazon delivery, or curbside pickup just about anywhere else. I have somehow spent thousands of dollars at Target without having actually stepped inside one for seven years.

To me, there’s nothing

better than a night at home with my wife, kids, family, or a few close friends, eating food that I grilled with no wait and getting a beer from my fridge without having to leave a tip. Not to mention the wait time for the bathroom is completely non-existent.

The moral of the story is ... When your flying insect days are over, you still have a whole ocean to look forward to.

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improve quality of life. The program includes comprehensive training on collaborative cross-sector work and effective community engagement through the arts.

TPAC is currently seeking qualified teaching artists or artist teams of any creative discipline to lead the residency, which will take place over approximately

60 days during spring and summer 2025. The selected artist will receive \$8,000 to conduct multiple community engagement activities, including:

- Eight to 10 visits with local youth and senior adults
- Eight to 10 workshops or events at the Tipton County Public Library



- Participation in two to four local gatherings

- A culminating celebration event featuring community-created works

“We’re looking for artists who can provide energetic and memorable arts experiences while connecting with people of all ages in our community,” TPAC Representative Anna Tragger said. “This residency represents an important step in our mission to develop Tipton’s public art collection and support local creative energy.”

Established in 2024, TPAC aims to facilitate intergenerational activities and generate local economic impact through the arts. The Teaching Artist in Residence program reflects these goals by bringing professional arts education directly to Tipton residents.

Artists interested in applying for the residency position should submit ma-

terials by Friday, April 18. Applicants must submit an artistic resume highlighting relevant work and experiences, a portfolio with five to 10 artistic work samples, and documentation of past art workshops or community activities they have led. Strong candidates will demonstrate exceptional artistic quality, competence in teaching diverse age groups, and a collaborative approach to community engagement.

Finalist candidates will participate in a Zoom interview and provide a reference from a past workshop partner or community project collaborator. Selected artists must pass a background check and provide proof of general liability insurance. Complete details and application requirements are [available on the city’s website](https://www.tipton.in.gov) or by contacting [communications@tipton.in.gov](mailto:communications@tipton.in.gov).

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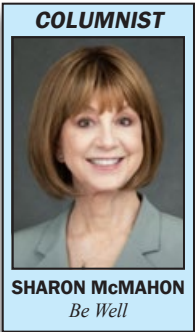
# Deep breathing: the key to less stress & better living

“He lives most life whoever breathes most air.” – Elizabeth Barrett Browning

In our ever-present 24-hour news cycle, it is often difficult to remove ourselves from the stresses of it all.

The next time you feel stressed or anxious, pay attention to your breathing. Chances are when negative emotions run high, your breaths become short and shallow. In fact, I would bet that many of us rarely take more than a couple deep breaths during an entire day, even when we’re not feeling stressed (and when is that?). And if you’re not taking deep breaths, you could be missing out on one of the simplest ways to drastically improve your health.

Stress management is an important key for improving your health and quality of living, and I believe deep breathing exercises are a foundational principle of



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managing life’s stresses. Whether you experience negative emotions or physical pain, the body responds in a similar way every time. And any time you feel a twinge of anxiety, the body starts pumping out the juices (namely adrenaline and cortisol) that fuel this response.

**So, what exactly do deep breathing exercises do for you?** When you learn to take deep, slow breaths, your body reacts in many positive ways:

**#1 – Your muscles relax.** You’ll find it’s hard to maintain a lot of physical tension when breathing properly.

**#2 – Oxygen delivery improves.** When you breathe deeply and you are relaxed, fresh oxygen pours into every cell in the body. This increases the functionality of every system in the body. You will also notice improved mental concentra-

tion and physical stamina.

**#3 – Your blood pressure lowers.** As your muscles let go of tension, your blood vessels dilate and your blood pressure can return to a normal level.

**#4 – Endorphins are released.** Deep breathing triggers the release of endorphins, which improves feelings of well-being and provides pain-relief.

**#5 – Detoxification improves.** Good breathing habits help the lymphatic system function properly; this encourages the release of harmful toxins which cleanses the body to be more productive.

**Deep breathing exercises are very easy to do if you take the time to do them properly. Here is a basic routine that will help you learn the ropes of deep breathing:**

1. Lie down in a comfortable, quiet place. Allow yourself to be free from distractions for at least five to 10 minutes.
2. Inhale deeply, filling your lungs with air. Bring

the air into your abdomen, not just your chest. Count slowly to five as you inhale.

3. Exhale deeply, emptying your lungs completely. Again, count slowly to five as you exhale. As you exhale, release tension from your muscles.

4. Continue to inhale and exhale deeply for several minutes, counting slowly to five each time. Concentrate on your breathing and counting. Let your mind take a break from distractions.

Try and do this exercise (or something similar) at least once a day. During anxious times we need to rely on coping mechanisms which are healthy and beneficial to our bodies and our minds.

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.*

# Sen. Todd Young wants clarity on Trump tariff strategy

By TIM SPEARS  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](http://wishtv.com)

Sen. Todd Young, R-Indiana, wants to see the Trump administration clarify its strategy on tariffs.

News 8 reached out to Young on the heels of last week’s **large stock market sell-off**, following President Donald Trump’s **sweeping new tariffs** on foreign goods.

Young said he agrees America needs to “push back” against other countries’ trade activity, but said in a statement tariffs “also carry downside risk if applied without a clear strategy – especially for Hoosier farmers and manufacturers who need certainty. I’ve consistently emphasized the need for greater clarity in our trade approach so that those directly affected aren’t left in the dark.”

On Sunday, Trump **made clear to reporters** aboard Air Force One that he has no plans of changing course on his tariff strategy, saying, “Sometimes you have to take medicine to fix something.”

“I spoke to a lot of leaders, European, Asian, from all over the world,” Trump said. “They’re dying to make a deal. And I said, we’re not going to have deficits with your country. We’re not going to do that, because to me a deficit is a loss. We’re going to have surpluses or at worst, going to be breaking even.”

Trump claimed the new tariffs are already creating significant revenue for the U.S., and the trade pressure has brought European countries to the negotiating table for new trade agreements.

When asked, Congress-

man Rudy Yakym, R-Indiana, wouldn’t directly comment on the market’s reaction to tariffs, but told News 8 in an email he’s in close contact with Indiana businesses and White House officials.

“I look forward to passing pro-growth policies that increase manufacturing and jobs to ensure our shared goal of a level playing field,” Yakym said.

In an interview for *All Indiana Politics*, U.S. Rep. André Carson, D-Indiana, **criticized the impact** tariffs will have on consumers, saying, “Even Trump supporters disapprove of tariffs because we know they’re only going to drive up costs.”

Business groups, including the **National Retail Federation**, assert the cost of tariffs will be passed along to U.S. shoppers, not foreign countries or companies.

Young wants to see a legislative strategy complement the new tariffs.

“I’ve pushed for my **Leveling the Playing Field 2.0 Act**, which offers a targeted and enforceable approach to addressing unfair trade with greater predictability,” Young told News 8. “My hope is that these efforts – both the strategic pressure of tariffs and the enforcement tools in my legislation – can lead to negotiated outcomes that strengthen America’s position on trade and the economic prosperity of our country.”

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# Sheriff’s deputy crashes en route to assist Carmel police officer

The REPORTER

Shortly after noon on Tuesday, April 8, deputies from the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Office responded to a 911 call which reportedly involved a physical altercation with multiple subjects in the area of 146th Street and Warner Trail.

A Carmel Police De-

partment officer also responded and arrived on scene prior to the Sheriff’s deputies.

Upon arrival, a Carmel police officer requested that additional units continue to respond to the scene emergently due to the continued disturbance. While driving to the call with lights

and sirens activated, one Sheriff’s deputy was involved in a traffic crash at the intersection of 146th Street and Spring Mill Road. Four vehicles were involved in the crash. Multiple non-life-threatening injuries were reported as a result of the crash, and two adults (including one deputy) were transported to the hospital.

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Sheriff’s Office was assisted on the crash and the initial physical altercation incident by the Carmel Police Department and Westfield Police Department. Two vehicles sustained disabling damage (including one Sheriff’s Office vehicle) and were towed from the scene.

The incident remains under investigation; case 2025-11219.

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# Kindness in crisis: how generosity shines in today’s world

With kindness often in short supply in our polarized world, generosity shines brightly. Anonymous generosity shines even brighter.

This month, the number of neighbor gifts has been nothing short of amazing. Thank you. Our mission would be impossible without your volunteerism and continued pantry donations.

Recently, a new corporate food donor, South Atlantic Packaging, connected with a Feeding Team volunteer offering a donation of popcorn, water, and pancake syrup. Two of our folks made an appointment to meet the donor at his business along with our friends from Gaylor Electric, who graciously provide truck transportation and logistics support for the Feeding Team.

Setting the scene, they arrive to discover that this was not a normal donation. Upon arriving the team learned that this was 17 pallets of food.

Yes, 17! Each pallet held 400 items for a total of 6,800 individual food items. Thank goodness Gaylor brought a pallet jack, or we never would have been able to load and unload this much food. Fast forward a couple of hours and amazing volunteers had unpacked and moved 10 pallets of food, or 4,000 items. There were large boxes of food in the box truck, in the shed, in the trailer and in the offices. Oh, and seven pallets still outside tarped up for overnight protection.

The next day, volunteers descended on the 2,800 remaining items, scurrying around to get the pallets cleared and the food stored as a storm approached. The



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good news is that they succeeded in managing the single largest donation and unpacking in our history before the storm. Then to top it off, they distributed 200 bags to volunteer pantry hosts as part of their normal food pick up.

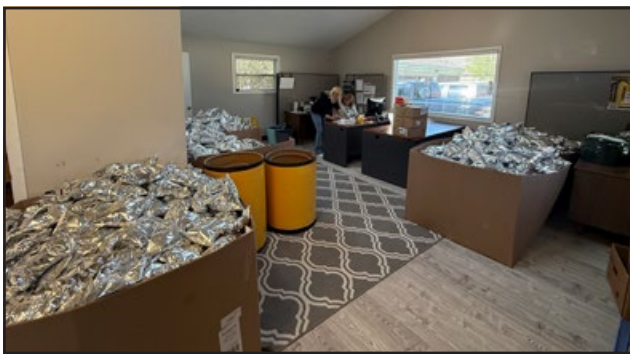
Talk about sovereign timing! Talk about generosity shining!

[Click here to watch a Facebook Reel of the unloading and sorting process.](#)

In a day and age when many corporations only worry about their ROI, I am happy to write about companies that worry about neighbors, too. They took extra products and put them into The Feeding Team model to serve hungry neighbors in central Indiana.

These are wonderful reports, and they offset an unfortunate truth: food charities sometimes have to get through people’s greed in order to get to other people’s need. We have learned to take the good with the bad. On the same day we celebrate the people who made the magic of the day happen, SUV lady showed up. That is what we call her, SUV lady. She and her partner come to our pantry once or twice a week and clean it out. We have spoken with her a few times when she engages with a volunteer. SUV lady knows that the pantries are there to provide a few meals for many people, not many meals just for her people. Yet, she proceeds to take and take, even giving the security camera at the offices the joy of a middle finger salute.

These are the challenges of an honor system food pantry. There are some people to whom honor does not matter.



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It’s Orville Redenbacher’s dream come true . . . 7,000 bags of popcorn!

Undaunted, we proceed celebrating the wins and people’s generosity. We celebrate getting through greed to needs. We have learned over the years that for every SUV lady, there are many families who respect the model, take what they need, feed their families, and often return later to give back some of what they have.

Generosity shines brightly here in our neck of the woods.

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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](mailto:lisa@feedingteam.org) and [mark@feedingteam.org](mailto:mark@feedingteam.org) or by calling (317) 832-1123.

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Students encouraged to apply for STAR Bank’s ‘Future of Agriculture’ scholarship

**The REPORTER**

With less than two weeks remaining until the deadline, STAR Financial Bank is reminding eligible students to apply for the fourth annual Future of Agriculture college scholarship – part of its ongoing commitment to support the next generation of agricultural leaders.

STAR will award five Indiana students a \$1,000 scholarship to apply toward their post-secondary education. Students passionate about agriculture and wanting to make a difference in the industry are strongly encouraged to apply.

To qualify, applicants must meet one of the following criteria:

- Be a high school senior planning to enter a trade or collegiate program within two years of earning the scholarship.
- Be currently enrolled in college or trade school with at least one year remaining in their program as of Fall 2025.

Applicants must **complete the online application form** on STAR Bank’s website and submit a 250-word essay. This year’s essay question asks: “How do you plan to impact agriculture as it pertains to the past, current or future generations of farmers?”

The deadline to submit applications is Monday, April 21. The contest is open to students who reside or attend school in one of the following Indiana counties: Allen, Blackford,

Boone, DeKalb, Delaware, Grant, Hamilton, Hancock, Henry, Huntington, Howard, Jay, Madison, Marion, Noble, Randolph, Steuben, Tipton, Whitley, or Wells.

Submissions will be reviewed and judged by a panel of STAR Agricultural Banking representatives and winners will be selected and notified in May 2025. Since its inception, the Future of Agriculture scholarship program has provided 15 scholarships to students across Indiana.

“At STAR, we recognize the vital role agriculture plays in our state’s economy and communities,” STAR Bank Senior Commercial Banker Chris Stark said. “By supporting students who are passionate about agriculture, we’re investing in their futures and in the future of an industry that sustains us all. This scholarship reflects our commitment to fostering growth, innovation, and leadership in agriculture across Indiana.”

**About STAR Financial Bank**

STAR Financial Bank, headquartered in Fort Wayne, is committed to delivering quality financial expertise and distinctive banking solutions to exceed customer expectations. In addition, STAR Private Advisory offers private banking, investment and fiduciary services. STAR has grown to nearly \$3 billion in assets with locations across central and northeast Indiana. For more information, visit [starfinancial.com](http://starfinancial.com).

Connection Pointe Christian Church expands into Carmel

*New location set to open Easter Sunday*

**Submitted**

Connection Pointe Christian Church will launch its newest location in Carmel, opening on Easter Sunday, April 20. This expansion reflects Connection Pointe’s commitment to bringing hope, encouragement, and life transformation to the growing community and beyond.

Located at 2599 E. 98th St., this new Carmel location will have two services available for attendees to join. Connection Pointe is finalizing its new renovations for the Grand Opening. The facility is an existing building previously owned by Lighthouse Tabernacle, which will continue to meet at the location for a period.

Chris Maloney will serve as the Location Pastor for Connection Pointe Carmel, helping to foster a welcoming and engaging environment for all who attend. The church believes this new site is a strategic step in reaching a rapidly growing area, making it easier for guests who have been traveling from Brownsburg and Fishers to connect closer to home while also welcoming new members from Carmel and surrounding communities.

“There are some amazing churches in the Carmel area, but the growth of the population is far outpacing the growth of the church,” Lead Pastor John S. Dickerson said. “Our hope is to

be a place of deep spiritual growth and quality Bible teaching for anyone who is seeking a healthy church home or reaching out for God.”

The launch of the Carmel location aligns with Connection Pointe’s mission by providing real and lasting change through impactful worship, encouraging messages of hope, practical life application, and deep spiritual growth. With existing locations in Brownsburg, Avon, and Fishers, this new expansion marks another step in the church’s ongoing efforts to reach more people with the love of Christ.

For more information about service times and upcoming events, please visit [connectionpointe.org](http://connectionpointe.org) or follow Connection Pointe on social media.

**About Connection Pointe Christian Church**

Connection Pointe Christian Church is a local church with locations across central Indiana dedicated to helping people find and follow Jesus. Connection Pointe exists to connect people to Jesus and each other. With this simple and impactful focus, everything the church does is aimed at helping each person live the full life for which God cre-



ated them. The next generation – kids and students – are the centerpiece of Connection Pointe’s vision. The church has gone all-in to help them find their identity in Christ and to create environments where they experience unconditional love in the church. Connection Pointe members give their lives, fortunes, and prayers so that their kids will live in spiritual freedom, follow God’s Word, and outdo their parents in changing the world for Jesus. Through community outreach, discipleship, and meaningful worship, Connection Pointe creates environments where individuals and families can grow in faith and experience God’s transforming power.



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- Veterans benefits
- Passport assistance
- IRS questions



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Obtain commemorative flags flown over the US Capitol from my office.



**Military Academy Nominations**

High school students in our district may contact my office to request a nomination to attend one of our nation’s service academies.



**US Capitol and White House Tour Requests**

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



# Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

## Hamilton County Veteran Service Organizations

**American Legion Posts**  
Carmel Post 155 Kim Kilburn  
852 West Main St Breakfast Sat & Sun 8-12  
Carmel, In 46032 Treasure Hunt Fri 7p  
317-846-0001 Tx Holdem Thurs & Sat  
M,Tu 3-10pm, W,Th 10a-10p, F 10a-11a, Sa  
8a-11p, Su 8a-8p.  
**Restaurant –Sa 8a-8p, Su 8a-12p Lunch W-  
F 11a-2p, Dinner W-F 5-8p**

Cicero Post 341 Tye Anderson  
50 Washington Ave Treasure Hunt Tues 7p  
Cicero, In 46034 Weekly Draw Su 6p,W 7p  
317-984-4441 Bingo Fri 6p, Weekly Draw 8p  
M-Th 3-10p, F-Sa 12-11p, Su 12-10p.  
**Restaurant Tu, W, F 4-8pm, Public P/U Tu-  
W, F eat in or carry out**

Fishers Post 470 Pat Menc  
9091 E 126<sup>th</sup> St Treasure Hunt Fri 8pm \$25K  
Fishers, in 46038 Trivia Wed 6pm  
317-842-5944 Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun 8-11  
M 3-10p, Tu-Su12-10pm or when empty.  
**Restaurant Breakfast 1<sup>st</sup>&3<sup>rd</sup> Sun 9-12,  
Food 12-8 Tu, 5-9 W, 12-9 Th, F 3-8 Sa, 12-5  
Su**

Noblesville Post 45 Gil Soria  
273 S 8<sup>th</sup> St Fri 645pm Treasure Hunt  
Noblesville, in 46060  
317-773-9985 Trivia every 1 & 3 Sat 7pm  
M-Th 11a-10p, F11a-12p, Sa 12p-12a, Su  
12p-8p  
**Restaurant M 6-8pm wings, Tu-F 530-830p,  
Sat 9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/12 Breakfast 730-  
930a Dinner 530-830p, Su 12-8p**

Sheridan Post 67 Tom DeShon  
406 E 10<sup>th</sup> St  
Sheridan, In 46069  
317-758-5007  
M 3-9p, Tu-Th 11-9p, F Sa 11-10p, Su 1-6p  
**Restaurant Lunch Tu-F 11a-2p, food service  
till close**

**VFW Posts**  
Carmel Post 10003 Darin Bibeau  
12863 Old Meridian St  
Carmel, In 46032 Breakfast 2 & 4 Sat 8-11  
317-846-0917 Thurs Treasure Hunt 7pm  
Su-Sa 11a-11p.  
**Restaurant - Breakfast 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sa 8a-11a,  
Lunch 11a-2p & food service till 8p daily**

Noblesville Post 6246 Eric Behrends  
654 S 9<sup>th</sup> St  
Noblesville, In 46060  
317-773-9956  
M-Th 11a-10p, F 11a-12a, Sa 12p-12a, Su  
12p-8p  
**Restaurant M-F 6-9p**

**Non-Profit Veteran Orgs**  
Hamilton County Veterans Corp  
P.O. Box 503  
Noblesville, in 46061  
[secretary@hamiltoncountyveterans.com](mailto:secretary@hamiltoncountyveterans.com)  
Meets 7pm the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday Monthly at the  
Fishers American Legion. Our website  
<https://www.hamiltoncountyveterans.com/>  
has 40 pages of resources for our Military  
Veteran community

Navy Club Hamilton County Ship 29  
Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Wed 530pm dinner 630pm meeting  
at Gingers Cafe 1111 S 10<sup>th</sup> St Noblesville

**Hamilton County Veteran Service  
Officers**  
317-776-9610 Hours – 9am-4pm Weekdays  
CVSO – Tom Logan  
[Tom.logan@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:Tom.logan@hamiltoncounty.in.gov)  
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[robin.wilson@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:robin.wilson@hamiltoncounty.in.gov)  
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Admin Assistant – Christina Ellis  
[christina.ellis@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:christina.ellis@hamiltoncounty.in.gov)

## Hamilton County Military Veteran

Get your team signed up for the IDVA Golf Outing

Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs

**2025 SALUTE TO VETERANS:**

**12TH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF OUTING**  
Register your team or sponsor this event at  
<https://charitygolftoday.com/register?e=19356&ce=37e5c0>

**May 9, 2025**  
**Brookshire Golf Course**  
12120 Brookshire Pkwy,  
Carmel, IN 46033

**12 PM Tee-Off Raffle & 50/50**  
**Food & Drinks Awards Reception**  
**Boxed Lunch**

All proceeds benefit the 2025 IDVA non-profit partner At Ease Orchard

Volunteer to be a Mentor for Indy Veterans Court

**Indy Veterans Court Mentor Program**

ARE YOU A VETERAN? WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP OTHER VETERANS? We are currently looking for military veterans to volunteer in Marion County to mentor other veterans in need. A veteran mentor is a resource for our veteran participants, not a counselor. As a veteran mentor you will be asked to:

- Receive training on veteran resources
- Be supportive to difficulties facing our veteran participants
- Assist veterans navigating the VA system and other resources offered
- Follow the Indy Veterans Court plan for the veteran participant
- Commit to changing another veteran's life
- Work as a team with other veteran mentors

Help your brothers- and sisters-in-arms.

Indianapolis Veterans Court Mentor Program

For More Information contact:  
Aaron Shaw  
IVC Mentor Coordinator

Room CD 085  
675 Justice Way  
Indianapolis, IN

Cell 317-737-6927  
[AShaw0509@outlook.com](mailto:AShaw0509@outlook.com)

Coffee with a Vet Last Saturday of Every Month

**COFFEE With a VETERAN**

Last Saturday of Each Month  
8:00am-9:00am  
Hosted by Clifton Morlan  
University Veterans Post 360

A monthly veteran gathering to get to know veterans in your community.

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**5 Action Steps to Help Someone Having Thoughts of Suicide**

- ASK**  
"Are you thinking about killing yourself?"
- BE THERE**  
Listen without judgment and acknowledge their feelings.
- HELP THEM KEEP THEM SAFE**  
Reduce their access to lethal items or places.
- HELP THEM CONNECT**  
Call or text the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (988).
- FOLLOW UP**  
Stay in touch to see how they're doing.

[nimh.nih.gov/suicideprevention](http://nimh.nih.gov/suicideprevention)

## Activities & Events

**Veterans Sign Up For Free Golf - Starts April 19**

**PGA HOPE**  
HELPING OUR HEROES EVERY WEEK

PGA HOPE IS THE FLAGSHIP MILITARY PROGRAM OF THE PGA OF AMERICA, DESIGNED TO INTRODUCE GOLF TO VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY PERSONNEL TO ENHANCE THEIR SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL, AND PHYSICAL WELL-BEING. THIS INCLUSIVE PROGRAM WELCOMES INDIVIDUALS OF ALL AGES, BRANCHES, SERVICE ERAS, GENDERS, AND ABILITIES, FOSTERING CAMARADERIE AND ENJOYMENT ON THE GOLF COURSE. NO GOLF EQUIPMENT IS REQUIRED, BUT IF PARTICIPANTS HAVE THEIR OWN CLUBS OR SPECIALIZED GEAR, THEY ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING THEM.

- NO PRIOR GOLF EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY
- NO VA DISABILITY RATING REQUIRED
- VETERANS DO NOT NEED TO HAVE COMBAT EXPERIENCE OR DEPLOYMENTS TO PARTICIPATE
- ALL EXPENSES RELATED TO PGA HOPE ARE COVERED
- MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS- 15

**BARLA GOLF ACADEMY** 14660 HERRIMAN BLVD, NOBLESVILLE, IN. 46060

SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER

**DATES**

April 19	2:00pm - 3:30pm
April 26	2:00pm - 3:30pm
May 3	2:00pm - 3:30pm
May 10	2:00pm - 3:30pm
May 17	2:00pm - 3:30pm
May 31	2:00pm - 3:30pm

**QUESTIONS?** PLEASE CONTACT INDIANA GOLF DIRECTOR OF PLAYER DEVELOPMENT, ANDREW JENT 317.739.3012 [AJENT@INDIANAGOLF.ORG](mailto:AJENT@INDIANAGOLF.ORG) [HTTP://INDIANAGOLF.ORG/](http://INDIANAGOLF.ORG/)

April 19 Our Military Veteran Community is Welcome to Join in the fun With Indy Vet to Vet at Geist Park

**VETERANS AND FAMILY MEMBERS**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH**  
**2PM-8PM**

INDY VET TO VET INC. SOME WOUNDS AREN'T VISIBLE. 317-737-6927

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

KAYAKS, FISHING POLES, CHAIRS, FOOD AND DRINKS PROVIDED.

ALL VETERANS, FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

CONTACT: AARON SHAW  
QUESTIONS 317-737-6927

**GEIST PARK**  
10979 FLORIDA RD  
FORTVILLE, IN 46040

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

## Christmas In June Care Package Drive

**SUPPORT OUR TROOPS** **HAMILTON COUNTY Veterans CORP**

**"Christmas in June" Care Package Drive for our Deployed Hoosiers - Feb 12<sup>th</sup> till May 10<sup>th</sup>**

Please help us collect gifts to send care packages to our deployed Hoosier troops for a "Christmas in June". Purchase gifts on the list below and bring them to your local Hamilton County VFW or American Legion Post where they will be collected and brought to the Fishers American Legion Post for wrapping and packaging on May 10 at 5pm. We also need to raise money for shipping costs, so please donate online at <https://donorbox.org/hamilton-county-veterans-corp> or drop off funds at your Legion & VFW where you leave the goods for the care packages. We need the gifts and funds delivered by May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!!!**

Here are your local Hamilton County VFW & American Legion Post's addresses.

Carmel American Legion Post 155 - 852 West Main St, Carmel, In 46032  
Carmel VFW Post 10003 - 12863 Old Meridian ST, Carmel, In 46032  
Cicero American Legion Post 341 - 50 Washington Ave., Cicero, In  
Fishers American Legion Post 470 - 9091 E 126<sup>th</sup> St, Fishers, In  
Noblesville American Legion Post 45 - 273 S 8<sup>th</sup> St, Noblesville, In 46060  
Noblesville VFW Post 6246 - 654 S 9<sup>th</sup> St, Noblesville, In 46060  
Sheridan American Legion Post 67 - 406 E 10<sup>th</sup> St, Sheridan, In

**Care Package Gifts Needed for Our Deployed Troops**  
Suggested items requested by those deployed include Card games (Phase 10, Uno...), Puzzles, small boxes of Keurig cups, Graphic t-shirts Men's and Women's (Sizes S – 3x), water bottles, throw blankets, Decorations -Christmas lights, signs, banners as people love to decorate their living quarters or office space. If you've been deployed, bring what you wanted back then.

**Questions or if you wish to volunteer for packaging day, please contact;**  
Lynn at [treasurer@hamiltoncountyveterans.com](mailto:treasurer@hamiltoncountyveterans.com)  
Tracy at [auxiliarypost470@gmail.com](mailto:auxiliarypost470@gmail.com)

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**Easter Express**  
All aboard for a springtime Easter adventure. Enjoy an interactive story with the Easter Bunny and Farmer Brown, a sweet treat and our special Nickel Plate bunny punch.

April 12, 13 and 19

**Spring Field Trip Days**  
Learn about railroad history, safety and more aboard the historic Nickel Plate Express. Take a 45-minute train ride, talk with the Conductor and Engineer and see history in action. Tickets are just \$12 per person.

April 29 and May 13

**Railbike Season**  
Bike the historic line north and south from Forest Park using unique "railbikes" that operate on the existing railroad tracks. The NPX Railbike is the first of its kind in Indiana and one of the few available in the Midwest!

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# Humor (and murder) just took a bit longer in the '50s

*Spider's Web* premiered in London's West End on Dec. 14, 1954, and ran for an impressive 744 performances. It remains Agatha Christie's second longest-running play, after *The Mousetrap*.



**COLUMNIST**  
**KEN KLINGENMEIER**  
*A Seat on the Aisle*

family. Ms. Aldridge presents a lively and charming lady whose sharp imagination causes a good deal of the play's tangled plot.

Alongside her for the adventure are a trio of gents – Syd Loomis as

The long-form three act play is a departure for Ms. Christie in some ways. It was originally conceived and produced as a theatre piece (not a mystery novel) for her friend, actress Margaret Lockwood. It was styled for the stage as a “comedy thriller.” Its detective character isn't a famous faultless sleuth, but a sometimes misdirected and confused mortal. Still, there are plenty of broad and subtle clues and numerous red herrings to chew on in the tale.

For the Main Street Productions' offering, director Jan Jamison has collected a very well-fitting cast of local actors and actresses for the task. All are capable of playing Brits with apt affectations and accents. They roll through the meandering script with jolly-good senses of their adopted nationality, placing the story in a believable arena.

Phoebe Aldridge takes the role of Clarissa Hailsham-Brown, the mistress at Coppelstone Court. Clarissa is a perky young woman who, due to a penchant for exaggeration, is often disbelieved by her friends and

Clarissa's former guardian Sir Roland Delahaye, Jim Simmons as local Justice of the Peace Hugh Birch, and Jeff Haber as the young and seemingly carefree Jeremy Warrender. All three do fine work with their roles; in fact, Loomis and Haber impressed me with the best efforts I have seen from either of them, while Simmons delivers his usual sharp effort.

In smaller roles, seventh-grader Ava McKee as Clarissa's stepdaughter Pipa shows great promise with her solid portrayal, Thom Johnson manages to get all the humor he can from his role as butler Elgin, Matt McKee is aptly despicable as the villainous Oliver Costello, Kevin Caraher is effective as Clarissa's husband Henry, and Erin Chandler is quietly engaging as Constable Jones.

Molly Kraus brings an energetic comedic touch to the family gardener, Mildred Peake, giving the lady a humorous extravagance. Larry Adams does admirable work as the not-always-on-top-of-things Inspector Lord, doing his best to solve the confusing circumstances the



Photo provided by Main Street Productions  
**Phoebe Aldridge as Clarissa Hailsham-Brown.**

inspector is presented with.

As I have indicated, the cast overall does a fine job with the Britishness of the characters they are charged with. My single negative note would be one I seem to consistently offer – enunciation. Doing an accent is a challenge for many actors – almost like speaking a new language. Part of the work of creating the effect has to be detailing one's pronunciation so as to be understood. Actors Caraher, Loomis, Simmons, Kraus, and Adams all have this skill down pat. The rest lose some of their effective story telling at times because we (both Mrs. K and I) simply cannot understand the words being said. This is

a correctable flaw.

Technical aspects are all well-met. The set design by Ms. Jamison and JB Scoble is beautiful and efficient. Costumes by Karen Combs likewise are a boon to the story as are hair and makeup by Tessa Gibbons.

**Bottom line:** This is an overall fun romp, albeit drawn out in 1950s style. The story itself is indeed a web, and my suggestion to those who plan to attend would be to read the synopses of Acts 1 and 2 in the play's Wikipedia entry. (Leave Act 3 out if you want to avoid the spoilers.)

Read more great play reviews from *A Seat on the Aisle* at [asota.wordpress.com](http://asota.wordpress.com).

## Big Tobacco doesn't stand a chance against these kids with cameras

### The REPORTER

VOICE, Indiana's statewide youth empowerment movement, is turning up the volume on youth activism by intersecting art and commercial tobacco control through a statewide initiative.

This statewide project harnesses the power of creative expression to expose the harmful influence of Big Tobacco on Indiana youth. The initiative mobilizes local VOICE Action Squads across the state to challenge tobacco industry tactics through storytelling, art, and advocacy.

This nine-month project, designed by VOICE Youth Ambassadors, will culminate in the premiere of a powerful short film and art show from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 12 at the Phoenix Theater Cultural Centre, 705 N. Illinois St., Indianapolis.

Sunjana Malineni, a senior at Hamilton Southeastern High School, is a statewide VOICE Youth Ambassador, and she has been involved with this project since its inception. Local VOICE youth from across Hamilton County will be in attendance.

The project included:

- **A Storytelling Project for Red Ribbon Week:** a collection of personal stories from youth struggling with addiction and those committed to a tobacco-free lifestyle.

- **A Day of Action at the Indiana Statehouse:** collected commitment cards of why VOICE members are inspired to do this work.



### • Activism Campaign:

a creative movement utilizing visual arts, video, and music to challenge the normalization of tobacco and vaping in communities.

“Combining art and activism is a powerful way to reach our youth and remind them of the devastating effects of tobacco and nicotine addiction,” VOICE Hamilton County Youth Coordinator Erica Strahm said. “It also gives the youth creating the art a unique, positive way to express their passion for tobacco prevention and advocacy. This project has received support on a local, state, and national level, and we couldn't be more grateful.”

At the national level, the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids offered collaboration with its popular Take Down Tobacco initiative to help promote the premiere and also provided support through event sponsorship.

### About VOICE

VOICE is Indiana's youth empowerment movement dedicated to educating and mobilizing teens to lead tobacco-free lifestyles. With 19 county-based chapters and partnerships with Indiana Black Expo and Indiana Latino Institute, VOICE equips youth leaders with the tools to create meaningful change in their communities through peer education and activism.

## Franciscan Health Foundation awarded \$45K by American Cancer Society to provide transportation & lodging for cancer patients

### The REPORTER

The Franciscan Health Foundation was recently awarded \$45,000 by the American Cancer Society to provide transportation and lodging assistance to people undergoing cancer treatment. The grant is part of a nationwide investment of \$9 million that is expected to provide nearly 63,000 eligible patients with nearly 800,000 transportation and lodging services.

The two grants received by the Franciscan Health Foundation underwrite transportation (\$10,000) and lodging (\$35,000) costs for cancer patients and their families.

“We have many patients and caregivers who travel long distances to receive our services, and they often need to find lodging for a night or sometimes even longer,” said Tom King, administrative director of oncology for Franciscan Health in Central Indiana. “The cost of fuel and hotel

stays add up quickly, making the importance of these funds even greater. We are very appreciative of the American Cancer Society providing these grants.”

Access to high-quality cancer treatment impacts cancer outcomes. A lack of the transportation and lodging needed to receive quality care can lead to missed appointments, treatment interruptions, and delays in follow up care. In a 2023 *Journal of the National Cancer Institute* study, American Cancer Society researchers found that delayed care due to lack of transportation is associated with increased emergency room use and mortality risk among adults with and without cancer history.

“Transportation obstacles or the cost of a hotel room should not be barriers that determine the survival of those needing cancer treatment,” said Dr. Arif Kamal, chief patient officer for the American Cancer

Society. “Partnering with health systems and organizations across the country to provide funding to deliver the direct assistance needed helps to fill these equity gaps and improves cancer outcomes.”

The funding is especially helpful for at-risk populations, particularly the needy. If a patient cannot get to treatments and appointments, it poses a significant impact on their health outcomes.

Transportation funds will provide gas cards for patients, as well as providing Lyft rides. The lodging grant covers expenses for hotel stays at several facilities near the Franciscan Health Cancer Center, located on Indianapolis' far south side. Franciscan staff coordinate reservations and patients/caregivers are not billed for their stays.

Recipients do not have to provide proof of financial need to qualify for assistance, as the goal of the

program is to help patients stay consistent with treatments such as radiation and chemotherapy.

The American Cancer Society and Franciscan Health have partnered on programs before through similar grants.

[Click here](#) to learn more about services at Franciscan Health Cancer Center Indianapolis. [Click here](#) to learn more about the American Cancer Society.

### — COUNTY —

#### NOTICE

**Project:** Hamilton County Special Projects 2025 Bid Package #05 Community Corrections Water Heater Replacement  
**Scope of work:** Replacing existing water heater system and hot water storage tanks in the Community Corrections mechanical room.  
**Contractor Bids:** Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Hamilton County, Indiana, during its regularly scheduled meeting in the Commissioner's Courtroom will receive sealed bids for items as listed below. These sealed bids must be forwarded by registered mail or delivered in person to the Hamilton County Auditor, located in the basement of the historic courthouse at 33 North 9th Street, Suite L21, Noblesville, Indiana 46060 prior to 11:30 a.m. on April 28th, 2025. After 11:30 a.m. bids may be delivered to the Commissioners Courtroom located on the 1st floor of the Judicial Center up to the time of the noticed bid opening. All bids will be opened and read aloud beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, April 28th, 2025.  
**Project Information:** To request project documents (Bid form, drawings, scope of work, etc.), please email [HamiltonCountyBids@skender.com](mailto:HamiltonCountyBids@skender.com) and access will be provided.  
**Subcontractor walkthrough:** Email Mitch with Skender at [HamiltonCountyBids@skender.com](mailto:HamiltonCountyBids@skender.com) to set up a project walkthrough.  
**Questions:** All questions and correspondence should be directed to [HamiltonCountyBids@skender.com](mailto:HamiltonCountyBids@skender.com).  
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**Wednesday, April 9 - 7:00 pm**  
**Thursday, April 10 - 7:00 pm**  
**Friday, April 11 - 7:00 pm**  
**Saturday, April 12 - 11:00 am & 5:00 pm**

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Tickets limited to 8 per order. Ticket processing fees applicable and are non-refundable. Due to the length of the production, intensity of scenes, and special effects, children ages birth through four are not permitted in the Performing Arts Center. Childcare is not available. **BeholdTheLamb.com**

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**Spider's Web**

by Agatha Christie

Directed by Jan Jamison

**April 3rd – April 13th, 2025**

Thursday, Friday, Saturday Shows at 7:30 pm,  
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# Not so happily ever after

By DANIEL SHOCK  
*A Seat on the Aisle*

I've seen *Into the Woods* before. I know the songs, the twists, the overlapping fairytales. But somehow, this production by Epsilon Theatrical Company – performed in the lower level of Broadway United Methodist Church – hit me like I was seeing it for the first time. And perhaps in a way, I was.

Director Jayson Elliott has delivered a production that honors the adult themes lurking just beneath the fairytale surface, and this cast he put together leans into them with honesty and heart.

If you have never taken the journey, *Into the Woods* – with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim and a book by James Lapine – weaves characters from classic fairytales: Cinderella, Jack (the one with the beanstalk), Little Red Riding Hood, Rapunzel, and others, into an original story of a childless Baker and his Wife. Act I follows the familiar quests of these characters as they try to get their wishes granted. Act II reveals what happens after “happily ever after.” The hard truth is, it’s not always happy.

The first act plays like a familiar bedtime story – witty, musical, and full of wish fulfillment. But the second act turns inward, asking harder questions: What happens after we get what we want? What do we lose along the way? In this structure, Sondheim and Lapine give us a mirrored tale – first joy, then consequence; first magic, then meaning. It’s a show that forces its characters – and its audience – to grow up, reckon with loss, and find community in the rubble. This production understands that arc deeply, and embraces both the whimsy and the weight.

The character and performance that connected

with me most viscerally was unquestionably Cinderella, played with crystalline tone and aching vulnerability by Allison Williamson. Her voice was clear as a bell, her intonation was spot on, and when she sang “Mother isn’t here now” in the penetrating “No One Is Alone,” I found myself sobbing. It has been just over three years since my own mother passed, and that lyric – so simple, so gentle – pierced right through me. That moment alone was worth the price of admission.

As the Baker, Eric Thompson gave a deeply human performance. He didn’t hit every note perfectly – but he hit what mattered. His anguish, especially in “No More,” sung to the memory of his absent father (played by Chase Cornelius as the Mysterious Man), felt raw and relatable. You could see the weight of generational pain pressing on him, and hear his plea for clarity in a world that offers none.

Alyssa Linville’s Baker’s Wife was equally compelling. She is a character who can easily become a trope – defined only by her marriage, literally named for it – but this actor made her real. She played her desires, her temptations, and her underlying kindness with conviction. The performance didn’t demand perfection – it asked for empathy, and earned it. She captured that human struggle between temptation and duty, freedom and fidelity, with heartbreaking reality.

Shawn Hunt (Cinderella’s Prince) and Peyton Rader (Rapunzel’s Prince) delivered consistent comedic charm. Their synchronized bravado in “Agony” and its reprise was hilariously self-absorbed and physically well-executed. They strutted with gallant absurdity, poking fun at the dramatic, puffed-up masculinity of storybook heroes. Every entrance brought laughter.



Photo by Rob Slaven / [IndyGhostLight.com](#)  
**Brynn Dunlap as Little Red Riding Hood and Rodney Sciba as The Wolf.**

The supporting cast was strong throughout: Isaiah Owens (Jack) brought youthful energy and vulnerability to “Giants in the Sky,” Brynn Dunlap (Little Red Riding Hood) was sharp and witty, and Aleah Mutchman (Narrator) kept the story flowing with clarity and poise. Cami Zook as the Witch balanced comedy, menace, and maternal heartbreak with skill – particularly in “Last Midnight” and the final “Children Will Listen.”

Elliana Rowls gave Milky White real personality, using movement and expression to make the cow feel sweet, sad, and even funny. The birds, brought to life with finger puppets, fluttered and flew with graceful motion. It was a small but magical detail that added to the charm of the show.

The church itself added to the immersion. The basement of Broadway United Methodist feels less like a traditional stage and more like the echoing hall of a kingdom. Framed by trees, a castle tower, and natural greenery, the set (designed by N. Scott Gibbons) cleverly used space and layers to suggest both intimacy and vastness. Lighting design by Mike Cowper and Daniel Oblak elevated the mood throughout, shifting between subtle transitions and dramatic flourishes to

reflect emotional turns and changes in setting as the characters journeyed deeper into the woods.

Tim Reed’s musical direction deserves praise. The music of Sondheim is famously complex, but under his guidance, the cast stayed connected and expressive, even when the notes tested their limits.

What lingered with me after the final chord wasn’t just the quality of the production, but the way the themes landed differently than they ever have before. Perhaps it’s age. Perhaps it’s loss. Perhaps it’s that I, like many, have lived enough life now to understand that wishes come with consequences – and that the real growth happens after the storybook ending. As Sondheim writes: “Witches can be right, giants can be good. You decide what’s right.”

Elliott’s director’s note calls *Into the Woods* “a journey into the heart of human desires and the often-unforeseen consequences that follow.” This production lives up to that mission – and then some. It’s heartfelt, funny, poignant, and, yes – adult. Strongly recommended.

Remaining performances of *Into the Woods* run April 10 to 13 at Broadway United Methodist Church in Indianapolis. Shows take place Thursday through Saturday evenings at 7 p.m., with additional matinees on Saturday at 2 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets are available online at [epsilontheatricalco.org](#), where you can also find parking details and accessibility information. Several performances still have seats available, but don’t wait. This is a journey worth taking.

Read more great play reviews from *A Seat on the Aisle* at [asota.wordpress.com](#).

## Rep. Spartz: lasting peace in Ukraine not possible right now, but ceasefire needed

**Submitted**

On Monday, *The Daily Telegraph* in the United Kingdom published an article with a headline that Congresswoman Victoria Spartz says intentionally misrepresents her position on Ukraine.

According to Spartz, the headline was “used by the Zelensky propaganda machine to smear” both her and President Donald Trump.

Spartz said the article used quotation marks to make it appear she said something she never actually said. After several interactions with Spartz’s team, *The Daily Telegraph* deleted the quotes but still kept a colon to make an appearance of this false statement.

Congresswoman Spartz issued the following statement to clarify her current position on Ukraine:

“It’s not surprising that

the UK media is as dishonest as the US mainstream media, so let me set the record straight,” Spartz said. “I spent an enormous amount of energy trying to help the Ukrainian military to win their brutal fight against Russia. Unfortunately, if you have morons and crooks like Zelensky and his puppet parliament running your country, it’s a lost cause. Putin might be evil, but he is not a moron. The current reality on the ground is that Ukraine is not in the position to retake its territories, nor could they agree to give them up permanently. Therefore, only a temporary solution with the help of the United States can be achieved, which will give each side some time to regroup. The end result of that war will have to be decided later and not just on a battlefield.”

### Ukraine’s first US congresswoman: Zelensky must cede land to Russia

Constituents have torn shreds out of Victoria Spartz for her views, but she’s not backing down

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**The REPORTER**

The 13th annual Noblesville Creates Fairyville, presented by Duke Energy, returns to Noblesville Creates and Downtown Noblesville April 23 to 26 with crafts and activities for all ages and most events free.

Sponsors include Duke Energy, Mini Minds, Four Day Ray Brewing Fishers, Guardian Care, Playground Productions, Musicologie, Josiah White’s, Bar Ellis, Renewal by Andersen, Martin & Martin, Indy’s Child, SLS Group, LLC, and Noble Coffee.

This year’s Fairyville theme, “Energizing the Earth,” celebrates the vital connection between energy and nature. Inspired by this year’s title sponsor, Duke Energy, the theme highlights the importance of caring for the planet, which remains a central focus of the event each year.

Fairyville will feature a variety of scheduled events, including the Fairy House Contest, Fairy Tea Parties, a special Earth Celebration Parade, and self-guided nature-themed activities. Fairyville After Dark, sponsored by Martin & Martin and hosted by Bar Ellis, returns this year with an exciting twist, offering a special VIP experience for adults.

Fairy House Contest registration is open through 5 p.m. on April 19. [Click here](#) to register.

Fairy Tea Party tickets are also available for purchase. [Click here](#) to secure tickets.

Noblesville Creates’ partners and other local businesses throughout downtown Noblesville will also offer various specials, events, and activities during Noblesville Creates Fairyville that are open to the public.

**Noblesville Creates Fairyville Events**  
*Winged Wednesday, April 23 and Troll Thursday, April 24*

During the first two days of Fairyville, visitors can explore the Fairy Home Show and vote for their favorite at Noblesville Creates. Participants can also craft their own wand, crown, or small fairy house at the Noblesville Creates Fairy Emporium.

*Fairy Friday, April 25*

On Fairy Friday, the fairy houses will be relocated from the Noblesville Creates campus to the Fairy Trail in the afternoon, where visitors can stroll through, meet live fairies, and vote for their favorite fairy house. Stop by Noblesville Creates to participate in fun fairy crafts and pick up a Fairy Trail Map to guide you. From 6 to 9 p.m., visitors can shop from Fairy Vendors, receive free face painting, enjoy live music, and participate in engaging activities.

Thanks to the City of Noblesville’s new Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA), guests can also enjoy a special sparkly fairy beer from Four Day Ray Brewery while exploring the trail.

*Fairyville After Dark, April 25*

Special this year, Fairyville After Dark, sponsored by Martin & Martin and hosted by Bar Ellis, will be a VIP experience for adults with live entertainment and music, free drink and food, and fun activities. This event also serves as a fundraiser for Noblesville Creates, supporting next year’s Fairyville event. [Click here](#) to purchase tickets for this VIP event.

*Sprite Saturday, April 26*

Sprite Saturday is a day filled with family-friendly, fairy-themed fun. The Fairy Trail will remain open featuring live fairies and fairy homes. The day’s festivities include the Fairy House Contest awards ceremony, fairy-themed crafts, a special Earth Celebration Parade, live glass blowing from Patty Kluzinger, and other interactive art demonstrations. Visitors can also explore Fairy Vendors, enjoy harp music by Sara Walthery, dulcimer music with Susan Kraeszig, and experience captivating entertainment in Downtown Noblesville and the Courthouse Square. Plus, Fairy Tea Parties will be held throughout the day, where guests can learn proper fairy etiquette and meet a special fairy guest.

Noblesville Creates Fairyville is free to attend; some special events have costs and requirements. [Click here](#) to purchase tickets and learn more about Noblesville Creates Fairyville.



WISH photo by Hernan Gutierrez  
**A Tesla Cybertruck with a message supporting President Trump and Elon Musk was parked in Lt. Gov. Micah Beckwith’s spot.**

## Lt. Gov. Beckwith supports Elon Musk with Cybertruck

By **PARKER CARLSON**  
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](#)

but they only commented on Beckwith’s support for Trump and Musk.

“The Lt. Governor wants to show President Trump and Elon Musk that Hoosiers support everything they’re doing,” Beckwith’s office said. “The 2025 Cyber Truck has a starting MSRP of \$82,235 according to Car and Driver.”

Beckwith recently faced criticism during a heated **town hall in Franklin** on March 31.

*This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wishtv.com/news/politics/lt-gov-beckwith-cybertruck-support](#).*

Indiana Lt. Gov. Micah Beckwith showed support for President Donald Trump and Elon Musk with a Cybertruck in his parking spot at the Statehouse.

On the Cybertruck’s windshield is a message saying, “Thank you, President Trump and Elon Musk for all you’re doing for our nation! – Lt. Governor Beckwith.”

News 8 reached out to Beckwith’s office to learn if the Cybertruck is state property and if it was purchased with taxpayer funds,

# SUMMER IN WESTFIELD



**WESTFIELD GREEN DAY**  
APRIL 26 | 12 - 2 P.M.

**WESTFIELD INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL**  
MAY 10 | 12 - 3 P.M.  
Presented by Centier Bank

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JUNE 18 | 4:30 - 7:30 P.M.  
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NO EVENT ON JULY 1

**CREEK STOMPS**  
JUNE 5 - JULY 31 (THURSDAYS) | 10 - 11 A.M.  
NO EVENT ON JULY 3

**WORKOUT WEDNESDAYS**  
YOGA JUNE 11 | 8:30 A.M.  
YOGA JUNE 18 | 6 P.M.  
JAZZERCISE JUNE 25 | 8:30 A.M.  
JAZZERCISE JULY 9 | 6 P.M.

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The Westfield Parks and Recreation Department will celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day at its annual Green Day event from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 26 at Grand Junction Plaza, 225 S. Union St.

This free, family-friendly event will showcase local organizations and vendors offering eco-friendly tips and practices that attendees can apply at home and in their community. The city will also give away free native tree saplings provided by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources to all attendees while supplies last.

“Protecting and preserving green spaces is funda-

mental to a healthy, sustainable community,” Parks and Recreation Director Chris McConnell said. “Green Day is one of the most important events of the year for our department because it plays a key role in our mission to educate residents about the importance of native trees, soil, and more.”

Organizations participating in Green Day include:

- Westfield Green Together
- Westfield Storm Water Department
- Duke Energy
- Waste Management
- Hoosier Environmental Council
- Greenways Foundation
- Indiana Native Plant

Society

- Huston Solar

In addition to educational booths, Westfield High School’s National Honor Society and Environmental Club will lead hands-on activities, including making solar ovens and pony bead bracelets.

Due to State Road 32 construction, there are two ways to access Grand Junction Plaza:

1. If coming from U.S. 31, exit the Poplar Street/Shamrock Boulevard roundabout to the south and park at the temporary parking lot near Poplar and Park Streets.
2. If accessing heading north, take South Union Street to Mill Street.



Graphic provided by City of Westfield

Attendees are encouraged to review traffic flow updates regarding the roadway project impacting travel on State Road 32 before planning their visit. For access to suggested detour maps, [click here](#).

For more information about Westfield’s Green Day, visit [westfieldin.gov/greenday](http://westfieldin.gov/greenday).

Carmel Symphony hosts event for women who are leaders

New at Sheridan Public Library

Submitted

The second Women in Leadership event hosted by the Carmel Symphony Orchestra (CSO) on March 22 was well attended and attracted a multi-generational audience.

The panelists were inspirational and honest in sharing their experiences and advice. The engaging question and answer session made it clear that the panelists had connected with the audience in a meaningful way. Thank you to these panelists:

- Janet Holcomb, Former First Lady of Indiana
- Kelly Corcoran, Conductor
- Evelyn Magley, CEO of The Basketball League

The addition of the Chamber performance by the Woodwind Quintet added a wonderful introduction to the afternoon’s discus-



Photo provided

**Women in Leadership Panelists, Presenters, Chamber Musicians and CSO Board Members were excited to welcome the community to the discussion. Thanks to the Carmel Clay Library for playing host to the event.**

sion. The musical selections were all by women composers including **Valerie Coleman**, **Germaine Tailleferre**, and **Marie Clémence**

**de Grandval.** Members of the Woodwind Quintet included:

- Monika Spangler, flute
- Emily Cook, clarinet
- Lisa Kozenko, oboe
- Kathleen Moniaci, bassoon
- Sharon Weyser, horn

Thanks goes to:

- Carmel Clay Public Library for sponsoring the Woodwind Quintet
- Patricia Beyland for sponsoring Kelly Corcoran’s appearance
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Here are some of the new items that can be found at the Sheridan Public Library.

**Fiction**

- All the Other Mothers Hate Me – Sarah Harman
- Finlay Donovan Knocks ‘Em Dead – E. Cosimano
- Girl She Used to Be – Maggie Miller
- Head Case – John McMahon
- Inheritance – Trisha Sakhlecha
- Last Days of Kira Mullin – Nicci French
- March On – David Johnson
- One Good Thing – Georgia Hunter
- Say You’ll Remember Me – Abby Jimenez
- Serenity at Seagrove – Rachel Hanna
- Strangers in Time – David Baldacci
- Summer We Met – Hope Holloway
- You Killed Me First –

John Marrs

**Non-Fiction**

- Horrors of Fox Hollow Farm – Richard Estep
- I’ll Have What She’s Having – Chelsea Handler
- Rediscover Your Wisdom – Rabbi Joel Stein

**Inspirational Fiction**

- Divine Double Trouble – Hope Callaghan
- Divine Fate – Hope Callaghan

**Children’s**

- Fiona & the Easter Egg Hunt – Richard Cowdrey
- Pete the Kitty & the Mermaids Sandcastle – Kimberly Dean

**Video Games**

- Star Wars: Jedi Survivor (Xbox One)

**Movies**

- Den of Thieves 2
- Dogman (Children’s)
- Kraven
- Mufasa
- Paw Patrol Air Rescue (Children’s)
- Veggie Tales Easter Double Feature
- Wolf Man

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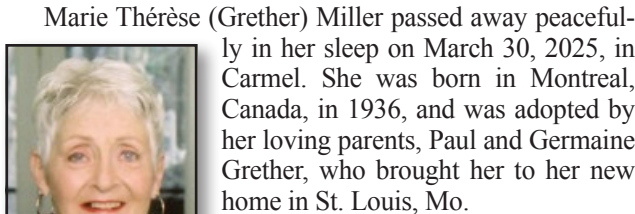


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Marie Thérèse (Grether) Miller  
June 12, 1936 – March 30, 2025



Marie Thérèse (Grether) Miller passed away peacefully in her sleep on March 30, 2025, in Carmel. She was born in Montreal, Canada, in 1936, and was adopted by her loving parents, Paul and Germaine Grether, who brought her to her new home in St. Louis, Mo.

A lifelong Catholic, Thérèse graduated from Fontbonne College and began her career as an elementary school teacher. In 1959, she married Karl Miller, and they moved to Kokomo, Ind., where they started their lives and family together.

In her 50s, Marie returned to graduate school to earn her master's degree in counseling and later opened a private practice. Though she may not have called herself a feminist, she raised her three daughters to be independent, strong, and true to themselves.

Thérèse and Karl were married for 65 years, spending time in New Orleans, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Florida before ultimately returning to Indiana in 2023. No matter where they lived, Thérèse poured her heart into creating a loving home. For more than 50 years, the family gathered every Christmas Eve, celebrating together and enjoying the traditions she lovingly created.

She loved gardening, tending her flowers, and creating a sanctuary for birds – filling her yard with blooms, feeders, and birdbaths. Her idea of a perfect Mother's Day was a fresh delivery of compost and a day spent preparing her garden beds. Thérèse and Karl loved golf, building a community of friends across courses in Indiana and Florida. Thérèse never met a dog she didn't like or a person she wasn't interested in learning more about.

But above all else, Thérèse loved her family. In her final years, she was rarely more than an arm's length from her husband Karl.

She is survived by her daughters, Christiane Miller (Charles Petty), Karen Demerly (Danielle and Jared Schaffer), and Kathy Moon (Tyler Moon); Nathan and Olivia Moon; Jessica Moon and Jake Treida). She was especially delighted to meet her first great-grandchild, Jack Karl Schaffer, just months before her passing. She is also survived by her nephews, Dale Miller (Marilyn), Alan Miller (Kathy), and their families.

Thérèse's family gathered in Carmel on April 4, 2025, to honor her life, sharing memories and stories over some of her favorite foods. If you would like to celebrate Thérèse's life as well, then somewhere along the way: say a prayer or two, put on your soft clothes, pour yourself a generous glass of wine, and at the next family cookout, when no one is looking, slip a hamburger or hot dog under the table to your favorite dog.

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the family in arrangements.

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

Rocky Lynn Burgan  
January 26, 1957 – February 19, 2025

Rocky Lynn Burgan, 68, Madison, Ind., formerly of Sheridan, passed away unexpectedly at his home, on Wednesday, February 19, 2025. Born on January 26, 1957, in Noblesville, he was the son of the late Tinley O. and Lurette (Ewing) Burgan.

He attended Calvary Baptist Church of Madison.

After graduating from Sheridan High School with the Class of 1976, Rocky hired on with Biddle Manufacturing in Sheridan. He later left the company to take a position with the Town of Sheridan. His official role was with the Street Department, but his duties involved a little bit of everything. Rocky was always willing to pitch in to keep things running smoothly, learning as he worked. Eventually, he became a Supervisor, and was one of the people who knew the infrastructure of Sheridan like the back of his hand. He helped with the installation of sewer lines, had a hand in addressing water leaks, took care of the streets, and anything else that needed to be done around town. If you wanted to know the ins and outs of how things were laid out in town, Rocky could show you. He retired from the town of Sheridan in 2013.

Tinkering with things was just a way of life for Rocky. Be it cars, lawnmowers, or equipment for the town, he loved messing around with things. This (and his love of old cars) eventually led him to one of his normal haunts: the body shop uptown. He loved hanging out with Scotty and whoever else happened to wander in. You wouldn't know it at first, but Rocky was, in his own way, a social butterfly. He never met a stranger and seemed to be able to carry on a conversation with anybody. Whether it was up at Scotty's, over at Midwest Grill, catching a catnap behind the old Stafford place, cruising around town in the convertible, standing at an auction looking for a deal, or just stopped (in his work truck) in the middle of one of the streets in town, if someone wanted to shoot the breeze with Rocky, right now was as good a time as any. In later years, after moving to Madison, social media became his "lifeline" for keeping up with everybody back in Sheridan.

For Rocky, there was nothing he loved more than his family. His nieces and nephews were everything to him. He loved following their adventures and spending as much time with them as he could. He also loved spending time with the rest of the family as well. One of his favorite exploits in recent years was a trip he took down to Pennington Gap, Va. (organized by his brother, Rick) for a "family reunion" to "re-connect" with their family members in the local cemeteries. Rocky enjoyed traveling (especially with family) just as much as he loved sitting around with family and visiting. He enjoyed his many trips out to Las Vegas, and loved finding good places to eat, wherever he happened to be.

He was a kind and gracious man who was always willing to help anyone in need. His smile and his infectious laugh will forever be missed by everyone who knew him.

Rocky is survived by two brothers, Rick Burgan (Athena) of Madison, and Jeff Burgan (Pam) of Frankton; three uncles, Kerman Ewing of Sheridan, Gale Bernard Ewing (Louise) of Sheridan, and Carl Burgan of Pennington Gap, Va.; nieces and nephews, Susan Anderson (Jason) of Madison, Scott Burgan (Amy) of Owensboro, Ky., Krista Harris (Rob) of Frankfort, Ind., Kara McQuern-Boles of Lebanon, Ind., Jill McQuern of Frankfort, Ind., Hanna Colvin (Drew) of Cicero, Joshua Burgan (Lauren) of Westfield, and Seth Burgan (Britta) of Princeton, Ind.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Tinley O. and Lurette (Ewing) Burgan; sister, Donna McQuern; and by his aunts and uncles, Sue Terrell and husband Sonny; Rita Ewing; Donna Swank and her husband Jerry; and Burlin Ewing and his wife Virginia.

Graveside Services will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 12, 2025, at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. Pastor Mike Hamby will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to the American Diabetes Association.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kercheval Funeral Home in Sheridan.

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

# Carmel announces key spring 2025 infrastructure projects

## The REPORTER

The City of Carmel has provided the following anticipated schedule for the 2025 construction season. These projects include traffic flow improvements, roadway enhancements and continued upgrades to pedestrian safety. Construction schedules are designed to minimize disruptions as best as possible while delivering long-term benefits.

[Click here to see the entire 2025 schedule.](#)

"Prioritizing the safety and efficiency of our transportation network is paramount," City Engineer Bradley Pease said. "The current road and bridge projects are essential to meeting the evolving needs of Carmel. We appreciate the public's understanding during construction and are confident these improvements will create a safer, more efficient travel experience for everyone."

### College Avenue reconstruction

The first phase of the College Avenue Reconstruction project is underway with a full closure at 96th Street and College Avenue planned for May. The series of College Avenue roundabouts at 96th



Photo provided by City of Carmel  
An aerial view of College Avenue and 96th Street with Interstate 465 in the upper right corner of the photo.

Street, Carmel Gateway and Pennsylvania Parkway will greatly improve traffic flow as well as provide pedestrian access. The reconstruction on the section north of Interstate 465 begins later this summer with alternating northbound and southbound phases going into 2026.

### West 96th Street path

Walkers, runners, and cyclists can look forward to a new path on the city's west side construction of the West 96th Street path from Spring Mill Road to Ditch Road. Periodic closures will occur in May for crane operations with an anticipated

completion time of October.

### Main Street reconstruction

Beginning on or after May 27, Main Street will undergo reconstruction from Old Meridian Street to Guilford Road. Brief closures will be necessary but local access will be maintained.

### Raised pedestrian crosswalks

Raised crosswalks will be installed at multiple existing roundabouts along Towne Road, Gray Road, and Hazel Dell Parkway.

The addition of raised crosswalks at these intersections continues to enhance safety and accessibility throughout the city.

### Bridges & culverts

Essential repairs and replacements of several bridges and culverts will require full closures, including Clay Center Road at Elliot Creek, East 126th Street over Cool Creek, and Westfield Boulevard near 109th Street. Detours will be in place while these projects are in process.



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# Moontown Road to close at SR 38

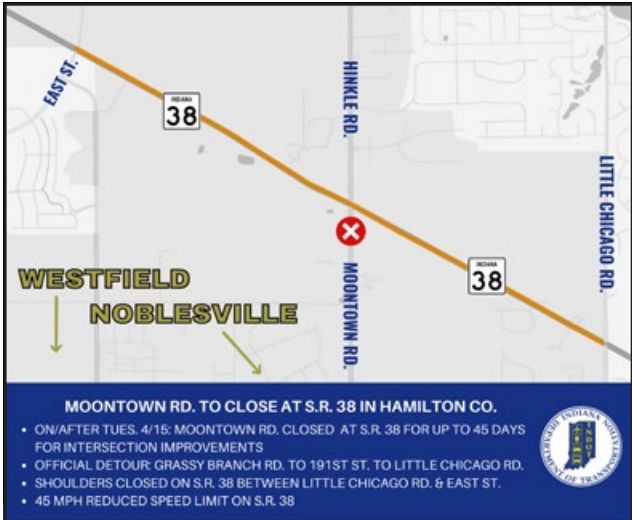
## The REPORTER

Starting next week, contract crews will begin work on an intersection improvement project at State Road 38 and Moontown Road/Hinkle Road in Hamilton County. The project includes the installation of traffic signals and turn lanes.

As soon as Tuesday, April 15, Moontown Road will close at SR 38 for up to 45 days though late May. The official detour will follow Grassy Branch Road, 191st Street, and Little Chicago Road.

During construction, both shoulders of SR 38 will be closed between East Street and Little Chicago Road. The speed limit will be reduced to 45 mph. Hinkle Road is scheduled to close once Moontown Road reopens. Overall construction is anticipated to be complete in October.

Drivers are reminded to slow down, use extra caution, and avoid distractions in and near work zones. All work is weather-dependent, and schedules are subject to change.



Graphic provided by Indiana Department of Transportation

# SR 13 to close between I-69 & Lapel for pavement rehabilitation

## The REPORTER

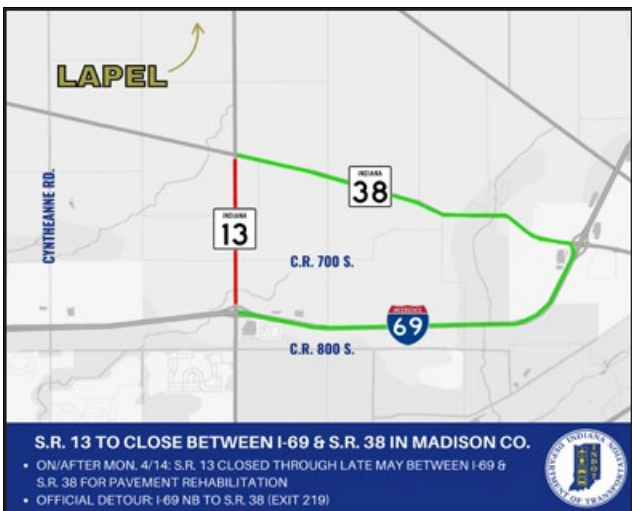
Starting next week, State Road 13 will close in sections between Interstate 69 and Lapel for pavement rehabilitation in Madison County.

On or after Monday, April 14, SR 13 will close to traffic between I-69 and SR 38 for milling, followed by full-depth reclamation work and surface paving. SR 13 is expected to remain closed through late May, weather permitting. The official detour will follow I-69 northbound to SR 38 (Exit 219). Access will be maintained for local

traffic only.

The next closure will occur between County Road 400 South and Lapel and is scheduled to begin once the previous phase has reopened. Additional phased closures include the intersection of SR 13 and SR 38 and County Road 400 South. More information related to schedule will be shared at a later date. Overall construction is anticipated to be complete in September.

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### Meeting Notices

The Westfield Plat Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, April 14, 2025, has been canceled. Business items will be carried over to a future meeting.

The Sheridan Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, April 14, 2025, at the library, located at 103 W. 1st St.

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold its monthly Board of Trustees meeting at 5 p.m. Monday, April 14, 2025, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING


THE GRAIN OFFERING

“When anyone brings a grain offering to the LORD, their offering is to be of the finest flour. They are to pour olive oil on it, put incense on it and take it to Aaron’s sons the priests. The priest shall take a handful of the flour and oil, together with all the incense, and burn this as a memorial portion on the altar; a food offering, an aroma pleasing to the LORD. The rest of the grain offering belongs to Aaron and his sons; it is a most holy part of the food offerings presented to the LORD.

Leviticus 2:1-3 (NIV)

Tony Jay Gemmill

May 20, 1970 – April 7, 2025



Tony Jay Gemmill, 54, Noblesville, passed away on Monday, April 7, 2025, at his home. He was born on May 20, 1970, to Robert and JoAnn (Herendeen) Gemmill in Kendallville, Ind.

Tony studied science and education at Indiana University. He enjoyed chess, golf, and all sports, and was a big fan of the Minnesota Vikings and the Indiana Hoosiers. Tony liked classic cars and vacationing with his family in Myrtle Beach. He served as a co-leader of Boy Scout Troop 101 and a deacon at Refuge Christian Church.

Tony is survived by his wife, Shelly Gemmill; daughter, Lindsey (Adam) Reed; son, Logan (Anita) Gemmill; granddaughter, Ruth Reed; as well as a loving extended family.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Todd Gemmill; and his sister, Teresa Gemmill.


Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m., with services at 7 p.m., on Friday, April 11, 2025, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Rev. Stanley R. Sutton and Rev. Alston Geers will officiate. A private burial will follow.

Memorial contributions may be made to Muscular Dystrophy Association, P.O. Box 7410354, Chicago, IL 60674-0354 ([mda.org](#)).

Condolences: [randallroberts.com](#)

Robert Anthony Bishop

June 29, 1962 – March 27, 2025



Robert Anthony Bishop, 62, Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, March 27, 2025, at his home. He was born on June 29, 1962, in Lowell, Mass.

Bob was a sales manager for many years. He enjoyed riding motorcycles, shooting pool, golfing, running, basketball, swimming, and working out. Bob had a great sense of humor and was a loving, generous, kind, caring, dedicated friend, and a loving father.

He is survived by his mother, Jan (David) Plummer; son, Landon Robert Bishop; sister, Sharon Lynn Bishop; and aunt, Kathleen Chulada. He will be dearly missed.


He was preceded in death by his father, Robert H. Bishop; and his grandparents.

The Bishop Family has entrusted Randall & Roberts Funeral Home with Robert’s care.

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Mary Margaret “Marge” Petriko

October 27, 1944 – April 5, 2025



Mary Margaret “Marge” Petriko, 80, Fishers, passed away on Saturday, April 5, 2025, at her home. She was born on October 27, 1944, to Stanley and Mary (Brownbill) Depew in Buffalo, N.Y.

Marge was an accountant for Memory Gardens for many years. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting, and “collecting yarn.”

She is survived by her husband, William James Petriko; children, Ronald (Shawn) Lipps, Cindy (Brian) Masterson, and Wendy Ann Lipps; eight grandchildren; and five plus one more on the way great-grandchildren.


Services will be held at 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers, with Rev. Stanley R. Sutton officiating. Visitation will be from 3 p.m. to the time of service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959 ([stjude.org](#)).

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John Gregory Goessling, Jr.

June 12, 1940 – April 2, 2025



John Gregory Goessling, Jr., 84, Fishers, passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his loving family on Wednesday, April 2, 2025. He was born on June 12, 1940, to John Gregory “Greg” and Genevieve (Dennis) Goessling in Alton, Ill.

John graduated high school from CBC in St. Louis, Mo., and attended the University of Illinois. He married Sue Ellen Walters on August 25, 1962, at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Alton, Ill. He was a member of Holy Spirit of Geist Catholic Church and was a 4th Degree Knight with the Knights of Columbus. After 30 years with O-I Glass, John concluded his career and retired as plant manager at the Williamsburg, Va., facility. John was a lifelong Cardinal baseball fan and supporter of his alma mater, the Fighting Illini. He enjoyed golfing and traveling with family and friends. John loved attending family reunions and his and Sue’s class reunions. His passion was bringing laughter to other people.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Sue Goessling; son, Mark (Mandy) Goessling; daughter, Sheri (Todd) Elfreich; grandchildren, Nikki, Sarah, Greg, Samantha, Valerie, and Veronica; great-grandchildren, Betty and Lily; and sisters, Bridget Slatten and Judy Pautler.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Brian Goessling; stepmother, Geraldine Goessling; and sisters, Mary Lou Goessling and Sister Genevieve “Barb” Goessling, OSU.

Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, June 12, 2025, at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Alton, Ill., and inurnment will be at St. Joseph Cemetery in Alton.


In lieu of flowers, the family stated that John would prefer a memorial contribution to be made to the donor’s favorite charity.

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## Special Olympics Adult Basketball Tournament takes place at Pacers Athletic Center



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

The Pacers Athletic Center in Westfield hosted the Special Olympics Indiana Adult State Basketball tournaments this past weekend. Competition took place in men’s, women’s, coed and Unified teams, which included athletes with and without intellectual disabilities playing together. There was also an individual skills competition on both days. (ABOVE LEFT) Kyle Barton from the Madison County team looks to drive to the basket. (ABOVE CENTER) Jalea Dean from the Vanderburgh County Hurricanes makes a play. (ABOVE RIGHT) Jonathan Short from the Noble County Dunkers high fives a teammate.

### Baseball

## Golden Eagles cruise in CCC opener Huskies, Hawks drop openers

### The REPORTER

The Guerin Catholic baseball team began Circle City Conference play Tuesday with a 7-1 home win over Bishop Chatard. The Golden Eagles scored one run in each of the first three innings. In the first inning, Guerin Catholic loaded the bases, then Karson Smith scored on an RBI fielder’s choice by Grant Beard.

Luke Gremelspacher opened the second inning with a double, then scored on Finn Holden’s RBI groundout. After Tate Troxell struck out the side in the top of the third inning, the Golden Eagles scored again. Carson Kail hit a one-out double, then Brody Cain came in to run for him. Cain moved to third base on Beard’s sacrifice fly, then scored on a base hit by Ben Canada.

The Trojans scored their lone run in the top of the fourth inning, but GC responded with three runs in the bottom of the fourth. Liam Zorger scored on a Nolan Ratcliff single, then Smith and Ratcliff both got home when Ian Taylor reached on an error. Canada scored the Golden Eagles’ seventh



Guerin Catholic’s Finn Holden pitched three innings of relief after hitting an RBI groundout during the Golden Eagles’ 7-1 Circle City Conference win over Bishop Chatard on Tuesday.

run in the sixth inning. Kail finished the game with two hits. Troxell got the pitching win with seven strikeouts in four innings, then Finn Holden threw the other three innings, striking out four. Both pitchers allowed only one hit each. Guerin Catholic is 4-1 overall and plays at Bishop Chatard this afternoon to complete the conference series.

### The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights baseball team fell at Bedford North Lawrence 6-1 on Monday to begin its season. The Huskies scored their run in the fifth inning. Cohen Boyd hit a single into center field, then Tyson Upchurch came in to run for him and scored after Kyle Michael reached on an error. The Stars held Heights to two hits in the game; Michael also hit a center field single in the third inning.

Levi Chandler threw five strikeouts in three innings, with starter Owen Robey tossing two strikeouts in three innings, but only giving up two hits.

The Huskies host Jay County on Thursday for

their first home game of the season.

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Sheridan also dropped its opening game, falling 3-1 to Indianapolis Kings Homeschool on Tuesday.

The Kings scored their first run in the third inning. The Blackhawks scored in the fourth inning, Jack O’Land got home when Braden Bochner reached on an error. But the Kings scored two runs in the top of the sixth to get the win.

Dayne Voegel pitched five innings, striking out eight against three hits. Keegan Stout threw two innings in relief, tossing five strikeouts and also allowing three hits.

Sheridan hosts Madison-Grant at 6 p.m. tonight.

Thanks for reading The Reporter!

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**Submitted by INDY NXT**  
Veteran racing industry executive Kirk Dooley has been named as director of INDY NXT by Firestone, INDYCAR officials announced today.

Dooley will oversee all operations and competition for INDY NXT by Firestone, the developmental series of INDYCAR that prepares drivers, engineers and other team personnel for the NTT INDYCAR SERIES.

Indiana native Dooley, 51, assumes his new role in a return to INDYCAR after serving as the Chief of Staff in 2015-16, when he helped coordinate key series financial initiatives and evolve technical regulations. In 2016, Dooley was named director of event operations at Indianapolis Motor

The 109th running of the Indianapolis 500 is scheduled for Sunday, May 25.

The Grand Marshal will be former NBA star Scott Pollard. NFL Hall of Famer Michael Strahan will drive the pace car before the race.

The Sontario Grand Prix is scheduled for Saturday, May 10 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. It's the 11th running of the Grand Prix. Alex Palou has won the race the last two seasons. He's looking to be the first driver to win three straight years. He would also tie Will Power and Simon Pagenaud for the most

wins in the race with three.

Pole Day for the Indianapolis 500 is scheduled for Sunday, May 18. The Firestone Fast Six is scheduled for 6:25 p.m. Scott McLaughlin won the pole position in 2024. Team Penske swept the first row, with Wil Power starting in second and Josef Newgarden starting in third.

The attendance for the Indianapolis 500 in 2024 was reportedly over 300,000.

*This story originally appeared on WISH-TV at [wishtv.com/sports/indianapolis-500-park-ing-sold-out](https://www.wishtv.com/sports/indianapolis-500-park-ing-sold-out).*

# Racing industry executive Dooley named director of INDY NXT by Firestone



Dr. David A. Clark is a professor of psychology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is also a senior research advisor at the same institution. Dr. Clark has a long history of research in the field of psychology, with a focus on the development of the human mind and behavior. He has published numerous articles and books on his research, and has been a frequent speaker at conferences and seminars. Dr. Clark is also a member of several professional organizations, including the American Psychological Association and the Society for the Study of Social Problems.

Dooley said. "With rising interest from drivers and teams and a new and powerful platform on FS1 and FS2 thanks to INDYCAR's new partnership with FOX, it is this series is more and important than

"Kirk's vast experience will be a tremendous asset for INDY NXT by Firestone," INDYCAR President J. Douglas Boles said. "His important work developing talent with Skip Barber, combined with his history at INDYCAR and IMS, will prove invaluable for a series one step away from the premier open-wheel series in North America. We are delighted to welcome him back to the INDYCAR family."

The 2025 INDY NXT by Firestone season continues on Sunday, May 4 at Barber Motorsports Park. Coverage of the 35-lap race is available at 11:30 a.m. ET on FS1, with audio coverage heard on SiriusXM channel 218 and the INDYCAR App, powered by NTT DATA via the award-winning INDYCAR Radio Network.

# Indy 500 veteran Hattori dies at 61

**Submitted by IMS**  
Shigeaki Hattori, one of eight Japanese-born drivers to compete in the Indianapolis 500, died April 5 in a car accident in Huntersville, North Carolina. He was 61.



Photo provided by IMS

the U.S. in 1995, first embarking on an opportunity in Indy Lights, now known as INDY NXT by Firestone. He won races at Homestead-Miami Speedway and World Wide Technology Raceway, starting in the top three on both occasions for Indy Regency Racing. Hattori made his INDYCAR SERIES debut in 1999, making eight Champ Car World Series starts for Bettenhausen Motorsports. In 2000, he moved to the Indy Racing League, scoring four top-10 finishes in five races for Treadway

Hattori's INDYCAR SERIES career featured rides with five teams using five different engine badging.

Hattori also had a significant career in NASCAR, driving and owning entries. He made 10 Truck Series starts before turning his attention to leading Hattori Racing Enterprises. The team fielded Johnny Sauter, Alex Bowman and Ross Chastain, among other notable drivers. Brett Moffitt won the 2018 Truck Series championship for the team.