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TODAY'S WEATHER



Today: Partly to mostly cloudy. Scattered showers and storms, mainly in the afternoon.
Tonight: Storms ending around sunset. Becoming partly cloudy.
HIGH: 90 **LOW:** 71



Westfield's own Cameron Echard joins Naval Academy Class of 2029

The REPORTER

Cameron Echard, a graduate of Westfield High School, was inducted into the Naval Academy Class of 2029 on June 26, marking the beginning of six challenging weeks of basic midshipman training during Plebe Summer.

Approximately 1,200 candidates are selected each year for the Academy's "plebe" or freshman class, and each student is required to participate in Plebe Summer. During this time, plebes have no access to television, movies, the internet, or music and restricted access to cell phones. They are only permitted to make two calls during the six weeks of Plebe Summer.

The pressure and rigor of Plebe Summer is carefully designed to help plebes prepare for their first academic year at the Naval Academy and the four years of challenge that awaits them. As the summer progresses, the new midshipmen rapidly assimilate basic skills in seamanship, navigation, damage control, sailing, and handling yard patrol craft.

Plebes also learn infantry drill and how to shoot 9 mm pistols and M-16 rifles.

Other daily training sessions involve moral, mental, physical, and professional development and team-building skills. Activities include swimming, martial arts, basic rock climbing, and obstacle, endurance, and confidence courses designed to develop physical, mental, and team-building skills. Forty hours are devoted to the instruction of infantry drill and five formal parades.

About the U.S. Naval Academy

Founded in 1845, the U.S. Naval Academy today is a prestigious four-year service academy that prepares midshipmen morally, mentally, and physically to be professional officers in the naval service. More than 4,400 men and women representing every state in the U.S. and several foreign countries make up the student body, known as the Brigade of Midshipmen.

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Photo provided

Cameron Echard poses for a photo during one of his nomination meetings. He is the son of Rachel Pinto, and Scott and Maddison Karcz-Echard. He is the oldest brother to three siblings. Congratulations, sir!

Buc-ee's, chlorine & summer road trips

Just like that, our summer is flying by – and before we know it, we'll be back to early alarms, lunch boxes, and school drop-offs. Hurrah! (Shhh... don't tell the kids. They won't understand the kind of joy parents feel when routine and rhythm return after months of summer chaos.)

Last week was one of those magical moments that anchor our summer memories. Our family packed up and hit the road to cheer on the Indy Synchronized Swimming Team – and more importantly, our firstborn – as they proudly competed in the 2025 Junior Olympics in Arlington, Texas.

Yes, you read that right. My daughter now wears chlorine as perfume and thinks nothing of spending hours upside down, 20 feet underwater, performing cartwheels, stunts, and synchronized choreography – all while holding her breath and staying in perfect sync with her teammates.

Synchronized swimming – or "artistic swimming" as it's now called – is a sport that teaches far more than strokes and strength. It teaches girls (and boys) to be each other's support system, to celebrate small wins, and to work together no matter what. Sometimes it means holding your breath just a little longer so the teammate next to you can finish her flip. It's trust, timing, grit, and grace all rolled into one breathtaking sport.

Behind those glittery swim caps and graceful routines are hours of land drills, muscle memory, counts shouted in unison, and a commitment to show up for your team – rain or shine, tired or not. Watching these young athletes perform reminded me how important it is to have a place to belong and a team that lifts you up, literally and emotionally.

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COLUMNIST



POOJA THAKKAR
Taste of Community

Revving up summer: Tom Wood Volkswagen Noblesville hosts unforgettable Cruise-In

Submitted

A wave of automotive passion rolled through Noblesville as car lovers of all ages gathered for the Tom Wood Volkswagen Noblesville Cruise-In, held Saturday afternoon, June 28. This family-friendly summer celebration brought together stunning vehicles, great food, lively entertainment, and an unbeatable community vibe.

Car enthusiasts from across the region lined up at the dealership at 14701 Tom Wood Way to showcase their classic restorations and custom remodels. With 50 vehicles participating, the event offered an impressive lineup of craftsmanship and creativity, drawing admiration from seasoned collectors and casual fans alike.

Event highlights

• **Classic & custom cars:** Dozens of unique rides turned heads, each with its own story



Photo provided by Tom Wood Volkswagen Noblesville

Where else will you see Herbie the Love Bug and a Jurassic Park Jeep?

and style – from vintage restorations to head-turning mods.

• **Music:** The vibrant soundtrack of the evening kept energy high and spirits lifted.
 • **Free eats:** Guests enjoyed

complimentary bites from the Serendipity Food Truck.

• **Summer treats:** Free Kona Ice was on hand to cool everyone down.
 • **Family fun:** With face

painting, balloon artists, and goody bags for the first 25 guests, the event brought fun for all ages.

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My first year at Sheridan & the 2024 soccer season

Editor's note: The Sheridan Student Column is brought to readers by Sheridan High School's 10th grade honors English class, taught by Tanya Busailah.

COLUMNIST



ROBERTO SOTO
Sheridan High School Student

I'm pretty new here. This is my first year here in Sheridan and I am in 10th grade.

I moved here from Indianapolis. It was a big change for me. Good or bad, you ask – I say good. The people at this school have been nothing but kind to me and I've had a great experience at this school and with the people here.

It is very different here; honestly, a lot different from anything I ever knew. What I noticed first was that everyone knows not just names but who people actually are. You see, in my old school environment there were more than 1,000 kids just in your grade, so you couldn't name all of them and even knew less who they are. Everybody hung out and was friends with each other who did similar things. Here in Sheridan everyone just talks to everyone because it's such a small, tight-knit community.

At my old school, Ben Davis, I only was there for one year so I didn't experience high school that much, but I knew you'd meet new people every year and continue to meet new people. Here in Sheridan, almost everybody has known each other nearly forever, which isn't a bad or a good thing, it's just different. My old high school had about 3,000 students not including freshmen because they were in a different building called the ninth grade center where I was in my first year of high school. So in total there were around 1,000 kids in every grade. Here in Sheridan, the school population is around 350.

I played on the soccer team at Sheridan High School. The season went okay. We lost a few, we won a few, but we had more wins than losses so that's good. This was my first year playing with this team and this coach. Our coach was Coach Omar. This was his first year as coach here. I believe he did an amazing job coaching us.

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How local organizations are creating affordable housing in Hamilton County

Submitted by Hamilton County Community Foundation

In 2021, the Noblesville Housing Authority, HAND Inc. (Hamilton County Area Neighborhood Development), and Westfield Washington Township commissioned a study of housing in Hamilton County, a requirement of their Community Development Block Grant funding, that found the following:

• In 2019, one of every five jobs in Hamilton County paid an annual wage below \$15,000. About one of every three jobs paid below \$40,000 a year.

• Furthermore, the five most common Hamilton County occupations (fast food/counter workers, retail sales, customer service representatives, office clerks, and laborers/stocking/freight) all paid an average estimated gross annual income of \$34,528 for

an individual.

• For families earning below \$65,280 a year, the study concluded that home ownership is "relatively out of reach."

The study's overall assessment was troubling: a lack of homes affordable to Hamilton County residents working the area's most common occupations would disrupt the larger community's ability to retain, expand, and attract more businesses.

Hamilton County Community Foundation (HCCF) is working to change that, alongside partners like Community Housing Solutions, HAND Inc., Prevail Inc. and several other organizations.



Osborne



Wanninger

Community Land Trust

Most recently, consultant Michael Osborne was hired to start the 14-month long process of creating a community land trust (CLT) in Hamilton County. CLTs are nonprofit organizations that own land and lease it to low- and moderate-income homebuyers.

Osborne, Principal at i3 Community Housing Solutions, said a major component of the CLT would be what's called a buyer-initiated acquisition program – "basically home-buyer assistance on steroids."

"Say you're an eligible buyer," he continued. "You approach the CLT board and say, 'We're on a modest income.

We'd like to buy in Hamilton County, but we can't afford it.' If you are approved, the CLT gives you a commitment for downpayment assistance.

"Ultimately, when you close on a house, you own the house and the CLT owns the land underneath. Down the road, when you sell the house, the downpayment assistance the CLT provided comes out of the sale price and reverts to the CLT so it can make another property more affordable."

Osborne was initially hired by HAND Inc. in 2023 to look at national models and best practices, engage with local stakeholders, and figure out how to structure a CLT that would work best in Hamilton County. He put together a framework, including what the CLT would do, what its programming and projects could be, and how it would be funded.

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ECHARD

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In 2022, *U.S. News and World Report* rated the Naval Academy as the No. 1 public school, No. 4 undergraduate engineering school, and No. 6 national liberal arts college.

Midshipmen learn from military and civilian instructors and participate in intercollegiate varsity sports and extracurricular activities. They also study subjects such as leadership, ethics, small arms, drill, seamanship and navigation, tactics, naval engineering

and weapons, and military law. Upon graduation, midshipmen earn a Bachelor of Science degree in a choice of 26 different subject majors and go on to serve at least five years of exciting and rewarding service as commissioned officers in the U.S. Navy or U.S. Marine Corps.

The Brigade of Midshipmen is comprised of approximately 4,400 students from every state in the union and a handful of international students.

SHERIDAN

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How did the Sheridan High School soccer season go? It went well. Our first game together was a scrimmage against Covenant Christian, a small school in Indianapolis. We lost 6 or 7-0; not our best outcome, but we did work hard, and I got to know how all the players played. Our second game we lost 3-2. It was a very dramatic game. It was very back-and-forth. I scored a late goal, but it didn't count because the ref couldn't see the ball go over the line before the goalie hit it out. But after that, we started winning.

I started this season as a defender, but in the end, I ended up being an attacker. This was due to the coach seeing I had the ability to attack to help the team become stronger.

I ended the soccer season with six or seven goals. My

biggest game was probably against Carroll High School. I scored two goals and another teammate scored two goals, letting us win 4-1 and taking us closer to winning the HHC – the Hoosier Heartland Conference.

We beat Tri Central next 2-1, which basically took us to the win in the conference against the last-place team in conference. It was a tougher game than we expected, but the outcome was a 2-1 victory in our favor. I assisted Jackson Aleman for a tap-in goal, and Trace Knight scored a header for us to win.

Our season came to an end with our first sectional game against University High School. We tried our best and I scored one goal, but we ended up losing 4-1, ending our season indefinitely.

I am looking forward to next year's season.

ROAD TRIPS

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Of course, no road trip is complete without a few unforgettable pit stops. Somewhere along the endless stretch of highway, we kept seeing signs for Buc-ee's. Now, I've heard stories – wild stories – about this gas station from former colleagues and friends, but nothing could have prepared me for the actual experience.

About 30 minutes before we reached the location, the billboards started taunting us with promises of the cleanest bathrooms in America, snacks galore, and something called Beaver Nuggets. It was impossible to resist.

As soon as we parked, we were greeted by the iconic Buc-ee's statue, and from there, it was game on. Our whole family made a mad dash to the restrooms – and I'll be honest, I've never seen such sparkling clean facilities in a gas station. Ever. It was as if we'd entered a hospitality oasis.

From fresh bakery goods to gourmet jerky, Beaver Chips to Buc-ee's merch (yes, I bought the T-shirt), it was a snack lover's dream. I couldn't help but smile and snap pictures like a wide-eyed tourist. I may or may not have signed up for the unofficial Buc-ee's fan club on the spot.

That one stop reminded me how even the smallest things – a silly gas station mascot, a shared snack, a clean bathroom – can spark joy during long, tiring road trips.

So here we are, catching our breath after chlorine-filled competitions and Buc-ee's-fueled adventures,



inching closer to the school year. I hope your summer has been just as chaotic, joyful, and full of little surprises that made you pause and smile. Let's hold onto these moments – because in a blink, it'll be time to pack school lunches again.

And parents, it's okay if you're secretly counting down the days. I see you.

Can't wait to hear about your own summer travel adventures and favorite on-the-go food picks!

Submit your stories and snapshots at tinyurl.com/TasteOfCommunity and be part of *Taste of Community*, where your stories matter, your memories are celebrated, and your voice adds flavor to our shared table.

Pooja Thakkar is working to build connections through cuisine. You can read her column each week in the pages of The Reporter.



Photo provided

There's a real joy in having a Buc-ee's box on hand at the bleachers while cheering for those Olympians.

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HOUSING

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Osborne has been working from HCCF's Collaboration Hub. The foundation will also provide a location

for the CLT's 30-member organizing committee to convene with lenders, developers, elected officials, and others. HCCF also has agreed to do the legal work needed to create the land trust.

Osborne said HCCF has another important role to play – as a voice and advocate for broad policy change.

"If they can write checks, if they can tap dollars and focus philanthropic dollars, that's even better," Osborne said. "But I think that they're cofounding the community land trust because they know it's important and that it can bring people together."

In addition to advocating for housing across the county, HCCF is directly supporting housing projects and nonprofits through its

multi-year partner and competitive grant cycles.

Housing for survivors of abuse

Greater access to affordable housing has implications well beyond simple home ownership. In cases of domestic abuse, stable housing isn't just a goal; it's an urgent and critical need.

The leaders at Noblesville-based nonprofit Prevail are using a three-year, \$120,000 grant from HCCF to advance its comprehensive housing plan for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, harassment, and other crimes.

"I think what was so important for HCCF is that we were really looking at this as an opportunity to expand housing opportunities at all levels for survivors of crime and abuse," Prevail Executive Director Tami Wanninger said.

In 2024, Prevail served 3,168 individuals through its programs and services, according to Wanninger.

The funding from HCCF will enable Prevail to strengthen housing case

management services, expand data reporting capabilities, and initiate Hamilton County's first trauma-informed transitional housing program for survivors.

Since 2020, Prevail has developed a flexible, survivor-centered housing approach that acknowledges the limitations of traditional, one-size-fits-all models. Too often, the lack of safe, stable housing forces survivors to remain in or return to dangerous situations. Prevail focuses on providing the right solution at the right time, tailored to meet the unique needs of each survivor and their family.

"This transformative, long-term partner grant represents far more than funding – it is a powerful investment in the safety, stability, and future of survivors of crime and abuse in our community," Wanninger said.

"With the HCCF's support, Prevail will expand access to secure housing options – removing one of the biggest barriers our clients face as they begin their healing journey."

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CRUISE

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Awards honoring automotive excellence

The excitement peaked with the Best in Show competition, open to the full VW family – including Volkswagen, Audi, and Porsche entries. Participants competed for a grand prize valued at \$939, featuring:

- Two PARKIT Chairs
- PARKIT Cooler
- VW Dark Room Skydome Camping Tent
- Pelican 30-quart Elite Cooler

Congratulations to the 2025 Cruise-In Award Winners:

• **Best in Show:** Mark Humphrey of Indianapolis with his 1962 VW Double Cab

• **Classic Restore:** Tony Fuller of Fishers with a beautifully restored 1967 Pontiac Firebird

• **Custom Mod:** Eric Francis of Fishers with a striking 2009 VW Tiguan

Each award-winning vehicle represented the creativity, dedication,

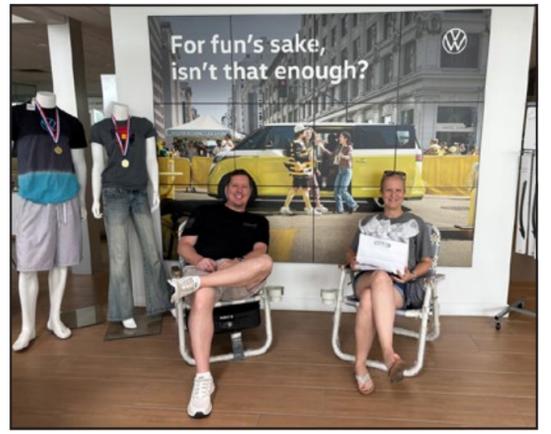
and love of car culture that defined the entire evening.

Celebrating cars & community

More than just a car event, the Cruise-In was a celebration of community spirit and shared passion. Attendees left with full hearts, great memories, and plenty of photos of the jaw-dropping vehicles on display.

“We’re thrilled by the turnout and the enthusiasm from our community,” Sales Manager Lauren Bailey said. “Having 50 cars participate and so many families join us really speaks to the strength of our local car culture. We’re already looking forward to next year’s Cruise-In!”

For more information about future events or to connect with Tom Wood Volkswagen Noblesville, visit tomwoodvolkswagennoblesville.com or follow on social media @TomWoodVW.



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Westfield Youth Assistance Program

Still time to register for WYAP's second annual "The Double" walk/run

The REPORTER

Westfield Youth Assistance Program (WYAP) has announced its second annual walk/run, "The Double," which will be held from 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 9 at Cool Creek Park, 2000 E. 151st St.

"The Double" is a two-mile family-friendly walk/run, with the name referring to both the two-mile closed-loop course and WYAP's desire to double its impact in Westfield. Overall, "The Double" aims to be a vibrant event that brings together residents of Hamilton County and Westfield to support WYAP. "The Double" is expected to have more than 200 participants and will feature a bounce house for the first time this year.

"This is our second year hosting 'The Double,' and we're proud to see it becoming a tradition that brings the Westfield community together," explained Dan Morrow, WYAP Board Member and "The Double" Committee Chair. "It's a simple event

with a big purpose: raising critical funds to support the youth and families we serve every day through mentoring, tutoring, and early intervention."

Registration is now open [online](#), with special early-bird pricing of \$30 per individual through July 20. The competitive division was eliminated this year; however, registrants can choose the pace they prefer for the course. Registering families can select 'Multi-Person Pricing' to receive a discount on registrations for three to six people.

Proceeds from "The Double" will help support WYAP's services, including mentoring, tutoring, mental health supports, camps, and other enrichment activities. There has been a drastic increase in need as Westfield continues to expand rapidly. "The Double" is a great way to help continue to meet this growing need and is a phenomenal opportunity to connect with the community.

Submitted

Christopher Barrows, Hamilton County IV-D Court Commissioner, has announced his candidacy for Judge of the newly created Hamilton County Superior Court 9.

"Most of my legal career has been focused on dispute resolution," Barrows said. "I've worked for decades as a lawyer, mediator, arbitrator, Judge Pro Tem, and have presided over our child support court since 2022. The folks in Hamilton County need a judge in Superior 9 with the experience to jump in and immediately have the new court up and running efficiently. Judges serve the community by handling cases fairly and efficiently, applying the law as the legislature has written it regardless of our personal beliefs. And I have the experience, integrity, and dedication to do just that. It is important we remember that lawyers and judges are community servants."

Barrows has served our community as an attorney, mediator, and child advocate for more than 25 years. His focus has been mediation and family law, but he has experience as a lawyer, Court Commissioner, and Judge Pro Tem in all areas of civil and criminal law that would come before him in Superior Court 9. He is especially proud of his many years of work as Guardian ad Litem in Hamilton County on behalf of children and the elderly and his service as a mediator for modest means family law cases. In 2022, he was appointed

to serve as Court Commissioner for Hamilton County Title IV-D court.

He has held leadership roles in the Indiana State Bar Association, Indianapolis Bar Association, Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (founding member, and second President of the Indiana Chapter), and the Hamilton County Bar Association. For decades, he has volunteered his time to teach attorney continuing education



Barrows

classes and has testified before the Indiana legislature.

Barrows has lived in Hamilton County his whole life.

"This is my home," he said. "It is where I choose to raise my family and grow my business, where I have coached youth sports and where I have grown along with the county."

Barrows said he is proud of the county's growth and recognizes that fast growth brings challenges, including the need for new Superior

Court 9. He has the experience to preside in Superior 9 from day one to support public safety and ensure disputes can be resolved efficiently.

"I'm ready to roll up my sleeves and get that done," he said.

Chris Barrows is looking forward to spending time with new friends and old while campaigning for Judge of Hamilton County Superior 9. To volunteer, or if you have any questions, please contact the campaign at Barrows for Judge on Facebook, [barrowsforjudge@gmail.com](#), and at 17437 Carey Road, #179, Westfield, IN 46074.



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Carmel unveils "Taking Flight" sculpture



Photo provided by City of Carmel

The City of Carmel, Carmel Clay Public Library (CCPL), and the Carmel Redevelopment Commission (CRC) welcomed artist Jason Klimoski to the city for the unveiling of "Taking Flight," located in the roundabout at Main Street and Richland Avenue. "Today marks a truly special moment as we gather to unveil our newest roundabout sculpture," Mayor Sue Finkam said. "This artwork represents far more than its striking visual impact; it showcases these prominent educational landmarks while creating a stunning entrance to our Arts & Design District. Every time residents and visitors pass through this roundabout, they'll be reminded that Carmel is a place where we encourage all our residents and visitors to be inspired and to let their dreams take flight." (From left) CCPL Director Bob Swaney, Jason Klimoski of STUDIOKCA, Mayor Sue Finkam, Carmel Director of Engineering Bradley Pease and CRC Executive Director Henry Mestetsky.

First concert announced at Noblesville's The Arena at Innovation Mile

The REPORTER

The Arena at Innovation Mile will hold a free inaugural concert on Saturday, Aug. 23 featuring Signs of Life: The American Pink Floyd – an acclaimed tribute to one of the most legendary rock bands of all time.

Tickets are free and available now at [Ticketmaster.com](https://www.ticketmaster.com). Parking for the event will also be complimentary.

This show will mark the first concert at the new state-of-the-art venue, located in Noblesville's Innovation Mile district. Fans will experience a full-scale recreation of a classic Pink Floyd concert, complete with immersive sound, lighting, video, and effects.

Featuring eight exceptional musicians and a professional production team, Signs of Life is celebrated for its faithful renditions of Pink Floyd's expansive catalog. The show transports audiences through the band's most iconic albums, delivering an experience that is both musically powerful and visually stunning.



"We're thrilled to welcome the public to our home for the first time," said Justin Jordan, General Manager of The Arena at Innovation Mile. "Our venue will be a community asset and we can't wait to begin creating memories for the people of Noblesville and the surrounding region."

Operated by REV Entertainment, The Arena at Innovation Mile will serve as the home of the Noblesville Boom, the NBA G-League affiliate of the Indiana Pacers.

For more information on Signs of Life: The American Pink Floyd, visit signsoffloyd.com. For updates on upcoming events, follow The Arena on social media or visit arenainnovationmile.com.

Fans can direct questions to The Arena at Innovation Mile via email noblesville@reventertainment.com or by calling (817) 533-3394.



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Hamilton County Councilman Mark Hall's June Timesheet

Welcome to The Timesheet. This column is a report of work done on behalf of the people of Hamilton County. It's to be informative, too – a place to learn about projects and how our county government works.



MARK HALL
The Timesheet

As your employee, it's important to me that you know what is being worked on as transparently as possible in government. You hired me as your County Councilman, and my hope is that you'll choose to be informed by regularly reading this column, getting involved, consider volunteering, and by asking questions. Council meetings are at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center in downtown Noblesville. Meetings are also available to watch online for those unable to attend in person.

Here is where my time this past month has been spent.

In addition to the County Council public meetings, June work included: watching Board of Commissioners public meetings, attending one and watching one Noblesville Town Council meeting, projects update meeting with Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen, meeting with the President of Invest Hamilton County, Mike Thibideau, and meeting with Fishers City Councilwoman Selina Stoller.

The June personnel committee meeting included reviewing and an approval recommendation for two double-slotting requests, one for the Surveyor's Office and one for

the Highway Department. This process allows the department to have a second person in a budgeted position for crossover training prior to someone departing or retiring. The job shadowing cooperative work, for a limited period of time, allows for a much easier transition of the new person into the shoes that they are filling.

Additionally, the personnel committee reviewed several reclassifications related to the retirement of the Commissioners' Chief Administrative Officer. The Commissioners' replacement was promoted from Hamilton County 911 Operations. The promotion created a domino effect of openings and promotions within Emergency Management and 911 Communications. We reviewed in detail all those changes and made recommendations for their approval to the full county council.

We had discussions about annual cost of living increases for staff and how best to approach these annual changes as well as giving department leaders the ability to hire experienced resources above the entry level for their position grade.

The insurance committee met in June along with our benefits consultant NFP, the county personnel team, and with members of the Riverview Hospital team to do a detailed review of 2025 benefits usage, shock claims, program costs, and projected 2026 increases. The Insurance Committee is recommending a 3.5 percent increase in premium contribution from county

employees. Personally, I am very happy with the management of our plan, our cost containment processes, as well as the improving health of our users. Insurance, and health insurance specifically, represents tens of millions of dollars in annual investments. I pay very close attention to how we spend these dollars, how we protect county resources and the folks who work for us.

The finance committee met in June; we were briefed on several projects.

Included in the meeting discussion was the additional scope of work at Seven Streams Park (formerly HC Farms), the plan design for the third floor of Community Corrections, and new IPADS, voting equipment and software upgrade for the election voting machines. All the requests were reviewed; however, the voting equipment and software updates were discussed in much depth. Given that the equipment is 25 years old, we agreed to review the request out of budget cycle. The lead time for securing equipment and upgrades forced the issue to get this item in front of the entire council for approval to secure delivery and installation prior to next year's primary election.

This month I received three constituent service requests and communications.

One set of communications was regarding the Strawtown roundabout. They wanted to know if we have any plans to expand that roundabout. After researching the roundabouts last construction project and speaking with the highway department, relayed back that there are no plans to make any expansion to that

roundabout. The second set of communications centered around the upcoming public meeting for a bridge project in White River Township. Specifically, the constituent wanted to know if the decision makers who determined the width of the ground acquisition for the project would attend the upcoming public meeting. Yes, the engineer and project leaders will attend the July 16 meeting at the Judicial Center in the Jury Assembly Room at 6 p.m.

Lastly, the third set of communications centered around the proposed Estridge development in Jackson Township. Their questions focused on Jackson Township reorganization, Cicero or Westfield annexation of property in Jackson Township, and the county's interlocal agreement with the town of Cicero regarding the town's request to manage 236th Street in the event Cicero annexes property to the west of the present town boundary. All the publicly available data that was requested was provided to the taxpayer. The agreement stipulates that Hamilton County will be responsible for 236th Street should Cicero annex to the west. Further, the Cicero Jackson Township Planning Commission has sent the project to the full Cicero Town Council with no recommendation (favorable or unfavorable). The upcoming Cicero Town Council meeting in August is when a decision is expected to be made.

Finally, I had a follow-up meeting with Chief Deputy Prosecutor Josh Kocher and with the Honorable Judge Jon Brown. This was my follow-up meeting to review a prior month's

request from a constituent reporting that sentencing of offenders convicted of Burglary and Robbery was below state guidelines.

Here are three relevant points:

- Over 90 percent of the criminal cases in the county are resolved by plea agreements; very few go to trial.
- Each case is unique with different extenuating circumstances.
- Over 70 percent of the criminal cases have some form of addiction or drug component.

After a ninety-minute conversation, the consensus is that the communication back to the public and to law enforcement needs to be better. With no actual state-mandated guidelines in place, plea agreements vary based on the circumstances of each case, prior criminal history, addiction, and several other mitigating factors. I learned that it is not a perfect science, but when a case isn't pled out, judges must apply the penalties to the crime in the best way possible given the specific circumstances of each case. They do consider state recommendations when a sentence is required.

It's not an easy job and rarely do they arrive at a sentence that pleases both sides.

Noteworthy items from June include continuing to work on possibilities to offset the costs of sewer system testing to opt out of connecting with the HCRUD sewer.

Also worth noting is the beginning of reviewing not-for-profit grant applications. I serve on the committee reviewing submissions asking for funding in 2026.

A major topic continues to be property tax reform – specifically, understanding

the impacts of the reform passed by the state legislature along with planning for budget changes, new oversight, and local income tax reform, as well as the briefings on changes to authorities, tax revenues as well as when individual cities and units will have their own tax rates continue. Many of these changes happen immediately. Many of these changes will happen over time. It is critical that as a council we understand what this means to funding, budgeting and local government changes.

It was an honor to represent you this month at the Bell Ford Bridge ribbon cutting in Geist Park, at the Noblesville Chamber of Commerce State of the County luncheon, and at the Noblesville Elks Lodge #576 125th anniversary dinner.

This is my timesheet. This is where my time went during June 2025. While my job is primarily the financial oversight of the county budget, it is important that I understand the Board of Commissioners' priorities and balance them with the stewardship of taxpayer dollars. That is the job, and I am excited to do the people's business.

As a taxpayer myself, and listening to so many of you, our employers, it's important for the taxpayers to have access to all the information you want. I work for you, and although you may not choose to do a deep dive into what your County Council does, it's important that you can always do so.

Feel free to contact me at (317) 832-1104 or mark.hall@hamiltoncounty.in.gov with questions, feedback, or if you would like to talk about county business.

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Hear from Danyeale Easterhaus on “Messy Leadership” at July Coffee Connections

The REPORTER

Westfield Chamber of Commerce will welcome Danyeale Easterhaus of



Easterhaus

consulting as the July Coffee Connections speaker from 8 to 9 a.m. Thursday, July 31 at Four Finger Distillery, 120 Camilla Court.

The Title Sponsor is Hampton Inn Westfield.

Easterhaus will speak about how showing up messy is actually the secret sauce to successful leadership. Whether you're in the trenches or just starting out, you'll



This map shows an alternate route to get to Four Finger Distillery despite the ongoing State Road 32 construction.

leave with actionable tips for embracing imperfection, creating trust, and leading with authenticity.

[Click here](#) to register.



Riverview Health

OneZone Chamber welcomes Dustin Mikesell of Riverview Health to Board of Directors

Submitted

OneZone Chamber has announced the appointment of Dustin Mikesell, Associate Vice President of Employer Partnerships at Riverview Health, to the Chamber's Board of Directors.

of organizations of all sizes.

“We are honored to welcome Dustin to the OneZone Chamber Board of Directors,” OneZone Chamber President and CEO Jack Russell said. “His comprehensive understanding of healthcare systems, combined with his passion for innovation and community impact, makes him a tremendous addition to our leadership team.”



Mikesell



Russell

Mikesell brings more than 16 years of experience in the healthcare industry, with a career spanning clinical leadership, operations, and the development of innovative, employer-focused partnerships. In his current role, he leads strategic initiatives aimed at strengthening business relationships and positioning Riverview Health as a trusted, forward-thinking healthcare partner.

Reflecting on his appointment, Mikesell said, “I’m thrilled to join the OneZone Board of Directors as both a Carmel resident and an advocate for local business. At Riverview Health, we are committed to improving and preserving the well-being of those we serve – and that includes supporting the health needs of our local workforce. By investing in tailored, employer-focused healthcare solutions, we’re helping to address one of the most pressing challenges facing businesses today. I look forward to collaborating with the board to help drive meaningful change across our region.”

A Carmel resident and dedicated community advocate, Mikesell has been instrumental in launching impactful programs that improve health outcomes across Hamilton County. His work has advanced Riverview Health’s mission through the creation of tailored services for employers, including Sapphire by Riverview Health At Work and Direct Primary Care offerings designed to meet the needs

For more information, visit OneZoneChamber.com.



Delaware Township is excited to announce a significant project designed to improve the daily lives of our residents and visitors! Join us for a community open house as we share what's in the works:

- Pocket Park on the Nickel Plate Trail
- Expansion of Government Building
- New Storage & Maintenance Facility
- Public Restrooms

Learn more & RSVP!



Delaware Township Government Center- Kirkendall Room
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Graphic provided

Jazz crooner Paul Hughes returns to Feinstein's in Carmel this September

Submitted

Paul Hughes returns to Feinstein's at The Hotel Carmichael with his captivating show “Under the Harvest Moon” for one night only on Friday, Sept. 12.

sharing the music of the great crooners he was exposed to as a child. He's been performing since age 12.

To get a peek at what to expect, hear his performance of “Then Came You” at [this link](#).

This performance brings to life the timeless melodies of legendary singers like Frank Sinatra, Bobby Darin, Tony Bennett, Frankie Valli, Dean Martin, Nat King Cole, and many more, enveloping the audience in a nostalgic atmosphere of elegance and timeless music.

Hughes loves sharing the power of music with his audience and taking them away from their worries for a little while. Plan to come out and share an evening of swing-jazz with him on Friday, Sept. 12. The show begins at 7:30 p.m., and doors open at 5:30. Enjoy a fantastic dinner and beverage before the show.

Whether you are a longtime fan of the classics or new to the genre, “Under the Harvest Moon” offers an enchanting night filled with unforgettable music. Treat yourself to a truly special musical experience.

Check out feinsteins.com to get your tickets for this event and to see what else is coming up. If you're considering having your corporate gatherings at Feinstein's and need tickets for eight or more, email sales@hotelcarmichael.com. Feinstein's at Hotel Carmichael is located at 1 Carmichael Square, Carmel. Call Hotel Carmichael at (317) 688-1947.

Hughes has a passion for jazz and swing where he channels the style and poise in the greats of the genre.

Hughes hails from Manchester, England. He's performed around the world,

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Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

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Website <https://legion470fishers.org>

Website

Noblesville Post 45 Commander - Gill Soria
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Sheridan Post 67 Commander - Tim DeLine
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<https://vfw10003.org/di/vfw/v2/default.asp?nid=1>
Facebook
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Noblesville Post 6246 Commander - Izzy Manchaca
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Non-Profit Veteran Orgs

Hamilton County Veterans Corp
P.O. Box 503
Noblesville, in 46061
secretary@hamiltoncountyveterans.com
Meets 7pm the 1st 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 4th Wed 530pm dinner 630pm meeting at Gingers Cafe 1111 S 10th St Noblesville

Hamilton County Military Veteran

August 5th Job & Resource Fair at Ivy Tech Community College Culinary & Conference Center 10am-2pm
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womenveterans@yahoo.com for registration information

See the attached document for the schedule [HERE](#)

Hamilton County Veteran Service Officers

317-776-9610 Hours – 9am-4pm Weekdays
CVSO – Tom Logan
Tom.logan@hamiltoncounty.in.gov
Assistant CVSO – Robin Wilson
robin.wilson@hamiltoncounty.in.gov
Assistant CVSO – Caroline Franz
caroline.franz@hamiltoncounty.in.gov
Admin Assistant – Christina Ellis
christina.ellis@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Fishers American Legion Breakfast 1&3 Sundays

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Activities & Events

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Saturday, July 26, 2025

10:30 AM

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The Farmers Bank announces 2025 Commercial Lending School graduate

Submitted

The Farmers Bank has announced that Ryan Pitzer, Commercial Banking Officer, is a recent graduate of Indiana Bankers Association (IBA) Commercial Lending School.



Pitzer

Lending School will have a positive impact on our customers for years to come," said Brad Cunningham, EVP, Chief Banking Officer, The Farmers Bank. The 2025 IBA Commercial Lending School was held in June at the IBA Center for Professional Development in Indianapolis.

Portion of 126th Street to close for bridge repairs



Graphic provided by Hamilton County Highway Department

Beginning on or after Monday, July 14, 126th Street between Brookshire Parkway and Royce Court in Carmel will be closed to all thru traffic for bridge rehabilitation. The estimated reopening date is Saturday, Oct. 11. Local traffic will continue to have access to their homes, while thru traffic is asked to use the posted detour of Keystone Parkway, 131st Street, and Gray Road.



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Meeting Notices

The Noblesville Common Council will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 15, 2025, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.

A list of each appointed officer's name, their appointing authority, and term dates is available at the following link: <https://www.noblesville.in.gov/447/Boards-Commissions>.

The Noblesville Firefighter Merit Commission meeting scheduled for 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 16, 2025, has been canceled.

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The Carmel Advisory Committee on Disability will meet at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 15, 2025, in Meeting Room C at Carmel Clay Public Library, 425 E. Main St.

The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, July 15, 2025, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.

A list of each appointed officer's name, their appointing authority, and term dates is available at the following link: <https://www.noblesville.in.gov/447/Boards-Commissions>.

The Jackson Township Board of Trustees has changed its budget work session meeting to 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 18, 2025, at the Trustee's Office, 506 W. Main St., Arcadia.

The Hamilton Heights School Corporation Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 16, 2025, in the Board Room at the Hamilton Heights Student Activity Center, 420 W. North St., Arcadia.

Send Meeting Notices to: News@ReadTheReporter.com

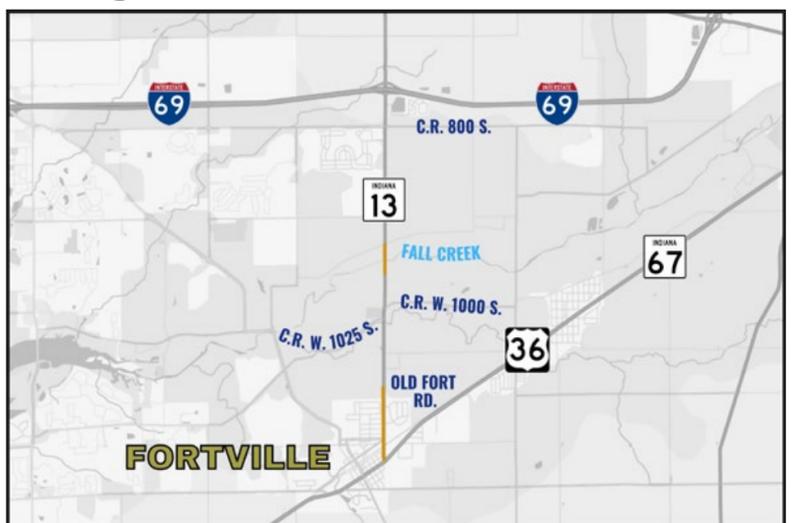
Paving to begin next week on SR 13

The REPORTER

The Indiana Department of Transportation will start paving work next week on State Road 13 in Madison and Hancock counties.

On or after Tuesday, July 15, milling and paving operations will begin on SR 13 near the bridge over Fall Creek and from Old Fort Road to U.S. 36/SR 67 in Fortville. Work will occur during daytime lane closures with flaggers to control traffic. Milling and paving on mainline SR 13 is expected to continue for approximately one week, weather permitting. Paving of approaches to SR 13 will follow.

Once paving is complete, the transitions to and from the bridge over Fall Creek will improve. The speed limit in this area is 45 mph.



MILLING & PAVING ON S.R. 13 IN MADISON COUNTY

- ON/AFTER TUES. 7/15: LANE CLOSURES W/ FLAGGING ON S.R. 13 AT BRIDGE OVER FALL CREEK & BETWEEN OLD FORT RD. & U.S. 36/SR. 67
- LANE CLOSURES EXPECTED FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK, WEATHER PERMITTING, APPROACH PAVING TO FOLLOW

Graphic provided by INDOT

INDOT reminds drivers to slow down, avoid distractions, and use extra caution when traveling in and around work zones. All work is weather-dependent, and schedules are subject to change.



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JULY 30 - YOGA | 6 P.M.

CREEK STOMPS
JULY 10, 17, 24, 31 | 10 - 11 A.M.

JAMS AT THE JUNCTION
JULY 25, AUGUST 8 & 15 | 7 P.M.

MOVIES IN THE PLAZA
JULY 30, AUGUST 27 | 7:30 P.M.

JAKE LAIRD DAY
AUGUST 5 | 5 - 8 P.M.



FOR MORE EVENT DETAILS, VISIT WESTFIELDIN.GOV/EVENTS



Photo illustration provided by City of Carmel

Center for Performing Arts parking garage closures

The REPORTER

The entrance to the Center for the Performing Arts Parking Garage adjacent to the Tarkington Theater, 3 Carter Green, and the Mezz 42 apartment building, 881 3rd Ave. SW, is currently under construction. Tenants have been notified of parking

relocation during this time.

Public parking closures

- Saturday July 12 and Sunday, July 13: Full access
- Monday, July 14 to Friday, July 18: No access after Monday at 7 a.m.
- Saturday, July 19 and Sunday, July 20: Full access
- Monday, July 21 to Fri-

day, July 25: No access after Monday at 7 a.m.

First Farmers Bank & Trust promotes Jordan Sharp to Community Reinvestment Act Officer

Submitted

First Farmers Bank & Trust announces the promotion of Jordan Sharp to the role of Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) Officer.

The Board of Directors officially approved Sharp's appointment, recognizing his commitment to community development and strategic leadership in driving positive impact across the bank's service areas.

Sharp brings several years of experience within FFBT, along with a passion for fostering community partnerships and promoting financial inclusion. In his new role, he will lead the bank's CRA initiatives,



including outreach efforts, community partnerships, and programs that support economic development and access to credit in underserved communities.

"As our organization expands, community engagement and strategic alignment are more important than ever," said Tade J. Powell, Senior Vice President of First Farmers Bank & Trust. "Jordan and others on our team will play a key role in coordinating efforts in new growth markets like Greater Indianapolis while maintaining strong continuity in our legacy communities."

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- Recruitment of volunteer coaches and commissioners
- Scheduling and roster management
- Coordination with referee and umpire assignors
- Program evaluations and training for rec and travel leagues
- Coach's clinics, game day preparation, and sports tournaments
- Participation on Board of Directors' Rec Sports Committee
- Enforcement of all CDC policies and procedures
- Coordination of facility use with Carmel Clay Schools
- Email and phone communications with parents and volunteers
- Equipment purchasing and allocation
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Full-Time Facility Maintenance Employees

Carmel Dads' Club is seeking to fill full-time facility maintenance positions. Candidates should contact Facility Superintendent Josh Blackmore at 317-846-1663 ext. 3315 to submit applications and schedule interviews. Candidates must have clean driving records and no physical limitations. The position will require manually work in all weather conditions. Sports field maintenance, landscaping, and/or equipment maintenance experience a plus but not required.

Contact
Facilities Superintendent
Josh Blackmore
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Fishers' new recreational amenities support "Culture of Health" initiative

Enhancements include Bell Ford Bridge, new trail connections, Fitness Court, AgriPark expansion, Fishers Community Center & more

Submitted by City of Fishers

As part of its ongoing Culture of Health initiative, the City of Fishers is unveiling several new recreational amenities this summer. From expanded trail connections to innovative fitness infrastructure and events, Fishers continues to invest in ways for the community to get active, explore, and connect.

"These new amenities reflect our long-term commitment to making health and wellness an integral part of everyday life in Fishers," Mayor Scott Fadness said. "From the Geist Half Race Series to expanded trail connectivity, we're creating inclusive spaces and opportunities that encourage residents to move more and take part in a vibrant, healthy community."

Bell Ford Bridge & Geist Greenway

Connecting the Geist Greenway with Hamilton County's Geist Park, the newly restored Bell Ford Bridge provides a scenic and historic pedestrian crossing over Fall Creek. Originally constructed in the 1860s where it provided safe crossing in Seymour, Ind., the bridge was relocated and rebuilt using nearly 90 percent of the original cast iron and 40 percent of the original timber. This addition enhances safety and connectivity along the Geist Greenway, a five-mile trail from 96th to 131st streets. Learn more at [FishersParks.com/GeistGreenway](https://fishersparks.com/GeistGreenway).

Nickel Plate Trail, Strengthened by IU Health

The downtown portion of the Nickel Plate Trail, Strengthened by IU Health, continues to serve as a central hub for recreation, wellness, and connection. Recent enhancements include the Key to the City art installation, a dynamic mural and colorful overhead lighting in the 116th Street tunnel, new gathering spaces, and pop-up events that activate this urban trail corridor. Learn more at [FishersParks.com/NickelPlateTrail](https://fishersparks.com/NickelPlateTrail).

Fitness Court® at Brooks School Park

The new Fitness Court® at Brooks School Park offers a free, full-body outdoor workout through seven exercise stations: core, squat, push, lunge, pull, agility, and bend. Funded in part by National Fitness Campaign, the court is accessible to users ages 14 and up and integrates with a free mobile app featuring guided workouts. As the second Fitness Court® in Hamilton County, this amenity underscores Fishers' commitment to accessible, innovative wellness options. The court also features custom artwork by local artists, the Wilkinson Brothers. Learn more at [FishersParks.com/FitnessCourt](https://fishersparks.com/FitnessCourt).

Geist Half Race Series

The Geist Half Race Series returns for its 17th year on Saturday, Sept. 13, featuring a half marathon, 10K, and 5K. The race welcomes



participants of all ages and abilities to experience the scenic route across Geist Reservoir and includes a race shirt, medal, and post-race celebration. Register to run, walk, or volunteer at GeistHalf.com.

Delaware Township Nickel Plate Trail Expansion

As part of its continued investment in community amenities, Delaware Township is developing a new pocket park along the Nickel Plate Trail and a walking path connecting the roundabout at 131st Street to the Nickel Plate Trail, expected to open in late 2026. The pocket park will include a fire pit, swing structures for all ages, a drinking fountain, and designated areas for games such as ping pong and corn hole. Learn more at delaware-township.squarespace.com.

Hub & Spoke Trailhead

The new trailhead at 106th Street and the Nickel Plate Trail, Strengthened by IU Health, located at Hub & Spoke, opens later this summer. Featuring two boardwalk access paths to the trail, the trailhead includes indoor restrooms, drinking fountains, and a variety of seating. Amenities

FISHERS COMMUNITY CENTER



like a community fire pit, innovative swings, string lights, outdoor ping pong, a turf-covered central green, and direct access to Fishers Maker Playground will create a vibrant environment for residents and visitors.

White River Pedestrian Bridge

Construction is underway on a new pedestrian bridge to open this fall over the White River that will directly connect Heritage Park in Fishers with Hazel Landing Park in Carmel. This regional partnership will significantly enhance connectivity, linking Fishers as far east as Hoosier Road across the White River, through Carmel, and into Zionsville along the 106th Street corridor. The bridge also provides easier access to the White River, inviting residents and visitors to explore one of the area's most beautiful natural assets by foot, bike, or water.

Fishers AgriPark, Strengthened IU Health, Expansion

Fishers Parks' AgriPark, Strengthened by IU Health, expanded this season with a new multi-purpose building featuring indoor restrooms and enhanced programming space, along with a new

nature-themed playground made of Indiana black locust. These additions support additional agricultural programming, hands-on learning, and seasonal events at the 33-acre urban farm. A new country store featuring locally sourced goods is set to open in 2026. Learn more at FishersAgriPark.com.

Fishers White River Park

Construction is underway at the Fishers White River Park, opening this fall. The new park, located west of the 96th Street and Allisonville Road intersection, will be a key addition to the revitalization efforts in the Allisonville and 96th Street corridors and offer an outdoor oasis alongside the White River in southwest Fishers. The park features over 120 acres of parkland with over 5,000 feet of riverfront and unique amenities and will also provide access to new and existing trail systems in Fishers and Carmel. Learn more at FishersParks.com/WhiteRiverPark.

Fishers Community Center, Strengthened by IU Health

Set to open in November 2025, the Fishers Commu-



nity Center, Strengthened by IU Health, will offer premier amenities including a fitness center, group exercise rooms, aquatics center with a waterslide and NinjaCross system, sports courts, dog park, and more. Charter Memberships are now available and include VIP access, exclusive deals, and permanent recognition in the facility. Learn more at FishersCommunityCenter.com.

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David Leroy Wills
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It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of David Leroy Wills on July 11, 2025, at the age of 86 in Cicero. He was a beloved husband to Anita Smith Wills for 33 years until her passing in 2018, a devoted father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

He was born on April 4, 1939, in Noblesville to Ralph Wills Sr. and Ida Mae Stutzer. He attended school at Jackson Central H.S. and started his career at Roy Anderson's farm, along with Conner Prairie and Wills Towing. To follow his love of the automotive industry, he went to work at Don Hinds Ford, and later retired after 15 years from Farm Bureau Co-Op.

David was known for his love of racing and motorsports. He showed up to any event proudly wearing his Bill Elliott #94 belt buckle. He found joy in NASCAR, the Indianapolis Colts, Pacers, and Fever, cruising the town of Cicero in his golf cart, buying and trading cars, and spending time with his family. David leaves behind a legacy of humor and humility, much like a strong piece of the NASCAR culture.

David is survived by his children, Beth Grote (Dennis), Edward Wills (Sonia), William Wills (Bridget), Carmen Shew (Samer Butros), John Wills (Betty Jo), Betty White (Dave), Michael Smith (Jada); grandchildren, Carrie Miller, Sheila Chandler, David Mason (Jessica), Andy Sherley (Jes), Raven Ventimiglia (Tim), Brad Grote, Alyssa Wright (Matt), Kelli Wills, Kristine Schroeder (Erik), Shaeny Hubbard (Richard), Shyann Wills (Constance), Karastyn Osswald (Jordan), AJ Wills, Reese Wills (Sheila), Shelby Wills, Ryan Uhrick (Darcy), Riley White (Abrah), Chris Bannister (Megan), Sebastian Jeffries, Jessica Kirby, Jordan Kirby (Joe), Grace Tapley, and Lucas Tapley; 37 great-grandchildren; brother, Ralph Wills Jr.; sister, Janet Browning; and several cousins, nieces, and nephews.

David was preceded in death by his parents; wife; brothers, Gene Wills and Kenneth Wills; sister, Rosemary Franz; and daughter, Carol.

To honor David's life, visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 19 at Hartley Funeral Home, Cicero, with the funeral service starting at 1 p.m. Burial will follow the service at Cicero Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to Victory Junction in David's honor.

We invite you to share your memories and upload photos of David on his memorial page. Let us remember him for the adventurous, reliable, loyal, and loving individual he was. His spirit will forever live on in our hearts, and his legacy will continue through the stories we share.

"It's bad to see somebody pass away. But look at all the good that came from it." Bill Elliott #94

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

CLEANSING FROM DEFILING MOLDS

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "When you enter the land of Canaan, which I am giving you as your possession, and I put a spreading mold in a house in that land, the owner of the house must go and tell the priest, 'I have seen something that looks like a defiling mold in my house.' The priest is to order the house to be emptied before he goes in to examine the mold, so that nothing in the house will be pronounced unclean. After this the priest is to go in and inspect the house. He is to examine the mold on the walls, and if it has greenish or reddish depressions that appear to be deeper than the surface of the wall, the priest shall go out the doorway of the house and close it up for seven days.

Leviticus 14:33-38 (NIV)

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Good vibes cement June's commitment Westfield High School football star headed to Sam Houston State

By RICHIE HALL
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When he arrived at Sam Houston State, Westfield's Cato June found a good vibe.

That vibe turned into a college commitment for the incoming Shamrocks senior. June announced his commitment to the Bearkats on Monday in a [post on X](#) (formerly Twitter).

June has been a key part of Westfield's recent run of sectional championships and Class 6A state finals appearance last November. He told The Reporter he went to visit Sam Houston State (located in Huntsville, Texas) during the second to last week of June and "committed the day I was there."

"It was just the vibe that they had going on," said June. "It matched me as a player, and that was when I was like, 'Yeah, this is where I need to be. This is the perfect spot for me, where I can develop and grow.'"

The Bearkats are a team that's growing as well. Sam Houston State moved up to the Division I Football Bowl Series (FBS) and joined Conference USA starting in the 2023 season. The Bearkats played their first-ever FBS bowl game in 2024, winning the New Orleans Bowl 31-26 over Georgia Southern to finish with a 10-3 record. Sam Houston State has a new head coach this year in Phil Longo.

"The coaching staff, they're great people there," said June. "I can develop

not only as a football player, but as a person there, which also was big into my decision."

June, who said he is deciding between sports management and business management/marketing for a college major, has been a solid player for the Rocks on defense and special teams. He made seven kick-off returns during his junior season, totaling 235 yards (an average of 33.6 yards). June took one of those kick returns in for a touchdown during Westfield's regional championship victory.

June made 43 tackles during the 2024 campaign, including two for a loss. He also collected a pair of interception returns, totaling 29 yards.

"Cato's a phenomenal player," said Westfield incoming senior Job Mavrick. "He works really hard."

Mavrick said players like June "stand out. The guys who are always doing the right thing, always putting the extra work in. I think Cato's a great player. I think he's going to make an impact at Sam Houston."

June played on the Shamrocks' freshman team at the start of his high school career, then moved up to varsity for his sophomore season.

"They wanted me to play at a certain weight, so I gained a little weight," said June. His playing time increased by the end of that year, then he was starting games in his junior year - "I just took it and ran with it," he said.

Westfield has a streak going of five consecutive sectional championships and have won four regional and three semi-state titles during that run as well. June believes he and his teammates are leaving a legacy as "some of the hardest workers that come through the school."

"You don't want to be the one to mess something up like that," said June. "So, we put all our effort in the summer, in the weight room, into building the best team we possibly can in the season. We're going to work harder than anyone else to get to where we are. And that's how we've won so many sectionals. We say 'Outwork, outlove' and that's what we truly believe in."

June also has become a state-level track runner as well. He was part of the Rocks' 4x100 relay team that finished seventh at the state meet a few weeks ago, joining Cayden Gearhart, Caleb Terrill and Maison McCray. He enjoyed getting that state medal and has seen benefits on the football field, too.

In his freshman year, June ran the 40-yard dash in 4.7 seconds.

"My sophomore year, I cut that down to a high 4.4 and now I'm down to 4.38, and in the 100 I'm running a 10.9. And I feel it when I'm running on the field. I'm more explosive and I'm having better top-end speed and I can hold it for longer. So, the results definitely transfer to the field."



Photo provided

Westfield football player Cato June announced his commitment to Sam Houston State earlier this week. June has been a top player for the Shamrocks, helping them continue their sectional championship streak.

2025 fall sectional sites for Hamilton County teams

The REPORTER

Here is a list of sectional sites for Hamilton County teams during the 2025 fall sports season.

GIRLS GOLF

Guerin Catholic (Pebble Brook Golf Course): Brebeuf Jesuit, Carmel, Cardinal Ritter, Guerin Catholic, Lebanon, Pike, Sheridan, Speedway, University, Westfield.

Noblesville (Harbour Trees Golf Club): Alexandria, Anderson, Elwood, Fishers, Frankton, Hamilton

Heights, Hamilton Southeastern, Lapel, Noblesville, Pendleton Heights, Tipton.

BOYS TENNIS

Carmel: Carmel, Guerin Catholic, University, Zionsville.

Fishers: Anderson, Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Pendleton Heights.

Noblesville: Hamilton Heights, Lapel, Noblesville, Westfield.

GIRLS SOCCER

Class 3A Sectional 8 at Hamilton Southeastern: Anderson, Fishers,

Hamilton Southeastern, Mt. Vernon, Muncie Central, Noblesville, Pendleton Heights.

Class 3A Sectional 9 at Zionsville: Carmel, Cathedral, Lawrence Central, Lawrence North, North Central, Westfield, Zionsville.

Class 2A Sectional 26 at Park Tudor: Bishop Chatard, Brebeuf Jesuit, Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Heights, Park Tudor.

Class 1A Sectional 38 at Sheridan: Alexandria,

Faith Christian, Lafayette Central Catholic, North White, Rossville, Sheridan.

Class 1A Sectional 41 at Cardinal Ritter: Bethesda Christian, Cardinal Ritter, Christel House, Covenant Christian, Heritage Christian, Scecina, University.

BOYS SOCCER

Class 3A Sectional 8 at Fishers: Anderson, Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Mt. Vernon, Muncie Central, Pendleton Heights.

Class 3A Sectional 9

at Noblesville: Brebeuf Jesuit, Carmel, Noblesville, North Central, Westfield, Zionsville.

Class 2A Sectional 24 at Guerin Catholic: Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Heights, Heritage Christian, Lapel, Park Tudor, Tri-West, Western Boone.

Class 1A Sectional 40 at Sheridan: Bethesda Christian, Covenant Christian, North Putnam, Sheridan, Southmont, University.

CROSS COUNTRY

Noblesville: Anderson, Anderson Prep Academy, Fishers, Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Heights, Hamilton Southeastern, Lapel, Lebanon, Liberty Christian, Noblesville, Pendleton Heights, Shenandoah, Sheridan, Tipton, Tri-Central, Westfield.

North Central: Bishop Chatard, Carmel, Christel House, Crispus Attucks, Heritage Christian, Herron,

Indiana School for the Deaf, Indianapolis Washington, International, Metropolitan, North Central, Park Tudor, Purdue Polytechnic - Broad Ripple, Riverside, Shortridge, Tindley, Traders Point Christian, University, Western Boone, Zionsville.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Class 4A Sectional 8 at Zionsville: Carmel, Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville, Westfield, Zionsville.

Class 3A Sectional 24 at New Castle: Connersville, Delta, Hamilton Heights, Jay County, New Castle.

Class 3A Sectional 25 at Frankfort: Brebeuf Jesuit, Crawfordsville, Danville, Frankfort, Guerin Catholic, Lebanon, Tri-West.

Class 2A Sectional 39 at Tipton: Elwood, Frankton, Lapel, Sheridan, Taylor, Tipton.

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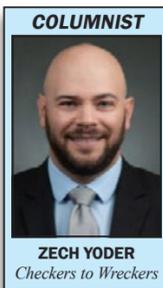
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Formula 1 halfway point: Red Bull is in desperation

As Formula 1 heads into its summer break, there was no shortage of drama, none bigger than the departure of long-time team principal and CEO Christian Horner from Red Bull Racing, effective immediately.



COLUMNIST

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Checkers to Wreckers

Just two years ago, Red Bull had arguably the best season in Formula 1 history, winning all but one race. With its dominance and in accordance with the Formula 1 regulations, Red Bull has had the least amount of time to develop its car in the wind tunnel.

More significant was the departure of car builder and aerodynamic genius Adrian Newey. Newey's contributions to Red Bull cannot be empathized enough. If Horner was Belichick, Newey was Brady. Without Newey, much of Red Bull's success would not have been possible.

Since the middle of 2024, the teams' struggles have been oblivious. While Verstappen was able to claw his way to a fourth consecutive Drivers' Championship in 2024, Sergio Perez struggled and Red Bull lost the Constructors' Champi-

onship to McLaren.

The struggles have compounded this year. Verstappen has shown his unbelievable talent by driving well above the capabilities of the car, taking two wins and four poles. Yet, he sits in third places, miles behind McLaren drivers Lando Norris and Oscar Piastri. Verstappen's teammate, Yuki Tsunoda, finds himself in 17th place and has been utterly ineffective in figuring out the Red Bull car. Though, Yuki's lack of pace may be a better reflection of Verstappen's generational skill more than Tsunoda's inability to perform.

Regardless, Red Bull is in trouble. The firing of Horner may have been the last straw for Verstappen. His contract will expire at the end of the season. One week ago, I would have bet that Verstappen would be in a Red Bull in 2026. Now, my money is on him leaving. We have never seen Red Bull in a rebuilding phase like they appear

to be now. Verstappen is a racer and wants to compete for championships. As it stands now, he cannot. I think Verstappen is out at the end of 2025.

Might he follow Adrian Newey to Aston Martin? I wouldn't be shocked.

Zech Yoder is a local resident, an attorney at Adler Attorneys in Noblesville, and a lifelong race fan.

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Two Carmel players at AJGA Junior Open



Photo provided

Maya Fujisawa Kueling (left) and Karis Reid, both incoming freshmen at Carmel High School, competed at the American Junior Golf Association's Renewal by Andersen Junior Open, which took place this week at Pekin Country Club in Pekin, Ill. Fujisawa Keuling tied for seventh, while Reid tied for 21st.

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Class 2A Sectional 42 at University: Cardinal Ritter, Covenant Christian, Monrovia, Park Tudor, Riverside, University.

field, Zionsville.

Class 6A Sectional 4: Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Homestead, Noblesville.

Heights, Indianapolis Washington, Speedway, Tri-West, West Vigo.

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