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TODAY'S WEATHER

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SERVE Season kicks off

Mobilizing Noblesville community for season of service & connection

Submitted

SERVE Village is officially launching its annual SERVE Season inviting neighbors, businesses, and community organizations to come together to strengthen Hamilton County through service, connection, and celebration.

The SERVE Season features several community events throughout the spring and summer that bring neighbors together and encourage participation across Hamilton County including:

• **Lip Sync Battle – April 14:** A fun, high-energy, multi-generational community event where local individuals, teams, and organizations take the stage to compete and celebrate community spirit.

• **Single Day of SERVE – April 24 and 25:** In partnership with the Indiana Peony Festival, Noblesville Preservation Alliance, and Keep Noblesville Beautiful, this weekend of service projects helps pave the Path to the Peony Festival as we spruce up with neighbors in historic downtown.

• **COME Together Week – May 20 to 27:** A grassroots initiative encouraging residents, businesses, and neighborhoods to host gatherings from cook-



Photos provided by Chris Hartig

The March 20 FUN Fest was a cultural celebration where neighbors shared food, music, traditions, and stories from diverse backgrounds, strengthening their sense of belonging.

outs to block parties to build relationships and foster community connection.

• **Longest Table, The Kickoff of COME Together Week – May 20:** A signature

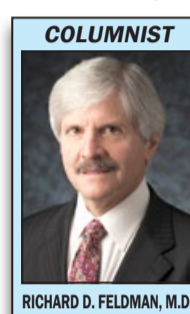
community appreciation lunch in Seminary Park that brings nonprofit leadership together around one long table to share a meal, conversation, and connection.

• **SERVE Week – June 23 to 27:** The season culminates with SERVE Week, Hamilton County's largest volunteer

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Food pyramid changes leave doctor uneasy

In January 2026, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Secretary of Health and Human Services, issued a new "food pyramid," the required five-year update entitled the "2025–2030 Dietary Guidelines for Americans."



The new food pyramid is a significant change from previous federal nutritional guidance that was grounded on decades of evidence-based nutritional and metabolic research. The new pyramid is considered an "upside-down" version of previous models, including the more recent "MyPlate" adaptation. It **prioritizes protein, healthy fats, vegetables, and fruits** at the wide top and positions whole grains at the bottom narrow tip.

Kennedy developed the new guidance out of public view, using a panel appointed by him rather than utilizing traditional independent expert input. Kennedy has criticized previous recommendations as being influenced by the food industry; yet half of the members of his new panel have financial relationships with the food, beef, dairy, and supplement industries.

Consistent with Kennedy's previous health recommendations (for example, the childhood vaccine schedule, COVID and influenza recommendations, and Tylenol use in pregnancy), portions of the new guidelines are confusing and conflictual, emphasizing research consistent with his views while ignoring or minimizing un-supportive research.

That said, there are many positive aspects to the new pyramid, and it adds detail never before included. Kennedy's pyramid:

• **Emphasizes whole, minimally processed foods and strongly discourages** ultra-processed and packaged foods high in added salt and with chemical additives, including artificial flavorings, nitrites, petroleum-based dyes, and artificial preservatives.

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Noblesville Elks install new officers

By Terri Sigman-Kennedy
Noblesville Elks #576

Saturday night, March 21 was a great night at the Noblesville Elks #576. As we do each year, incoming officers are installed for the upcoming term.

At the completion of his year of service as the Exalted Ruler, Phil Anderson steps down as the New Exalted Ruler assumes the role. The newly installed Exalted Rule, Jerry Wides, who last served as leading Knight for the past year, and his team takes over the reins.

Jerry Wides, ER and his team of officers celebrated the start of their new year. The Officers installed include Treva Vallier, Leading Knight; Michael Grubb, Loyal Knight; Nicholas Zumiga, Lecturing Knight; Geoff Robinson, PSP as Secretary; Mark Murphy, Treasurer; Michial Huber, Chaplain; Jeff Brown, PER, Esquire; Chris



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(From left) Geoff Robinson, PSP; Jeff Brown, PER; Jerry Wides, Exalted Ruler; Trampas Whalin, DDGER; Wally Gerber, Treva Vallier, Mark Murphy, Michial Huber, Nicholas Zuniga, Mike Grubb, Lisa Robinson, and Blair Carosino. Not pictured is Chris Ferguson.

Ferguson, Inner Guard; and Lisa Robinson, Tiler. Trustees installed were Trampas Whalin, DDGER; Blair Carosino, and

Wally Gerber. Outgoing Exalted Ruler Phil Anderson presented awards for Elk of the Year, Of-

ficer of the Year, and Citizen of the Year at the celebration.

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April showers guaranteed in Singin' in the Rain at Beef & Boards

The downpour of dance & splashy fun starts April 9

The REPORTER

April brings showers to the stage at Beef & Boards Dinner theatre with the cherished classic *Singin' in the Rain*. Opening April 9, this refreshing romantic comedy is the stage version of the celebrated MGM film that starred Gene Kelly, Debbie Reynolds, and Donald O'Connor.

In silent movies, Don Lockwood and Lina Lamont are a hot item, but behind the scenes, things aren't always as they appear on the big screen. Meanwhile, Lina's squeaky voice might be the end of her career in "talking pictures" without the help of a talented young actress, Kathy Selden, to do the talking and singing for her. When Lina finds out, she is furious. While Don has eyes for the lovely Kathy, Lina isn't about to be pushed aside – on screen, or off.

Singin' in the Rain is soaked with unforgettable songs including "Good Morning," "You Were Meant For Me," "Make 'Em Laugh," "Beautiful Girl," and the famous title tune.

Joseph Rafael Davila makes his Beef & Boards debut as the dashing Don Lockwood. Reprising their roles as Lina Lamont and Kathy Selden are Sarah Hund and Kimberly Doreen Burns, respectively. Burns plays Kathy Selden from April 9 to 26. Sarah Daniels (*The Little Mermaid*, *Kinky Boots*, *Newsies*) plays Kathy Selden from April 28 through May 23. James Garrett Hill (*Heartbreak Hotel*) stars as Don's fun-loving sidekick, Cosmo Brown. Eddie Curry reprises the role of Roscoe Dexter and Jeff Stockberger reprises the role of R.F. Simpson.

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Lina Lamont (Sarah Hund) doesn't want the voice of Kathy Selden (Kimberly Doreen Burns), at back, used for her so she begins to sing rather than lip sync.

How to vote & check your registration

By GARRETT BERGQUIST
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Your voter information must be current in order for you to vote in Indiana.

Each election year, there are two deadlines to register to vote, one before the primary and another before the general election.

For 2026, the deadline to register in time to vote in the primary is April 6. If you miss that deadline, registration resumes on May 19 and runs through Oct. 5.

Early voting begins on April 7 for the primary and on Oct. 6 for the general election.

Check your status

To check your voter registration status, visit the Secretary of State's website at indianavoters.in.gov and click on "Check your registration record." Enter your name, date of birth, and the county you live in. The site will display your status, your polling location, and who is on your specific ballot. It will also show your past voting history.

If you are not registered to vote, you can do so online through the Secretary of State's website. You can also visit any Bureau of Motor Vehicles office.

What do you need to bring to vote?

Indiana requires a photo ID issued by the state of Indiana or the federal government to vote. Student IDs are no longer accepted at the polls. Acceptable forms of ID include an Indiana driver's license, a passport, or a military ID.

If you don't have one, you can apply for a free non-driving photo ID through the BMV.

If you have moved recently and need to update your driver's license, you can update both your driver's license and your voter registration at the same time through the BMV.

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SERVE

mobilization, where a thousand volunteers complete about a hundred projects throughout the community, including painting, landscaping, shed building, historic sidewalk recovery, and other neighborhood beautification opportunities.

“SERVE Season is about reminding people that the strength of our community lies in our willingness to show up for one another,” SERVE Village Board President Jack Mosely said. “Every year we see neighbors, businesses, and organizations come together to make a real difference. When people serve side by side, relationships are built and our community grows stronger.”

SERVE Village is a Hamilton County-based nonprofit dedicated to activating the power of “neighbors helping neighbors,” bringing people together to serve, build relationships, and celebrate the strengths of every member of the community. Through events, programs, and neighborhood initiatives, the organization helps residents identify ways to use their talents and resources to make a meaningful impact.

“SERVE Village exemplifies what makes our community special, it’s the neighbors working together to support one another to make our city stronger,” Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen said. “The City of Noblesville proudly joins the initiative each year to inspire civic pride, community engagement, and to give back. I encourage residents and businesses to get involved during SERVE Season and be a part of what makes our community thrive.”

Community members can participate in SERVE Season in many ways, including volunteering for SERVE Week projects, attending community events throughout the season,



Photos provided

hosting neighborhood gatherings during COME Together Week, or sponsoring SERVE initiatives and donating to support community projects. Residents interested in participating or learning more can visit servevillage.org or follow SERVE Village on Facebook, Instagram, or LinkedIn for updates and volunteer opportunities.

About SERVE Village
SERVE Village is a Hamilton County nonprofit dedicated to inspiring service, creating opportunities for connection, and celebrating the strengths of every neighbor. Through events like FUN Fest, COME Together Week, and SERVE Week, the organization mobilizes volunteers and partners to build a stron-



ELKS



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(ABOVE LEFT) Outgoing Exalted Ruler Phil Anderson awards Brad Howard a plaque for “Elk of the Year.” (ABOVE CENTER) Outgoing Exalted Ruler Phil Anderson awards Trampas Whalin a plaque for “Citizen of the Year.” (ABOVE RIGHT) Outgoing Exalted Ruler Phil Anderson awards Blair Carmosino a plaque for “Officer of the Year.”

Elk of the Year honors went to 27-year member Brad Howard. A longtime resident, he loves being a part of the Noblesville community and that includes the Elks. He is a teacher in No-

blesville. The Officer of the Year award was presented to Blair Carmosino, a Trustee for his efforts in supporting our Elks. He has lived in Noblesville since 1994.

Finally, the award for Citizen of the Year honors went to Trampas Whalin, DDGER. He is a local attorney with a practice here in our community. He is currently running for Hamilton County Judge,

Superior Court 4. Congratulations to all honored at the ceremony. Noblesville Elks looks forward to another year of great leadership and commitment to our community.

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FOOD PYRAMID

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- Encourages fruits and vegetables, which contain fiber, micronutrients, and anti-inflammatory components.
- Strongly discourages refined grains and other refined carbohydrates, sugary drinks, and other foods high in added sugar and “junk foods.”
- Promotes healthy fats from olives, avocados, nuts, and seeds.
- Supports cooking oils that contain essential fatty acids; examples include olive oil and canola oil.

However, concerning the new pyramid:
• Recommends greater amounts of protein at every meal than previously recommended. This includes proteins from plant sources such as beans, legumes, and nuts, as well as animal proteins from poultry and seafood, but also from eggs and red meat. There is little evidence that higher protein intake provides health benefits other than in strength training. It can even lead to worsening of chronic kidney disease and conversion to visceral fat, which increases diabetes risk in some people.

My concern with eggs and red meat is that they contain high amounts of saturated fat, which can lead to cardiovascular and cerebrovascular atherosclerosis. Decades of research confirm this.

Kennedy states, nonetheless, that “We are ending

the war on saturated fats.” Saturated fat from animal sources, including red meat, eggs, butter, and beef tallow, is emphasized and considered one of the healthy fats. But the new guidelines send mixed messaging by simultaneously advising that saturated fat remain below the previously recommended 10 percent of total calories.

- Emphasizes full-fat dairy such as whole milk and cheese. Again, my concern is with the amount of saturated fats in whole dairy products. However, concern over the consumption of whole-fat dairy in people without cholesterol problems is somewhat controversial.

These are more than just guidelines; they also form policy frameworks for nutritional programs accepting federal funding.

Endorsements by the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American College of Cardiology carefully highlight only the positive aspects of the new nutritional guidelines as outlined above.

Although there are many positive aspects to the new nutritional guidelines, I remain uneasy, mostly about the new pyramid’s promotion of saturated fats.

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VOTE

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The Secretary of State’s website also allows you to apply for a mail-in absentee ballot. If you have a disability that impairs your ability to independently mark a ballot, such as blindness or a dexterity disability, you can apply for the traveling voter board through the site as well.

Where can you vote?

Pay attention to your county’s policy on vote centers. Seventy-two of Indiana’s 92 counties are vote center counties, meaning you can vote at any polling location in the county in which you live.

The list includes Marion County and all of the donut counties except Hamilton County. In counties which are not vote center counties, you must vote at your assigned polling location on Election Day.

Early voting is typically done at your county’s election office, with additional satellite locations opening as Election Day approaches. Your voter registration record online will list early voting locations and hours.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/election/check-indiana-voter-status.

SINGIN’

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Singin’ in the Rain is directed by Eddie Curry and choreographed by Doug King.

Tickets are currently on sale exclusively through Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre at BeefAndBoards.com or by calling the box office at (317) 872-9664. Patrons are advised that tickets purchased from third-party sellers may not be valid for performances and may include additional fees.

Singin’ in the Rain is on stage for 51 performances through May 23. Every performance includes Beef & Boards’ signature dinner

buffet, along with coffee, tea, or lemonade. Gourmet desserts and bar beverages are available for purchase.

Singin’ in the Rain is rated G and is licensed by Music Theatre International (MTI).

Note: Starting in 2026, all Tuesday through Saturday evening shows begin at 7:30 p.m., while the start time for Sunday early evening performances remains at 7 p.m.

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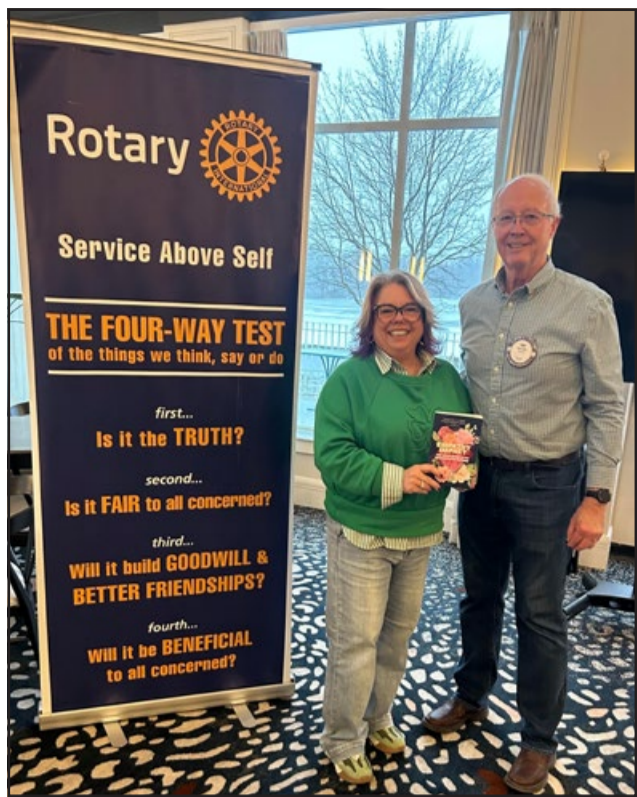


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Danyeale Easterhaus and Westfield Rotarian Ron Fall.

Danyeale Easterhaus talks to Rotarians about compassion

Submitted by Ron Fall
Rotary Club of Westfield

Recently, the Westfield Rotary Club had the privilege of hosting Danyeale Easterhaus, a dedicated leader with over two decades of hands-on experience in the nonprofit sector. She delivered a deeply moving and inspiring message centered on empathy and resilience – qualities she's cultivated through years of advocacy and personal growth.



Danyeale joined us to share powerful insights from her recent contribution to the book *Empathy Impact: The Wild Effects of Kindness in Action*. This compelling collection features true stories from 15 remarkable women, each illustrating how empathy in action creates profound, ripple-effect transformations in lives, workplaces, organizations, and entire communities.

Danyeale's presence and her story served as a vivid, heartfelt reminder: empathy isn't passive – when channeled into deliberate action, it becomes a force capable of mending divides, uplifting the overlooked, and creating lasting change. We're grateful for the wisdom and inspiration she shared with us.

A particularly touching part of her talk revolved around her 22-year-old daughter, Brooke, a proud Special Olympian whose

journey has been the heart-beat of Danyeale's own path. What began as a mother's tender habit of journaling "Brookisms" (those unique, joyful expressions and perspectives Brooke brings to the world) evolved into something far greater. Brooke's adoption story became a turning point: by intentionally building a compassionate, ongoing relationship with her daughter's birth mother, Danyeale's eyes were opened to layers of systemic injustice she hadn't fully grasped before.

This experience ignited her evolution into what she now calls a "justice fighter" – someone committed to using empathy as a tool for equity and healing.

True to her mission of turning compassion into tangible impact, 100 percent of the proceeds from *Empathy Impact* support Louder Than Silence, a Dallas-based nonprofit dedicated to providing long-term care, community, and essential resources to survivors of sexual violence – at no cost to those it serves.

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Westfield Fire receives awards



Photo provided by City of Westfield

Congratulations to Westfield Fire Division Chief Ryan Flora and the Fire Prevention Team on their outstanding recognition at the Fire Inspectors Association of Indiana Annual Conference. Division Chief Flora, Public Educator Thida Donel, and Deputy Fire Marshal Mark Fuller were honored with the Fire Prevention Bureau of the Year award. Flora was also the recipient of the FIAI President's Award, recognizing his exceptional contributions to fire safety and training. Westfield's Fire Prevention Division protects the community through education, inspection, and proactive safety efforts. Their work plays a vital role in reducing risk, increasing awareness, and keeping Westfield safe each and every day.

Share your story of Indiana Peony Festival with Smith's Jewelers Special Moments Program

By KELLY McVEY
President, Indiana Peony Festival, Inc.

Some special moments deserve more than a simple celebration. With the support of Noblesville's hometown jeweler, your heartwarming celebrations and stories bring "Your Love. Your Story. Your Legacy." to life.

From planning an engagement, anniversary, birthday, graduation party, family tradition, or meaningful life milestone, let Smith's Jewelers uniquely design a special moment experience to reflect your story being celebrated. Every experience is uniquely designed to reflect the story being celebrated, whether it's an engagement, anniversary, family tradition, or meaningful life milestone.

This year, Smith's Jewelers invites you to share your upcoming special peony occasion! Smith's will be selecting a small number of sentimental stories submitted to share with the public, as part of their Special Moments Program. If selected, participants will receive a curated experience from Smith's Jewelers. Each experience will be thoughtfully designed and curated by the Smith's team.

Here's how the Special Moments Program works:

What selected participants receive

- A personalized planning consultation with Smith's Jewelers
- Professional photography and short cinematic video capture
- Proposal coordination and ring presentation planning (if applicable)
- Exclusive festival-day staging and curated reveal location
- Special event-only pricing or gifting on select jewelry pieces
- A commemorative charm or keepsake item
- Printed heirloom photo or framed memorabilia
- A curated "Date Night" experience following the festival
- Story feature consideration across Smith's platforms (with permission)

How Special Moments are selected

- Applicants are invited to share:
- Who they are celebrating
 - What makes this moment meaningful
 - Why the Indiana Peony Festival is the right setting
 - What this person means to them
- Every moment is tailored to the individual story



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being celebrated, whether it's an engagement, an anniversary, a mother-daughter tradition, or a meaningful life milestone.

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Hamilton County Ag Day celebrates 40 years

The REPORTER

Last week, Hamilton County celebrated its 40th Ag Day with more than 2,000 second graders, parents, and teachers visiting the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds for an agriculture-focused field trip.

Participants rotated through nine educational displays including agricultural products and live animals March 17 to 19. Displays included information on corn, soybeans, wheat, beekeeping, soil and water conservation, drones in agriculture, and more. Students learned about animal production and animal by-products while interacting with beef cattle, dairy cattle, goats, llamas, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine.

More than 100 4-H youth and adult volunteers led the presentations and facilitated hands-on activities.

The Agriculture Council of America will host National Ag Day today, March 24. This is a nationwide effort to tell the true story of American agriculture and remind citizens that agriculture is a part of all of us. Many agricultural associations, corporations, students, and government organizations involved in agriculture will participate.

Educational programs like Ag Day help consumers understand how our food and fiber arrives at the grocery or clothing store and makes its way to dinner tables and closets across the country. We rely on agricul-

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ture for the very necessities of life. From beef and pork to cotton and corn, agriculture is working harder than ever to meet the needs of Americans and others around the world. A single American farmer feeds more than 169 people. As the world population soars,

there is an even greater demand for food and fiber produced in the United States.

“Since many Hamilton County residents are now three or more generations removed from the farm, Ag Day provides students with a close up, hands-on exposure to agriculture that they

would not have otherwise had the opportunity to experience,” said Lisa Hanni, Program Assistant for Purdue Extension Hamilton County.

All of the amazing sponsors shown here allowed for Ag Day to be the success that it was.

A night of fun with a purpose

Ben's Ranch Foundation opens ticket sales for 'Barn Bash'

Submitted
Ben's Ranch Foundation (BRF), a local nonprofit dedicated to empowering teens struggling with mental health challenges, has officially opened ticket sales for its annual “Barn Bash” fundraising event, taking place

Saturday, April 25 in Carmel. The community is invited to experience this one-of-a-kind evening featuring professionally led square dancing, live music from **Indy Annies**, a mechanical bucking bull, dinner, and a silent auction. All proceeds support programs that create meaningful employment and work-based learning opportunities for teens facing mental and emotional health challenges, connecting them to hands-on work through small group programs and paid internships on farms, at stables, and in other outdoor settings.

To purchase tickets, visit bensranch.org/events. “The Barn Bash is more than an event – it’s a chance to open doors for teens who need hope and opportunity,” said Kathy Laigaard, event Co-Chair and Ben's Ranch Board Member. “It’s also a powerful way for our community to come together and invest in the future of young people. We invite everyone to join us for a night that makes a difference.”



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The Foundation is seeking sponsors and donations or items for the silent auction. You can donate an auction item through BRF 2026 Barn Bash Donation Form. If you have questions, you can email events@bensranch.org. Unable to attend? Please contribute by bidding on silent auction items! The Barn Bash silent auction will be available online to the public on April 15 at galabid.com/barn-bash-2026.

Based in Hamilton County, BRF serves young people at numerous locations in Hamilton and Boone counties. In 2023, Ben's Ranch

assumed management of Koteewi Stable and Trails, located in Koteewi Park in Noblesville. At the stable, the public can enjoy trail rides on horseback, pony rides, hold birthday parties, attend special events, and adopt a horse. This unique partnership between BRF and the Hamilton County Parks Department allows BRF interns and small group participants to do chores, take care of the horses and learn skills at the stable.

For more about Ben's Ranch Foundation and Koteewi Stable and Trails, visit at bensranch.org and koteewitrails.org.

OneZone Business Action Committee endorses Democrat Victoria Garcia Wilburn

Submitted
The OneZone Business Action Committee (Zone-BAC) announces its endorsement of Dr. Victoria Garcia Wilburn, who is unopposed in her re-election bid for State Representative, District 32.

“In Representative Victoria Garcia Wilburn, we see a proven leader who understands the importance of strong communities, economic opportunity, and thoughtful public policy,” OneZone Chamber President Jack Russell said. “Her commitment to service and her collaborative approach

make her a strong choice for State Representative, and we are proud to support her campaign.”

State Rep. Garcia Wilburn was elected to the Indiana House in 2022 and serves as Ranking Minority Member of the House Judiciary Committee, as well as on the Employment, Labor and Pensions and Public Health Committees. She has advanced key legislation on mental health and resiliency for public safety



Garcia Wilburn

professionals and is a recognized leader in health equity and behavioral health. With a background as a clinician, researcher, and Associate Professor at Indiana University, she brings a strong, informed perspective to public policy and continues to make a meaningful impact across Indiana.

The ZoneBAC is made up of OneZone Chamber

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Westfield PD receives eight AEDs from Bolt for the Heart



Photo provided by City of Westfield

On Thursday, March 19, the Westfield Police Department received 8 Automated External Defibrillators (AED) donated by Bolt for the Heart. Bolt for the Heart is a nonprofit organization serving Indiana with a clear mission: to save lives by expanding access to lifesaving Automated External Defibrillators (AED). Bolt for the Heart is able to provide AEDs to local public safety agencies due to donations and participation in their annual Bolt for the Heart 5K race held each year on Thanksgiving Day. At the age of 13, Danny (now 23, pictured second from the left) experienced a sudden cardiac arrest while playing baseball in Westfield. Sgt. Tyler Dougherty (middle) quickly responded, using a donated Bolt for the Heart AED to save his life. Westfield Police currently outfits all patrol vehicles with an AED, due to the generous donations of AEDs from Bolt for the Heart.

Community News

Celebrate Holy Week with free choir & orchestral performance

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints invites everyone to a multi-denominational Holy Week musical celebration.

This choir and orchestral performance will take place from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at the Pike Performing Arts Center, 6701 Zionsville Road, Indianapolis. Doors will open at 4 p.m.

This presentation brings together a multi-denominational adult and youth choir and orchestra, small vocal ensembles, and a children's choir in a powerful celebration of the life, sacrifice, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Reserve your free spot at [this link](#) ... but hurry! Seats are going quickly.

Letter to the Editor

Candidate criticizes township for lack of meeting transparency

Dear Editor:

I'm writing to express my concern about the current level of public engagement from Noblesville Township and to suggest some ways the elected leaders might increase public awareness of their efforts on behalf of the taxpayers.

I attended the March meeting of the Noblesville Township Board, where the three elected board members unanimously approved a \$630,000 office renovation project to begin mid-April. I wasn't aware that the expenditure would be an action item at the meeting because despite visiting the township website, I was unable to find a meeting agenda.

The office renovation project follows on the heels of a nearly completed renovation project of the township's community center. I don't know the price tag or any specifics about that project despite looking over the meeting minutes from 2025 - the minutes from 2026 don't appear on the website.

Indiana's open door laws set minimum requirements for governing bodies such as publicizing meeting dates and allowing members of the public to be present.

However, good government practices go beyond the bare minimum requirements. It would be a good practice to post the board meeting agenda on the website in advance of the meeting, and provide minutes in a timely manner after the meeting. It would also be good to have a public comment period at board meetings.

I would go so far as to suggest that a quarterly newsletter be posted on the website with some data updating the public on all the good things Noblesville Township is doing and also give an annual financial report.

We can give lip service to our desire for "local control" all day long, but if we don't insist that our township adheres to good government practices - especially with regard to spending tax dollars - then we may be fueling the efforts of legislators who want to eliminate townships altogether.

Jenna Stewart

Noblesville resident & candidate for Noblesville Township Board

Ford discusses Social Security

The REPORTER

On Saturday, March 21, State Senator J.D. Ford, Democratic congressional candidate for Indiana's 5th district, met with a small group of supporters in the Kokomo-Howard County Public Library, 220 N. Union St., Kokomo, to discuss his Social Security plan.

Ford said his plan is built on accountability.

"We are going to, one, scrap the cap so that billionaires must pay the same rate into the system as the autoworker in Kokomo," Ford said. "This will close the long-term funding gap and extend our ability to pay 100 percent of the benefits that you've earned. We're going to adjust the COLA using the CPI-E so that your cost-of-living increase actually reflects the high cost of your healthcare and housing. We're going to protect staffing because when you call the Social



Reporter photo

Joshua Andrews, Director of Communications for J.D. Ford's campaign for Congress, introduces Ford to the crowd at the Kokomo library.

Security office, you deserve to talk to somebody, to talk to a real human, not wait on hold for hours because of DOGE cuts that gutted our local field offices. The last thing I think we need is a full-time commissioner to oversee and quarterback the Social Security."

Although he did not dis-

uss it publicly, a handout provided to those in attendance also listed caregiver credits as a priority. That point reads, "Let's give Social Security credits for time spent out of the workforce to care for children or aging parents."

Ford also announced that he and former President

Joe Biden's Social Security Commissioner Martin O'Malley will hold a town hall to discuss Ford's Social Security plan at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 28, at the Maring-Hunt Library, 2005 S. High St., Muncie. You can find details about that and RSVP online at electjdford.com/event.

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members. State Rep. Garcia Wilburn was previously endorsed by the committee and has continued to demonstrate strong leadership and a commitment to

the business community. Her track record and ongoing engagement on issues impacting employers and the regional economy made her a clear choice for

endorsement.

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information and determine which candidates to support based on their positions, qualifications, and commitment to issues important to the business community.

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Young supports bills to ban stock trading by members of Congress, help restore public trust

Submitted by Office U.S. Senator Todd Young

Last Friday, March 20, U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) announced he is supporting two bills that would place new restrictions on stock trading by members of Congress.

Young is cosponsoring the Restore Trust in Congress Act to stop insider trading by members of Congress, their spouses, and dependent children through banning the ownership and trading of individual stocks. The bill was introduced by Senator Ashley Moody (R-Fla.).

Young is also cosponsoring the Stop Insider Trading Act, which would prohibit members of Congress, their spouses, and dependent children from purchasing publicly traded stocks and mandates a seven-day public notice period before any stock sales can be executed. The bill was introduced by Senator Pete Ricketts (R-Neb.).

"I've heard from many Hoosiers who are rightly concerned about those serving in Congress unfairly profiting from their positions," Sen. Young said. "I fully support a ban on stock trading by members of Congress, and I am supporting these bills to ensure such a ban becomes law. No one in Congress should benefit financially from public service and the trust placed in them by voters."

The **Restore Trust in Congress Act** would include:

- **Qualified Blind Trusts:** These trusts shall be divested while a family trust could be granted an exception by a supervising

ethics office under certain circumstances.

- **Divestment Requirement:** Existing covered investments must be divested within a specified compliance period (180 days for current covered individuals and 90 days for new covered individuals).

- **Limited Exceptions:** Diversified mutual funds and certain broad-based investment vehicles are permitted.

- **Penalties:** Pay a fee equal to 10 percent of the value of the covered investment; and disgorge the profits of any transaction that violates the provisions of the above provisions.

- Each Supervising ethics office shall publish a publicly available website showing each fine assessed in accordance with the bill, the reasoning for the fine's assessment, and the result of the assessment.

The **Stop Insider Trading Act** would:

- **Implement a Total Ban on Buying:** Prohibit Members, spouses, and dependent children from purchasing any new stocks in publicly traded companies.

- **Mandate Transparency in Selling:** Require public notice at least seven days, but no more than 14 days, in advance of any intended sale.

- **Enforce Real Consequences:** Establish a penalty of \$2,000 or 10 percent of the investment value (whichever is greater), plus the forfeiture of any net gain realized from the sale.

- **Calibration:** Stop insider trading without preventing successful people from the private sector from serving.



Young

Happy Hour at Upland Brewery

Our latest Happy Hour (HH) adventure had us visiting Upland Brewery at 4939 E. 82nd St. in Indianapolis. A very successful craft brewer, Upland has locations in Carmel (820 E. 116th St.), Clay Terrace (14490 Clay Terrace Blvd.), as well as Fountain Square, College Ave., Columbus Ind., plus two each in Jeffersonville and Bloomington.

You can link to their locations, and check out their HH menu at uplandbeer.com/happy-hour-menu.

The 82nd Street restaurant is very large, with a good-sized dining room, outdoor seating, and a two-level bar/lounge. We chose the lounge and settled in with comfort. Our server Hailey was a little confused at first about the HH hours but soon straightened things out and brought us samples of the Butter Chardonnay (which is not on the HH menu – so \$10 for a six-ounce pour) and one of the HH Beer Specials (\$4

per pint) – something light called Champagne Velvet. They passed muster and we ordered glasses. I thought the brew was very good.

Although there are Chicharrones for \$5 and a \$4 Chocolate Brownie, most of the HH offerings are Sliders (\$4 each). There are six different types of "burgers" and three different "sandwiches" in that category.

We decided to go with one burger – the Classic and all three of the sandwiches – Pulled Pork, Hoosier Tenderloin, and Turkey & Guac. We thought about a burger called Sweet Plum – smoked gouda, applewood-smoked bacon, aruqula, and sweet plum sauce, but will maybe try it next time – sounded good, though.

It did not take long for the food to come – four prettily generously prepared little sandwiches stacked with lots of dressing items – tomatoes, lettuce, onion, and a small cup of BBQ sauce for the pork. I cut each of the



Photo provided by Upland Brewery

sliders in half so we could share the experience.

Tops for both of us were the Turkey & Guac (smoked turkey, cheddar cheese, chipotle aioli, fresh guacamole, applewood bacon with lettuce, tomato, and red onion) – it had a really good-sized portion of turkey and bacon, plus the aioli made for a nice sharp taste – and the Classic Burger, which was exactly what it was – a good ol' mini cheeseburger with lettuce, tomato, and onion. We were a bit underwhelmed by the Pulled Pork and the Tenderloin which weren't bad really, but just

didn't compare to the others.

It was a pleasant meal – good surroundings and service – Hailey was very attentive! The total came to around \$32 plus tip. The full menu is also quite tempting and I hope we are able to come back sometime and taste some of the variety offered at Upland.

Ken Klingenmeier offers this series of columns, called "A Seat at the Table," wherein he reviews Indy-area restaurants – specifically their Happy Hour offers. Keep reading *The Reporter* for future restaurant reviews.

Rocker Stewart Copeland to share his story this summer in Carmel

Tickets on sale Friday for Police drummer's first spoken-word tour

The REPORTER

The famously outspoken founder of the British new wave scene's biggest band will share tales of his globetrotting career in an August appearance at Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts.

Have I Said Too Much – *The Police, Hollywood and Other Adventures* is the first U.S. spoken-word tour by Stewart Copeland, drummer for the Police, multiple Grammy winner, Rock and Roll Hall of Famer, writer, filmmaker, and composer of film

scores, operas, and video game soundtracks.

The presentation, which includes rarely seen photos and videos and a Q&A, is set for 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 2, at the 500-seat Tarkington theater, 3 Carter Green, Carmel. Tickets starting at \$35 go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday, March 27 at TheCenterPresents.org, by phone at (317) 843-3800, or in person at the Payne & Mencias Palladium's Fifth Third Bank Box Office at 1 Carter Green.

The event is part of the 2026-2027 *Center Presents* Season sponsored by Allied Solutions, which will be fully unveiled in May.

The Police formed in 1977 as a reggae- and jazz-influenced punk trio and became arguably the most successful pop/rock band of the era before disbanding at the height of their fame in 1986. With



Photo by Rossano Ronci

hits like "Message in a Bottle," "Don't Stand So Close to Me," "Every Little Thing She Does Is Magic" and "Every Breath You Take," Copeland and bandmates Sting and Andy Summers sent four consecutive albums to No. 1, claimed five Grammys and two BRIT Awards, and sold 75 million records worldwide. Their 2007 reunion tour was the highest-grossing outing of the year.

Copeland's solo work as a composer has extended to the fields of opera, ballet, chamber music, world music and soundtracks for such films as Francis Ford Coppola's *Rumblefish* and Oliver Stone's *Wall Street*. More recently, he published two autobiographical books and mounted the *Police Deranged* for Orchestra tour, which played the Payne & Mencias Palladium in 2023.

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Opening doors for Indiana's foster youth through career exploration

On a cold morning recently, 13 young people walked into a warehouse on the east side of Indianapolis and stepped into something many of them rarely get: a glimpse of possibility.



HANNAH SWIGGER

Without access to opportunities that many of their peers are afforded. Each year in the United States, more than 20,000 young people age out of the foster care system without a permanent family support network to rely on. Too many enter adulthood facing enormous challenges. Roughly one in five will experience homelessness after leaving the system, and according to a 2022 *Journal of Economic Perspectives* article, by age 26, former foster youth who age out have 50 percent lower earnings and 20 percent lower employment rates compared to their peers with comparable education levels.

Inside the Bone Dry Roofing warehouse, they weren't just listening to a presentation or sitting through a lecture. They were learning directly on the job. At one station, they nailed shingles onto a roof. At others, they practiced installing siding and masonry. Some even spent time shadowing the company's call center.

Behind every one of these statistics is a young person with talent, resilience, and ambition. What many of them lack is not potential, but exposure and opportunity.

Those interactions matter. Indiana businesses also stand to gain from these partnerships. Across the state and nation, industries from construction and manufacturing to logistics and healthcare are facing workforce shortages. Employers are searching for motivated individuals ready to build meaningful careers.

For many of these young people — each with lived experience in foster care — it was their first time seeing what a career in construction could actually look like. One participant summed it up perfectly: it was exciting to try something they had never done before.

At the Bone Dry Roofing Career Day, employees didn't just demonstrate technical skills. They worked side-by-side with participants, answering questions, sharing their own career

paths, and offering an inside look at an industry many had never considered. In quieter moments between activities, conversations unfolded: What does a typical day look like? What training do you need? What opportunities exist beyond the job site?

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Young people with lived experience in foster care represent an often-overlooked talent pipeline. Many have developed remarkable adaptability, problem-solving skills, and perseverance simply by navigating the challenges they've already faced. With the right training and mentorship, they can become dedicated employees and future leaders in Indiana's workforce.

But they cannot get there alone. At Foster Success, our Workforce Readiness programming focuses on connecting young people to career exploration, job training, and employer engagement. In the past year, more than half of our participants achieved one of their work-related goals.

These outcomes happen because employers step forward. They open their doors. They share their knowledge. They show young people what's possible.

In order for Indiana to build a strong workforce for the future, we must ensure that every young person with lived experience has the opportunity to explore careers, gain skills, and see a path forward. For young people who have experienced foster care, that chance can be life-changing. Sometimes, it starts with something as simple as walking through a warehouse door on a cold morning — and realizing the future might be bigger than you imagined; one shingle at a time.

Hannah Swogger, of Indianapolis, is the Assistant Director of Program Delivery at Indiana-based non-profit, Foster Success. More information about Foster Success can be found at fostersuccess.org.

Thanks to Foster Success's partnership with Bone Dry Roofing, it was about expanding horizons for young adults who too often grow

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Braun named FGA's 2025 Governor of the Year

Submitted by Office of Governor Mike Braun

Last Friday, March 20, Indiana Governor Mike Braun was presented with the Foundation for Government Accountability's (FGA) 2025 "Governor of the Year" award.

example to the rest of the country for how to navigate crises and have your state emerge stronger. When Governor Braun took office in early 2025, Indiana's Medicaid program was facing a **worst-case scenario** with not enough funding to take care of the truly needy who rely on the program. Governor Braun **worked closely** with the General Assembly to assess Medicaid spending, make the program more sustainable, and begin moving hundreds of thousands of able-bodied Hoosiers from welfare to work.



Photo provided by Office of Governor Mike Braun

FGA's "Governor of the Year" award recognizes a uniquely dedicated leader who advances policies that reduce barriers to work, increase trust in government, and promote self-sufficiency and dignity for individuals and families.

When Gov. Braun represented Indiana in the U.S. Senate and the Indiana House, Governor Braun was known for his work on health care. Governor Braun's efforts to repair his state's Medicaid program laid the foundation for **additional welfare reform** and put Indiana on the map — no longer flailing, but thriving.

Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Administrator Dr. Mehmet Oz. He **signed nine executive orders** aimed at helping Hoosiers live longer and healthier lives, and Indiana **became a vocal and early leader** in the popular movement to remove junk food from the food stamp program — move that inspired more than 20 other states to follow suit.

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FGA recognizes Governor Braun for his bold, forward-thinking leadership that has made Indiana an

He then set his sights on the state's food stamp program, launching the **Make Indiana Healthy Again** initiative with Health and

issues, so it's no surprise that we saw that same spirit and work ethic in his first year as governor, setting a standard for impact and speed that other new governors would do well to copy," said Jonathan Bechtle, COO and General Counsel for FGA and Indiana resident. "A stronger safety net, promoting work over welfare, and a healthier and happier Indiana — all in one year. "Governor of the Year" is an understatement, and we look forward to seeing what Governor Braun accomplishes in the years to come."

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Coats for Kids 'Spring Cleaning' event collecting coats during month of April

Submitted

Hoosiers are saying goodbye to winter and their winter coats. But those winter coats can help The Salvation Army of Central Indiana make sure children stay warm next winter through the Coats for Kids program, which is accepting coats during its Spring Clean Collection.

to support the program. "Forty years of Coats for Kids shows how much the community has stood beside The Salvation Army, Classic Cleaners, and WTHR to help us ensure children are warm during the winter," said Major Dan Sawka, General Secretary of The Salvation Army. "A winter coat may seem simple, but a child benefits greatly by getting a free coat, hat, gloves, and scarf from our program."

Anyone can drop off a new or gently used winter coat at any Classic Cleaners location throughout the month of April. Collection boxes have been placed at the front of each Classic Cleaners store to make donations quick and easy. These coats will be cleaned and stored for Coats for Kids distribution day in October.

To mark the great milestone of 40 years for the Coats for Kids program, Indianapolis mayor Joe Hogsett has proclaimed Oct. 17, 2026, as Coats For Kids Day. This proclamation honors the 40-year commitment The Salvation Army, WTHR, and Classic Cleaners has made to ensure children are warm through Indiana's winters.

Community members who do not have a coat to donate can still help make a difference in the community. A donation of \$25 to the Coats for Kids program helps The Salvation Army of Central Indiana buy a brand-new coat for a child in need. Visit the secure online donation page here

Over the 40 years of Coats for Kids, the program has distributed more than 120,000 coats to tens of thousands of families.

Your pot of gold might await at the end of the Indiana Unclaimed rainbow

Submitted by Office of AG Todd Rokita

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita invites Hoosiers to visit IndianaUnclaimed.gov to see if they have any money waiting for them this spring.

surpassing previous highs and reuniting Hoosiers with what's theirs. As of March this year, the Unclaimed Property Division has returned more than \$35 million already in 2026. Nearly \$1 billion remains unclaimed statewide. Unclaimed property includes:



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"As St. Patrick's Day has once again come and gone, Hoosiers should still try their luck," AG Rokita said. "Even if your unclaimed pot of gold is modest, you should take possession of what is rightfully yours. You'll never know unless you search for it."

Unclaimed Property Division has returned more than \$35 million already in 2026. Nearly \$1 billion remains unclaimed statewide. Unclaimed property includes:

- Unclaimed wages or commissions
- Money orders
- Safe deposit box contents
- Savings and checking accounts
- Refunds
- Overpayments such as: Credit card balances and cell phone bills

In 2025, the Office of Attorney General's Unclaimed Property Division set an all-time record by returning more than \$88 million to rightful owners,

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Meeting Notices

The Carmel Clay Schools Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at the Carmel Clay Schools Educational Services Center, 5201 E. Main St.

The Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will meet at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 24, 2026, in an executive session pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7) For discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute.

The Noblesville Common Council will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, 2026, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.

An additional executive session will follow at 8:45 a.m. pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(4)(I) Interviews and negotiations with industrial or commercial prospects or agents of industrial or commercial prospects by a governing body of a political subdivision.

A live stream of the meeting will be available at youtube.com/@CityofNoblesville at also streamed at youtube.com/@HamiltonCountyTelevision.

Finally, a regular meeting will follow at 9 a.m. 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 noblesville.in.gov/447/Boards-Commissions.

A live stream of the meeting will be available at youtube.com/@CityofNoblesville.

The Carmel Plan Commission will hold a combined meeting of the Residential and Commerce Committees at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 31, 2026, in the Council Chambers on the second floor of Carmel City Hall, 1 Civic Square.

The Noblesville Common Council and the Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will hold a joint meeting at 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, 2026, in Rooms A213/A214 at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.

Each year, the Hamilton County Reporter requests government entities to notify us of public meetings as their Open Door Law notification under I.C. 5-14-1.5-5. The Reporter publishes these notices as a public service in our Tuesday through Friday digital editions. Meeting notices for Open Door Law compliance can be sent to PublicNotices@ReadTheReporter.com.

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Bragg announces re-election bid for Sheridan Town Council At-Large seat

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Incumbent Daniel Bragg has officially announced his candidacy for re-election to an at-large seat on the Sheridan Town Council, citing a commitment to responsible, controlled growth, community engagement, and responsible leadership.

Bragg, who currently serves as an at-large representative, said his decision to seek another term is rooted in his desire to build on the progress made during his time in office.

"Sheridan is a special place with a strong sense of community," Bragg

said. "I'm proud of what we've accomplished together, and I'm excited about the opportunity to keep working for the taxpayers of my home."

During his tenure, Bragg has been involved in initiatives to improve local infrastructure, support economic development, and enhance public services. Notably, he pointed to the successful reorganization of Sheridan and Adams Township in 2024 as a major milestone



Bragg

that has helped streamline services, improve efficiency, and better position the community for future growth.

He emphasized collaboration with fellow council members, town staff, and residents as a key factor in addressing community needs.

Looking ahead, Bragg outlined several priorities for his next term, including maintaining fiscal responsibility, supporting local businesses, and ensuring

that Sheridan remains a safe and welcoming place for families. He also highlighted the importance of listening to residents and encouraging public input in decision-making processes.

"I believe in transparent and accessible leadership," Bragg said. "It's important that every voice in our community is heard and valued."

Bragg's campaign will focus on connecting with voters across Sheridan, sharing his vision for the town's future, and fostering a strong sense of community unity.

Gov. Braun announces LARE grants to benefit 48 lake & stream projects

The REPORTER

Governor Mike Braun and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

announced organizations in 17 Indiana counties will receive \$1,484,960 in grants to fund 48 lake and stream projects through the Lake and River Enhancement (LARE) program.

"Indiana's lakes and streams are vital natural resources, supporting strong communities, wildlife habitat, and recreation," Gov. Braun said. "Thanks to support from those getting out and enjoying Indiana's scenic waterways, we're proud to make sure that our Hoosier lakes and streams are well maintained for continued enjoyment now and for future generations."

Grants totaling \$1,040,900 will support 15 sediment and logjam removal projects in 11 counties, which are Benton, Daviess, Hamilton, Johnson, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Marshall, Noble, Steuben, Sullivan, and Vanderburgh counties. Another \$444,060 will be used to support projects combating aquatic invasive plants in 33 waterbodies across 11 counties, which are Fulton, Gibson, Kosciusko, LaGrange, LaPorte, Marshall, Noble, Porter, Starke, Steuben, and White.

The grants are funded through the LARE fee paid annually by boat owners when they register their crafts with the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles. This

user-funded program benefits boaters all over the state by allowing for the completion of lake and stream projects that would be difficult for local organizations to fund on their own. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis, and local sponsors share at least 20 percent of the cost.

Funded projects for the planning and removal of sediment and logjams help improve recreational access by removing nutrient-rich sediment and woody debris near inlets or navigational channels, helping prevent bank erosion and the formation of new channels. These types of projects receive the highest priority for LARE funding, and they are only funded for projects focused on large-quantity debris removal. Aquatic invasive plant control grants help control or manage aggressive non-native species that can outcompete native species and dominate plant communities.

The grants can also provide economic benefits to lake communities by improving lake conditions for those who fish or boat.

A list of grant recipients and sediment and logjam removal projects by body of water, county, project type and grant award can be found at lare.dnr.IN.gov and clicking on project awards at the top of the page.

Reports on all past LARE-funded projects can be found at lareports.dnr.IN.gov.



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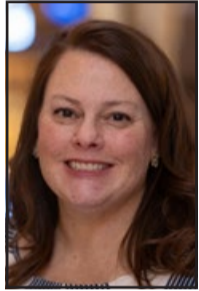
Indiana Representative Blake Johnson endorses Kristina Moorhead for State Senate

Submitted

On Monday, March 23, Indiana State Representative Blake Johnson (D-Indianapolis) announced his endorsement of Kristina Moorhead, Democratic candidate for State Senate District 29, adding momentum to a campaign grounded in experience, results, and a clear vision for Indiana's future.

Moorhead brings a rare

breadth of expertise, having shaped health policy in 23 states. Her work spans government, AARP, the private sector, and consulting, giving her a deep understanding of what works, what fails, and how decisions at the Statehouse directly impact fami-



Moorhead

lies every day. "Kristina Moorhead brings decades of advocacy, fighting to expand access to better healthcare and drive down costs for patients in Indiana and across the country," State Rep. Johnson said. "Her energy, experience, and unwavering commitment to Hoosiers would make her a force in the Indiana Senate – and I'm proud to give her my full support and endorsement."

Throughout her career, Moorhead has led major public health initiatives, including Medicaid programs, championed policies that support seniors, and helped pass legislation in Indiana and nationwide

that reduces prescription drug costs for patients.

"I'm honored to have Representative Johnson's support," Moorhead said. "I'm energized by the growing momentum behind our campaign as we take on the issues that matter most to Hoosiers – lowering utility costs, protecting personal freedoms, and strengthening our public schools."

Moorhead is running for Indiana State Senate District 29 to put her proven policy experience to work – cutting costs for families, ending government overreach, and building an Indiana where every child and every Hoosier have the opportunity to thrive.

Learn more about the candidate at KristinaMoorhead.com.

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Beam signing marks construction milestone

Employees tour new Hamilton County Public Safety Center

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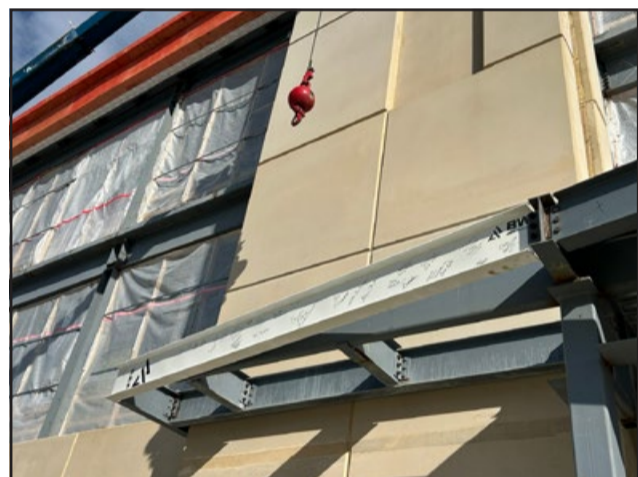
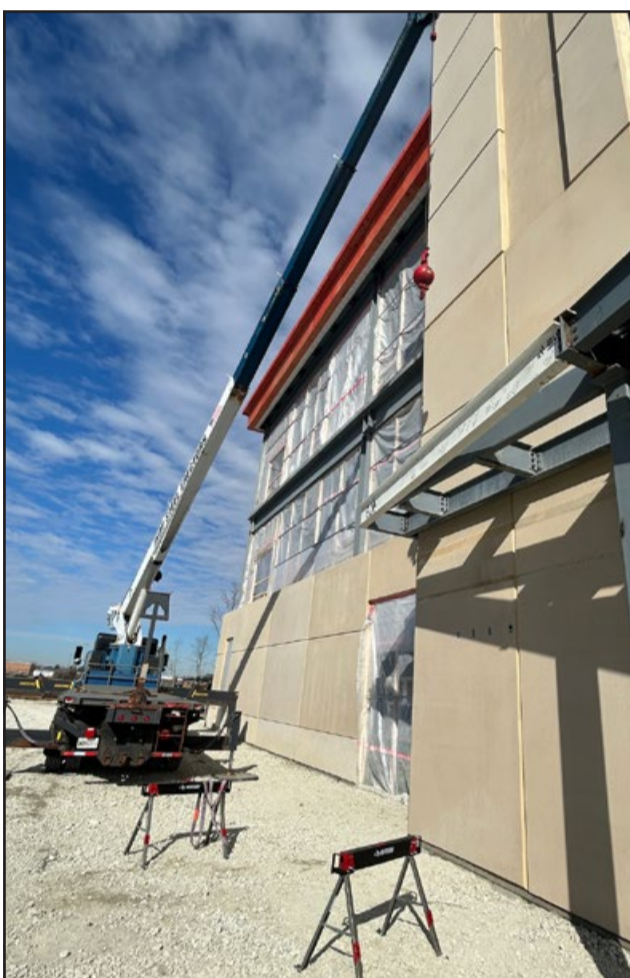
Hamilton County officials and public safety staff gathered on Thursday, March 19 to celebrate a major construction milestone at the new Hamilton County Public Safety Center.

Staff from Hamilton County 911 and Emergency Management joined County Commissioners to sign a beam, before watching it be lifted into place and installed on the front of the complex. Employees also got a chance to tour the building that will soon serve as their new home.

“Seeing our team members sign that beam and then watch it go into place was a powerful reminder of the people behind this work,” said Christine Alt-

man, President of the Hamilton County Commissioners. “This facility will give them the space, technology, and protection they need to serve our residents at the highest level – no matter the situation.”

The 108,000-square-foot, three-story facility will house Hamilton County’s 911 dispatch center, Emergency Management Agency, and a state-of-the-art Emergency Operations Center (EOC) designed to withstand even an EF5 tornado. The new center will enhance coordination during emergencies and strengthen the county’s ability to respond quickly and effectively. The building is scheduled to be complete and ready to move into in Spring 2027.



Photos provided

Hamilton County Commissioners Steve Dillinger (above left) and Christine Altman (above center). The commissioners were joined by (above right) Larken Uhrick, Director of Operations at Hamilton County Public Safety Communications and Chad Knecht, Executive Director of Hamilton County Emergency Operations.

Obituary

Deborah “Deb” Ann Stevens

February 25, 1957 – March 20, 2026

Deborah “Deb” Ann Stevens, 69, Noblesville, passed away on March 20, 2026, surrounded by her family. Deb was born to William and Patricia (Castagno) Lefebvre on February 25, 1957, in New Britain, Conn.

Deb was a 1975 graduate of Bartlett High School in Webster, Mass. After raising her daughters, she briefly worked at Park Avenue Elementary in Webster, Mass, and Hinkle Creek Elementary in Noblesville, but her greatest joy was being a wife, a mother, and Nana to her three grandchildren.

Deb is survived by her husband and love of her life, Ken; daughters, Heather Stevens of Noblesville and Patti (Chris) Hall of Crown Point, Ind.; grandchildren, Madison (Keenan) Bowen, Jake Hall, and Mya Hall; sister, Yvonne Rusack of Webster, Mass.; uncle, Alphonse Castagno of Woburn, Mass.; best friend for over 50 years, Jayne Hinchcliffe and her family of Webster, Mass.; as well as nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends from Noblesville and Homosassa, Fla.

In addition to her parents, Deb was preceded in death by her brother, Noel Lefebvre; and infant sister, Mary Lefebvre.

A Celebration of Deb’s Life will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, March 29, 2026, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville with a small service beginning at 2:30 p.m.

As a family, we would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the nurses and doctors at Riverview Hospital for the care, support, and compassion they provided Deb throughout her stay.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Deb’s honor to Tunnel to Tower’s Foundation (t2t.org); or St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital (stjude.org).

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Joyce Ann Fielden**September 3, 1946 – March 20, 2026**

Joyce Ann Fielden, 79, Carmel, passed away peacefully on March 20, 2026, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on September 3, 1946, in Knoxville, Tenn., to the late Joseph Frederick and Jessie Marie (Naill) Spradlin.

A proud 1964 graduate of Powell High School in Powell, Tenn., Joyce then married the love of her life, Howard "Sonny" Fielden, on July 1, 1966. Throughout her life, she worked in various medical and doctor offices, where her kindness made an impact on coworkers and patients alike.

Joyce lived a life full of energy, laughter, and devotion to others. Years ago, she was an avid bowler and a talented softball pitcher – often pitching to her sister, who served as her catcher. She enjoyed coaching, volunteering as a volleyball coach at her daughters' school and coaching their cheer leading squad to an impressive 10 national championships. The door of her house was always open to her daughters' friends and the Fielden house was usually full of teens every weekend. She had a huge impact on their lives with many of them looking at her as a mother figure.

Her faith was central and foundational to her life. At First Apostolic Church in Knoxville, Tenn., she served faithfully as a sound engineer and camera operator. After moving to Carmel, she quickly became known as the church's beloved "Nana," joyfully snuggling and caring for nearly every baby who came through the doors. Her gentle spirit and open arms allowed her to be a source of comfort to many.

Above all else, Joyce's greatest joy was her family, especially her grandchildren. She cherished every moment spent with them, celebrating their milestones, cheering them on, and surrounding them with unconditional love.

Survivors include her devoted husband, Sonny Fielden; daughters, Jamie (Matthew) Ball and Jodie Fielden; her treasured grandchildren, Chelsea Ball, Chandler Ball, and Chloe Ball Comer (Isaiah); sister, Janet Spradlin; brother, Jim Spradlin; honorary daughter, Shelly (Josh) Wilson; and honorary grandchildren Kenadi Wilson and Levi Wilson, all of whom she loved as her own.

Family and friends will gather from 3 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at Faith Apostolic Church, of which Joyce was an active member, and where the funeral service will begin at 6 p.m., with her son-in-law, Matthew Ball, officiating.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Faith Apostolic Church – Building Fund, 1212 E. 116th St., Carmel, IN 46032.

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

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Submit obituaries under 500 words online at ReadTheReporter.com/obitform.

Sarah Avanelle (Avie) Huffman Halvorson**September 5, 1941 – March 19, 2026**

Avie Halvorson passed from this life on March 19, 2026, following a brief illness. She died the way she wanted, in her home in Fishers. Before she passed, she was cared for by an amazing hospice team who made her final days as comfortable as possible.

Born on September 5, 1941, at her family's farm north of Noblesville, Avie was the fourth and youngest child of Gerald Huffman and Eva White Huffman. Avie graduated from Noblesville High School in 1960 and then attended Bob Jones University, where she met Daniel C. Halvorson. They married in 1963 and moved to Atlanta, Ga. Their daughters Amy and Holly were born in 1965 and 1967, respectively.

Avie graduated from DeKalb College in 1975 and became a registered nurse. She worked at Emory University Hospital until she returned to Noblesville in 1982. She worked in the Riverview Hospital Intensive Care Unit for 33 years until she retired from nursing in 2016.

Avie's Christian faith was central to her daily life. She was a member of Legacy Bible Church, where she basked in the fellowship of dear friends, tended the peace lilies, and sang alto in the choir. She also loved her Bible study group and served as occasional hostess. She completed the Master Gardener course in 2017 and enjoyed working on projects with other gardeners as well as tending flowers around her home in the woods near the White River. Avie was also skilled in the culinary arts. She loved trying new recipes and was renowned for serving delicious meals on beautifully set tables for family and friends.

In addition to her loving family, Avie was blessed with many caring friends and neighbors. She made new friends wherever she went and cherished her lifelong friendships. Avie hosted extended family Christmas parties for many years; in her later years, she celebrated holiday gatherings with her niece Kathy Swackhamer and her husband Mike, along with their children. Her friends Shari Ferris and Joy Weiss were especially devoted to her and offered their loving, helpful presence in her final days.

Avie was preceded in death by her parents and siblings: sister Barbara Ellen Barker (and brother-in-law Morris Barker); two brothers, Harold Huffman and David Huffman; and half-sister Helen MacDonald. She was also preceded in death by her former husband Dan Halvorson. She is survived by her daughters and their families – Amy Halvorson Miller, husband Marty, and their sons Henry and Theo; Holly Halvorson Southern, husband Randy, and their children Amy, Brady, and Matt; her sisters-in-law Sue Huffman and Dixie Huffman; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Visitation and a short service will be held at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers, on Sunday, March 29. Visitation begins at 2 p.m., followed by a short service at 3 p.m. Private burial will be at 2 p.m. Monday, March 30 at Prairie Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made online to Wheeler Mission (wheelermission.org/ways-to-give) or by check to Legacy Bible Church's music ministry (Legacy Bible Church, 13490 Howe Road, Fishers, IN 46038).

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING**THE BUDDING OF AARON'S STAFF**

So Moses spoke to the Israelites, and their leaders gave him twelve staffs, one for the leader of each of their ancestral tribes, and Aaron's staff was among them. Moses placed the staffs before the Lord in the tent of the covenant law.

The next day Moses entered the tent and saw that Aaron's staff, which represented the tribe of Levi, had not only sprouted but had budded, blossomed and produced almonds. Then Moses brought out all the staffs from the Lord's presence to all the Israelites. They looked at them, and each of the leaders took his own staff.

Numbers 17:6-9 (NIV)

Lawrence "Larry" McMillan**March 15, 1956 – March 21, 2026**

Lawrence Joseph McMillan, 70, Carmel, passed into the presence of the Lord on March 21, 2026. He was born March 15, 1956 in Indianapolis to Paul E. and Beverly J. (Wilson) McMillan.

After hearing the gospel from his brother, Tom, Larry trusted in Jesus Christ as his personal Savior on New Year's Eve, 1971. His family began attending Colonial Hills Baptist Church (then Northeast Baptist) a few months later.

After graduating from Carmel High School in 1974, Larry earned a B.S. in Systematic Theology and a Master of Divinity from Denver Baptist Bible College and Seminary. He then began his career by serving as interim minister of music at Colonial Hills for nine months, during which time he was ordained to gospel ministry. He married Peggy Sue Harrell on August 11, 1984, and the couple moved to Arizona where Larry pastored a mission church in Flagstaff and then an existing church in Prescott Valley. Sensing that God was directing him into the legal field, they moved back to Flagstaff where Larry pursued a B.A. in History and Political Science at Northern Arizona University. He spent most of his working years as a paralegal and then finished his career working in front office for Integrity Automotive in Carmel before his cancer forced him to retire in November 2024.

Larry was preceded in death by his father, Paul McMillan; brother, Tom McMillan; sister, Cheryl Draper; and stepfather, William Marvel.

Survivors include his wife of 41 years, Peggy (Harrell) McMillan; three children, Merrilee (Jon) Gohdes, J.M., Park (Morgan) McMillan, and Abby (Esteban) Crawford; five grandchildren, Flannery, Adriel, and Santiago Crawford, and William and Elliott Gohdes; mother, Beverly McMillan-Marvel; and sister, Diane Walsh.

Family and friends will gather on Saturday, March 28, 2026, in Colonial Hills Baptist Church from 9 a.m. until the Celebration of Life service at 11 a.m.

Larry's final resting place will be in the Carmel Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Larry may be directed to Colonia Hills Baptist Church, 8140 Union Chapel Road, Indianapolis, IN 46240, and designated for the International Ministry.

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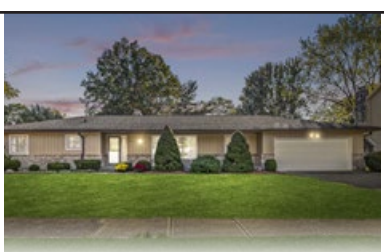
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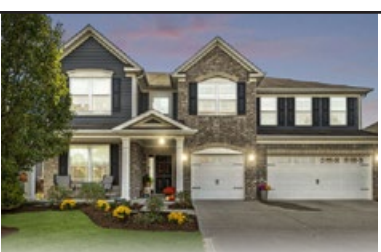
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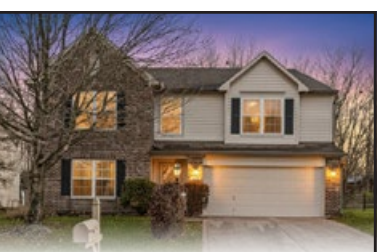
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Boys Lacrosse

Hounds cruise in first four games

The REPORTER

The Carmel boys lacrosse team is off to a strong start this season.

The Greyhounds have played and won four games, winning all of them by double-digit margins. Carmel started on March 6 with a 16-8 win at Louisville St. Xavier.

Last week, Carmel rolled past three more opponents in games played at the Greyhounds' own Murray Stadium. Carmel beat North Central 19-1 on Wednesday, March 18, then breezed past two Michigan opponents on back-to-back night, taking care of Forest Hills Central 18-3 on Friday, March 20 and East Grand Rapids 15-3 on Saturday, March 21.

"We're doing well," said Hounds coach Keith Allen. "We have not too many holes on offense so I think we'll be able to score pretty well."

On defense, Carmel's goals are to hold teams from scoring and winning

faceoffs. Allen said that will be "a big part of our year defensively."

Junior Lincoln O'Leary led the way for the Greyhounds over St. Xavier with four goals. Senior Evan Coulter, who is committed to Anderson University, had the most assists with three.

It was senior Ike Stittle's turn when Carmel played North Central. The Siena recruit put in six goals against the Panthers and also dished out three assists. Sophomore Jack Stittle also made three assists. Senior E.B. Warren, a University of Tampa commit, scored two goals, same as he did against St. Xavier.

Ike Stittle stepped up again for the Greyhounds' win over Forest Hills Central, with six goals. Sophomore Luke Shrift made four goals while Coulter handed out four assists.

Coulter was the offensive force for Carmel against East Grand Rapids, providing seven assists. Ike Stittle scored four goals,



Photos by Paul Dvorak

(ABOVE LEFT) Carmel's Ike Stittle scored four goals for the Greyhounds during their Saturday, March 21 win over East Grand Rapids. The senior Stittle has helped Carmel to a 4-0 record to start the season. (ABOVE RIGHT) Nicklas Anderson plays defense for Carmel, which has beaten all four of its opponents by double digits.

while O'Leary added three goals.

Several other Greyhounds are committed to

play in college. Wil Bates is headed to Maryville, Henry Dvorak will play at LeMoyné, while Max

McCord and Cohen Odle are both committed to Palm Beach Atlantic.

Carmel has two games

this week, hosting Westfield Wednesday evening before playing at Crown Point on Saturday.



Hamilton Southeastern seniors Jake Kuxhausen (left) and Henry Wans have each put together multiple-goal games for the Royals during their first three weeks of the season.

Royals off to 6-2 start

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern boys soccer team jumped right into action this month, having already compiled a 6-2 record.

The Royals, last season's Class 2A state champion, began their season March 4 with a 20-2 win over Brebeuf Jesuit. Southeastern then rolled past Noblesville 19-4 on March 7.

The seniors led the way in both contests: Jake Kuxhausen and Marcus Laux each scored three goals against the Braves, then Henry Wans put in

five goals against the Millers. Laux also scored three against Noblesville, as did sophomores Ben Speckman and Cohen O'Grady. Kuxhausen dished out four assists.

The Royals played their first road game at Guerin Catholic on March 11, taking on the defending 1A state champion. Southeastern won 11-6. The Royals played a back-to-back days later, beating South Oldham (Ky.) 13-7 on March 13 before falling to Cincinnati St. Xavier 7-2 on March 14.

Kuxhausen had three goals against the Golden

Eagles. O'Grady put in four goals in the South Oldham game, while Laux scored three. Both played scored one goal each against St. Xavier.

Last week was another busy week for HSE. The Royals won 15-6 at Center Grove on Wednesday, March 18 before another back-to-back weekend. Southeastern edged out East Grand Rapids 15-14 in overtime on Friday, March 20 before dropping a 10-9 contest against Forest Hills Central on March 21.

Kuxhausen again led the way for the Royals over

the Trojans with four goals, while Wans made three goals. Senior Kyle Jenkins had four goals in HSE's game with Forest Hills Central. Stats for the East Grand Rapids game were unavailable at press time.

The Royals play three more games this week. First is the Mudsoc game, which takes place Wednesday evening at Fishers. After that is a weekend trip to St. Louis, where Southeastern plays Christian Brothers on Friday night and Mary Institute and St. Louis Country Day (MICDS) at noon Saturday.

Softball

Carmel softball wins season opener

The REPORTER

The Carmel softball scored an overwhelming victory in its season opener Monday, beating Plainfield 18-6 at Cherry Tree Softball Complex.

The Greyhounds took care of business early, scoring three runs in the first inning. Freshman Chloe Junkersfield and sophomores Megan Pike and Taylor Veitch all singled in one run.

Carmel poured in seven runs in the third inning. Sophomore Emily Proctor hit an RBI single, then sophomore Riley Petrites, blasted a two-RBI single. Junior Emily Goddard smacked a two-run double, then senior Winni Owens cracked a center field home run to score Goddard.

The Quakers got on the

board with four runs in the top of the fourth inning. The Greyhounds responded with five runs in the bottom of the fourth. Jayden Kleiner hit a two-run double, followed by a two-run single from Owens, who immediately scored off a Pike double.

Plainfield hit a two-run tripe in the fifth inning to make the score 15-6. Carmel ended the game in the sixth inning with no outs after junior Avery Klein smacked a three-run homer.

Owens went 3-for-3 at the plate, while Petrites was 3-for-4. Emily Smith got the pitching win, throwing 3.1 innings and allowing just two hits.

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Westfield at Heritage Christian, 7 p.m.
Carmel at Zionsville, 7:30 p.m.
Hamilton Southeastern at Park Tudor, 7:30 p.m.
Noblesville at Fishers, 7:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Carmel at Zionsville, 6 p.m.
Fishers at Tri-West, 6 p.m.
Westfield at Plainfield, 6 p.m.

TENNIS

Noblesville scrimmage at Pike, 5 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD

Western at Hamilton Heights, 5 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Monrovia at Westfield, 6 p.m.
Christel House Academy at University, 6:30 p.m.
Carmel at Hamilton Southeastern, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 25

BASEBALL

Carmel scrimmage at Hamilton Southeastern, 5:30 p.m.
Fishers scrimmage at North Central, 6 p.m.
Westfield scrimmage at Noblesville, 6 p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE

Hamilton Southeastern at Fishers, 6 p.m.
Westfield at Carmel, 8 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Hamilton Heights at Frankton, 5:30 p.m.
Noblesville at Western, 6 p.m.
North Central at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.
Westfield at Carmel, 6 p.m.

TENNIS

University scrimmage at North Central, 4:30 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD

Hamilton Southeastern girls at North Central (with Warren Central), 6 p.m.
North Central boys at Hamilton Southeastern, 6 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

University at Traders Point Christian, 6 p.m.
Noblesville at Zionsville, 7 p.m.
Franklin Community at Carmel, 7:30 p.m.

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Fishers' Bill Thomas among 2026 IBCA Assistant Coaches of the Year

The REPORTER

Bill Thomas of Fishers is among the three assistant basketball coaches that will receive special awards from the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association, it was announced Monday.

Thomas has been a Fishers girls basketball assistant coach for nine seasons after previous roles at IU-PUI, Hamilton, DeKalb, Fort Wayne Carroll and Blackhawk Christian. Thomas has been an assistant coach in the Fishers program for the past nine seasons and a fixture on a court somewhere the past 29 seasons.

Since 2017, Thomas has been a key assistant to Lauren Votaw, although he served as interim head coach for 12 games this past season when Votaw and her husband, Jeremy, stepped away to adopt a child.

"When Lauren told Bill that we were considering adopting a second baby, he told her he would do whatever was necessary to allow that to happen," Jeremy Votaw said in nominating Thomas. "On top of that, Bill and his wife (Christi) organized a fundraiser to help with our adoption expenses."

"Our daughter was born in Texas three days before Thanksgiving. Bill stepped in as our head coach from

then until mid-January without blinking. He knew from the beginning that this would mean taking on additional responsibilities. Bill's selflessness gave our family the stability we needed to commit to a second adoption, and it gave our coaches and players the stability they needed to continue through the middle of the season in Lauren's absence."

"As a teacher and coach, I encourage my students and athletes to surround themselves with people who bring out the best in them," Lauren Votaw said. "Undoubtedly, Bill Thomas does that for everyone he encounters at Fishers High School."

Jeremy Votaw alluded to a coaching maxim that states that the players won't care how much you know until they know how much you care.

"Bill leaves no doubt that he cares about our players, starting with the day they walk into our gym and continuing after they graduate," he said. "The first thing you notice about Bill is that he never stops being a dad, regardless of what's happening or who's around. That shows through the ways he connects with our girls and the ways he protects and serves them."

Thomas is a 1991 graduate of Franklin Central, where he played basket-



Thomas

"When third-graders arrive for the first day of summer camp, Bill introduces them like he's the P.A. announcer at a Pacers' game. He has inside jokes with our middle school players. He teases our high school players about how they're doing in class. It makes them laugh, but, more importantly, it makes them know that he notices them and he cares about them when they're not playing basketball."

— Jeremy Votaw, husband of Fishers head coach Lauren Votaw

ball, tennis, and baseball. He was a part of a Flashes' basketball team that won the 1991 Marion County Tournament while playing for Mark James. Thomas went on to Purdue University, earning a bachelor's degree in public relations in 1995. He then earned a second bachelor's degree in English education from IUPUI in 1998.

He has worked in education at Hamilton High School (2002-03), DeKalb High School (2003-05), Brooks School Elementary School (2016-17), Fall Creek Intermediate School (2017-19) and Fishers High School (2019 to present). He currently teaches health & wellness and freshman seminar, and he previously has taught English, English for New Learners and assisted with developmental preschool and special education.

From 2005-16, he was a stay-at-home father while operating a stone and glass engraving business, Making Memories Engraving, which created memorials for veterans, churches, and custom engravings.

Thomas also has served

the community throughout the years. He currently volunteers with the Good Samaritan Network in Hamilton County and served as a small-group leader at Northview Church. An advanced master gardener learned through Purdue, he previously led the construction of a community garden as a member of Pathway Community Church in Fort Wayne. In 2010, he served on a Christian mission trip to the Dominican Republic that featured a youth basketball clinic.

Thomas stepped down from his Fishers' coaching position at the end of 2025-26, so he and Christi have more time to watch their daughters — Kate, a sophomore basketball player at Grace College, and Natalie, a Fishers senior who plans to play at Bethel University — in their college careers.

"Bill has left a lasting impact on the FHS girls' basketball program," Lauren Votaw said. "His mentorship of me as a head coach, passion for leading a program with integrity and desire for excellence will be pillars of our program long after Bill retires."

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Men's Basketball

Fan events during Indianapolis' Final Four weekend

By **MICHAELA SPRINGER**
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Just steps away on Georgia Street, the Final Four Tip-Off Tailgate will also be underway.

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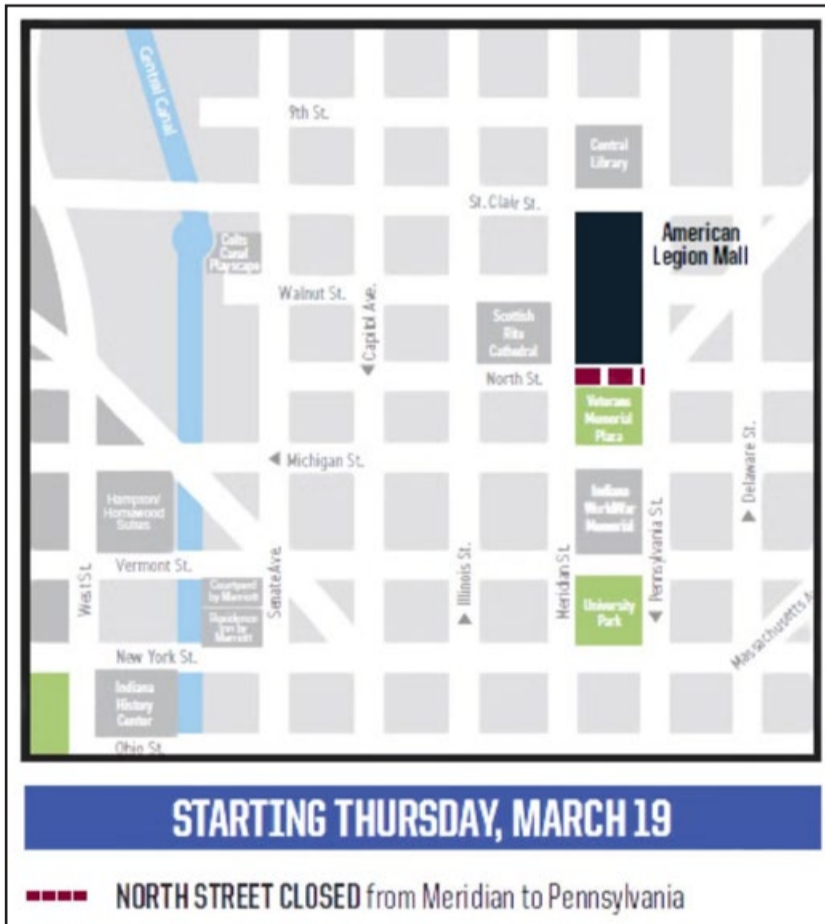
You can head to the **March Madness Music Festival** at American Legion Mall between Meridian and Pennsylvania streets.

Twenty One Pilots, the Zac Brown Band, and Megan Moroney will headline the festival April 3 through 5.

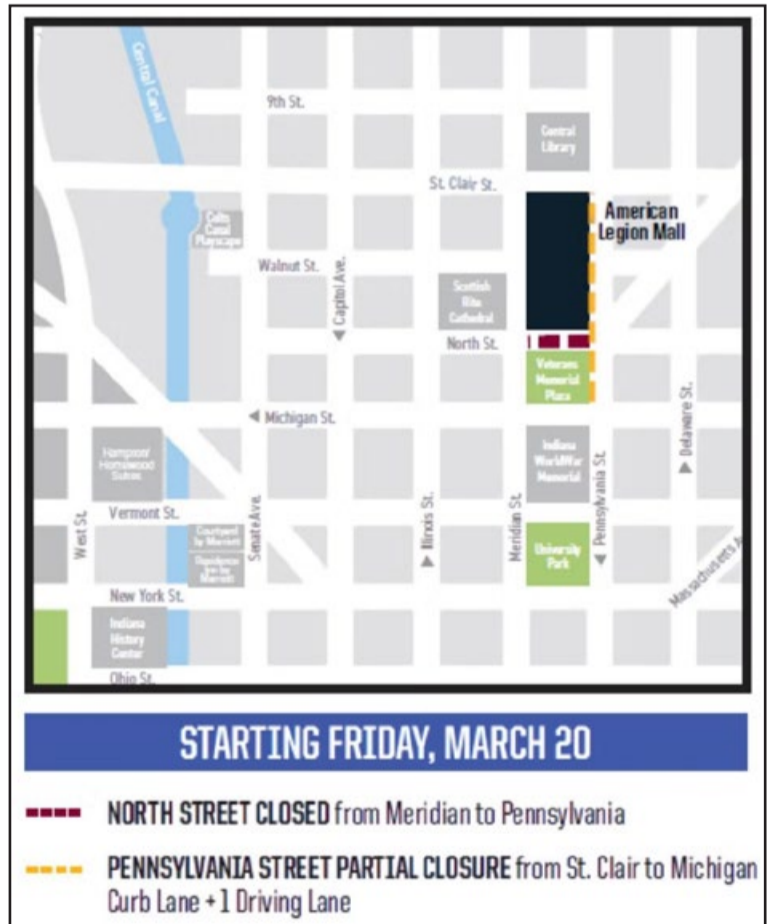
And what's better than good music? It's free.

For the kids

On April 5, young fans can take part in the **Final Four Dribble** at Carroll



STARTING THURSDAY, MARCH 19
NORTH STREET CLOSED from Meridian to Pennsylvania



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PENNSYLVANIA STREET PARTIAL CLOSURE from St. Clair to Michigan
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Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department says more closures will be announced at a later date. They are expected to last until April 9.

Stadium on West New York Street, where kids 18 and under parade through downtown and finish at the Fan Fest.

While this event is free, participants must register. The first 3,000 preregistered kids will receive a Final

Four Dribble shirt, a themed Wilson basketball, and free entry into Fan Fest.

Road closures

It couldn't all be easy. With the excitement comes some disruption.

Starting Thursday and Friday, there will be road

closures around the American Legion Mall as crews prepare for Final Four festivities.

• **March 19:** North Street closed between Meridian and Pennsylvania streets.

• **March 20:** North

Street still closed between Meridian and Pennsylvania streets. Pennsylvania Street will be partially closed from St. Clair to Michigan streets.

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Men's Basketball — Boom swept by Spurs

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Boom was swept by the Austin Spurs this past weekend in games at The Arena at Innovation Mile.

Noblesville fell to Austin 121-107 in the first game on Friday, March 20.

In his first game back since Nov. 15, 2024, when he suffered a season-ending knee injury, Jordan Bell recorded a 15-point, 11-rebound double-double in 23 minutes to lead the Boom. Cameron Hildreth posted a team-high 19 points on 7-of-13 shooting, while Keion Brooks Jr. added 18 points and four rebounds.

For Austin, former Boom guard Kyle Mangas returned to Indiana with a game-high 28 points, along with nine rebounds and three assists. Harrison Ingram filled the stat sheet with 26 points, 14 rebounds, five assists, and two steals, while Emanuel Miller and Adam Flagler finished with 18 points apiece.

In a high-scoring opening period, the Boom overcame a 13-point quarter from Kyle Mangas by scoring 12 unanswered points, turning a seven-point deficit into a seven-point lead midway through the frame. Noblesville carved out a 36-35 advantage after forcing the Spurs into six turnovers, which resulted in 13 Boom points. Both teams cooled off in the second quarter, combining to shoot 32.6 percent from the field. Despite the offensive struggles, Austin took a one-point lead (57-56) into halftime on a three-pointer in the final seconds.

Austin began to create separation in the third quarter, using a 9-0 run to push its lead to 11 before extending the margin to 14 with 2:25 remaining in the period. Bell kept the Boom within striking distance, leading the team with 15 points and 10 rebounds through three quarters as Noblesville trailed 89-79 entering the fourth. The Boom cut the deficit in half early in the final frame and closed within four points, but the Spurs ended the game on a 14-5 run to secure a playoff berth. Austin controlled the glass throughout the night, outrebounding Noblesville 58-34, including 24 offensive rebounds - the highest total and offensive rebounding mark allowed by the Boom this regular season.

Noblesville (15-20) suffered a 117-97 loss to the

Spurs (21-12) on Sunday, March 22, officially eliminating the Boom from playoff contention.

DaJuan Gordon led Noblesville with a team-high 23 points, shooting 3-of-6 from beyond the arc, while adding six rebounds and three assists. Hildreth posted 17 points and 10 rebounds, along with five assists, while Keion Brooks Jr. recorded 11 points and 10 rebounds as both players notched double-doubles. Jordan Bell finished with 15 points, five assists, and four rebounds, shooting 7-of-13 from the field.

For Austin, Flagler delivered a standout performance with 29 points, eight assists, four rebounds, and two steals, shooting 11-of-16 from the floor, including 5-of-8 from three-point range. Stanley Umude added 20 points and five rebounds off the bench, while Ingram contributed 15 points and 12 rebounds.

The Boom held a slim 26-25 advantage after the opening quarter behind a strong start from Gordon, who scored 10 of his 23 points in the frame while knocking down both of Noblesville's made three-pointers. Austin quickly seized momentum in the second quarter, compiling a 15-0 run and later extending it to 29-9, building a 14-point lead with 2:05 remaining before halftime. Ingram sparked the Spurs with 13 points on a perfect 5-of-5 shooting performance in the second, as Austin carried a 65-50 lead into the break with three players in double figures.

After falling behind by as many as 24 points early in the third quarter, Noblesville showed signs of life with a 16-2 run to cut the deficit to 10, fueled by Dakota Mathias, who scored eight points in the period after being held scoreless in the first half. Despite the surge, the Boom still trailed by 12 heading into the final frame. Austin reasserted control in the fourth quarter as Noblesville went cold from the field, pushing the lead back to 22 to cruise to the victory. The Spurs dominated the glass throughout the afternoon, outrebounding the Boom 54-34.

Next up

The Boom will play their final game of the 2025-26 season on Thursday, hosting the Cleveland Charge in the season finale. Coverage will stream live on ESPN+, with tipoff scheduled for 7 p.m.

SKYLAKE Adventures & Grand Park team up to turn tournaments into enhanced family experiences

Submitted
SKYLAKE Adventures and Droplight Grand Park Sports Campus (Grand Park) have announced a multi-year partnership designed to enhance the tournament experience for the millions of families who travel to Hamilton County each year for youth sports.

Together, the organizations are collaborating to create a destination where sports, entertainment and hospitality are combined to make Hamilton County one of the premier destinations in the Midwest for families to visit.

Opening in Sheridan this summer, SKYLAKE Adventures will be Indiana's first large-scale adventure park, offering a new family destination just minutes from Grand Park. Centered around a six-acre lake, the park will feature white sand beaches, an interactive water obstacle course, rentable aqua cabanas, and multiple water slides, creating a unique recreational experience for visitors of all ages.

Founded by Phil Sack and co-founder Sean Howard, the \$50 million privately funded project is being developed alongside a team of experts with international attraction experience.

SKYLAKE expects to welcome thousands of visitors annually and create hundreds of jobs in the local community. The adventure park blends interactive entertainment, including seasonal activations, and championship-inspired celebrations, with strong economic and community impact. SKYLAKE reinforces Hamilton County's reputation as a destination for both competition and family entertainment.

Located in Westfield, Grand Park is the most successful sports campus in the country, welcoming more than 5.5 million visitors annually. Through this partnership, SKYLAKE will extend the visitor experience beyond the playing fields, giving traveling families new opportunities to relax, explore and enjoy the community between games.

"Tournaments often involve downtime between games, and rather than have families leave the area, we want them to discover more of what Hamilton County has to offer," said Brad Hauter, Vice President of

Marketing and Communications for Grand Park Sports & Entertainment. "Our goal has always been to position Hamilton County as a premier sports tourism destination. By partnering with SKYLAKE, we're giving teams and their families another reason to stay longer and come back again."

Grand Park has provided a home for world-class sports competition for more than 12 years. It includes 31 multi-purpose fields, 26 baseball diamonds, and a 377,000 square-foot Community Health Network Events Center with three indoor full-size synthetic fields, office space and a full-service restaurant and bar. The campus is also home to the NFL Flag Football Championships, Indy Eleven Professional Soccer, Pacers Athletic Center, Wright's 360, and Pro X Athlete Development.

"With its extensive adventure offerings, SKYLAKE is a destination worth traveling for," said Sean Howard, co-founder of SKYLAKE Adventures.



"Hamilton County is already on the map because of Grand Park as a premier sports destination, and we're excited to extend the stay of visiting families while creating a hub for competition and fun right here in central Indiana."

The partnership reflects a shared vision for Hamilton County as a destination where sports, entertainment, and hospitality work together to create a complete visitor experience, with the goal that families return year after year. As the relationship

evolves, visitors can expect coordinated experiences, special activations and programming designed to connect the energy of tournaments at Grand Park with the adventure and recreation offered at SKYLAKE.

The water attractions at SKYLAKE are set to open this summer, with a high ropes course and all-season tubing hill set to launch later this year. SKYLAKE tickets will go on sale this spring and more information can be found at skylakeindiana.com.



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