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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mostly sunny.
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Husky leads the pack with a business before graduation

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corp.

Hamilton Heights High School (HHHS) senior Connelly Schuster walked across the graduation stage on Saturday with something few students his age can claim: a fully established and growing business built from a passion he discovered long before senior year. As the founder of Schuster Drone Media, he has transformed a love of photography, videography, and technology into a professional venture serving real estate agents, companies, and clients across central Indiana.

His journey began with a simple interest in cameras and editing. After experimenting with toy drones as a kid, he saved enough money to purchase his first professional drone, a DJI Mini 3.

"I was able to get incredible photos of Morse Reservoir and sunsets," Schuster said. "That encouraged me to keep going."

The turning point came when his mother, a real estate agent, asked him to take aerial photos for one of her listings – and insisted on paying him.

"That's when I realized



Photo provided by Hamilton Heights School Corporation

Hamilton Heights senior Connelly Schuster practices a flight in the high school parking lot. The Class of 2026 graduate launched and grew his own drone media business before even crossing the commencement stage.

the potential," he said. With an interest in construction and homes, he earned his FAA Part 107 license, allowing him to fly commercially and officially launch his business.

From there, Schuster Drone

Media took off. He created a website, designed logos, and began working with additional clients, including real estate agents and even a technology company testing lidar tracking capabilities. One of his proud-

est projects was capturing drone footage for his cousin's wedding, where he produced a social-media-ready video and a 3D model of the couple.

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Forgiveness, part 2

Sometimes, a column requires a sequel. That's the case with last week's one on forgiveness. I had a Part Two – it made my jaw drop.

Readers may recall I had struggled to forgive a friend recently. I finally found the strength to do so after seeing an image of a barbell being lifted off my shoulders. The barbell was the weight of my anger dissolving thanks to forgiving them.

I was overjoyed to hug my friend. I did indeed tell them, "All is well." We even laughed together.

The next day, I was nervous and excited. My husband John and I have been working to open an Airbnb. Our first guests arrived last week while John was in Nashville, Tenn. I had checked and re-checked everything. The space looked perfect. The guests arrived a little early and I gave them a wave and a "Welcome!"

As I left to drive to Agape Therapeutic Horseback Riding Center in Cicero for my volunteer shift a couple hours later, I received a phone call. It was our guest. He told me they were battling dozens of flies in the apartment due to the lack of a trap underneath the bathroom sink. The sewer gas apparently was bringing them in.

EW!! I freaked out. After apologizing profusely, I tried to reach our contractor friends. No answer. I was going to be late for my rider at Agape, so I called John and asked him to please keep trying to reach them.

Thankfully, he did, and our friend Gabe set up a temporary fix after I came back home from volunteering. Whew. He promised to fix things permanently the next day. I left a note for our guests with a Dairy Queen gift card as an apology for the inconvenience. But the fun wasn't over yet.

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AMY SHANKLAND
Perfectly Imperfect

Riverview Health named 2026 Community Impact Award Winner by Culture of Good, Inc.

The REPORTER

For the third consecutive year, Riverview Health has been named a 2026 Community Impact Award Winner by Culture of Good.

The Community Impact Awards recognize for-profit and nonprofit organizations across the United States that are making a measurable difference through service, generosity, partnership, and purpose-driven leadership. The award celebrates organizations that not only succeed in business but also create a positive impact in the communities they serve.

"Receiving the Community Impact Award for the third consecutive year is an incredible honor and a powerful reflection of who we are as an organization," Riverview Health President and CEO Julie Nix

said. "It speaks to the strength of our culture and the shared commitment our team members bring each day to serve others with purpose and compassion. This honor reinforces our belief that healthcare is about more than treatment; it's about making a lasting, positive difference in people's lives."

Riverview Health earned this recognition for its strong commitment to community impact, demonstrated through strategic investments in healthcare infrastructure and collaborative partnerships. In response to the continued



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growth in Hamilton County, Riverview Health has expanded access to high-quality, patient-centered care with the opening of new primary and specialty care facilities in Westfield.

As part of its continued focus on innovation, Riverview Health has also invested in new da Vinci robotic surgical systems, enabling surgeons to perform minimally invasive procedures with greater precision, improved outcomes, and faster recovery times for patients. Building on these efforts, Riverview Health continues to strengthen key partnerships, including its

collaboration with Parkview Health, to improve operational efficiencies, broaden access to services, and further advance clinical excellence across the region.

"We are proud to recognize organizations like Riverview Health that are choosing to lead with purpose," Culture of Good Founder Ryan McCarty said. "The Community Impact Awards celebrate businesses and nonprofits that understand success is not only about what you achieve, but also how you lift others along the way."

The 2026 Community Impact Award winners were publicly announced on Wednesday, May 27, during a live virtual celebration hosted by Culture of Good. For more information about the

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Photo provided by The Original Pancake House

The sweetest deal in Indiana

Grab your free stack at The Original Pancake House

Submitted

The Original Pancake House (OPH) is inviting Hoosiers to experience what makes its breakfast truly special with a free pancake deal you won't want to miss.

Every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from June 9 to 18, OPH will offer a complimentary full order of its award-winning Buttermilk Pancakes with no additional purchase necessary. Guests at Indianapolis, Fishers, and Noblesville locations will delight in six pancakes, made from scratch daily using a four-day sourdough starter. *One order per person, per day. Dine in only.*

Participants can unlock a free upgrade to a specialty flavor by posting & tagging @originalpancakehouseindy on social media or joining the loyalty program. Discover flavors including strawberry, cherry kijafa, chocolate chip, coconut, pumpkin, bacon, blueberry, pecan, buckwheat, and more.

OPH's commitment to craft sets it apart. Since 1953, the restaurant has specialized in an incredible variety of pancakes, crepes, and waffles, each made from scratch daily with the highest quality ingredients, so every bite delivers the ideal taste, texture, and freshness its customers deserve.

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Carmel Education Foundation announces ticket sales for Taste of Carmel set for Aug. 27

The REPORTER

Carmel Education Foundation (CEF) invites the community to celebrate the return of Taste of Carmel on Thursday, Aug. 27, at 502 East Event Centre.

As one of Carmel's signature community events and the largest indoor tasting event in Hamilton County, Taste of Carmel will bring together more than 40 local restaurants, breweries, wineries, distilleries, caterers, and beverage partners for an evening of food, drinks, entertainment, and community impact.

This year's "Touch of Class" theme celebrates Carmel

Education Foundation's diamond 60th anniversary. Guests are encouraged to embrace the occasion with elevated attire and a touch of sparkle, shimmer, or diamond-inspired bling as the community comes together. The event's move to August intentionally aligns Taste of Carmel with the excitement of the new school year, reinforcing CEF's connection to strong schools, student success, and the future



of what makes Carmel such a special place to live: excellent schools, incredible local businesses, and a community that truly believes in supporting students and investing in the future of Carmel," CEF CEO Jennifer Penix said. "As we celebrate CEF's 60th anniversary, we're excited to bring people together to celebrate the start of the school year

while helping create opportunities for students to grow, thrive, and prepare for their future."

Taste of Carmel supports CEF's work to provide classroom innovation grants, student-led grants, career, and workforce readiness programming, community and wellness initiatives, advocacy and districtwide experiences such as JA BizTown. Funds raised help bridge critical funding gaps and create meaningful opportunities for students across Carmel Clay Schools.

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HUSKY

Balancing entrepreneurship with a full high school schedule has been no small feat. In addition to running his business, he has been active in band, indoor percussion, robotics, and National Honor Society.

"It hasn't been easy," Schuster said. "But having study hall time and weekends helped me stay on top of schoolwork while still finding time to shoot and edit content."

The Hamilton Heights community has played a meaningful role in his journey. He recently earned the \$1,000 School of Hard Knocks Scholarship from

a local company, Aviato, support he plans to use for college or reinvest in his business.

"The community has been amazing," Schuster added. "Their encouragement means a lot."

HHS Principal Whitney Gray, "What Connelly has accomplished is extraordinary. He didn't wait for opportunity – he created it. Watching one of our students take a passion, develop it into a skill, and then build a business from the ground up is inspiring. We are incredibly proud of his accomplishments and excited to see how he continues to grow as in college

and an entrepreneur."

While Schuster prepares to attend Indiana University Bloomington to study Computer Science in the fall, he plans to continue operating Schuster Drone Media on weekends and breaks – and even expand into the Bloomington real estate market.

"Owning my own business has given me responsibility and optimism for the future," Schuster pointed out. "I'm confident I'll find my place in the industry as



Schuster

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my business continues to grow."

His advice to other students dreaming of turning a passion into a business is simple: "Start making connections early. Build something mission-driven that clients can trust. And find a balance between schoolwork and your passion."

For Schuster, the motivation is clear every time he launches his drone.

"I love seeing the finished product – and seeing my clients happy with how their house turned out."

TASTE

The adult-only event will include two ticketed experiences. First Taste VIP guests will enjoy early access from 5:30 to 7 p.m., reserved table seating, a signature cocktail experience, enhanced atmosphere and entertainment, first access to food and beverage offerings, and full access to all event features through

9 p.m. General Admission will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. as guests enjoy full access to all food, beverage, and entertainment offerings.

Tickets are now available online. General Admission Early Bird tickets are \$125 through July 4, with standard pricing beginning July 5 at \$150. A

limited number of First Taste VIP individual tickets are \$200, along with a select number of reserved VIP tables for eight guests at \$1,500. A limited teacher ticket option is available for \$45 with a Carmel Clay Schools email address.

Guests are encouraged to purchase early, as reserved tables traditionally

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sell out. Sponsorship opportunities are also available for businesses interested in connecting with more than 1,000 attendees while supporting public education and community impact.

For tickets, sponsorship opportunities and full event details, visit TasteOfCarmelIndiana.com.

RIVERVIEW

Community Impact Awards, visit cultureofgood.com.

About Riverview Health

Riverview Health is an independent, community-based health system offering comprehensive healthcare services throughout Hamilton

County, in strategic partnership with Parkview Health to expand access to high-quality care and advanced clinical expertise. The system's network includes a 156-bed hospital in Noblesville, a 16-bed hospital in Westfield, three

additional combined ER and urgent care facilities, and 10 primary care locations. With expertise in more than 25 specialties, Riverview Health provides a full range of inpatient and outpatient services and is consistently

recognized for clinical and service excellence. Most recently, Riverview Health was certified as a Great Place to Work® for 2026 and received the Culture of Good Community Impact Award for 2026.

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FORGIVENESS

At 10:30 the next morning, I received another message from my guest via my Airbnb app. At 1:30 a.m., an Uber driver was pounding on the apartment door saying he had a drunk passenger who claimed to live there. Thankfully my guests didn't answer, but they opened a window and heard the driver call the police. FOUR police cars pulled up, and the officers took care of the situation. My guest wanted me to know they didn't interact with anyone.

You can't make this stuff up.

I sat in my car holding my phone after getting this message, vowing not to cry. I took a deep breath and wrote them back, admitting

they were our first guests and how upset I was they had these bad experiences. I decided to be honest.

We so wanted everything to be perfect for you. This is heartbreaking. I wanted you to have such a great experience. We worked so hard. I know both incidents have been out of our control, but it is still so discouraging.

I hung my head and sighed after sending the message. Imagine my shock when I received the following reply.

We are happy! Don't worry about a thing. Things happen. We were just worried you would think it was us. My family loves the place. We will be back. We will leave a nice review!

Thank you!

Now, I was fighting tears of joy. These wonderful people showed us grace. They forgave us. They were kind. They did indeed leave a good review, and the nicest note in our guest book once they left.

Suddenly, the parable of the Unforgiving Debtor filled my mind. Jesus told a story about a king who forgave a servant's debt. Sadly, the servant didn't do the same to someone who owed him money. He paid a terrible price for his actions.

I couldn't help but realize that, thankfully, the exact opposite had just occurred in my life. I forgave our friend. Our guests forgave us.

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Readers, if you're struggling to forgive someone, please take time to think over the situation. If you're a believer, pray. Do all you can to remove the weight from your shoulders. I think you'll be blown away by what happens once you forgive and what happens in your future.

I'm so glad I didn't choose the path of unforgiveness. The story with our guests wouldn't have had such a happy ending. My gratitude is truly overflowing.

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May 27; June 10, 24; July 22; August 15 • 7:30 p.m.

Grand Junction Plaza | 225 S. Union St.

CREEK STOMPS

Thursdays, May 28–July 30 • 10–11 a.m.

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JAMS AT THE JUNCTION

May 29; June 26; July 17; August 7, 21, 28 • 7–9 p.m.

Grand Junction Plaza | 225 S. Union St.

KIDS SUMMER SERIES

Tuesdays, June 2–July 28 • 9:30–11 a.m.

Grand Junction Plaza | 225 S. Union St.

OWL PELLET DISSECTIONS

June 3, 17; July 15 • 10–11 a.m.

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June 1, 8, 15 • 6–7 p.m.

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Saturday, June 6 • 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

Simon Moon Park | 3044 E. 171st St.

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Westfield's Touch-a-Truck returns to Droplight Grand Park Sports Campus

Submitted by City of Westfield

Join the City of Westfield for Touch-a-Truck at the Droplight Grand Park Sports Campus (Lot F) from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 17. This free hands-on event provides time for children to explore vehicles, meet the people who operate them, and discover the world of transportation and machinery.

"Touch-a-Truck is a great way for kids to see the

vehicles that keep Westfield moving up-close and personal," Mayor Scott Willis said. "It's one of our most memorable events for the whole family, and I hope to see you there."

To create a more inclusive experience, the first hour of Touch-a-Truck will be a sensory-friendly experience. From 4:30 to 5:30



Willis

p.m., loud noises such as honking horns, flashing lights, or sirens will not be permitted. After 5:30 p.m., complimentary ear plugs will be available at the informational tents for those who would like to enjoy a quieter experience.

More than 20 vehicles will be on display for exploration, including a

fire engine, police cruiser, command bus, dump truck, skid steer, concrete truck, and more. Additional activities and attractions will include lawn games, inflatable activities, and airbrush artists.

The event is free and is open to families of all ages. Free parking is available at Lots E and G with shuttles provided to-and-from Lot F. For more information about Touch-a-Truck, visit westfieldin.gov/touchatruck.

Five questions that could change how you see retirement

Saving for retirement is important, but it's only part of the picture. If you're within five to 10 years of your target retirement date, it's time to start thinking about what you actually want your retirement to look like. After all, getting to retirement isn't the end goal – it's what you want to do once you're there that matters.

Start by asking yourself these five questions.

When do you want to retire?

The age at which you retire matters more than you may realize. Retiring early sounds appealing, but it means saving more and having less time to do it. It can also create gaps in health care coverage and income before key benefits kick in. For example, Social Security benefits can begin at 62, but at a reduced amount. Full benefits are available between ages 66 and 67, depending on birth year, and waiting until 70 means the maximum benefit. Medicare doesn't start until age 65, and penalty-free withdrawals from retirement accounts generally aren't allowed until age 59½.

For couples, timing gets even more complicated. Staggering retirement dates can sometimes maximize benefits; in other cases, retiring at the same time works better.

A financial advisor can help you sort through these decisions and find the approach that makes the most sense for your situation.

How do you want to spend your time in retirement?

Many new retirees are surprised to find that having unlimited free time feels disorienting rather than freeing. Thinking ahead about how to fill the days with meaningful activity

– whether that's travel, volunteering, pursuing hobbies or spending more time with family – can make the transition smoother.

It helps to sketch out what a typical week, month or even first year might look like. If there are big gaps, it's worth thinking now about what might fill them in rewarding ways.

Where do you want to live as a retiree?

Some retirees stay put, while others downsize or relocate entirely. Either way, it's wise to consider whether a chosen location will work well as you get older, taking into account factors like proximity to family, access to health care, cost of living, and climate.

What will your retirement lifestyle cost?

It's not uncommon for retirees to discover that their travel, entertainment, or leisure expenses were higher than expected. The more active and involved you plan to be, the more you will likely need to budget.

Does your retirement involve giving back?

Retirement often brings both the time and motivation to be more generous. Whether the goal is helping family members, donating to charity, or volunteering in the community, it's worth defining those goals and building them into an overall plan.

Now that your vision is taking shape, turn it into a plan. Work with your financial advisor to align your savings with the life you want – and revisit that plan as your priorities evolve so your retirement keeps pace with you.

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COLUMNIST

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Braun extends gas tax suspension again

Submitted by Office of Governor Mike Braun

Governor Mike Braun has delivered the cheapest gas in the country, and now he is building on those savings by extending the Braun Gas Tax Holiday for a second time.

Governor Braun is extending the suspension of both the 7 percent Gasoline Usage Tax and the Gasoline Excise Tax through July 7, 2026. The current suspension was set to expire June 7.

"Indiana has the cheapest gas in the country because we are using every tool in the toolbox to save Hoosier families money," Braun said. "Affordability is my number one priority."

AAA's ranking of gas prices by state has Indiana

in the lead with the cheapest gas in the country, at \$3.585 for a gallon of regular.

For June, the Gasoline Usage Tax would otherwise be \$0.265 per gallon. The Gasoline Excise Tax is currently \$0.36 per gallon. Suspending both taxes saves Hoosiers more than 62 cents per gallon at the pump.



Braun

The action taken on Wednesday, June 3 is permitted under Indiana's energy emergency statute. After COVID-19, the Indiana General Assembly limited the Governor's emergency powers during a statewide disaster declaration to 60 days. That change did not modify the Governor's separate authority during an energy emergency, which retained its original 120-day

"House Republicans support the Governor's extension of the gas tax suspension to keep costs low for Hoosiers at the gas pump. State law allows energy emergencies to last up to 120 days without legislative action. We will continue to monitor gas prices as we go forward to ensure affordability. All taxes paid at the pump are used to maintain and improve Indiana's roads. Heading into the next budget session, we will look at existing resources to ensure we have the road funding necessary to support our infrastructure which Hoosiers and businesses rely on every day."



– Indiana House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers)

maximum duration.

Indiana law treats energy emergencies and disaster declarations as separate authorities.

The April energy emergency has not been rescinded by the Governor. Because the energy emergency remains in effect, Indiana law allows the Governor to continue the energy emergency and related relief within the 120-day maxi-

imum period without calling a special session of the General Assembly.

Governor Braun first announced a 30-day suspension of the Gasoline Usage Tax on April 8. On May 6, Gov. Braun extended that relief and added a suspension of the Gasoline Excise Tax, more than doubling the savings for Hoosier motorists, both of which have today been extended.

StoryPoint Group shares importance of food & connection in "Age Reimagined" Series

Submitted

StoryPoint Group, a collection of senior living communities serving over 15,000 seniors across the country and with facilities in Hamilton County, is ready to share with you a short film produced for the business by BBC StoryWorks Commercial Productions presented by the Global Coalition on Aging.

This film is a part of their greater "Age Reimagined" series. The series explores how people and communities are rethinking aging. The StoryPoint Group feature spotlights the meaningful impact and innovative work of the organization's culinary team.

Across the globe, a de-

mographic shift is transforming the fabric of society. In 2018, there were more people over age 64 than children under five years old for the first time in recorded human history, and by 2050, the number of people aged 60 and over is expected to double, according to the United Nations World Population Prospects. While longer lifespans are a triumph of modern progress, they can also raise a critical question: how can older adults experience these extra years in better health, with stronger purpose, and a deeper connection? Through cinematic storytelling, "Age Reimagined" explores how health, purpose, and connection are

redefining aging.

In their feature, StoryPoint Group showcases its culinary approach, believing that food is medicine. Not only StoryPoint Group the power to support seniors with delicious, nutritious foods, but the StoryPoint Group culinary team also celebrates aging with genuine connections, engaging experiences, and personalized support at the dinner table.

"Age Reimagined" launched on May 21. [Click here](#) to view the StoryPoint Group short film and [click here](#) to explore the whole "Age Reimagined" series.

About StoryPoint Group
StoryPoint Group is a collection of senior living

communities that provides seniors and families with the support, sense of community, and absolute best experiences they deserve. With communities operating across the United States, StoryPoint Group serves over 15,000 seniors in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee, Texas, and Wisconsin. Each community offers unique senior living options with select locations offering 55-and-over active adult living, independent living, enhanced living, assisted living, and memory care. To learn more about StoryPoint Group, please visit StoryPoint.com.

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To the perfect people, peonies & park ...

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

On behalf of the Indiana Peony Festival and with special thanks to our sponsor, Church Church Hittle + Antrim, we want to express our deepest gratitude to all those who joined us for the spectacular Peonies in the Park fundraiser and festival kickoff last month!

We were thrilled to witness such a large and impressive crowd attend our kickoff to the peony festival weekend. Your unwavering support plays a crucial role in our ability to grow the festival and invest in initiatives that beautify Noblesville and beyond.

By sharing our state flower, the peony, we not only enhance the charm of our quaint city but also boost tourism and create a significant economic impact for our local businesses.

Seminary Park transformed into a breathtaking wonderland with the award-winning chef bites, a delightful array of cocktails and spirits, plein air art creations, our exciting cake walk, live music, and stunning floral installations.

It was an unforgettable experience, and we want to share a few special thank yous to all the helping hands it takes to create such an evening! Thank you to our partners at 9th Street Bistro for arranging

our garden menu and signature cocktail! We greatly appreciate all the chefs and small businesses involved! Thank you to all the incredibly talented bakers for donating to our work-of-art cakewalk. The cakes were as equally lovely as they were tasty! And thank you to all the florists who created the amazing peony installations; Seminary Park has never looked better!

Click here to view photos from Peonies in the Park photos. Don't forget to tag Tenth Street Photography if you share them on social media. Please use @tenthstreetphoto when sharing on Instagram.

Lastly, thank you CCH+A Law! Let's delve

into the history of Church Church Hittle + Antrim and their unwavering support for our community. As the oldest law firm in Hamilton County, CCHA Law has grown and thrived in Noblesville and beyond. Their commitment to family and their visible and active tradition of community involvement are evident in their support for our festival. As the festival celebrated its sixth year, (wow, did you all show your support this year!) our partnership underscores a shared vision and investment in the communities we serve, live, and work in. We eagerly anticipate planting even stronger roots and establishing traditions for future festivals!

Beau Bayh endorsed by United Steelworkers & United Auto Workers

Submitted

On Wednesday, June 3, United Steelworkers District 7 and United Auto Workers Region 2B announced their endorsement of Beau Bayh's candidacy for Indiana Secretary of State. Bayh is building a broad, winning coalition and said he is proud to earn the support of two of Indiana's largest labor unions.

United Steelworkers District 7 represents active and retired steelworkers across Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin, spanning steel, manufacturing, and energy industries.

"Beau Bayh is the kind of leader our members can trust to stand up for working Hoosiers in every corner of this state," USW District 7 Director Mike Millsap said. "He's made it clear that fighting corruption and protecting Hoosier taxpayers are worker issues. USW District 7 is proud to endorse Beau Bayh for Indiana Secretary of State."

UAW Region 2B represents autoworkers and manufacturing employees throughout Indiana and

Ohio, including workers at major assembly plants and automotive supply chain facilities across the state.

"Workers in Indiana need a Secretary of State who knows what's at stake for workers and their families," UAW Region 2B Director David Green said. "Beau Bayh has shown a real commitment to transparency, accountability, and the working people of this state. UAW Region 2B is behind his campaign because we are fighting for a future that values the working class."

Bayh thanked both organizations for their endorsements.

"I'm deeply honored to earn the endorsement of USW District 7 and UAW Region 2B," Bayh said. "These are organizations that fight every day for better wages, stronger benefits, and safer working conditions for Hoosiers. I will always stand with working people in our state, and as Secretary of State, I will safeguard their hard-earned tax dollars from wasteful spending and corruption."



Bayh



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Showcase & Taste of Westfield returns this fall

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The Westfield Chamber of Commerce will bring you the fourth annual Showcase & Taste from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22 at the Community Health Network Events Center inside the Drop-light Grand Park Sports Campus.

Showcase & Taste is one of the community's premier networking and business showcase events of the year.

This high-energy event gives businesses the opportunity to connect directly with residents, fellow professionals, and potential customers while highlight-

ing the products, services, and experiences that make Westfield's business community thrive.

Open to the public, Showcase & Taste of Westfield continues to grow each year, with record-breaking exhibitor participation and attendance, reflecting the momentum of the rapidly expanding community.

Businesses of all kinds are encouraged to participate, including restaurants, retailers, healthcare and service providers, legal professionals, entertainment venues, nonprofits, and more. Restaurants, caterers, wineries, breweries, and other food and beverage establishments are also invited to offer tastings throughout the evening.

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25 years of planning ahead

Indiana Estate & Elder Law marks major milestone

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Indiana Estate & Elder Law is celebrating its 25th year of guiding Hoosier families through the legal decisions that shape their futures and protect the people they love. The firm helps clients create and maintain effective estate plans, navigate long-term care needs, and manage probate and post-death administration. They also work with business and farm owners to ensure their life's work is protected and carried forward.

In 2001, attorney Susan Hunter founded the firm that would become Indiana Estate & Elder Law as Hunter Law Office. As she counseled clients in business succession strategies, Hunter realized her clients deserved the same thoughtful planning to ensure continuity of services. In 2019, after working as attorneys at Hunter Law Office, husband and wife Justin Schuhmacher and Jennifer (Jenny) Rozelle took ownership of the firm.

"We're so grateful to Su-

san for laying the foundation for success," Rozelle said. "She truly practiced what she preached, and she built a plan for the law firm to continue beyond her tenure, rather than relying on her presence to sustain it."

Beginning as a single law office in Fishers, the firm has expanded over the years to include branch offices in Rockville, Wabash, and Franklin. In addition to Hunter's groundwork, Rozelle and Schuhmacher say a team-based approach, intentional growth strategies, and a commitment to the firm's core values have been essential to their success.

As estate and elder law attorneys, Rozelle and Schuhmacher know the value of planning for the unexpected. When clients have the support of a full team, life events that impact a

single attorney or team member don't derail plans and progress.

A focus on meeting the needs of communities drives the law firm's plans for expansion. Many rural areas in Indiana lack access to the services Indiana Estate & Elder Law provides, leaving families and individuals without experienced guidance.

"Our goal is to continue expanding beyond the Indianapolis area in a thoughtful way to bring estate and elder law services into these communities," Rozelle said. "That way, more Hoosiers have access to the kind of planning and support that can truly make a difference for their families over time."

The team at Indiana Estate & Elder Law is committed to the firm's core values: client-first service, approachable professionalism, extreme commitment

to quality, honest accountability, and unstoppable promotion of the firm.

"We want every client to have the kind of service we would provide to a family member or one of our fellow employees here," Schuhmacher said. "That premise has been central to our mission and vision from the beginning."

Over 25 years, Indiana Estate & Elder Law has grown into a firm with a clear sense of purpose and an expanding presence, ensuring that families across Indiana have access to experienced, thoughtful legal guidance when it matters most. The firm's 25th anniversary stands as a testament to its values and philosophy. By building a practice designed to outlast any one individual, the firm has done for itself exactly what it helps clients do every day – plan thoughtfully for the future.

For more information about Indiana Estate & Elder Law, visit IndianaEstateElderLaw.com.

Hoosiers united through lifesaving organ donation prepare for Olympic-style 2026 Transplant Games of America

The REPORTER

A group of 45 Hoosiers – strangers yet united by a shared second chance at life made possible through organ and tissue donation and transplantation – is preparing for a national, Olympic-style competition in June in Colorado.

For more than three

decades, the **Transplant Games of America** has celebrated resilience and renewal for transplant recipients and the extraordinary legacies of donors whose lifesaving gifts shine through the games' athletes and participants.

Held every two years, this year's games run June 18 to 23 in Denver and will draw more than 3,000 competitors – all of whom have had lifesaving transplants or are living donors. Athletes from 43 states will compete in 20 sports while other participants will vie for top titles in recreational competitions.

Athletes and participants will be joined by their ardent supporters, including family members and friends, and others, including family members of donors, health-care professionals, caregivers, and donation supporters from throughout the U.S.

"The games honor the legacies of organ and tissue donors who gave the ultimate gift of life," said Lindsey Johnson, who manages Team Indiana, which consists of athletes and participants from throughout the state. Johnson also oversees Indiana's donor registry, the list of residents who

sign up to be organ and tissue donors through Donate Life Indiana. "The games celebrate donor heroes and showcase transplant recipients who are today living – thriving in life and in competition – because of someone's selfless decision to be a lifesaving organ and tissue donor."

Participating teams like Team Indiana play an important role in carrying out the mission of the Transplant Games of America, which is to heighten awareness of the importance of organ and tissue donation and lifesaving transplantation, Johnson said.

Gold, silver, and bronze medals will be awarded in all competitions, including team sports like basketball, volleyball and pickleball, and individual sports like track and field, swimming, tennis, golf, and cycling. Other competitions will include recreational events like ballroom dancing, cornhole, darts, poker, and trivia.

Stories from local Team Members

Brett Schmutte, Noblesville

Brett Schmutte is a living liver donor. He is the brother-in-law of the late Bryan Murphy, a former Indiana Donor Network employee who died and became a tissue donor.

"Meeting my recipient and her family changed everything. Seeing their gratitude firsthand made me realize the gravity of what a transplant truly means for a family's future," Schmutte said. "That impact reached

my own family, too. My brother-in-law was moved by my donation. About a year after my donation, he took a job at Indiana Donor Network. He became deeply passionate about their mission. Tragically, just a month into his new role, he was diagnosed with aggressive brain cancer. Even in his final months, his focus remained on giving back. While he couldn't donate solid organs due to his treatment, he was able to donate tissue and gave his brain to science to help find a cure."

Schmutte will compete in cycling.

Jacquín Gallagher, Westfield

Jacquín Gallagher of Westfield was a living donor to her nine-year-old daughter in 1993. Her two sons are both kidney transplant recipients. Gallagher will compete in swimming, track and field, and a 5K road event. One of her sons will also be competing in the games.

About Donate Life Indiana

Since 1998, Donate Life Indiana has been the state-authorized nonprofit organization responsible for managing the Indiana donor registry. Its mission is to save lives by creating opportunities for all Indiana citizens to sign up on the organization's official state registry while striving to raise awareness for organ, tissue and cornea donation and transplantation through public education. For more, visit [Donate Life Indiana online](http://DonateLifeIndiana.org).

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The REPORTER

Inspired by the success of the annual all-ages World Voice Day Celebration, the Center is introducing a special adults-only, 21-and-over Karaoke Night at the Payne & Mencias Palladium on Thursday, June 18.

Registration to sing begins at 8 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis, with karaoke beginning at 8:30 p.m. Snacks and a full bar will be available

onstage for purchase until 10 p.m.

Don't miss this new opportunity to literally walk in the footsteps of Tony Bennett, Dionne Warwick, Sting, Sheryl Crow, Wynton Marsalis, Glen Campbell, Steve Martin, Rita Moreno, and countless other legendary artists who have performed on the Payne & Mencias Palladium stage.

Click here to get your \$10 tickets.

Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County presents . . . Hamilton County Resource & Health Fair

By **JIM W. MCGEE**
Good Samaritan Network

The Good Samaritan Network (GSN) of Hamilton County announces the return of the Hamilton County Resource & Health Fair, set for noon to 4 p.m. Friday, June 5 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville.

The public is encouraged to join us for this exciting free event to empower and engage the community and foster a stronger, more informed Hamilton County.

The Resource & Health Fair will bring together about 1,200 attendees. You can explore nearly 100 vendor booths that will offer food, clothing, baby supplies, and social services. Many nonprofits, businesses, and local organizations will be present to share programs and services that support families in Hamilton County and improve their quality of life.

Bring the entire family for an afternoon filled with learning, fun, and connection. Whether you're looking for guidance, support, or just a fun way to spend your Saturday, this event has something for everyone.

• Explore resources for families, health, food, finances, education, and community services



Reporter file photo by Grace Green

Organized by the Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County, the annual Health & Resource Fair helps local citizens find any kind of support they need to improve their lives.

- Enjoy face painting, balloon sculptures, caricature drawings, and a mobile petting farm

- Meet local organizations ready to help and engage

Various exhibitors will provide educational information, health resources, and free items for visitors at different booths. Door prizes will be drawn by those who complete an onsite survey. Discover invaluable resources, explore volunteer opportunities, and become part of a vibrant community dedicated to making a difference.

Good Samaritan NETWORK

Are you a community organization, business, or service provider? This is your opportunity to connect directly with families and individuals seeking support and resources in Hamilton County.

“The Resource Fair is a remarkable FREE event for central Indiana!” GSN Founder and Executive Director Nancy Chance said. “Our vendors and exhibitors

bring their extensive resources and expertise to one convenient location. By attending, families will have access to a wealth of information that can help them make informed decisions and discover opportunities they might not have heard about before!”

Visitors can network with numerous nonprofits, schools, faith-based organizations, businesses, government and social service organizations, and civic organizations, including volunteer sign-up opportunities.

Community News

*Carmel High School
Class of 1976 Reunion*

Submitted by **Sharon Kibbe**

The planning committee for our 50th class reunion is busy searching far and wide for classmates we've lost touch with.

If you have not yet connected via our private Facebook page, or if you know of classmates not active on social media, please contact carmelin1976.50threunion@gmail.com so we can send details about the Sept. 18 and 19 reunion weekend.

We have loads of fun in store, including two gatherings, lots of time to reconnect, and a one-hour tour of our old CHS stomping grounds. We are looking forward to celebrating with everyone!

Marion County Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance welcomes new agent

Submitted

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance announces that Sterling Zweigel has joined the company as an agent in the Indianapolis office at 8860 Zionsville Road. He has completed Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance's professional insurance training program.



Zweigel

Zweigel brings valuable experience as an educator to his new role. As an educator, he learned the importance of listening carefully, understanding individual needs and building relationships.

He's committed to helping clients identify potential gaps in coverage and creating customized solutions.

He was born and raised in Indianapolis, where he attended North Central High School before earning his degree in elementary education from Ball State University. Zweigel lives in Noblesville with his wife, Jenny, and their young daughter, Andi. Outside of the office, he enjoys golfing, playing basketball, spending time with his family and trying new restaurants.



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Celebrate National Donut Day with The Salvation Army of Central Indiana

The REPORTER

This week, The Salvation Army of Central Indiana is celebrating National Donut Day by thanking donors, the community, and local Veterans honoring the historic legacy of the Donut Lassies who served soldiers

during World War I.

Through June 5, The Salvation Army of Central Indiana will thank community partners, donors, and local veterans with a donut and a simple heartfelt "thank you." This continues the tradition of the women who served donuts and coffee to troops on the front lines. They would later be called "Donut Lassies."

National Donut Day Celebration at Pana Donuts Friday, June 5

To cap off the week, The Salvation Army will join Pana Donuts in Carmel, 2284 E. 116th St., on Friday,

June 5, for a community celebration of National Donut Day. Pana Donuts is generously donating 15 percent of all sales that day to support The Salvation Army's programs in Central Indiana.

This marks the second consecutive year of Pana Donuts' National Donut Day partnership. Last year, the shop donated more than \$6,000, funds that stayed entirely in central Indiana to help families with rent, utilities, and food assistance.

"National Donut Day is a joyful tradition, but it's also a reminder of the compassion and courage that shaped our mission," said

Major Dan Sawka, General Secretary of The Salvation Army Indiana. "As we honor the Donut Lassies and thank our partners, donors, and veterans, we're celebrating the spirit of service that continues to strengthen our community today."

National Donut Day is more than a fun celebration; it is a reminder of The Salvation Army's long history of service, compassion, and community partnership. This year's events highlight the organization's ongoing mission to meet human needs without discrimination, while honoring the legacy of those who served before.

Indiana teens can now get their driver's licenses on their 16th birthday

By MICHAELA SPRINGER
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Teen drivers in Indiana will now be able to hit the road a few months earlier, starting July 1.

Indiana Gov. Mike Braun announced Wednesday that the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles will start allowing drivers to get their licenses on their 16th birthday.

The previous minimum age requirement was 16 years and 90 days.

The change comes as part of House Enrolled Act 1200, which Braun signed on March 12.

The bill also allows 16-year-olds to obtain a **motorcycle endorsement** if they meet the requirements.

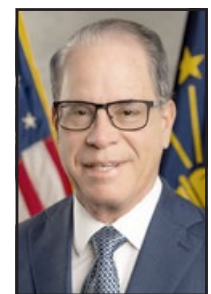
"Getting a driver's license is an important milestone for young Hoosiers and their families," Braun said. "This commonsense

change gives families more flexibility while maintaining the strong safety standards and training requirements that help keep Indiana roads safe."

All other requirements

to get a license are the same. Here's a brief refresher on what young drivers will need to do:

- Pass a written driver's test.
- Have an Indiana learner's permit for 180 days.
- Complete a driver's ed program.
- Provide a signed supervised driving log.
- Pass a vision screening test.



Braun

• Pass a driving test (these can be completed with driver's ed providers or teachers).

• A parent, legal guardian, or other trusted adult **must** sign a financial liability

agreement and "assume the obligations imposed" by the agreement. Adults signing these agreements will need to bring documents proving their identity and age.

Have other driving-related questions? Visit Indiana **BMW's website**.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/indiana-news/indiana-teen-drivers-license.

CCHA Law names Jennifer Hughes Managing Partner

Submitted by CCHA Law

Church Church Hittle and Antrim (CCHA Law) has named Jennifer "Jenni" Hughes as Managing Partner, becoming the first woman to serve in this role in the firm's history.

Hughes is a partner in the firm's Family Law practice, where she represents individuals in complex divorce and family law matters, including high-net-worth cases involving sophisticated financial issues. Her practice includes the division of complex assets, business valuations, parenting time, and child support. In addition to her responsibilities as Managing Partner, she will continue to actively serve clients and maintain her family law practice.

"Jenni is deeply respected throughout our firm and is highly trusted by her clients," said outgoing Managing Partner Alex Pinegar, who had served in the role since 2021. "She leads with care and holds herself to a high standard. The partnership and I are highly confident that Jenni is the ideal person to lead CCHA Law into our next chapter, and I am excited to see what the future holds for our firm."

Hughes joined CCHA Law in 2009 and has built a practice centered on helping clients navigate complex family law matters, including business valuations, division of assets, and prenuptial and postnuptial agreements. She is known for her strategic approach and dedication to achieving thoughtful, effective outcomes for her clients.

"CCHA Law has a strong foundation and a talented team, and I am hon-

ored to step into this role," Hughes said. "I look forward to continuing to serve our clients while supporting the firm's continued growth."

Outgoing Managing Partner Alex Pinegar will continue his practice with the firm, focusing on litigation, school and education law, and appellate matters.

Hughes earned her Juris Doctor from DePaul University College of Law and holds a Bachelor of Arts from Indiana University. She is admitted to practice law in Indiana and before the United States District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana, and is an active member of the Indiana State, Indianapolis, Hamilton County, and Boone County Bar Associations.

About Church Church Hittle + Antrim

Founded in 1880, CCHA Law is the oldest law firm in Hamilton County. As a full-service law firm, CCHA Law provides a myriad of legal services to clients across a wide variety of practice areas including: personal injury, business formation and representation, divorce and family law, estate planning and administration, collegiate sports, K-12 and higher education, complex litigation, governmental entity and municipal law, real estate law, criminal law, labor and employment law, mediation services, and appellate litigation.

CCHA Law serves clients across the country and has offices in Indiana in Noblesville, Fishers, Fort Wayne, Tipton, Crown Point, Westfield, and Zionsville. Learn more about CCHA at cchalaw.com.



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Rokita says immigration enforcement against employers is coming in Indiana

By GARRETT BERGQUIST
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](#)

Attorney General Todd Rokita on Tuesday said his office is laying the groundwork for lawsuits against employers of people who lack authorization to work in the United States.

The Republican made his comments following a ceremonial bill signing for Senate Enrolled Act 76, Indiana's immigration enforcement law. Beginning July 1, employers can face civil penalties for hiring or

employing people who lack work authorization. The law includes immunity for employers who made a good-faith effort to check a new hire's status through systems such as **E-Verify**.

Rokita said no one knows exactly how many people lacking work authorization are employed in Indiana, but he has seen estimates in excess of 200,000, though he add-



Rokita

ed that figure is based on old data and was an approximation. He said he is getting tips about employers hiring people illegally, but he would not offer specifics. Rokita also said he will carefully vet tips to make sure it's not simply a case of one employer trying to use the law to attack a competitor.

"I don't have time to have this new, good law be

abused simply because of jealousy or competition. We truly have to get after the bad performers," he said.

Rokita said any legal action brought under the law would be civil, though he will refer cases to county prosecutors for criminal charges if he believes such charges are warranted.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wishtv.com/news/politics/rokita-says-immigration-enforcement-against-employers-is-coming-in-indiana](#).

Indiana Department of Agriculture now welcoming nominations for AgriVision Award

Submitted

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2026 **AgriVision Award**, the highest agricultural honor presented by the State of Indiana.

This award, now in its 19th year, was established by the lieutenant governor and the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) to recognize Indiana's agricultural leaders who are ensuring Indiana is, and remains, a global center for food and agricultural innovation and commercialization.

The AgriVision Award is open to any Indiana resident and all sectors of the agriculture industry – from bioenergy to livestock to the agbiosciences. Any person or organization may submit a nomination through July 1, 2026.

"Indiana agriculture continues to benefit from leaders who make a lasting difference," Lt. Gov. Michah Beckwith said. "As we celebrate past AgriVision Award recipients, we're also excited to recognize

another outstanding Hoosier this August."

Previous AgriVision Award winners have included individuals who have made significant contributions to the agriculture industry, whether it's developing a new technology, managing an agribusiness or organization, or working to address a global issue.

"Indiana's agricultural sector keeps moving forward because of the innovators who translate their vision into success," ISDA Director Don Lamb said. "I'm eager to see how this year's honorees continue to shape and strengthen our industry."

Award nominations are currently being accepted and close on July 1. To nominate an individual, you must **complete a form found on the ISDA website** and email it to the department. Once a winner has been selected, the award will be presented by Lt. Gov. Beckwith and ISDA Director Lamb during the Celebration of Agriculture at the 2026 Indiana State Fair.

Lucas Oil named 2026 Community Impact Award Winner by Culture of Good, Inc.

Submitted

Lucas Oil has been named a 2026 Community Impact Award Winner by Culture of Good in recognition of its meaningful commitment to serving others, strengthening communities, and using business as a force for good.

"Lucas Oil is honored to receive the Community Impact Award for a second consecutive year, which underscores our team's commitment to giving back in an intentional way," Lucas Oil President Katie Lucas said. "Philanthropy is central to the work we do at Lucas Oil, and it is deeply meaningful to everyone at our organization to be recognized as a leading voice and steward in this space. Each day, we challenge ourselves with a simple question: How can we best serve others?"

Katie Lucas, alongside CEO Morgan Lucas, leads Lucas Oil with a longstanding commitment to serving communities, both in central Indiana where the company is headquartered, and beyond. In addition to this recognition, the pair was named "Outstanding Philanthropists of the Year" by the Association of Fundraising Professionals in November 2025.

Lucas Oil expanded its philanthropic and community impact footprint in 2025 through several key

initiatives:

- Celebrated the ribbon cutting of the Lucas Family Brain and Spine Hospital at Ascension St. Vincent, an Indiana hub for advanced brain and spine care.
- Hosted the 17th Lucas Oil Eric Medlen Memorial Golf Tournament, which has raised \$2.3 million to date for Peyton Manning Children's Hospital (PMCH) and Ascension St. Vincent.
- Expanded its longstanding partnership with the Indiana Fever as the company continues to champion women in the workplace, whether in the auto industry, the boardroom or on a basketball court.
- Strengthened its support for Wheeler Mission by co-presenting the 2025 Drumstick Dash and supporting the installation of a children's shoe bank within Wheeler Mission's Center for Women & Children.
- Launched the inau-

gural Lucas Oil Uncorked fundraiser, generating more than \$200,000 for PMCH and Ascension St. Vincent.

• Sponsored the Marvella Mobile initiative, a community-focused mobile sports unit making its debut during WNBA All-Star 2025 in Indianapolis.

Presented annually by Culture of Good, the Community Impact Awards recognize for-profit and non-profit organizations across the United States that are making a measurable difference through service, generosity, partnership, and purpose-driven leadership. The award celebrates organizations that not only succeed in business but also create a positive impact in the communities they serve.

"We are proud to recognize organizations like Lucas Oil that are choosing to lead with purpose," Culture of Good Founder Ryan McCarty said. "The Community Impact Awards

celebrate businesses and nonprofits that understand success is not only about what you achieve, but also about how you lift others along the way."

The 2026 Community Impact Award winners were publicly announced on May 27 during a live virtual celebration hosted by Culture of Good. For more information about the Community Impact Awards, visit [CultureOfGood.com](#).

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“On the fourteenth day of the first month the Lord’s Passover is to be held. On the fifteenth day of this month there is to be a festival; for seven days eat bread made without yeast. On the first day hold a sacred assembly and do no regular work. Present to the Lord a food offering consisting of a burnt offering of two young bulls, one ram and seven male lambs a year old, all without defect. With each bull offer a grain offering of three-tenths of an ephah of the finest flour mixed with oil; with the ram, two-tenths; and with each of the seven lambs, one-tenth. Include one male goat as a sin offering to make atonement for you. Offer these in addition to the regular morning burnt offering. In this way present the food offering every day for seven days as an aroma pleasing to the Lord; it is to be offered in addition to the regular burnt offering and its drink offering. On the seventh day hold a sacred assembly and do no regular work.

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“On the day of firstfruits, when you present to the Lord an offering of new grain during the Festival of Weeks, hold a sacred assembly and do no regular work. Present a burnt offering of two young bulls, one ram and seven male lambs a year old as an aroma pleasing to the Lord. With each bull there is to be a grain offering of three-tenths of an ephah of the finest flour mixed with oil; with the ram, two-tenths; and with each of the seven lambs, one-tenth. Include one male goat to make atonement for you. Offer these together with their drink offerings, in addition to the regular burnt offering and its grain offering. Be sure the animals are without defect.

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Little Pet Portraits jewelry collaboration debuts this weekend at Robert Goodman Jewelers

Submitted

Robert Goodman Jewelers of Zionsville will welcome its Hudson Valley, N.Y., partner designer Judi Powers on Friday, June 5, and Saturday, June 6, for her annual trunk show. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

The award-winning designer will show a collection of one-of-a-kind jewelry creations – pieces crafted using fairmined gold, recycled silver and ethically sourced stones – at the shop, located at 106 N. Main St. in Zionsville.

“Judi is part of the growing movement of small, socially-conscious jewelry designers who share our commitment to make a difference through responsibly-made, environmentally-conscious jewelry,” said Rose-Marie Goodman, co-owner of Robert Goodman Jewelers. “And her designs are absolutely stunning.”

A trunk show bonus this



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Judi Powers and Russell Jones of Hudson Valley, N.Y., will be at Robert Goodman Jewelers this Friday and Saturday.

Little Pet Portraits
Russell Jones & Judi Powers

weekend is the introduction of Little Pet Portraits, a collaboration between Powers and Russell Jones, partners who have merged their individual talents to create unique, wearable pet portrait jewelry in gold and gemstones. Each piece features a hand-painted miniature portrait of a beloved pet, rendered in watercolor and gouache by an award-winning illustrator

then set in heirloom-quality jewelry by an esteemed goldsmith. The artists’ care in capturing the singular charm and personality of each animal companion creates more than a piece of jewelry – the pendants, pins and cuff links become cherished keepsakes. Find out more about Little Pet Portraits at littlepetportraits.com, or visit with Power and Jones this Friday and Saturday at Robert Goodman Jewelers.

Meeting Notices

The Hamilton County Commissioners will meet in an executive session at 1 p.m. Monday, June 8, 2026.

A regular meeting will follow at 2 p.m. in the Commissioners’ Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold its monthly Board of Trustees meeting at 5 p.m. Monday, June 8, 2026, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville.

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Special game for the Emmerson family

Grandchildren of Dean Emmerson play together in Noblesville Babe Ruth game

By RICHIE HALL

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NOBLESVILLE – The spirit of Dean Emmerson was looking down at the field named after him on Saturday, May 30 and was undoubtedly smiling.

Three of Emmerson's grandchildren were playing a Noblesville Babe Ruth game together on Emmerson Field in Noblesville's Forest Park. The two grandsons – Ben Emmerson, 16, and Samuel Emmerson, 13 – were joined by Dean's granddaughter, Addi Emmerson. Addi is 18 and just finished her freshman year at Lee University, but she was still age-eligible to play in a Noblesville Babe Ruth game and joined her brothers on the field that morning.

Addi Emmerson said that getting to play the game was a "good experience" and that it was nice she and her brothers are close enough in age that they could play with each other.

"You never think that you're going to be on the same field as your little brothers, but it's really special and I know that Grandpa's looking down and he's really appreciating the family moment for us," said Addi Emmerson.

The three siblings played for the Mountain State Financial Group team. While the team lost the game, the focus was



(ABOVE LEFT) Dean Emmerson was a board member of Noblesville Babe Ruth Baseball and took care of the fields for the Noblesville Babe Ruth and Noblesville Girls Softball. Emmerson Field was named after Dean in 2008. (ABOVE RIGHT) A special Noblesville Babe Ruth game took place on Saturday, May 30 at Emmerson Field, as three of Dean Emmerson's grandchildren got to play together on the same team. Pictured: Ben Emmerson, Jessi Emmerson (mother), Addi Emmerson, Sharon Emmerson (mamaw), Samuel Emmerson, Ryan Emmerson (father).

more about getting to play with each other and honoring Dean Emmerson. Family and friends gathered after the game for a small pizza party.

Dean Emmerson was a board member of Noblesville Babe Ruth Baseball and took care of the fields for Noblesville Babe Ruth and Noblesville Girls Softball. Emmerson Field was named after Dean in 2008 and he was honored by the City of Noblesville with a "Dean Emmerson Day" in

2013. Dean passed away in 2021 at the age of 73.

"Just knowing how much effort my grandpa put into this, just being able to play out here is amazing," said Ben Emmerson.

"It's pretty cool seeing that our grandpa did all this and we're playing on it like we're behind him, and he's helping us through the game," said Samuel Emmerson.

Addi Emmerson agreed, saying that playing on the field "definitely draws us

closer to him."

"It does feel like we're playing with Grandpa, that we're able to share this with him, even though he's not here anymore," she said.

For the Emmerson boys, it was the first time playing for Babe Ruth. Ben said he has been playing travel ball "for about 10 years," while Samuel has played for Noblesville Youth Baseball and a travel team.

"It's been amazing," said Ben. "It's completely different. You meet new

people and they're just the best people you'll ever meet, man. I'm probably going to be friends with these dudes for 50 years. These are some of my best friends right now and I cannot wait to keep playing with them."

"Babe Ruth has been my favorite experience so far, by far," said Samuel. "I like how they keep the fields nice and all my teammates and coaches are just amazing."

Mike Concannon, the

Mountain State Financial Group team's coach, mentioned to Noblesville Babe Ruth president Chris Thomas that Addi Emmerson was still age-eligible to play in the league, and things developed from there.

"It was really a simple conversation we had," said Concannon. "I called Chris and the wheel started going. It was just good to have them play on Grandpa's field. I would do it every week if we could, to be honest."

Girls Track & Field

Can Carmel's long distance make them winners?

Hounds aiming to repeat as team champions, Royals hold three top seeds

The REPORTER

If the Carmel girls track & field team can go the distance, the Greyhounds could repeat as state champions.

The performance lists for Friday's IHSAA girls track state finals came out on Wednesday, compiling the results of all eight regionals that took place across the state on Tuesday, May 26. Based on the seedings, Carmel appears to be favored to defend its team title at the North Central track complex.

This year's state meet features at least 30 qualifiers in each event, up from 27 in years past. Several events have more than 30 participants as multiple athletes bested the state standard in their events.

The Greyhounds have one top seed: Annabel Pollert in the 3200 run. She won that race at the Lafayette Jefferson regional in a time of 10 minutes, 30.35 seconds.

Sadie Foley holds two high seeds: she is rated second in the 1600 run and fourth in the 800 run. The top nine finishers in each event score points; the winner receives 10 points, with second place getting eight points, on down to ninth place receiving one point.

Kaitlyn Oshimura is seeded second in the 800 run. Larkin Taylor holds the third seed in the 1600 run and the 10th seed in the 800, so she could move up in the latter event and get the Hounds some extra points.

While Carmel is favored based on the seedings, Hamilton Southeastern is within striking distance. The Royals hold three top seeds: Anissa Lammie is rated first in the 400 dash (54.73 seconds at regional), Chloe Senefeld is the top seed in the 300 hurdles (41.91 seconds) and Southeastern's 4x400 relay is also seeded No. 1 (3:48.56). The

Royals won the 4x400 relay last year, the only county individual event win.

The small schools will be well-represented. Guerin Catholic's Amelia Smith is seeded No. 1 in the pole vault after her regional-winning leap of 13 feet, 1.5 inches. Hamilton Heights' Norah Reiger holds the third seed in the 400 dash, with Waverly Woolever capable of moving up to score points in the high jump.

Noblesville's Ainsley Meinerding could score points in multiple events. She is rated fourth in the long jump and eighth in the 200 dash.

Fishers' Mia Tobias has top-nine seeds in both throwing events: fifth in the shot put, seventh in the discus.

Westfield's Ella Jenkins holds the Shamrocks' highest seed, as she is rated sixth in the pole vault.

A complete list of Hamilton County state partici-

pants follows, along with their regional times and distances. Seed positions are based on the IHSAA's performance list, which can be found [here](#).

4x800 relay: 4. Carmel 9:16.40, 7. Hamilton Southeastern 9:19.37, 10. Westfield 9:22.25, 14. Guerin Catholic 9:25.82.

100 hurdles: 22. Katelyn Eblen (W) 15.08, 24. Jenna Rhodes (W) 15.08.

100 dash: 16. Kaleah McCarter (HSE) 12.18, 28. Ainsley Meinerding (Noblesville) 12.38.

1600 run: 2. Sadie Foley (C) 4:58.69, 3. Larkin Taylor (C) 4:59.20, 13. Ansley Apple-gate (N) 5:04.27.

4x100 relay: 6. Hamilton Southeastern 47.78, 8. Fishers 47.88, 27. Carmel 49.17.

400 dash: 1. Anissa Lammie (HSE) 54.73, 3. Norah Reiger (Hamilton Heights) 55.47, 4. Gabriela Grande Rosas (C) 56.12.

300 hurdles: 1. Chloe Senefeld (HSE) 41.91, 7. Eblen (W) 44.57, 8. Devyn Day (F)



Richie Hall / File photo

Hamilton Southeastern's Chloe Senefeld is seeded first in the 300 hurdles at Friday's IHSAA state meet.

44.64, 10. Rhodes (W) 45.00, 11. Waverly Woolever (HH) 45.00, 21. Maija Gilhooly (C) 45.95.

800 run: 2. Kaitlyn Oshimura (C) 2:11.09, 4. Foley (C) 2:12.06, 10. Taylor (C) 2:13.89, 11. Katie Kolb (GC) 2:14.83.

200 dash: 6. Zinnia Pineda (F) 24.86, 8. Meinerding (N) 24.98, 16. LeBraya Warren (W) 25.29.

3200 run: 1. Annabel Pollert (C) 10:30.35, 5. Zoe Gebhart (HSE) 10:41.06, 7. Allie Bushey (HH) 10:42.97, 10. Lilly Higgins (HH) 10:49.11, 17. Caitlin Hawkins (F) 11:00.16.

4x400 relay: 1. Hamilton Southeastern 3:48.56, 5. Carmel 3:53.66, 6. Hamilton

Heights 3:54.45, 16. Guerin Catholic 3:59.18, 19. Westfield 3:59.93, 21. Noblesville 4:00.67.

Discus: 7. Mia Tobias (F) 139-10, 8. Ellie Cooley (C) 139-9, 13. Amelia Kring (N) 134-0.

Shot put: 5. Tobias (F) 43-0.

Long jump: 4. Meinerding (N) 18-4, 24. Rylan Bell (N) 17-4.25.

High jump: 11. Woolever (HH) 5-4, 16. Gracie Czubik (W) 5-4, 23. Kylee Black (F) 5-3.

Pole vault: 1. Amelia Smith (GC) 13-1.5, 6. Ella Jenkins (W) 12-0, 14. Livi Miller (C) 11-0, 15. Zoe Travelsted (GC) 10-9, 20. Kate Hammond (C) 10-9, 23. Riley Williams (HSE) 10-9.

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Girls Golf

Crooked Stick hosts Dye Junior Invitational Tournament

The REPORTER

Crooked Stick Golf Club in Carmel hosted the Dye Junior Invitational Tournament early this week.

The tournament is named after Pete and Alice Dye, the renowned golf course designers who created Crooked Stick in 1964 and lived along the 18th fairway. Junior golf players from across the country – and three international players – competed at the event, which took place Monday and Tuesday.

Two local players competed at the event. Maya Fujisawa Keuling, an incoming sophomore at Carmel, tied for fifth in the Girls – Alice Dye Division. Fujisawa Keuling scored a 75-73-77=225 for the event, a round that included five

birdies over the 54 holes.

Eli Wessel, a Guerin Catholic graduate, tied for 16th in the Boys – Pete Dye Division. Wessel scored 73-73-80=226; he made eight birdies and eagled the 15th hole twice in both of his first two rounds.

The tournament winners were Grant DeLorenzo of Houston in the Boys Division (even par 216) and Alexandra Phung of Forest Hills, N.Y. in the Girls Division (220).

In addition, there was a Mixed Four Ball tournament. Wessel played with Veronica Man of Coto De Caza, Calif. and placed 17th with 209. Fujisawa Keuling played with Landon Tropf of Gas City and placed 20th with 210.

Softball

Three county players named to SCAI First Team All-State

The REPORTER

Three Hamilton County softball senior players were named to the Softball Coaches Association of Indiana's 3A/4A First Team All-State, it was announced on Wednesday.

All three players were honored from District 3.

Haley Schatko, Noblesville: The Millers were a big-hitting team this season with five players batting over .400. Schatko stood out with an average of .543, leading Noblesville in base hits (51), runs batted in (51), home runs (15) and doubles (11). Schatko will play softball for Indiana University next season.

Jayden Kleiner, Carmel: Kleiner was a true leader for the Greyhounds, averaging .508 during her senior season. Kleiner tied for most hits on the Carmel team with 31 and led in runs scored (36), doubles (12) and home runs (7). She is committed to the University of Michigan.

Grace Swedarsky, Hamilton Southeastern: A star for the Royals since her freshman year, Swedarsky was a dominant pitcher throughout her high school career, leading Southeastern to a state championship in 2024. Swedarsky compiled a 1.39 earned-run average while going 10-2 during her senior campaign with a total of 116 strikeouts. She is committed to Virginia Tech.

In addition to the First Team players, four more Hamilton County softball stars were named to the 3A/4A Third Team All-State from District 3.



Richie Hall / File photo

Carmel's Jayden Kleiner was one of three Hamilton County softball players to be named to the SCAI's 3A/4A First Team All State.

Makayla Watson, Westfield: The senior was an integral part of the Shamrocks' run to the regional championship this season. Watson is averaging .464 at the plate and leads the team in both hits (51) and runs scored (34) while also driving in 19 runs. She is committed to North Carolina State.

Jaycee McCarter, Hamilton Southeastern: The freshman McCarter made her Royals debut this season and quickly became one of the team's top hit-

ters. She batted .423 for the season and led Southeastern in RBIs with 44 and home runs with 12, along with 33 hits and 22 runs scored. McCarter also was solid on the mound, with a 2-1 record and 17 strikeouts in 17 innings this season.

Reese Newsom, Noblesville: The junior was another one of the Millers' big hitters, with a batting average of .462 this season. Newsom totaled 42 hits, scored 31 runs and drove in 23 runs, smashing 10 home runs during the season.

Adrienne Cook, Fishers: If Cook was batting, there was a good chance the Tigers would be scoring soon. The senior led the team in RBIs with 32 and had 34 hits during the season, including a team-leading seven home runs. Cook is committed to Purdue Northwest.

Swedarsky, Schatko, Kleiner and Watson will all play for the North team at the SCAI 2026 All-Star game, which takes place June 19 and 20 at Indiana University in Bloomington.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 4

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Westfield Middle School girls rugby team wins 2026 spring championship

Submitted by Westfield Washington Schools

The Westfield Middle School (WMS) girls rugby team recently capped

off an incredible season by winning the Rugby Indiana 2026 Spring Championship, showcasing the growth, determination, and teamwork that defined the program throughout the year.

The championship match tested the team from the very beginning. A change in substitution rules meant players had to stay on the field much longer than they were accustomed to during the regular season, requiring coaches and players to adjust their strategy on the fly.

Despite the challenge, the Shamrocks never backed down.

In the championship match against Pendleton Rugby, after battling their

way to a 15-15 tie at the end of regulation, the match moved into overtime. In just eight minutes of extra play, Westfield scored three additional tries to secure a 30-15 victory and claim the Rugby Indiana 2026 Spring Championship title.

"Some of the plays were so beautiful, Assistant Coach Warren and I were tearing up and in true awe of our girls," Coach Bailey Mobley said. "It just truly showed how all the hard work and practices were making such a difference."

The Rugby Indiana 2026 Spring Championship marks a major milestone for a program that was established just last year and has already

grown significantly through the dedication of its student-athletes, coaches, and families.

"The middle school girls' club started last year," Coach Mobley said. "This year we gained almost double the amount of girls thanks to the team's commitments and recruiting skills. So many girls would be at practices early and doing extra work to get to where they are today. It took the entire team."

Coach Mobley and Assistant Coach Warren often encouraged their athletes with the call and response "No matter the outcome, don't forget what we are..." "Strong, independent Rugby women!"

Former Purdue star Braden Smith to work out with Pacers

By JOSH BODE WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Former Purdue star Braden Smith is set to work out with the Pacers ahead of the NBA Draft on Friday.

Smith had a record-breaking career with the Boilermakers. He is the NCAA all-time assists leader, breaking the record in the NCAA Tournament this year. He had 1,103 career assists.

Smith was a two-time All-American and was the Big Ten Player of the Year in the 2024-25 season. He helped lead Purdue to two Big Ten regular season championships and two Big Ten Tournament Championships. He also helped lead Purdue to the Final Four in the 2024 NCAA Tournament.

Smith averaged 13.0 points and 7.4 assists per game in his career in West

Lafayette. Smith, a Westfield native, was also Indiana Mr. Basketball in 2022.

In addition to Smith, former IU forward Sam Alexis is working out with the Pacers on Friday.

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