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TODAY'S WEATHER

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From classroom to concert stage

Fishers students gain real-world audio production experience

Submitted by Hamilton Southeastern Schools

When audiences gather this summer at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater for Fishers' Free Tuesdays concert series, many may not realize the sound behind the performances is being managed by local high school students.

Through a new partnership between Hamilton Southeastern Schools and Fishers Parks, students in Fishers High School's Music and Sound Production class are serving as the live audio team for the city's annual summer concert series. The partnership connects classroom learning with real-world application, allowing students to apply technical skills in a professional setting while earning up to 54 hours of work-based learning throughout the nine-week concert series.

"This partnership gives students an opportunity to step beyond the classroom and experience the demands and rewards of live event production," said Brandon Cloud, Director of Career and Technical Education for Hamilton Southeastern Schools. "They're learning how to problem-solve in real time, collaborate as a team and



deliver a professional experience for thousands of community members. Those are skills that can't be replicated in a traditional classroom setting."

Under the guidance of Fishers High School teacher Ray Masterson, students spent the spring semester preparing for the opportunity through coursework focused on audio production, broadcasting and event operations. The program already provides students opportunities to produce podcasts, school news broadcasts, sports productions, and other multimedia content throughout the district.



Photos provided by HSE Schools

As part of this partnership, students are responsible for a variety of professional audio production tasks.

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A bowl of soup & a door opened

Watching from a distance, I was reminded of the woman I had always known – strong, capable, independent, full of energy, and the kind of person who could tackle anything that came her way.

Like so many others, I sent prayers and well wishes. I clicked the "like" button. I left encouraging comments. Yet something inside me kept asking, *What else can I do?*

There were already hundreds of messages of support. Friends, family, coworkers, and community members were all cheering her on. But I couldn't shake the feeling that sometimes people need more than words on a screen. Sometimes they need to know someone is willing to show up.

Then I saw the update that she was finally being discharged from the hospital.

Without overthinking it, I headed to my kitchen.

I boiled the lentils and made a pot of Indian lentil soup – a simple bowl of comfort, rich in protein, gentle on the stomach, and nourishing in all the ways comfort food is meant to be.

Before I started cooking, I sent her a message.

Me: "Good luck with your speedy recovery."

Her: "Thank you so much."

A little later, I followed up.

Me: "Please confirm if you want me to make Indian lentil soup for you, or anything else that you may like during your recovery."

Her: "So long as they aren't super spicy. I think some lentil soup would be good – high protein & fiber. Thank you so much."

And just like that, I had my answer.

COLUMNIST



POOJA THAKKAR
Taste of Community

Passion shines at the Noblesville Gem Show

By AIDA KARIM
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You don't have to be a geologist to enjoy the stunning beauties of nature at the Noblesville Gem, Mineral, and Jewelry show June 19 to 21 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville. There is a small attendance fee, but dads can go for free on Father's Day!

The Reporter spoke with Chase Ekelbarger and Jerry Savage about their ventures in the gemstone business.

Ekelbarger, owner of Nectar Gems, said he's looking forward to participating in the Hamilton County show for the first time.

Ekelbarger said he got his start in the business largely by coincidence.

"I was working a job and my car broke down and I needed a way to make money," he said. "It was the beginning of the Facebook sales and my close friend had been selling. I bor-



Photos provided by Jerry Savage and Chase Ekelbarger. Jerry Savage of Savage Creations (left) and Chase Ekelbarger of Nectar Gems (right) will be at the Noblesville Gem, Mineral, and Jewelry Show on Father's Day weekend.

rowed \$100 from him. I bought five teeny-tiny tourmalines. I sold them for a profit and I paid them back, and I just started buying and selling almost every day."

He said his business continued to snowball until he had a comprehensive collection.

"After doing this for over 11 years, I've built a reputation in

the business," Ekelbarger said. "I would go out to the major shows in Tucson and Denver."

Ekelbarger also said he tries his best to maintain both affordable inventory and more high-end minerals. There's incredible value in attending in-person shows, both for the success of the business and when it comes to meeting new people and en-



joying yourself. "You never know who you're gonna meet, so I always approach everyone with an open mind," he said. "It's a really fun time when you get to bring the family out and spend a weekend selling, meeting people, and just having a good time."

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Hamilton County Emergency Management offers free radio licensing course to new volunteers

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Emergency Management (HCEM) will provide a 10-week Amateur Radio Technician licensing course beginning in August to anyone over 18 who volunteers for service in the emergency communications group of the agency.

FCC exams will be given at the last session of the course to obtain the federal radio license and unique call sign identifier.

The course is designed for beginners and will prepare you for the final date when you will take the FCC Technician class license exam. Graduates will receive a unique radio call sign renewable for 10 years. Participation in each night of the course is required. Seating is limited.

The course is free, but participants will need to obtain the ARRL Ham Radio License Manual, sixth edition, prior to the start of the course. Please

ensure you have the correct version that covers the question pool from 2026 to 2030. Books are available online from ARRL (the national association of amateur radio), Amazon, and other sources.

Throughout the course, you will learn from members of the Comms Group who are active amateur radio operators. There will be some hands-on activities and slide presentations to prepare you for the exam. The exam consists of 35 multiple-choice questions drawn from a pool. You will study the answers to the questions on your own throughout the course.

This course is offered to those who apply to become an HCEM Volunteer. Completion of FEMA online courses IS-100, IS-200, and IS-700 will be required.

Once you sign up for this course, the system will com-



Photo provided by Andrew Wilson

HCEM Comms Group Team Leader Andrew Wilson moves radio traffic in the HCEM command trailer during the 2026 U.S. Military interoperability exercise.

plete a background check. You will be contacted within a few days to schedule an interview with Comms Group leadership.

Training will be held on the Hamilton County Sheriff's campus and near the 4-H Fair-

grounds on Tuesday evenings from 6:15 to 8:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 8.

For details and to apply for HCEM Comms Group membership, go to tinyurl.com/HCEMComms.

HSE Board approves placing referendum on November ballot

Submitted by Hamilton Southeastern Schools

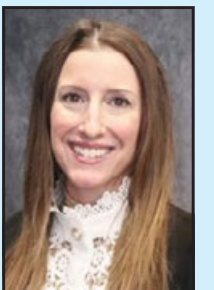
The Hamilton Southeastern Board of School Trustees approved a resolution Wednesday evening, June 10, to replace the current operating referendum.

The proposed referendum funding would continue supporting teacher retention and school safety staffing, while also helping fund student behavioral health services.

The proposal includes a maximum rate of \$0.36 per \$100 of assessed property value over an eight-year term. Under Indiana law, school districts must seek voter approval for the highest possible rate they may need during the life of the referendum. District leaders anticipate recommending a much lower rate in the early years and strategically adjusting as necessary to address future financial needs. If approved, the Board of School Trustees would annually establish the referendum rate along with a spending plan outlining how referendum funds will be used during that budget year.

"In response to SEA-1, the Board has referred this measure to voters," said Tiffany Pascoe, president of the HSE Board of School Trustees. "This referendum would help sustain the district's long-term financial outlook, and preserve the programs, services and resources that support student success. The decision now rests with our community."

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Pascoe



Kegley

SOUP

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As I packed up the soup and prepared to leave, I remember telling my husband, “This won’t be a quick doorstep delivery. I’m going to meet Carole.”

What I thought would be a simple gesture of delivering soup turned into something much more meaningful.

Standing at her front door after years of not seeing each other, I didn’t even know how to break through that long stretch of time. But the moment she opened the door, it was as if there had never been a gap at all. The years disappeared in an instant.

It felt as though we had just seen each other yesterday. Like we were back at work sharing lunch in the cafeteria, catching up between meetings.

I encouraged her to have a bowl while it was still warm, fresh from my kitchen. Soon we were sitting at her dining table, spoon in hand, talking and laughing.

As she slurped the lentil soup, we began rewinding old memories. We remembered projects, coworkers, funny moments, challenges we had overcome together, and all those little stories that only make sense to the people who lived them. We laughed until our cheeks hurt. We revisited memories we hadn’t thought about in years and somehow found ourselves right back in those moments.

The soup became more than a meal.

It became a bridge.

A reason to reconnect.

A reason to remind someone that she is remembered.

As I sat there, I realized how grateful I was to be part of that moment. Out of all the friendships, relationships, and seasons of life we experience, some quietly drift into the background. Not because they lose value, but because life simply gets busy. Yet sometimes all it takes is one simple gesture to bring them back into focus.

The soup was just the medium.

The real gift was the connection.

My friend, Carole Clark, is one of those people who gives endlessly to others. She is the person who steps up, figures things out, and gets things done. She brings energy, joy, care, and generosity wherever she goes. She has poured so much into the lives of so many people, including mine.

But when life suddenly puts her in the position of needing help, that can be a difficult place to be.

As our visit came to an end, I found myself repeating the same message over and over.

“Give yourself grace.”

Give yourself the same grace you so freely extend to everyone else.

Allow yourself to rest.

Allow yourself to recover.

Allow yourself to receive help without guilt.

For someone who is used to a go-go-go life,



Photo provided by Pooja Thakkar

slowing down can feel uncomfortable. But healing requires rest. Recovery requires patience. Taking care of yourself is not selfish; it is necessary.

Before I left, I reminded her that she didn’t need to wait for a special reason to reach out.

“If you need anything, I’m just a message away.”

Driving home, I kept thinking about how many people around us are carrying burdens we cannot see. Illness. Grief. Loneliness. Caregiving. Recovery. Uncertainty.

Community isn’t built only during celebrations, festivals, or organized events. It is built when we pause our own busy lives long enough to notice someone else’s need.

Sometimes it looks like a meal.

Sometimes it looks like a visit.

And sometimes it looks like a bowl of soup that makes a hard season just a little easier to digest.

So this week, I leave you with a question:

Who in your life could use more than a Facebook comment or a text message?

Who could use a visit, a meal, a conversation, or simply your presence?

Because sometimes the most meaningful acts of community are not the grand gestures.

Sometimes they begin with a bowl of soup and a willingness to sit at the table.

The feeling felt familiar.

Sitting across from Carole, watching her enjoy a simple bowl of soup while we shared stories and laughter, I was reminded of something I often heard growing up in India:

“Dawa karta dua kaam zyada karti hai.”

Loosely translated, it means that while medicine is important, prayers, blessings, love, and the care of others often carry us further than we realize.

While medicine helps heal the body, encouragement, companionship, and community help heal the spirit.

That afternoon reminded me that recovery is rarely a journey anyone should take alone.

So perhaps we can all strive to be a small part of someone’s healing. A warm meal. A phone call. A visit. A listening ear. A simple act of kindness.

Let’s be somebody’s bowl of soup. Let’s be somebody’s comfort. Let’s be part of somebody’s medicine.

Because sometimes the smallest gestures travel the longest way.

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

Cicero dedicates trail in memory of Ashok Sethi



Photos provided by Town of Cicero

Cicero Town Council, Park Board members, and community members gathered on May 23 to dedicate the trail from Community Park to the Cicero Sports Complex baseball fields in honor of Ashok Sethi. The dedication honors Mr. Sethi for his deep connection to the town where his business was founded and got its start as NRG Auto Systems, Inc., in 1975. Mr. Sethi’s family from California and Colorado attended the trail dedication. A sign designating the trail as the Ashok Sethi Memorial Trail along with a commemorative bench was placed along the trail as a tribute and to honor and memorialize Mr. Sethi.

STAGE

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As part of this unique summer partnership, students are responsible for a variety of professional audio production tasks, including operating front-of-house sound systems, managing stage production, mixing live audio, troubleshooting equipment, and supporting performers throughout each event.

Fishers Parks staff worked alongside students throughout the planning process, helping prepare them for the technical and operational demands of professional audio production. The partnership has also resulted in additional equipment investments that will benefit the school’s sound production program beyond the summer concert season.

“We’re excited to create meaningful opportunities that help students explore careers in an industry that can be difficult to break into,” Fishers Parks Director Marissa Deckert said. “Students are gaining valuable experience while contributing to an event that brings our community together. It’s a great example of what can happen when schools and local government work together.”

The first concert of the season took place June 2, with students successfully managing audio production for the event while troubleshooting challenges and making real-time adjustments throughout the evening. Participating students include Ayden Austin, Adam Jacobs, Riley Evans, Gabe Mason, Bowen Dilks-Hicks, Lucas Peed, Jude Little and Jacqueline Reilly.

The students will continue supporting Fishers’ Free Tuesdays concert series throughout June and July, gaining experience at eight additional performances while helping deliver live entertainment to thousands of community members. The series continues



Photos provided by HSE Schools

each Tuesday evening at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater through July 28.

REFERENDUM

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HSE Schools has demonstrated a consistent commitment to fiscal responsibility while maintaining high-quality educational opportunities for students. Recently, the district identified more than \$7 million in ongoing cost reductions through staffing adjustments, operational efficiencies, contract reviews and other cost-saving

measures. Despite those efforts, district leaders continue to face financial pressures related to rising costs and reductions in local revenue resulting from recent changes to Indiana property tax law.

“We serve a community with high expectations for both academic excellence and the high-quality programs and professional

staff that support our students,” Superintendent Dr. Matt Kegley said. “This recommendation takes a pragmatic approach by seeking to recover a portion of the revenue lost through SEA-1, while still allowing homeowners to pay less than pre-SEA-1 projections.”

Community organizations, civic groups and

neighborhood associations interested in learning more about the proposed referendum may request a presentation from Superintendent Dr. Kegley and Chief Financial Officer Tim Brown by **completing this form**.

Additional information, financial presentations and frequently asked questions are available at hseschools.org/finances.

GEM

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Savage Creations is another gemstone business that will be featured at the upcoming show.

As owner of the business, Jerry Savage said he

had long pursued an interest in gemstones and minerals, studying mineralogy in university. During his military service, Savage understood that a traditional 9-to-5 job wouldn’t suit him – and that’s when the gemstone business found him.

Savage told The Reporter that during his time in the army, he would travel to local shows where he was stationed. He’s grown his business exponentially in recent years, with over 400,000 specimens in stock and traveling to around 10 shows every year.

Savage said he sources his specimens from all over the world – Indonesia, India, Pakistan, and a variety of other countries.

Savage also attested to the range of crystals you can find at a show.

Savage said he gets joy from, “just seeing a cluster,

Catch the Noblesville Gem Show
When: June 19-21. From 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.
Where: 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville
Cost: \$6 for adults, free for kids under 12, \$3 uniformed discount, and free for dads on Father’s Day
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 Learn more about Nectar Gems at Facebook.com/nectargemsandjewelry, and Savage Creations at Facebook.com/jsavagecreations.

or a geode full of crystals – and there are thousands of different types – and there are thousands of different variations of those types.”

Savage said the gemstone business is a lot bigger than getting sales from people; something he prides himself on is education.

“The funny thing is everybody sends people to my booth to ask questions because there’s not a lot of actual mineralogists or people that are technically trained in this who do rock shows,”

he said. Savage said after years of being in the business he is still stunned at the appearance of so many beautiful gems at any given show.

“It’s just amazing to me, and there is no more beautiful artwork than what nature can create on its own,” he said.

You can meet Savage, Ekelbarger, and other exhibitors June 19 to 21 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville.

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Graeter's Ice Cream opens new Westfield shop

The REPORTER

Graeter's Ice Cream held a grand opening event on Wednesday, June 10 for its new scoop shop in Westfield, located at 391 E. Tournament Trail. This shop features dine-in seating, a drive-through, covered patio area, and will offer the brand's full menu of ice cream, frozen drinks, sundaes, and other irresistible treats.

The Westfield scoop shop joins additional Indiana stores located in Butler-Tarkington, Carmel, Zionsville, Fishers Ambleside Drive, and Fishers Lantern Road. Conveniently located right off State 32 and just a five-minute drive from Grand Park, this new scoop shop is the perfect place to celebrate after a game.

Summer hours of operation for this new Graeter's Scoop Shop in Westfield are 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 11 p.m. on Sunday.



Photos provided by Graeter's

The new Graeter's in Westfield opened just in time for introduction of five new limited-edition summertime flavors, which you can see here. The staff at the Tournament Trail scoop shop are ready to satisfy your sweet tooth.

This grand opening comes just in time for the release of several special summertime flavors:

- **Marrakesh Coffee (now available):** Bold coffee ice cream spiced with cardamom, cinnamon, and

- ginger, this flavor was inspired by the rich, exotically spiced coffee traditions of the Middle East and Morocco.

- **Ghost Notes (now available):** Celebrating Kings Island's new ride,

- Phantom Theater: Opening Nightmare, this flavor is as mischievous and unexpected as the ride itself: marshmallow and grape ice cream combined with marshmallow cookie dough. Strange on paper but impossible to put down.

- **Peanut Butter & Clouds (available early June):** Rich peanut butter ice cream with fluffy marshmallow pieces folded throughout, this fun flavor combination tastes like childhood and comfort in a scoop.

- **Cherry Sparkler (available late June):** Crafted to celebrate the nation's 250th birthday, this wild cherry ice cream contains red and blue popping candy folded into every star-spangled scoop.

- **Strawberry Sorbet (available late July):** Made with real strawberries picked at peak ripeness from Pacific Northwest farms, this ultra-smooth, creamy sorbet is crafted from slow-frozen strawberry purée for a bright, sweet, and tart flavor – completely dairy-free.

"Ice cream has always been a quintessential part of summer, bringing people together through joyful moments," said Richard Graeter, fourth-generation president and CEO of Graeter's. "Our five new limited-edition flavors are meant to capture those moments big and small and make summer sweeter and last just a little bit longer."

To learn more about Graeter's Ice Cream or to purchase online, visit Graeters.com.

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Less than one week until Janus' Helping Lives Bloom

The REPORTER

Help support Janus Developmental Services by attending and supporting the organization's sixth annual Helping Lives Bloom.

The event will take place from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 18 at the Mustard Seed Gardens, 77 Metsker Lane, Noblesville. Attendees will have the opportunity learn more about Janus and the organization's plans for the future.

Please [click here](#) to purchase your ticket. Your ticket includes heavy appetizers and two complimentary (drink wine/beer/soft drinks; cash bar available). There will also be a Wine Pull. A silent auction with gift baskets and gift cards will be sponsored by For the Love of Janus Guild.

Affordable sponsorships for both individuals and businesses are available. Just click the link above. If you have any questions, please email or call Development and Communications Director Jerry Jamison at jjamison@janus-inc.org or (317) 773-8781 ext. 100.



Apprenticeships become booming pathway to grow higher wages & stronger careers

Submitted by Office of Gov. Mike Braun

New data show Indiana's apprenticeship system is experiencing growth under Governor Mike Braun's leadership, creating new pathways for Hoosiers to earn higher wages, gain valuable skills, and build stronger careers.

Since taking office in 2025, Gov. Braun has expanded apprenticeship opportunities across Indiana. There are 13,986 new apprentices since Gov. Braun began his term. He approved 54 new Pre-Registered Apprenticeship Programs, securing \$6.25 million in federal apprenticeship funding and supporting more than 930 active Registered Apprenticeship Programs spanning 1,584 occupations and more than 300 training providers statewide.

"Apprenticeships are valuable for both the Hoosier worker and employer," Gov. Braun said. "I will continue to do everything I can to open doors for Hoosiers so that they can set out on a path to a higher wage career."

Indiana now has 22,206 active apprentices and ranks fourth nationally in total active apprentices.

As apprenticeship opportunities continue to grow, Gov. Braun is calling on employers to strengthen these programs through mentorship, workforce development resources, and sustainable upskilling strategies available through the Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD).

"Indiana employers understand that workforce development is about investing in people," Gov. Braun said. "Our apprenticeship programs are helping Hoosiers earn while they learn, build valuable skills, and move into higher-paying careers. Strong mentorship takes those programs to

the next level by helping workers build confidence and succeed while giving employers the workforce they need to grow."

To help employers build on this momentum, DWD's Work-Based Learning and Apprenticeship team has developed mentorship guidance tools, training curriculum, and best practices informed by Indiana employers, apprentices, and apprenticeship sponsors. These resources are designed to strengthen apprenticeship programs, improve retention, and better prepare workers for long-term career success.

"As Indiana continues expanding Registered Apprenticeship opportunities, we want to ensure these programs deliver lasting value for workers and employers," DWD Commissioner Kate Shelby said. "Apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs are workforce development strategies that help employers build talent pipelines across industries, from health care to education, while providing Hoosiers with mentorship, skill development, and pathways to higher-wage careers."

Registered Apprenticeship Programs combine paid on-the-job training with classroom instruction, allowing workers to gain valuable skills while earning a paycheck and helping employers build talent tailored to their workforce needs.

Employers interested in apprenticeship and mentorship resources can learn more by visiting in.gov/dwd/owbla.



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Thanks for reading The Reporter!

From the desk of Hamilton Heights Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood

Update No. 174

As we close another remarkable school year, I am filled with deep gratitude for the dedication, partnership, and unwavering support that define our Hamilton Heights community. This year has been marked by meaningful growth, memorable achievements, and countless moments that reflect the heart of who we are as a district – committed to nurturing, challenging, and celebrating every student.



Arrowood

A cherished tradition that marks the close of each school year is our annual End of Year Employee Recognition Breakfast. For three decades, this gathering has brought together past and present staff to honor service milestones, celebrate exceptional contributions, and pay tribute to those retiring after years of devoted service.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to our 2026 retirees for their collective service to the district. Each has played a vital and valuable role in shaping the lives of count-

less students and families. Their dedication, compassion, and daily commitment to student success have left a lasting impact on our schools. We wish each of them the very best as they begin this next chapter.

HHHS: **Laura Towle**, English/French Teacher (38 Years of Service); **Rob Towle**, Spanish/Math Teacher (38 Years of Service); **Wendi Russell**, English Teacher (23 Years of Service); and **Kevin Sheets**, Construction Trades Teacher (4 Years of Service)

HHMS: **Kelly Stroup**, 5th Grade Teacher (38 Years of Service) and **Kellie Combs**, 6th Grade Teacher (7 Years of Service)

Food Service: **Cynthia Mead**, Café Worker (8 Years of Service)

Transportation: **Charlotte Wilson**, Bus Driver (13 Years of Service)

Sarah Julian was named the 2026 District Teacher of the Year and will represent Hamilton Heights at the Indiana Teacher of the Year competition in Indianapolis

this fall. **Charlotte Horning** has been nominated for the IDOE 2026 School Food Service Employee of the Year, a testament to her dedication and the care she brings to students each day. Congratulations! ***

The Lights Over Morse Lake Scholarship Pageant is now recruiting contestants for its 2026 program, and we are pleased to help share this opportunity with eligible young women in the Hamilton Heights, Sheridan, Noblesville, or Westfield communities. The Miss Lights Over Morse Lake Scholarship Pageant is more than a pageant; it is a leadership and scholarship experience that helps young women build confidence, strengthen communication skills, serve their community, and form lasting friendships.

Participants will also have the opportunity to represent the Lights Over Morse Lake Festival and compete for the prestigious title of Miss Indiana State Festivals. Students and families can learn more about eligibility and important dates [here](#). ***

Looking ahead to next school year, I want to remind families that Indiana

state law requires students to be up to date on their immunizations – particularly in Kindergarten, 6th grade, and 12th grade – by the 20th day of school to avoid exclusion on day 21 (Sept. 1, 2026). To make this process easier, the Hamilton County Health Department will host a back-to-school vaccination clinic at Hamilton Heights Middle School from 1 to 6 p.m. on July 29 as part of Middle School Husky Connect Day. Families can register and review important information about required vaccinations and what to expect at the clinic [here](#). Questions? Contact the HCHD at (317) 776-8500. ***

Finally, we salute the Class of 2026. You have grown, persevered, and led with purpose, and we could not be more proud of the young adults you have become. As you step into your next chapter, may you carry forward the confidence to pursue your goals, the courage to embrace new opportunities, and the determination to make a difference wherever life leads you. Thank you for allowing Heights to be part of your journey. **#WeAreHuskies**

Duke Energy Foundation strengthens workforce development in Hamilton County

The REPORTER

The Ivy Tech Hamilton County campus received a \$35,000 grant from the Duke Energy Foundation to expand workforce training programs that prepare students for high-demand careers critical to the county.

The award, granted in May 2025, supported instruction and student success initiatives within the campus' skilled trades programs, including Welding Technology, Industrial Technology, Construction Technology, and Building and Property Maintenance.

"This investment reflects Duke Energy's commitment to the future of Hamilton County," said Dr. Christina Collins, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Career Link at Ivy Tech. "When local companies invest in education, they invest in their own workforce. Partnerships like this ensure our students are prepared to step into critical roles that keep our economy moving."

As Hamilton County continues to grow, so does the demand for skilled workers in energy, infrastructure, and advanced trades. Employer investment in education plays a critical role in closing skills gaps and ensuring businesses have access to qualified talent. Grants like this one strengthen the connection between classroom learning and real-world workforce needs, creating a sustain-

able pipeline of job-ready graduates.

The long-term impact includes increased enrollment and completion in energy-related trades programs, expanded career readiness initiatives, and a stronger regional workforce prepared to meet evolving infrastructure and technology demands. Local employers benefit from a steady stream of highly trained graduates ready to contribute on day one, while students gain access to stable, well-paying careers that support long-term financial mobility.

"At Duke Energy, we understand that meeting workforce demand requires proactive partnership," said Mark LaBarr, Government and Community Relations Manager at Duke Energy. "By supporting Ivy Tech Hamilton County, we are helping build a strong pipeline of skilled professionals who will power our local industries for years to come. Education and industry must work hand in hand to sustain economic growth."

Through partnerships with community-minded companies like Duke Energy, Ivy Tech Hamilton County continues to lead in workforce development, ensuring the county's economic momentum is supported by a highly skilled and locally trained workforce.

For more information about workforce programs at Ivy Tech Hamilton County, visit ivytech.edu/hamco.



Collins



LaBarr

Indiana Right to Life issues statement on Rokita's request to address abortion drug's effect on public water supply

Submitted

Indiana Right to Life President and Chief Executive Officer Mike Fichter issued the following statement on Wednesday, June 10, regarding the Indiana Attorney General's request for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to address abortion drugs in the public water supply.

"Water contamination

affects everyone, regardless of where someone is on abortion issues. This is a question the EPA needs to address, and we simply can't let the politics of



abortion get in the way.

"We particularly need to know the impact this is having on women and unborn babies. If the concentration in a water sup-

ply like Marion County's is high enough, what risks are women taking from drinking a glass of water?"

"The main threat is from the illegal mailing of abortion pills into our state, all of which will eventually impact water supplies. And if abortion drugs are contaminating water supplies at the level we suspect, it needs to be stopped."

Stony Creek

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Classic rock fans fill Cool Creek Park for Woomblies Rock Orchestra

Submitted by Hamilton County Parks & Rec

Record-breaking crowd gathered at Cool Creek Park Friday night as Woomblies Rock Orchestra brought an evening of classic rock favorites to the Cool Creek Summer Concert Series.

Guests arrived early to claim their spots on the lawn, enjoying beautiful weather, food vendors, and time with family and friends before the music began. Once on stage, Woomblies Rock Orchestra delivered a high-energy performance that had audience members singing along from the first song to the last.

Known throughout central Indiana for their talented musicians and wide-ranging setlists, the band played a variety of classic rock hits that appealed to multiple generations. Concertgoers danced, sang, and enjoyed a summer evening filled with familiar songs and great entertainment.

The concert continued a long-standing tradition

of bringing the community together through live music in one of Hamilton County's most scenic park settings. Whether attending for the music, the atmosphere, or simply a night outdoors, guests enjoyed a memorable evening at Cool Creek Park.

The 2026 Cool Creek Summer Concert Series continues throughout the summer. Tickets are \$5 for adults, and children 12 and under are free. Gates open at 6 p.m. and music begins at 7 p.m. For tickets and concert information, visit myhamiltoncountyparks.com.

Hamilton County Parks and Recreation thanks its generous sponsors for making this summer's concert series possible: Grand Appliance, Hamilton County Tourism, Butler Fairman & Seufert (BF&S), IU Health, Etica Group, Envoy, Community First Bank of Indiana, Fredericks, Lowe's, the Coxhall Guild, Academy Sports + Outdoors, and Renewal by Andersen.



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OneZone Chamber named 2026 Indiana Chamber of the Year

Submitted

OneZone Chamber has been named the 2026 Indiana Chamber of the Year by the Indiana Chamber Executives Association (ICEA), the highest honor awarded annually to a chamber of commerce in Indiana.

In addition to receiving the Chamber of the Year designation, OneZone Chamber celebrated two additional statewide achievements during the ICEA Annual Conference. Cheryl Robinson, Chief Operating Officer of OneZone Chamber, was named Indiana Staff Professional of the Year, recognizing her outstanding leadership, commitment to chamber excellence, and lasting impact on the organization and business community. OneZone Chamber was also recognized with nine Innovative Excellence Awards, highlighting the chamber's creativity, effectiveness, and commitment to delivering exceptional programs and services for its members.

The Indiana Chamber Executive Association's Chamber of the Year Award recognizes excellence in chamber leadership, innovation, member engagement, advocacy, programming, organizational growth, and overall impact on the business community. Applications are evaluated by an independent panel of chamber professionals from outside



Photo provided

OneZone Chamber President and CEO Jack Russell (center) said the recognition belongs to the entire team, the board, investors, volunteers, and staff. Cheryl Robinson (third from left), OneZone COO, was honored with Indiana Staff Professional of the Year.

Indiana.

Serving more than 1,200 businesses and organizations throughout Hamilton County, OneZone Chamber has experienced significant growth and impact in recent years. The organization continues to advance business success through advocacy, leadership development, strategic partnerships, workforce initiatives, and innovative programming that strengthens the regional economy and quality of life.

"We are incredibly honored to be named Indiana Chamber of the Year," said Jack Russell, President & CEO of OneZone Chamber. "This recognition belongs

to our investors, volunteers, board of directors, and dedicated staff who work every day to strengthen the business community throughout Hamilton County. We are proud of what we've accomplished together and excited about the opportunities ahead as we continue advancing business and strengthening community."

Russell added, "Receiving this award is a reflection of the momentum we've built over the past several years. OneZone has focused on delivering value, fostering collaboration, and creating meaningful opportunities for businesses of all sizes. We're grateful for the

trust our members place in us and proud to represent Hamilton County on a statewide stage."

The recognition marks a historic milestone for OneZone Chamber and reflects the organization's continued commitment to serving as a catalyst for business growth and community advancement. The Chamber's success is driven by strong partnerships with local businesses, community leaders, elected officials, educational institutions, and nonprofit organizations working together to ensure Hamilton County remains one of the best places in Indiana to live, work, and do business.

GOP Chair is incorrect to cite race as reason for Secretary of State challenge

When I was in my early twenties, I heard a speech by a politician running for higher office. This gentleman had a lot of energy and spoke of ideas as opposed to grievances. I found him inspiring and wanted to learn more. I came from a long line of Irish Catholic Democrats and always thought that's what I was supposed to be.

There was one problem: the gentleman that inspired me was a Republican.

At that point I decided to do more research. I looked at the platforms of both candidates. One spoke of ideas for preserving liberty, judging people as individuals as opposed to members of group, free enterprise, preserving a system where up-



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ward mobility can be achieved, etc.

The other candidate spoke of millionaires having too much, one race being better or worse than another as opposed to judging people as individuals, more government intervention, etc.

Then I decided to look at both national party platforms and read a lot of the same thing. That is one of the first things that led me to break family tradition and go towards the Republican Party.

I think about what led me here a lot as I see young men and women coming into the party who are just as bright-eyed and excited as I was. These ideas and core tenets are what inspire them to give

so much time and energy just like I did. These ideas and core tenets are what keep me involved despite so many ups and downs over the past 20 years.

When the other party does the opposite of these ideas and core tenets, it serves to remind us who we are. When they call for federal control, we remember that limited government matters. When they open the borders, we remember our core tenet of rule of law. When they constantly invoke race when they can't debate on merits, we remember that we are the party that judge people as individuals as opposed to members of a group.

We always have the opposition to help remind us.

Recently I heard a podcast interview with the Hamilton County Republi-

can Chair. In it, he blamed race for the reason Indiana Secretary of State Diego Morales is being challenged in the Convention. He said this despite all the issues and scandals coming from the Secretary of State's office over the past four years.

Invoking race in this instance because his ally was in trouble sounded a lot like what we hear from the left on a regular basis.

What happens when one of our own violates these core tenets? In the case of elected officials, we rely on the primary process to settle these disputes. What happens when a party leader violates these core tenets in an election year – when you have a party leader who invokes race into a discussion against members of his party

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Indiana Trial Lawyers Association to present 'Winning Truck Wreck Cases' seminar in Noblesville

Submitted

On Aug. 10, attorneys, paralegals, members of the Indiana Trial Lawyers Association (ITLA) and other legal professionals from Indiana and beyond will gather in Noblesville for the third annual "Winning Truck Wreck Cases" seminar.

Those who wish to attend must [register online](#) prior to the seminar. The event will take place at the Embassy Suites Noblesville Indianapolis Conference Center from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The seminar will highlight an array of topics pertaining to truck wreck cases, including the opportunity to get an up-close look at two semi-trucks and an ethics panel featuring four of the attorney speakers. Attendees can expect to obtain six CLE credits and one Ethics CLE credit. This seminar is a great opportunity to see nationally recognized speakers, including several attorneys with NBTA board-certification, without needing to travel outside of Indiana.

This year's speakers are:

- Maxey Scherr, Scherr Law Firm
- Zach Cahalan, Truck Safety Coalition
- Gary McMinoway, Expert Heavy Truck Mechanic
- Cedar Abadie, Iron Resolution Services
- David Fletcher, MD, MPH, SafeWorks Illinois
- Michael Cowen, Cowen Rodriguez Peacock, P.C.
- David W. Craig, Craig,



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Kelley & Faultless

- Scott A. Faultless, Craig, Kelley & Faultless

Once again, the conference will be co-chaired by David W. Craig and Scott A. Faultless, two co-founders of Craig, Kelley & Faultless and board-certified in truck accident law by the National Board of Trial Advocacy (NBTA).

Craig and Faultless are both on the Board of Regents of the Academy of Truck Accident Attorneys (ATAA) and have been honored in the past several editions of The Best Lawyers in America®. Attorneys Scherr and Cowen have also received NBTA Board-Certification. Cowen currently serves as the Chair of the ATAA, and Scherr serves as the President-Elect of the ATAA Executive Board while also sitting on the Board of Regents. Abadie has vast experience with all kinds of truck cases, focusing on mediation

practice as a neutral. She even obtained her CDL permit and did on-road training behind the wheel of a sleeper with a 53-foot trailer, providing her with deep expertise of the trucking industry as a whole.

Cahalan, McMinoway, and Fletcher will share their knowledge of the trucking industry from a safety perspective. Cahalan is the Executive Director of the Truck Safety Coalition, working as an advocate for those injured or killed in big truck wrecks. McMinoway is the co-owner of GL Mechanical LLC, which specializes in forensic inspections of trucks and automobiles, and has worked as a truck technician since 1970. Dr. Fletcher has performed over 20,000 DOT commercial driver examinations since 1986 and has provided his expert opinion on driver medical fitness for more than 75 cases across

the United States.

Speakers will cover topics like medical fitness to operate a heavy truck, visibility issues while driving, the push for changes in truck safety, mediation issues, and more. Attendees will have the chance to closely observe two semi-trucks. The seminar will close with an ethics panel, where the speakers will deal with ethical issues that arise in the truck wreck case.

As sponsors of the seminar, Craig, Kelley & Faultless hope to bring industry leaders in the truck wreck arena together to share information and their knowledge about truck wreck cases, working closely with ITLA to bring together a top educational program. Many lawyers currently handle heavy truck cases or will in the future; this seminar equips legal professionals with the information to properly prepare for these cases.

Community News

Quilt Connection Guild invites you to 'Chain of Quilts' show

The Quilt Connection Guild will host "A Chain of Quilts" show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, July 24, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 25 at Calvary Lutheran Church, 6111 Shelby St., Indianapolis.

There will be quilt demonstrations both days, along with quilts on display, handmade goods, quilt vendors appetizing refreshments, and fun.

Admission is \$8.

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!

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because things aren't going his way? What impact could this have?

Obviously, those young volunteers will not be as enthusiastic to knock on all those doors and make calls when the person asking them to volunteer doesn't even follow the principles they were led to believe the party stood for.

What about the voters who were led to believe the party stood for these principles? Will they question the parties' principles when they decide to go out and vote? Will they bother to show up in November, or

will they just go ahead and vote for a Democrat since they know the name and the Republicans no longer represent them anyway?

This is the type of ripple effect we could face when a party leader publicly violates one of our core tenets.

Our principles matter! The core tenets of our party matter! We expect our party leaders to follow them and not publicly invoke the race card against other Republicans because things aren't going their way.

This is not who we are as Republicans. We expect and deserve better!



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One day only: free ice cream coupon at Kroger

Submitted

The Kroger Co. is restoring iconic tastes of summer to the frozen aisle with Kroger Brand's flavor-packed, limited-time All-American Ice Cream Collection.

Now on shelves, the crave-worthy collection delivers the unmistakable tastes and traditions that define summer across the country – one creamy spoonful at a time. To celebrate, Kroger is bringing back its long-awaited free summer solstice pint offer on Friday, June 19 for the sweetest deal of the season.

"Summer is all about bringing people together to create memories that last a lifetime, and we're excited to capture that fun and nostalgia through our new All-American Ice Cream Collection," said Ann Reed, Group Vice President of Our Brands at Kroger. "We've loved seeing customers come back year after year for their free pints and now, we're going bigger than ever by giving away 100,000 pints."

From making a road trip diner stop for cherry pie to

sharing a banana split after a day in the sun, each flavor is inspired by the traditions and tastes that define an American summer:

- **Seventh Inning Swirl:** Caramel popcorn flavored ice cream with praline peanuts and caramel swirls.

- **Sweet As Cherry Pie:** Cherry pie flavored ice cream with tart cherry swirls and pie pieces.

- **Banana Split Social:** Strawberry banana ice cream with pineapple chunks and chocolate swirls.

The All-American Ice Cream Collection flavors are timeless, but the pints are limited, so be sure to stock up while supplies last.

Ahead of summer solstice on June 21, customers can grab a free pint to enjoy on the longest day of the year by visiting FreeKrogerIceCream.com to download their limited-time, single-use digital coupon, available exclusively on Friday, June 19, starting at noon, while supplies last.

Customers can redeem the coupon to try one of the new All-American flavors



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or a classic Kroger Brand ice cream pint, such as **Kroger® Cookies 'N Cream Ice Cream** or **Kroger® Rocky Road Ice Cream**. The coupon is redeemable at many **Kroger Family of Stores** locations from Friday, June 19 through Friday, July 3.*

Customers who aren't able to snag this deal can still save \$1 on any two pints of Kroger Brand ice cream for redemption through Friday, July 3.** Make the savings even sweeter with fuel savings all summer long, including 4X Fuel Points on

frozen food from June 10 to 16 and 4X Fuel Points each Friday through June 26.***

*Free ice cream pint promotion is valid in all U.S. states except CA, CO, LA, TN, NV and valid in all Kroger Family of Stores locations except QFC.

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Local housing market sees increase in home sales

The REPORTER

As the summer home-buying season gets underway, the central Indiana housing market continued to show healthy activity in May, marked by rising pending sales, increased inventory, and stable home prices, according to F.C. Tucker Company, part of the Howard Hanna family of companies.

The Noblesville and Hamilton County market saw the following changes in May 2026:

- **Noblesville**
• Closed home sales increased 18.8 percent compared to May 2025, with 18 additional homes leaving the market.
- The median home sale price was \$425,000, increas-

ing by 2.9 percent compared to this time last year.

- Homes remained on the market four days longer than in May 2025, selling in 13 days.

- **Hamilton County**
• Pending home sales increased 13.4 percent year-over-year.

- Available housing inventory increased by 1.7 percent

- The median home sale price was \$464,000, a 0.5 percent increase compared to this time last year and the highest year-to-date median home sale price in central Indiana.

- Homes in Hamilton County spent two more days on the market than this time last year, selling in nine days.

Horizon Bank announces Susan Hargrove as Hamilton County market president

Submitted

Robert Avery, Regional President – Central Indiana, announces the promotion of Susan Hargrove to Market President – Hamilton County.

Since joining Horizon Bank in 2013, Hargrove has steadily advanced through a series of leadership roles, including Business Banker, Commercial Loan Officer, Senior Commercial Loan Officer, and most recently, Group Manager. With more than 20 years of banking experience, she brings a strong track record of performance, team leadership, and community engagement to her new position.

"Susan's leadership, industry expertise, and commitment to our clients and communities make her an excellent fit for this role," Avery said. "We are

excited to see her continue to grow and strengthen our presence in Hamilton County."

As Market President, Hargrove will focus on expanding Horizon's footprint throughout Hamilton County and the northeastern suburbs, while continuing to build strong client relationships and support local economic growth.

In addition to her professional accomplishments, Hargrove is deeply involved in the community. She previously served as President of the Indianapolis chapter of IndyCREW and currently serves as a board member for the Indiana University Kelley School of Business Real Estate Advisory Board.

More information on Horizon is available at horizonbank.com and investor@horizonbank.com.



Hargrove

Proposals sought for New Works arts commission project

The REPORTER

Indiana-based artists are invited to submit proposals for New Works, an annual commission program now in its sixth season at Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel.

New Works is an initiative to promote and sustain local artists and arts communities by supporting the creation of new works in various disciplines. A panel of judges will select one winner in the visual arts and three winners in the performing arts, which can include music, dance, theater, and other fields.

The winning proposals will receive \$2,500 each to create and premiere the works during a livestreamed public event on June 5, 2027, at Allied Solutions Center's Tarkington theater. The winning visual arts piece, which can be two- or three-dimensional, will be displayed for one year in the main lobby of the Payne & Mencias Palladium concert hall.

The theme of any proposed work must align with one or more of Allied Solutions Center's organizational Core Values: excellence, innovation, integrity, collaboration, and inclusion. The work cannot have been created prior to September 2026 and must not be performed publicly prior to the June 2027 premiere. Artists of all backgrounds are encouraged to apply. There is no application fee.

The submission deadline is 11:59 p.m. Sept. 4, 2026. Further details and application instructions are available at TheCenterPresents.org/NewWorks. Questions can be emailed to NewWorks@TheCenterPresents.org. Awards will be announced in February 2027.

The 2025-2026 New



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Incorporating dance, video and audio, *Edges of Insanity* by Indianapolis choreographer Justin David Sears was among the winning projects from the latest round of New Works arts commissions awarded by Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts. The 2026 New Works Premiere Performances took place May 30 at the Tarkington theater.

Works commissions were awarded to musician-composer Mina Keohane, musician-composer Brandon Meeks, dancer-choreographer Saki Morimoto, choreographer Justin David Sears and painter Kyle Ragsdale. Video of the May 30 premiere event at the Tarkington is viewable on the Center's YouTube channel.

New Works is supported by the Allen Whitehill Clowes Charitable Foundation.

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“On the eighth day hold a closing special assembly and do no regular work. Present as an aroma pleasing to the Lord a food offering consisting of a burnt offering of one bull, one ram and seven male lambs a year old, all without defect. With the bull, the ram and the lambs, offer their grain offerings and drink offerings according to the number specified. Include one male goat as a sin offering, in addition to the regular burnt offering with its grain offering and drink offering.

“In addition to what you vow and your freewill offerings, offer these to the Lord at your appointed festivals: your burnt offerings, grain offerings, drink offerings and fellowship offerings.”

Moses told the Israelites all that the Lord commanded him.

Numbers 29:32-40 (NIV)

AG Rokita leads charge to protect children from irreversible surgery

Submitted by Office of AG Todd Rokita

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is leading a 22-state coalition in filing an amicus brief supporting Florida's right to hold the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) accountable in state court for allegedly deceptive practices that promoted gender transitions for minors.

The coalition is urging a federal appeals court to reverse an Illinois federal district court ruling that blocked Florida from pursuing its legitimate claims under state law.

“We are continuing to fight against the evil forces that want to sacrifice our children's health, innocence, and well-being on the altar of radical gender ideology,” AG Rokita said.

“The stakes here go far beyond one state. If a federal court in Illinois can stop another state from enforcing its own laws to protect minors from irreversible and dangerous surgeries, the same thing could happen in Indiana – and I will not stand for it.”

In December 2025, Florida's attorney general sued the AAP, the Endocrine Society, and the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH), alleging that their coordinated campaign misled patients, parents, insurers, regulators, and courts about the reversibility and efficacy of pediatric sex interventions. The law-



Rokita

suit asserts violations of the Florida Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices Act and a pattern of racketeering activity under Florida's RICO statute.

The AAP responded by filing suit in federal court in Illinois, claiming First Amendment protection for its statements. The Illinois district court sided with the AAP and issued an injunction preventing Florida from proceeding in its own state courts. Florida has appealed and sought an emergency stay.

“Remarkably, a federal district court sitting in Illinois reached across the country to enjoin the Florida Attorney General from prosecuting an action in Flori-

da,” AG Rokita wrote in the brief. “The district court's decision defies settled doctrine and federalism principles alike. Left unchecked, its logic could displace state courts from their proper role in resolving state-court actions based on state law in a wide variety of disputes.”

The amicus brief – led by Indiana and joined by the Arizona legislature in addition to the 21 other states – is linked [here](#).

In 2023, the Indiana General Assembly passed Senate Enrolled Act 480, a strong law banning gender transition procedures on minors. AG Rokita aggressively defended that law in court against activist challenges, helping secure victories that kept these dangerous interventions illegal in the Hoosier State.

Meeting Notices

The Noblesville Firefighter Merit Commission meeting scheduled 4 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, 2026, has been canceled. A list of each appointed officer's name, their appointing authority, and term dates is available at noblesville.in.gov/447/Boards-Commissions.

The Noblesville Economic Development Council Committee meeting scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 17, 2026, has been canceled.

A list of each appointed officer's name, their appointing authority, and term dates is available at noblesville.in.gov/447/Boards-Commissions.

The Noblesville Audit Committee will meet at 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 23, 2026, in Room A214 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.

The Hamilton Heights School Corporation Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, 2026, in the Board Room at the Hamilton Heights Student Activity Center, 420 W. North St., Arcadia.

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Sen. Banks introduces SAFE for Kids Act

Submitted by Office of U.S. Senator Jim Banks

On Wednesday, June 10, U.S. Senator Jim Banks (R-Ind.) introduced the Safety and Age Filtering Enforcement (SAFE) for Kids Act. This legislation requires commercial pornography websites to implement age verification measures to prevent minors from accessing sexually explicit content online.

“Kids should not be exposed to pornography with just a few clicks,” Sen. Bank said. “The SAFE for Kids Act helps parents pro-

tect their children and bring commonsense safeguards nationwide.”

The SAFE for Kids Act is supported by a broad coalition of organizations and advocates, including American Principles Project, Heritage Action, Clare Morrell and Chloe Lawrence of the Ethics and Public Policy Center, Institute for Family Studies, National Decency Coalition, Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission



Banks

and Concerned Women for America.

Key provisions of the SAFE for Kids Act

- Requires commercial entities that distribute material on the internet, where more than one-third of the content is sexual content harmful to minors, to implement age verification measures.
- Grants enforcement authority to the Federal Trade Commission through consumer protection law.
- Authorizes the Department of Justice to investigate platforms that knowingly violate the law.
- Creates a private right of action allowing individ-

uals, including parents and legal guardians, to bring civil actions against covered entities that violate the act.

Background

Research has shown that children are encountering pornography at increasingly young age, with the average first exposure occurring around age 12 and 60 percent of exposures occurring unintentionally. More than 25 states have enacted age verification requirements for pornography websites, and the Supreme Court upheld these laws in *Free Speech Coalition v. Paxton*, recognizing the government's interest in protecting children from sexual material online.

[Click here](#) to read the full bill.

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Boys Golf



Reporter photos by Richie Hall

(ABOVE LEFT) The Noblesville boys golf team placed second at the Yorktown regional Thursday at The Player's Club, which qualified the Millers for next week's state meet. (ABOVE RIGHT) Hamilton Southeastern finished third at the Yorktown regional, qualifying the Royals for state.

Millers, Royals qualify for state

By **RICHIE HALL**
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YORKTOWN — The name of the postseason golf game is “Survive and Advance,” and that’s what Noblesville and Hamilton Southeastern did on Thursday.

Both the Millers and the Royals finished in the top three at the Yorktown regional, which took place at The Player’s Club. Noblesville placed second with a score of 296, followed by Southeastern with 297.

Pendleton Heights won the regional championship,

scoring 294 for the Arabians’ first-ever regional title, as well as the first regional crown for any Madison County school since Anderson won in 1996. All three schools are headed to the IHSAA state finals, which begin Tuesday at Prairie View Golf Club in Carmel.

The Millers used their depth and consistency to secure their ticket to state. Jackson Mahan was Noblesville’s low man, finishing with a one-under par 71 that tied him for fourth individually.

Tyler Marucci scored 73, followed by Dustin

Turpin with 74. JT Kelley’s 79 and Luke Decker’s 84 rounded out the Millers’ scoring. Noblesville advanced to state for the fifth straight year and the 27th time in program history.

“We played very well to start and we struggled a little bit coming down the stretch,” said Millers coach Gary Deakyne. “We got a few things we’re going to clean up before next Tuesday and Wednesday and play well to survive and advance. That’s what we always say, get through, and once you’re through, you never know what can happen.”

Mahan agreed that the team played well enough to advance.

“I think we all did,” he said. “A couple guys were a little disappointed with how they played, but we all played good enough just to get through.”

“Jackson’s really starting to play well, Turp’s bringing it on and my younger guys are playing well as well,” said Deakyne. “And T-Mar is always there. Marucci, he’s a staple that you can always count on. We feel good going into next week.”

Southeastern also put together a consistent effort,

with all five of its golfers scoring lower than 80. Brody Colburn led the Royals with 73, while Mattingly Upchurch and Dane Starnes both scored 74. Zach Kinzer totaled 77 and Blake Babb scored 79.

“Super proud of the guys,” said HSE coach David Young. “I think about Zach, who took a 10 on his fifth hole of the day and was able to play three under everything after that as a freshman. That’s just so great for him to be able to bounce back and not let that define his round.”

Young also praised

Colburn, crediting him with being able to “come through and lock it up and keep the score where we needed it to be.”

The Royals advanced to state for the eighth consecutive year and the 16th time overall.

“We are perennial contenders there and if we just keep our heads and make really good decisions on the golf course, it can be anybody’s tournament,” said Young.

Fishers had two individuals compete at the regional. Evan Back scored 78 and Kaiden Sullivan scored 85.

Boys Golf

Guerin Catholic, Carmel, Westfield playing at Coyote Crossing today

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Five of the six boys golf regionals were played on Thursday, with one more to be contested today.

The Harrison regional begins at 9 a.m. at Coyote Crossing Golf Club in Lafayette. Carmel, Guerin Catholic and defending state champion Westfield will be playing there and be in the hunt for a top-three place that will send them to the IHSAA state finals.

Those three teams monopolized the top three positions at the Westfield sectional Monday at Ulen Country Club. The Golden Eagles scored 284, followed by the Greyhounds with 287 and the Shamrocks with 289.

Zionsville finished fourth as a team with 298 but had the meet medalist. Max Steiner led the way with a three under par 67. Carmel’s Noah Johnson and Guerin Catholic’s Eli Wessel both scored two-under par 68s, while the Shamrocks’ Hudson Kutchna finished at even-par 70.

Here’s a list of all regional team qualifiers that are playing at Coyote Crossing today.

LAFAYETTE JEFFERSON (Battle Ground Golf Course)

Advancing teams: Harrison 304, McCutcheon 305, Lafayette Central Catholic 328.

Medalist: Phillip Ferg-er, McCutcheon 72.

WESTFIELD (Ulen Country Club)

Advancing teams: Guerin Catholic 284, Carmel 287, Westfield 289.

Medalist: Max Steiner, Zionsville 67.

ATTICA (Harrison Hills Golf Club)

Advancing teams: Tri-West 327, Parke Heritage 338, Crawfordsville 342.

Medalist: Caden Murphy, Tri-West 76.

DECATUR CENTRAL (Winding River Golf Club)

Advancing teams: Brebeuf Jesuit 300, Covenant Christian 317, Speedway 320 (advanced on fifth man score)

Medalist: Edson Arm- brestre, Pike 72.

MARTINSVILLE (Foxcliff Golf Course)

Advancing teams: Plainfield 303, Brownsburg 306, Greencastle 323.

Medalist: Thomas Bar- icht, Brownsburg 72 (won in playoff).

Soccer

Indy Eleven Pro Academy team wins national championship

By **RICHIE HALL**
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It takes a special group of athletes to win a national championship in any sport.

Kevin Lawrence found that special group: the Indy Eleven Pro Academy 2013 Boys. Lawrence coached that team to a national championship victory in the U13 MLS Next Cup Premier Division, which took place May 28 to 31 in Salt Lake City.

The Indy Eleven Pro Academy team won five games over four days in a 32-team knockout tournament. There were no easy contests: Two of those games went to penalty kicks and the championship game was a hard-fought battle over Chula Vista (Calif.) that IEPA won 2-1.

Lawrence said the IEPA team played “extremely



Photo provided

The Indy Eleven Pro Academy 2013 Boys team won the MLS NEXT Cup U13 Premier Division national championship. The tournament took place on May 28 to 31 in Salt Lake City.

well,” and were a “very resolute, very disciplined” team.

“As in any knockout tournament, you have to overcome some adversity,

some hurdles,” said Lawrence. “It’s an extremely resilient group.”

Lawrence said the mental strength and resilience of the IEPA U13 players “is

pretty rare for these ages. I’ve been doing this for 21 years and this is a unique group.”

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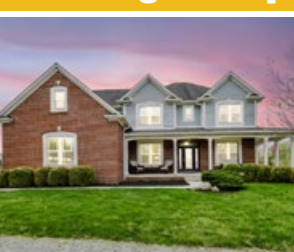
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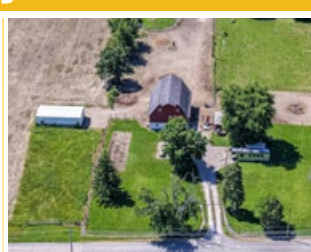
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Baseball

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Golden Eagles, Blazers head to semi-state

The IEPA team won its first-round game 3-1 over FC Golden State, then edged out the Atlanta-based Southern Swarm in a 6-5 shootout after playing to a 3-3 tie in regulation. Games consisted of two 30-minute halves; if teams were tied at the end of regulation, they went straight to penalty kicks.

Next up was RSL Arizona in the quarterfinals, and IEPA won that one 3-1. In the semifinals, IEPA got past Charlotte Independence in another penalty-kick shootout 4-2 to earn a place in the final. The IEPA squad scored with under two minutes left to tie the game 1-1.

Lawrence said the Indy Eleven team took a "we above me" mindset for the tournament.

"They all bought in, just did what was asked for that playoff run and did tremendously," said the coach.

The IEPA team qualified through their performance in the MLS Next League's Midwest Division. Indy Eleven finished fifth in the conference and received a "Premier Qualification."

The U13 team was assembled last summer and began playing in the fall.

"A lot of the kids have come up together," said Craig Czubik, the father of Camden Czubik, one of the players on the team. "They've played with each other the last four or five years. This is the highest level for soccer in the U.S."

Lawrence called the players "very aspirational kids," saying that their "mindset is what differentiates them from the hundreds or thousands of kids out there."

"You've got a core that was there the previous year and we sprinkled some new guys in there again," said Lawrence. "The chemistry is quite good. They're willing to push each other. You don't have bad attitudes, or selfish or prima donna players."

The U13 team's victory also made history for the Indy Eleven Pro Academy as well. Lawrence said it's the biggest championship the academy has ever won.

"In soccer, it's a big deal," said the coach.

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Two Hamilton County baseball teams will be among the 32 squads vying for a place in the IHSAA baseball state finals on Saturday, as the semi-state round takes place that day.

Guerin Catholic will make the long trip south to Jasper's Ruxer Field to compete in the Class 3A south semi-state. University has a much shorter trip: just across town to Lawrence Central to play in the 2A south semi-state.

The Golden Eagles play Providence in their first game, with first pitch set for 11 a.m. Providence is located in Clarksville and is playing in 3A due to the success factor. The Pioneers won a 2A state title in 2024 and claimed a regional title last year, giving them enough points to move up.

Providence is 23-5 for the season and has not yet been challenged in the postseason. The Pioneers won their sectional by beating North Harrison 10-0 and Charlestown 4-0, then cruised past Batesville 9-4 for its third consecutive regional crown and 10th overall.

Senior Lucas Mauk is Providence's top hitter with a .477 batting average. Mauk leads the team in hits (42) and runs scored (34). Senior Gavin Jackson has batted in the most runs with 31; he and junior Zach Medlock each have six home runs.

Jackson is also the Pioneers' top pitcher with an 8-0 record and a 0.70 earned run average. Jackson has tossed 59 strikeouts this season.

Guerin Catholic is 25-3-1. The Golden Eagles



Mike Navarro / File photo

Guerin Catholic's Ian Taylor is the Golden Eagles' leading hitter with a .434 batting average.

cruised through the Crawfordsville sectional, beating Danville 7-0 and Frankfort 9-3 before getting past Brebeuf Jesuit 1-0 in the championship game. Guer-in Catholic took care of Northview 4-1 to defend its regional title.

Senior Ian Taylor is batting .434 for the Golden Eagles, with a team-leading 42 runs scored and 9 homers, along with 34 RBIs. Junior Carson Kail is next with a .414 average. Junior Ben Canada has hit 16 doubles, while senior Karson Smith leads the RBI list with 41.

Senior Tate Troxell is unbeaten on the mound at 7-0. He holds a 1.43 ERA and has struck out 79 batters

in 44 innings.

University vs. Mater Dei

University will take on Evansville Mater Dei in an 11 a.m. semifinal.

The Wildcats are 27-3 and have been untroubled through the postseason. Mater Dei breezed to a sectional title with wins over Pike Central 10-0, Forest Park 9-6 and North Posey 11-1. The Wildcats beat Salem 6-1 for the regional crown, their second consecutive and 11th overall.

Stats for Mater Dei are not available.

The Trailblazers are 21-10. After edging out host Park Tudor 4-3 in the sectional semifinals, University

sailed past Monrovia 13-1 for the championship. The Blazers took care of Greencastle 13-5 to win their second straight regional and fifth overall.

Senior Beckett Suh leads a big-hitting University team with a .554 average, 56 hits, 49 RBIs and 7 home runs. Junior Oliver Kingery and senior Ryan Castetter are tied for the top of the runs-scored list with 43 each. Both hit over .400 as well, with Kingery at .447 and Castetter at .437.

Senior Caleb Stocker is 6-1 on the mound; he holds a 3.24 ERA and has struck out 40 batters. Senior Cooper Cammack has 36 strikeouts for the season.

Here is a list of players in the Indy Eleven Pro Academy's U13 championship team:

Wyatt Burkett, Noblesville
Simon Bush, Carmel
Trey Cady, Danville
Oliver Chirico, Carmel
Connor Ciampa, Whiteland
Camden Czubik, Westfield
Elias Delafield, Carmel
Gavin Delgado, Plainfield
Archer Diehls, Lafayette
Seth Eckert, Carmel
McKinley Jones IV, Indianapolis
Joe Keating, Indianapolis
Christopher Leiva, Indianapolis
Chance Medina, Goshen
Orion Oaks, Noblesville
Lincoln Ring, Carmel
Jayden Serrano, Indianapolis
Sebastian Valdes-Pena, Camby
Miles Wagner, Westfield

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Girls Golf

Fujisawa Keuling, Camp in contention for Girls State Junior title

The REPORTER

Two soon-to-be sophomores are one stroke off the lead after second-round play at the Girls State Junior Championship, which finishes today at the Country Club of Terre Haute.

Carmel's Maya Fujisawa Keuling rose from sixth place to a tie for second place after scoring one under par 71 during Thurs-

day's second round. Fujisawa Keuling made three birdies on Thursday and has five for the tournament.

Westfield's Farrah Camp scored 76 to hold steady in the second-place tie. Camp drained two birdies for her second round and has made four for the event.

Finley Baker of Leesburg also has a two-day score of 147, making it a three-way tie for second place. The leader is Rowan Pies of Guilford with 146.

Recent Westfield graduate Kelsey Haverluck is tied for fifth with 149. Two local golfers moved into the top 10: McCordsville's Ressie

Lemmon and Noblesville's Olivia Fowler both scored 75s, putting them in a three-way tie for ninth place with Zionsville's Olivia Patton. All three golfers have overall scores of 153.

The 54-hole tournament concludes today. Here is a list of local golfers and their scores are the second day of the event.

T2. Maya Fujisawa Keuling, Carmel 76-71=147; Farrah Camp, Westfield 71-76=147, T5. Kelsey Haverluck, Westfield 74-75=149, T9. Ressie Lemmon, McCordsville 78-75=153; Olivia Fowler, Noblesville 78-75=153, 14. Lauren Turpin, Noblesville 80-78=158, 15. Sophie Roberts,

Fishers 81-78=159, T16. Taylor Morrison, Atlanta 84-76=160; Taylor Ross, Noblesville 83-77=160, T24. Isabella Stanley, Fishers 86-77=163, T29. Maya Cieply, Fishers 82-83=165; Ali Scott, Carmel 82-83=165, T31. Sophie Raines, Westfield 79-87=166; Kate Brown, Westfield 85-81=166, T36. Allie Thompson, Carmel 85-82=167; Olivia Manning, Westfield 83-84=167, 44. Nellie Lemmon, McCordsville 82-88=170, 45. Kendall Manion, Fishers 89-82=171, T46. Mallory Jaske, Fishers 87-85=172, T50. Laila Abriani, Westfield 87-86=173; Reese Roubush, Carmel 90-83=173, T54. Maddie Headlee, Carmel 84-90=174.

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The watch parties, to be held at Forum Credit Union Plaza, will give fans a stadium-inspired viewing experience as the United States men's national soccer team takes the field.

• Friday, June 12 | Gates open at 8 p.m., game starts at 9 p.m. (USA vs. Paraguay)

• Friday, June 19 | Gates open at 2 p.m, game starts

at 3 p.m. (USA vs. Australia)

• Thursday, June 25 | Gates open at 9 p.m., game starts at 10 p.m. (USA vs. Turkey)

Each watch party will feature giant screens broadcasting the matches, interactive fan activations, exclusive giveaways, and premium Michelob ULTRA offerings. A variety of food and beverage options will be available for purchase.

Fishers Event Center General Manager Mitch

List says the event is designed to bring the energy of the global tournament to the local community.

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AC Golf Classic VIP Night raises money for Teachers' Treasures

By **JOSH BODE**

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WISH-TV Sports Director Anthony Calhoun hosted the AC Golf Classic VIP Night Wednesday at the Black Iris Estate in Carmel for the gold sponsors of the golf classic.

The money the AC Golf Classic raises goes to Teachers' Treasures. Teachers' Treasures has a free store for teachers to go and shop for supplies that they need for their classrooms.

"It's certainly uplifting for us to know that the community is behind it, whether it be sports, or civic, or corporate," Teachers' Treasures executive director Margaret Sheehan said.

"This room will be filled with really special people who perhaps were teachers at some point in their career, their parents were teachers,

and so there's a lot of alignment with the mission and understanding that we're taking care of kids with every dollar that's raised at this event."

The gold sponsors got to hear stories from Adam Scheffer, the event's surprise celebrity guest.

The 2025 AC Golf Classic raised a record \$580,000.

"It speaks a lot to the generosity of this community and also hopefully that they are in love with an opportunity to take care of kids," Sheehan said.

The AC Golf Classic is scheduled to take place on Monday.

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'Fernando Mendoza Welcome to Las Vegas' bobblehead unveiled

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The National Bobblehead Hall of Fame and Museum has unveiled a special Fernando Mendoza Welcome to Las Vegas bobblehead featuring the No. 1 pick of the 2026 NFL Draft standing next to a bobbling version of the iconic Welcome to Las Vegas sign.

The limited edition bobblehead, which is being produced in conjunction with Fernando Mendoza, is being released following the Las Vegas Raiders' offseason minicamp, which wrapped up Thursday, June 11.

The limited-edition bobblehead features a smiling Mendoza standing next to a bobbling version of the

iconic Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas sign. The bobbleheads, which will be individually numbered, are \$45 each plus a flat-rate shipping charge of \$8 per order. The bobbleheads, which are expected to ship in November, are now available for pre-order at [this link](#).

"We're excited to unveil this unique bobblehead featuring Fernando Mendoza standing next to the iconic bobbling Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas sign welcoming the quarterback to Vegas," National Bobblehead Hall of Fame and Museum Co-Founder and CEO Phil Sklar said. "Fernando is sure to be a fan favorite



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in Las Vegas and this will be a must have for his fans including those in Vegas, his hometown of Miami, and of course Indiana fans who cheered him and the

Hoosiers on to the National Championship!"

[Click here](#) to learn more about the National Bobblehead Hall of Fame and Museum.

Cancer Care Cup celebrates 10 years of impact with Charity Golf Outing

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The Cancer Care Cup announces its 10th annual Charity Golf Outing, marking a decade of community support, generosity, and meaningful impact for oncology patients across Indiana.

The Cancer Care Cup will take place Thursday, July 30 at Eagle Creek Golf Club, 8802 W. 56th St., Indianapolis.

Since its inception, the Cancer Care Cup has raised more than \$350,000, directly assisting over 200 oncology patients in need. From 2017 to the present, support has reached patients across 41 Indiana counties, helping ease financial burdens and provide critical assistance during cancer treatment.

"This milestone year reflects the incredible generosity of our community over the past decade," organizers of the Cancer Care Cup said. "Every sponsor, golfer, and volunteer has played a role in helping us provide hope

and relief to patients and their families when they need it most."

As a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, the Cancer Care Cup ensures that 100 percent of proceeds go directly to assisting oncology patients, helping provide essential support to those facing the challenges of cancer.

A lymphoma patient shared their experience with the program:

"I received a gas card to help get me to my appointments. I have so many and have had to have fluid drawn off my lungs and a chest tube put in. I have had several hospital stays also. It would have been a real struggle without Cancer Care Cup's help. I don't know how I would have managed."

An oncology social worker added:

"You guys rock! Thank you for your continued support of our patients in need. Your help is vital."

As preparations are in full force for the 10th anniversary event, organizers are actively seeking event sponsors and golf teams to help make this year's outing the most impactful yet. Local businesses, organizations, and community members are encouraged to get involved and support this meaningful cause.

Sponsorship opportunities are available at multiple levels, offering visibility at the event along with the opportunity to directly impact local cancer patients and families.

Golf teams are also invited to register now and be part of this milestone celebration on the course.

For sponsorship or registration information, please contact Branden Voegerl or Shallon Vandervort, Cancer Care Cup Co-Chairs, at cancer-carecup@gmail.com.

Together, the community can help make the 10th annual Cancer Care Cup the most successful yet, continuing a decade-long legacy of compassion, support, and hope

for those fighting cancer. Learn more at Cancer-CareCup.com.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, June 12
GOLF
Harrison regional
Carmel, Guerin Catholic, Westfield at Coyote Crossing, 9 a.m.

Saturday, June 13
BASEBALL SEMI-STATES
At Jasper
Guerin Catholic vs. Providence, 11 a.m.
Gibson Southern vs. Cathedral, 2 p.m.
Championship, 8 p.m.
At Lawrence Central
University vs. Evansville Mater Dei, 11 a.m.
Heritage Christian vs. Sullivan, 2 p.m.
Championship, 8 p.m.

TENNIS
Individual doubles state finals at Park Tudor
Semifinals, 10 a.m.
Championship, 2 p.m.

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GOLF
State finals first round at Prairie View, 8 a.m.

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