

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2026

ARCADIA | ATLANTA | CICERO | SHERIDAN | TIPTON
 CARMEL | FISHERS | NOBLESVILLE | WESTFIELD



TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Partly sunny morning. Scattered showers and storms possible in the afternoon.
 Tonight: Showers and storms. Severe weather is expected.



HIGH: 78 LOW: 67

Carmel S.A.F.E. House is a great place for a club tour



Photo provided by Emily Pearson

On June 10, the Hamilton County Republican Women's Club toured the Carmel Fire Station S.A.F.E. House. The S.A.F.E. House offers a controlled environment where visitors of all ages can engage in realistic simulations, from house fires and ambulance rides to tornado scenarios and navigating roundabouts. These hands-on learning opportunities aim to equip individuals with the knowledge and confidence to respond effectively in emergency situations. They've had 1,400 people in 10 weeks. This would be a great event to take kids to this summer. Please check out the website and call Renee Butts with any questions at (317) 571-4245. (From left) Angela Frazier, Tina Mangos, Beth Sheller, Robin Clark, Renee Butts, Gloria Del Greco, Sue Tapp Lile, Angela Swenson, Nancy Smith, and Sandi Lyle.

Humbly Courageous is growing

Many of you may know that my writing life started with my blog titled "Humbly Courageous" that I started back in 2019.



COLUMNIST

AMY SHINNEMAN
Disability in the City

Before starting my blog, I did not have much of a connection to writing other than a personal journal. In high school and college, I enjoyed writing papers for English class, but that was about the extent of it.

I discovered a love for something new that I was not expecting. I love that at this stage of my life; I can still look forward to new endeavors that take me by surprise.

When I started Humbly Courageous, I never had any plans for it beyond the blog. Again, life took me by surprise when my husband and I started to discuss taking it further after it had become our marathon team name.

We discussed all the possibilities and ways that we could grow Humbly Courageous and turn it into a nonprofit that could be beneficial to people with disabilities.

Several months later, we officially got the paperwork for the Humbly Courageous Corporation.

We also started working on a website. That part also took me by surprise. We worked along with our website designer for months designing the website to reflect the heart of Humbly Courageous. My husband spent many weekends and evenings trying to make sure it was exactly right. I learned a lot during that process.

On our new website, humblycourageous.org, you can access my blog, this column, my accessibility review series with Hamilton County Tourism, podcast interviews, information about each marathon we have run and even a team store. A one-stop shop for everything Humbly Courageous.

We have hopes of raising enough money to be able to give someone a duo bike, like an anonymous donor did for us many years ago. We will never forget that feeling when they gave our bike to us. We were overwhelmed that someone would be that generous. We knew that one day, we would pay it forward.

Our tagline for our website is "Real stories. Running together."

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Spark!Fishers returns next week with Street Fair, Car & Art Show, parade, fireworks, 5K & more

Submitted by City of Fishers

Spark!Fishers, presented by Meijer, returns to downtown Fishers' Nickel Plate District for a multi-day celebration from Wednesday, June 24, through Saturday, June 27.

Residents and visitors are invited to join in commemorating America's semiquincentennial, marking the nation's 250th birthday with community traditions, patriotic festivities, and a shared celebration of freedom.

"Spark!Fishers showcases the energy, pride and sense of community that make Fishers such a special place to live," Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness said. "We look forward to welcoming everyone to downtown Fishers for several days of fun, tradition and celebration."

Prior to the festival on Friday and Saturday, the community is invited to kick off Spark!Fishers week at the Rotary Club of Fishers Mental Health Initiative Golf Outing on Monday,



Photo provided by City of Fishers

The City of Fishers' annual pre-July 4th multi-day festival begins Wednesday, June 24.

June 22, and the Spark!Fishers 5K and Firecracker 1-Miler for a family-friendly run/walk on Wednesday, June 24.

The celebration takes flight on Friday night with a free community concert featuring P!NK'D, the ultimate tribute

band to pop icon, P!NK, complete with aerial and lighting

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Tenderloin Tuesday returns for its biggest year yet

The REPORTER

Tenderloin Tuesday™ returns to Hamilton County from June 30 to July 28, featuring more participating restaurants than ever before. More than 60 local businesses will offer deals and discounts each Tuesday during the promotion, spanning a variety of establishments throughout Hamilton County's cities and towns.

"Tenderloin Tuesday has been a summer tradition in our community for 17 years and it just keeps getting better," Hamilton County Tourism Director of Marketing & Promotions Ashley Ledford said. "Each year, we see more restaurants, more participants and more excitement around this campaign. Tenderloin Tuesday truly is a celebration of what makes Hamilton County such a great place to eat, explore and come back to."

Sun King Brewing has also joined the 2026 campaign as the Official Beer of Tenderloin Tuesday™.

"We're excited to partner with Hamilton County Tourism as the official beer of Tenderloin Tuesday," said Clay Robinson, Sun King Brewing co-founder and CEO. "Few things are more Indiana than a hand-breaded pork tenderloin and a great local beer, making this partnership a natural fit for Sun King. It also gives us a fantastic opportunity to introduce more people to Premium Light Lager, our new easy-drinking, Indiana-brewed light beer, while supporting the local restaurants, bars and retailers that help make Hamilton County such a vibrant destination for food and drink."

Customers must have a smartphone to redeem the Tenderloin Tuesday™ offers at participating restaurants. You can go to TenderloinTuesday.com and enter your name and email address and a link to the mobile passport will be texted to you. From there, the passport can be saved to a smartphone home screen or bookmarked for easy access. When visiting



Graphic provided

a participating restaurant, customers must present their phone to a staff member to redeem the available discount.

New this year, participants are eligible to receive a commemorative magnet af-

ter completing two restaurant check-ins. After four check-ins, participants become eligible to receive the commemorative T-shirt, while supplies last.

For more information, visit TenderloinTuesday.com.

Ogden named Tipton fire chief

Submitted by City of Tipton

The City of Tipton has announced the appointment of Jeffrey Ogden as the next Fire Chief of the Tipton Fire Department.

Ogden's appointment reflects his proven leadership within the department and a forward-looking vision for the future of fire and emergency services in Tipton and the surrounding county. Throughout his service with the Tipton Fire Department, he has demonstrated a sustained commitment to advancing the department's role as a provider of county-wide Advanced Life Support (ALS) services, working to ensure that residents across the county have access to high-quality, timely emergency care.

"Jeffrey has shown a clear ability to think strategically and navigate the complex challenges facing today's fire service," Mayor Kegan Schmicker said. "His collaborative approach and dedication to this community make him well-prepared to lead the Tipton Fire Department forward."

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Ogden



Schmicker

SPARK!

effects, followed by the return of the Spark!Fishers drone show to cap off the night. The excitement returns Saturday afternoon at the Spark!Fishers Street Fair, featuring a new designated Kids Zone equipped with a petting zoo and life-sized building blocks, the beloved Car and Art Show, a special edition of Thrift-a-Thon, live music and entertainment, patriotic activities, local vendors, and more than 60 food and drink options. The excitement carries on with the annual Spark!Fishers Parade through downtown Fishers and the Nickel Plate District, leading up to the grand fireworks finale later that evening.

“Spark!Fishers offers something for everyone, from our reimagined Kids Zone, integrated Car & Art Show and seven unique entertainment stages, to the return of favorite traditions like the parade, street fair, and fireworks finale” Fishers Parks Director Marissa Deckert said. “It’s exciting to see this festival evolve each year and bring our community together to celebrate summer in Fishers.”

Spark!Fishers is generously supported by its presenting sponsor, Meijer, along with partner sponsors and supporters Meyer Najem, Mashcraft Brewing, Four Day Ray and Visit Hamilton County.

Volunteers needed

Be part of the team behind one of Fishers’ biggest community celebrations. Spark!Fishers is seeking volunteers of all ages and abilities to help welcome guests, support festival activities, assist with the

parade and contribute to a safe and successful event experience. Volunteers play a vital role in bringing this beloved tradition to life and helping create lasting memories for thousands of attendees. Learn more and register to volunteer at volunteerfishers.com.

Festival lineup Start the Spark Golf Outing 2026, Presented by Rotary Club of Fishers

Monday, June 22 | Registration & Breakfast: 8 to 9:30 a.m. | Shotgun Start: 9:30 a.m. The Hawthorns Golf & Country Club

Kick off the week of Spark!Fishers by hitting the links. Support mental health awareness and access to critical resources at the Rotary Club of Fishers’ Mental Health Initiative Golf Outing. Proceeds benefit Project Hope, which provides school-based mental health support for HSE students and their families. Learn more at StigmaFreeFishers.com. Register for the [event online](http://eventonline).

5K & Firecracker 1-Miler, Presented by IU Health

Wednesday, June 24 at 7 p.m. NPD AMP

Lace up your shoes and hit the Nickel Plate Trail for the family-friendly Spark!Fishers 5K and Firecracker 1-Miler, strengthened by IU Health and hosted by Vision Event Management. Both races begin at 7 p.m., inviting runners, walkers, and families of all ages to enjoy a fun, festive evening on the trail while kicking off the holiday weekend celebration.

After you cross the finish line, celebrate at the post-race party with free beer for all participants 21 and over, inflatables, food trucks, a foam party, and more. To view the course map and register, visit RunSignUp.com/SparkFishers5K.

Friday Night Concert & Drone Show

Friday, June 26 at 8 p.m. NPD AMP | Free

Get ready for an unforgettable night of live entertainment as P!NK’D takes the stage at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater, bringing the music, energy and attitude of pop-rock superstar P!NK. Known for delivering an electrifying performance packed with chart-topping hits and crowd-favorite anthems, the band will take the stage ahead of the evening’s illuminating drone show. No tickets are required, and guests are welcome to bring chairs, blankets, food, and non-alcoholic beverages. Outside alcohol is not permitted; food and drinks will be available for purchase on-site. For details, visit SparkFishers.com.

Car & Art Show

Saturday, June 27 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. | Municipal Circle | Free

Stroll Municipal Circle and check out the Spark!Fishers Car & Art Show featuring vintage and modern cars alongside local artists and artisans curated by Fishers Arts Council. New this year, this event has been combined with the Street Fair to amplify the fun. This event is free to attend, and no tickets are required. Car owners can register their vehicles at FishersParks.com.

Street Fair

Saturday, June 27 from 4 to 10 p.m. | Nickel Plate District | Free

Soak up the summer at the Spark!Fishers Street Fair around the Municipal Complex, with fun for all ages:

Stop by the enhanced Kids Zone, featuring a dedicated space designed just for kids. Enjoy family-friendly entertainment on the Children’s Stage, meet animals at the petting zoo, explore hands-on games and activities, and build big imaginations with life-size building blocks.

Shop sustainably at

the Thrift-a-Thon, new to Spark!Fishers, shop for vintage treasures, unique finds and pre-owned items.

Enjoy delicious food, handmade goods, and demonstrations from more than 100 carefully selected food vendors.

Connect with artists from across the region while shopping unique, handcrafted pieces and one-of-a-kind creations.

Soak up the sounds of summer with live entertainment across seven stages throughout the day on Saturday, complete with main stage entertainment at the NPD AMP, Children’s Stage at the Central Green, a designated entertainment area for kids, the Monumental Stairs at 116th Street and Switch Plaza on Nickel Plate Trail, in the City Hall breezeway, and more.

Parade

Saturday, June 27 at 7 p.m. Nickel Plate District | Free

Join the hosts of The Scuttlebutt Club podcast as they emcee the annual Spark!Fishers Parade through the heart of downtown Fishers. This fun-filled community tradition features floats, marching bands and walking groups representing local organizations, businesses and civic groups. The parade route will be announced in the coming days at SparkFishers.com.

Accessibility & respite

Fishers Parks will also offer KultureCity sensory-inclusive bags and weighted lap pads for those with sensory needs during all events. Items will be available for checkout in City Hall. Assisted listening devices will also be available for live stage entertainment on the NPD AMP stage. A respite room, inclusive of mothers, prayer, and sensory needs, is available for use during the event. To locate, ask any team member or visit the front desk at City Hall. Click here to learn more.

COURAGEOUS

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Under the “What We Do” tab it reads, “we are a non-profit organization who encourages living life with humbly courage by sharing relatable stories that highlight everyday strengths and the challenges of life with a disability while seeking opportunities for growth.”

I speak on my own to various places, but one thing we would also like to do is more speaking engagements together. We had the opportunity last year to do our first speech together at CNO Financial. It was an amazing opportunity to share our story with several of their Business Resource Groups titled “Running with Resilience and Embracing the Power of Interdependence.”

Last week, I spoke with employees at Kimball Solutions. It was a fantastic conversation with some thought-provoking questions. Some of the questions were ones that I had not heard before. It was a great discussion about disabilities.

Training for the Sydney Marathon in Sydney, Australia has started. We are heading there near the end of August and there is a combination of nerves

and excitement. It is Humbly Courageous’s biggest adventure yet and will help us check off our fifth world major marathon.

If you are interested in following us on our journey to Australia and the months leading up to the marathon, you can check out my social media listed below. Each week, we do a video during our Sunday training run. We talk about disabilities, living with humble courage, and all the stuff in between.

Life often takes us by surprise. Sometimes in hard ways and sometimes in impactful and meaningful ways. I am glad to be able to share this meaningful opportunity with you.

If you would like to learn more, please visit our website at humblycourageous.org.

Until next time ...

Amy Shinneman is a former National Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, disability blogger, freelance writer, wife, and mom of two boys. She is the recipient of the Reporter’s Winter 2025 Ink-Stained Wretch award. You can find her blog at humblycourageous.org and reach her on Instagram @ashinneman.

OGDEN

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Ogden has also served in a leadership capacity within the fire union, an experience that has given him a grounded understanding of both the personnel side of the department and the broader institutional dynamics that shape how a fire service operates.

A consistent focus of Ogden’s leadership has been strengthening relationships across county-wide agencies. He recognizes that effective coordination and trust among emergency response partners directly leads to better outcomes for the communities those agencies serve.

As Fire Chief, Ogden will be responsible for lead-

ing the department’s operations, personnel, training, community engagement, and public safety priorities, with a continued emphasis on ALS service delivery and interagency collaboration.

The City of Tipton remains committed to supporting a fire department that is well-equipped, professionally led, and deeply connected to the community and county it serves. Under Ogden’s leadership, the department will continue to focus on ALS service excellence, officer development, and strengthening partnerships across Tipton County’s emergency response network.

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**RED, WHITE, & BLOOM
FARMERS MARKET**

JULY 2 | 5–8 P.M.

**GRAND JUNCTION PLAZA
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**FREEDOM PARADE &
KICKOFF CONCERT**

JULY 3 | 6–9 P.M.

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Health Network**

SATURDAY, JULY 4 | 4–10:30 P.M.

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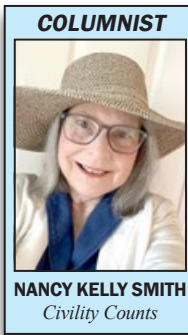


Hooray for Independence Day!

John Adams, one of the Founding Fathers, believed that the Fourth of July should be celebrated with “solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty” as well as “pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward and forevermore.”

No doubt John Adams would have approved of the spectacle that is in store for us this 250th commemoration of the birthday of the United States of America! We are indebted to so many, past and present, for preserving our freedoms. And many of those have been – and are – on the “home front” supporting those in the military and government.

Abigail Adams, with her husband John away in Philadelphia, had the responsibility of caring for their children and working the farm. She is remembered in part because of the letters she



COLUMNIST
NANCY KELLY SMITH
Civility Counts

wrote to her husband while he and the other Founders were shaping the new nation. Perhaps her most famous letter was written March 31, 1776, in which she wrote “I long to hear that you have declared an independency – and by the way in the new Code of Laws which I suppose it will be necessary for you to make I desire you would Remember the Ladies, and be more generous and favourable to them than your ancestors.”

“Remember the Ladies” Abigail Adams wrote.

It would take over a century for women to gain the right to vote in 1920 – but not ALL women were given the right to vote. It took Abraham Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation and the Civil War to give slaves their freedom, but we continue to struggle to establish, as our Pledge of Allegiance asserts, a country that is “indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.” During the Civil War,

the country was “divisible” divided with state against state, even family against family. However, that war resulted in the various states becoming the UNITED STATES of America.

“Civility” among citizens plays a major role in accomplishing this ideal: Being ONE nation. Interestingly, the words **civil**, **civility**, and **civic** all derive from the same Latin word for “**citizen**.” Our democracy is strengthened when we are civil, and weakened when we are not.

In his Gettysburg Address dedicating the cemetery of the great battle, Abraham Lincoln honored the sacrifice of those buried there and included these words: “It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us ... that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain – that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom – and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”

We also must be dedicat-

ed to preserving our nation. We can choose to discuss the hard issues respectfully and problem-solve together.

Long ago as a graduate student, I celebrated the Fourth of July in England – a unique experience! Weeks later on a bus trip to Oxford, I saw an American flag flying. My immediate response was “Home!” The 19th century English novelist, Charles Dickens, commented that “in love of home, the love of country has its rise.”

In the midst of our jubilant celebrations this Fourth of July, let us take time to reflect on our flag’s meaning and rededicate ourselves to the task before us – being civil to each other so we can work together to preserve our nation. May the citizens of the UNITED States of America try to embody our country’s ideals for at least another 250 years!

Nancy Kelly Smith is a retired English professor and published author. She is also an Ambassador for the national civility organization Civic Renaissance. Learn more at civic-renaissance.com.

Max Engling speaks to Noblesville GOP Club



Reporter photo

The Noblesville GOP Club welcomed Secretary of State candidate Max Engling to the June meeting, held Monday, June 15 at Bru Burger, 350 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Engling spoke about his vision for the Secretary of State’s Office and took questions from attendees.

Westfield Touch-a-Truck rescheduled to Thursday due to severe weather

The REPORTER

Westfield’s Touch-a-Truck at the Droplight Grand Park Sports Campus (Lot F) has been moved to Thursday, June 18, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. due to the high probability of severe weather today.

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



Photo provided by City of Westfield

will be a sensory-friendly experience. From 4:30 to 5:30 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, dump truck, skid steer, concrete truck, and more. Additional activities and attractions will include lawn games, inflatable ac-

tivities, 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.



Photo provided

Paul C. Sweeney said he is most proud to receive an endorsement from his mayor, Sue Finkam of Carmel.

Sweeney for Judge campaign holds successful fundraiser & racks up endorsements

Submitted

The Committee to Elect Paul C. Sweeney for Judge announces continued momentum in Paul C. Sweeney’s campaign for Judge of Hamilton County Superior Court 9, marked by a successful June 10 fundraiser and a growing list of endorsements from elected officials and public safety organizations spanning all of Hamilton County.

The June 10 fundraiser was co-hosted by David J. Carr, Esq. and Sandra S. Carr, Esq., Tom Smith, and Ray Adler, Esq., and drew supporters from across the county.

Sweeney has earned endorsements from Indiana House Speaker Todd Huston, Carmel Mayor Sue Finkam, Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen, Westfield Mayor Scott Willis, all three Hamilton County Commissioners, Hamilton County Prosecutor Josh Kocher, city council members from Carmel, Fishers, Noblesville, and Westfield, the Carmel Professional Fire Fighters, IAFF Local 4444 and others.

“I am honored to have endorsements spanning the entirety of Hamilton County,” Sweeney said. “But as a 40-year Carmel resident, I am most proud to be endorsed by my mayor, Sue Finkam, all of the Republican members of the Carmel City Council, and the State Representatives who serve Carmel, Hunter Smith and Danny Lopez. The people of Hamilton County deserve a judge with deep roots in this community, and their confidence means the world to me. I will work every day to honor it.”

A Carmel resident since high school, Sweeney is a graduate of Carmel High School, Indiana University, and the I.U. Robert H. McKinney School of Law, magna cum laude. He currently serves as Senior Counsel at Ice Miller LLP, with more than 60 trials and arbitrations across the country, and supports expanding the problem-solving courts in Hamilton County, including a mental health court.

Learn more about the candidate at SweeneyForJudge.com.

Showcase & Taste of Westfield returns this fall

Submitted

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 Droplight 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 highlighting 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.

Explore the [exhibitor](#) and [sponsorship](#) opportunities and be part of one of Westfield’s most anticipated community events.





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(ABOVE LEFT) Ronit Mengale won the 2026 CEF Business Challenge for his Veritas Legal Consulting concept. (ABOVE RIGHT) This year, six student-led projects received a total of \$6,500 in funding, supporting ideas developed by 15 students working alongside seven educator mentors to enhance learning, engagement, and school culture across Carmel Clay Schools.

Carmel Education Foundation invests \$175,000 in student innovation, achievement & opportunities

Submitted

Carmel Education Foundation (CEF) recently celebrated student innovation, achievement, and opportunity through three signature programs that invested more than \$175,000 in Carmel Clay students during the 2025-2026 school year.

Through the CEF Business Challenge presented by State Bank, Student-Led Grants sponsored by Duke Energy, and the Foundation's scholarship program, students developed business concepts, launched

projects to improve their schools, and received support to pursue future educational and career goals.

"The common thread across all three of these programs is that they start with a spark," CEF CEO Jennifer Penix said. "Whether it's a student entrepreneur developing a business concept, a student identifying a way to improve their school, or a graduate pursuing the next step in their education, our community continues to invest in young people and their potential. Those investments create

opportunities that can have a lasting impact."

The 2026 CEF Business Challenge, presented by State Bank, engaged Carmel High School students in developing and pitching original business concepts before a panel of local business leaders. This year's competition awarded \$3,000 in prize funding, with top honors going to Ronit Mengale for Veritas Legal Consulting. Benjamin Snyder and Grant Vannahmen earned second place for Precision Solutions, and Nora Wil-

son placed third for Dance Track.

CEF also recognized recipients of its Student Led Grants Program, sponsored by Duke Energy. This year, six student-led projects received a total of \$6,500 in funding, supporting ideas developed by 15 students working alongside seven educator mentors to enhance learning, engagement, and school culture across Carmel Clay Schools.

In addition, CEF awarded 111 scholarships totaling \$170,000 to students pursu-

ing college, trade, technical, and career pathways. Scholarship recipients were recognized for achievement, leadership, service, perseverance, character, and future potential.

Community members can view the full list of scholarship recipients and learn many of the stories behind the scholarships – and the generous donors who make them possible – at ccs.k12.in.us/foundation/scholarships.

As CEF looks ahead to the 2026-2027 school year, the organization is seeking

additional business partners, sponsors, and donors to help expand opportunities for students and educators. Community support helps launch innovative classroom projects, fund student-led ideas, provide career readiness experiences, support student well-being, and create opportunities that prepare students for success beyond graduation.

To learn more about partnering with CEF or supporting opportunities for Carmel Clay students and educators, visit ccs.k12.in.us/foundation.

Don't miss these July performances at the Center

The REPORTER

There's still time to get tickets for these events and more coming up at Carmel's Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to TheCenterPresents.org.

Center Presents

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Songbook Academy in Concert
7 p.m. Saturday, July 18

Payne & Mencias Palladium

BHI Senior Living Songbook Series

In the culminating performance of the annual Songbook Academy®, the Great American Songbook Foundation's premier educational program, this inspiring evening brings together 40 exceptional young vocalists from across the nation to honor our nation's rich musical legacy. Hosted by Songbook Foundation founder and five-time Grammy Award nominee Michael Feinstein, the concert features standout solos and vibrant ensemble numbers reflecting the breadth, diversity, and timeless appeal of the Great American Songbook.

An Evening with Harry Connick, Jr.
7:30 p.m. Monday, July 20

Payne & Mencias Palladium

A consummate performer, Harry Connick, Jr., has exemplified excellence in the

entertainment world for decades – be it music, film, television, or Broadway. His prodigious talent has earned him Grammy, Emmy, and Tony recognition, plus album sales in excess of 30 million and sold-out concerts around the world. Backed by his stellar band, this special concert will showcase the full breadth of Connick's artistry – from jazz standards and New Orleans classics to his masterful originals and career-defining hits.

Art Garfunkel: What a Wonderful World Celebration Concerts

8 p.m. Friday, July 24

Payne & Mencias Palladium
Printing Partners Encore Series

Celebrated as the "Voice of Generations," Art Garfunkel is a Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee, winner of eight Grammys (including the Lifetime Achievement Award) and one of *Rolling Stone's* 100 Greatest Singers of All Time. As co-founder and vocal arranger of the folk duo Simon & Garfunkel, he shaped popular culture with songs such as "Bridge Over Troubled Water," "The Sound of Silence" and "Mrs. Robinson." His solo hits have included "I Only Have Eyes for You," "(What a) Wonderful World" and "All I Know." Garfunkel also is a poet and actor, with films including *Carnal Knowledge*, *Catch-22*, and *Bad Timing*.

Brian Simpson, Jackiem Joyner and Jessy J
8 p.m. Friday, July 31

The Tarkington

Drewry Simmons Vornehm Jazz Series

Get ready for an unforgettable evening as three of contemporary jazz's most celebrated artists come together for one extraordinary performance. Pianist and producer extraordinaire Brian Simpson – known for his lush, cinematic soundscapes and soulful grooves – joins forces with the electrifying Jackiem Joyner, whose saxophone work blends smooth jazz with gospel fire and raw emotion, and the radiant Jessy J, whose warm, honeyed sax tone and magnetic stage presence.

From The Great American Songbook Foundation
Sponsored by the Efroymsen Family Fund & Traditions Senior Communities

Songbook Academy Public Masterclass

2 p.m. Monday, July 13

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Family sues Carmel Catholic school for inaction on son's harassment, assault

By GREGG MONTGOMERY
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Administrators of a Carmel Catholic school and the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana face a lawsuit from a family that says its son was repeatedly harassed sexually, assaulted and threatened, but nothing was done.

A Noblesville law firm, Metzger Rosta, said a news release that the lawsuit, filed in Hamilton Superior Court 2, does not name the family to protect the identity of the minor child.

In addition to the diocese, the lawsuit was filed against the superintendent of the diocese's schools, Trudy Schouten Young; the Rev. Richard Doerr, pastor of Our Lady of Mount Car-

mel Catholic Church and School; the school principal, Tim Fletcher; and the assistant principal, Deanna Cotter.

The release said the harassment against the family's son began in seventh grade and intensified during his recently finished school year, when it became sexual in nature. The boy has been in the schools from kindergarten to eighth grade, the lawsuit said.

The family says students repeatedly threatened to pull down the boy's pants, physically attacked him in a locker room, exposed him in front of his gym class of both male and female students, and made graphic threats of sexual violence against his 10-year-old sister.

The release said, "Despite repeated reports from the family, teachers, and the child's therapists, the complaint alleges, school administrators minimized the conduct as 'boys will be boys,' 'joking around,' and 'horseplay,' imposed no meaningful discipline, and failed to report the incidents to the Indiana Department of Child Services."

Indiana law requires anyone who suspects a child 18 or younger is being abused or neglected to make a report immediately to Child Services.

Max Dryer, director of communications for the diocese, said in an email response, "The diocese is aware that a civil lawsuit has been brought against

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School. Diocesan leadership takes seriously the safety and well-being of all our students and their families.

"Because the legal process is ongoing, and out of respect for all parties involved, no additional comments will be made at this time. We ask the community for continued prayers and appreciate their patience as this matter proceeds."

Online court records did not yet show that the case had been filed as of Monday evening.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/family-sues-carmel-indiana-catholic-school-for-inaction-on-sons-harassment-assault.

Fishers resident Demetrios Geroulis named to 2026 Forbes "Best-in-State Wealth Advisors" list

Submitted

Local Financial Advisor Demetrios Geroulis was recently named to the 2026 Forbes "Best-in-State Wealth Advisors" list.

Geroulis is a senior financial advisor with Geroulis, Foote & Associates, a Merrill Lynch Wealth Management Company in Indianapolis. He holds a Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor™ (CRPCTM) and Certified Plan Fiduciary Advisor® (CPFA®) certification, the latter awarded by the National Association of Plan Advisors (NAPA).

A proud Fishers resident and Indiana University graduate, Geroulis began his professional career at Eli Lilly and Company be-

fore transitioning to wealth management, where he has built a reputation for guiding individuals and families

toward long-term financial success.

"As the son of Greek immigrants and the first in my family born in the United States, I witnessed first-hand what heart, determination, and a strong work ethic can build,"

Geroulis said. "My parents arrived in this country with almost nothing, yet through courage and perseverance, they learned a new language, established successful businesses, and created a life of financial stability, community, and family. That upbringing instilled in me a deep passion



Geroulis

See Geroulis . . . Page 7

Franciscan Health receives grant from Indiana Breast Cancer Awareness Trust for free mammograms

Submitted

Franciscan Health offers free mammograms for those who qualify, thanks to a nearly \$2,500 grant from the Indiana Breast Cancer Awareness Trust (IBCAT).

Franciscan Health's central Indiana grant applies at the breast centers in Indianapolis and Mooresville, as well as the imaging centers in Greenwood (Greenbrooke) and Plainfield. Mammograms are available for those who qualify on a first-come, first-served basis until funds from the grant are used for the year.

Patients may qualify for a free mammogram if they are uninsured, live in Marion, Morgan, Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, or Shelby counties, are age 40 and older, or under 40 with a family history of breast cancer and are at or below 350 percent of the poverty level.

The breast cancer

screening program at Franciscan Health in Central Indiana targets low-income women to provide equitable access to early detection and intervention services for breast cancer. The program aims to overcome financial, logistical, and informational obstacles that might otherwise prevent these women from receiving timely and appropriate screening.

Patients can pick up an application form at a Franciscan Health breast center in Indianapolis and Mooresville as well as imaging centers in Greenbrooke (Greenwood), and Plainfield.

New this year, patients also have the option to fill out the form online. [Click here](#) to complete the form online.

The grant money is generated by the sale of Indiana's Breast Cancer Awareness license plate.

The Franciscan Health Foundation has received IBCAT funding for several



Indiana Breast Cancer Awareness Trust

years with funds distributed to the breast cancer screening program at Franciscan Health Indianapolis among other programs within the organization.

Since the Indiana Breast Cancer Awareness Trust special group recognition license plate was first made available in 2002, tens of thousands of Hoosier women have received screening, diagnostic and support services with more than \$7.5 million being awarded through competitive grants. In addition, more than \$160,000 in scholarships has been awarded to incoming and current college students who have lost a parent or who have a parent currently battling the disease.

The mission of the Indi-

ana Breast Cancer Awareness Trust, Inc. is to increase awareness and improve access to breast cancer screening, diagnosis, and support services throughout Indiana. Indiana residents may purchase an Indiana breast cancer awareness special group recognition license plate by visiting any BMV license branch or online at myBMV.com. Of the annual \$40 fee, \$25 is a direct tax-deductible donation (to the extent of the law).

For more information on the Indiana Breast Cancer Awareness Trust and the programs it funds, please visit breastcancerplate.org or call (866) 724-2228.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the Franciscan Health Foundation.

Fishers GOP needs volunteers for Spark!Fishers parade

Submitted

The Fishers GOP Club will once again participate in the Spark!Fishers Parade and Festival on Saturday, June 27. We need your help!

Volunteer opportunities

- Walk in the parade
- Help distribute candy and campaign materials
- Assist at the Fishers GOP Club booth
- Engage with residents and answer questions about the club

Details regarding parade lineup, arrival times, and booth schedules will be provided soon.

Candy donation request

To help make Fishers GOP's parade participation a success, the organization is asking all elected officials to contribute \$100.26 toward candy and giveaway items.

Please make donations at HamiltonCountyGOP.org and include ".26" in your donation amount so it can be identified and designated for the Spark!Fishers parade.

Every contribution helps create a fun and memorable experience for families attending Spark!Fishers. There will also be T-shirts for parade participants.



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See Sam Barber live at Fishers Event Center

The REPORTER

Multi-platinum artist Sam Barber will extend “The American Route Tour” through the end of the year, including a stop at Fishers Event Center on Wednesday, Sept. 9.

Tickets will be available starting with a venue presale beginning at 10 a.m. today, June 17 (password BROKENVIEW) ahead of the general on-sale starting at 10 a.m. Thursday, June 18 at FishersEventCenter.com.

The new shows continue a breakout year for Barber, who released his sophomore album, *Broken View*, earlier this year via Atlantic Outpost. Co-written and co-produced by Barber and Joe Becker (“Indigo,” “Straight and Narrow”) with additional songs co-produced with Aaron Dessner (Taylor

Swift, Noah Kahan) at Long Pond Studio, *Broken View* serves as a sweeping and introspective reflection on life’s complexities, exploring themes of love, loss, and self-discovery. Already receiving critical attention, *All Country News* praises, “a sophomore record that doesn’t just meet expectations, it stares them down and walks right past them ... Fully realized, unmistakable, and impossible to ignore,” while *Whiskey Riff* calls the new 13-song collection “incredibly impressive.”

One of the genre’s fastest-rising and “most in-demand artists” (*Rolling Stone*), Barber has built a devoted global audience through deeply personal songwriting and an unfiltered perspective that resonates across generations.

Raised on a farm in southeast Missouri, Barber began playing music as a teenager after picking up his great-grandfather’s Gibson guitar. Guided by his commitment to making music on his own terms, Barber has risen rapidly as a generational voice in country music and now lives in Bozeman, Mont.

With over 3.4 billion global streams, Barber’s 2024 debut album, *Restless Mind*, received widespread critical acclaim, with *Grammy.com* declaring, “The double LP shows the true breadth of his artistry, which is grounded in raw, narrative songwriting ... and gritty, spare production” and *Country Central* raving, “a voice poised for stardom, there’s not a message too powerful or radical to be

uttered from his lips.” The album earned RIAA Gold certification and features standout singles, including 2x Platinum-certified “Straight and Narrow” and Platinum certified “Indigo (Feat. Avery Anna),” the latter of which has amassed over 728 million global streams and earned Barber a top 40 placement on *Billboard’s* Hot 100.

Barber has shared stages with icons such as Bruce Springsteen and Ed Sheeran and recently wrapped his massive “Restless Mind World Tour 2025.” He has performed on NBC’s *The Kelly Clarkson Show* and *CBS Saturday Morning’s* “Saturday Sessions,” and had his song “Tear Us Apart” featured on the soundtrack for the *Twisters* movie.



Photo provided

IU Kokomo celebrates spring graduates

The REPORTER

Indiana University Kokomo congratulates the 302 students who earned degrees in May 2026. The graduates represent 33 Indiana counties, 10 states, and Canada.

Area students who earned degrees, listed by hometown, include:

Carmel

- Danielle Andrea Adams, Bachelor of General Studies
- John Baker Bannings, Bachelor of Science in Business
- Julia R. Benner, Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
- Reese Landon Jon Bruns, Bachelor of General Studies
- Alexandria A. Church, Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Joseph Dickson, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
- Aubree K. Fisher, Bachelor of General Studies
- Zoe Rochford, Bachelor of Arts
- Kylie Wagaman, Bachelor of Science in Business

Cicero

- Annalissa M. Brown, Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Grace Elizabeth Richardson, Bachelor of Science in Education

Fishers

- Abdallah Alsalama, Bachelor of Science in Accounting
- Mya Brown, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
- Anureet Kaur, Bachelor of Science in Accounting
- Ryan McGowan Simmons, Master of Liberal Studies, Graduate Certifi-

cate in Language and Literature

Noblesville

- Makayla Lyn Clark, Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation Sciences
- Emma Cowan, Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Macy M. Davidson, Bachelor of Science in Education, Bachelor of Science in History and Political Science
- Camden L. France Mahorney, Bachelor of Science in Education
- Anna Marie Gallaway, Bachelor of Science in Psychology
- Sophia F. Huffman, Bachelor of Arts
- Emma Belle Justen, Bachelor of Arts
- Cameron Patrick Karns, Bachelor of Science in Sport and Recreation Management
- Alyssa Darcie McGann Polendo, Bachelor of Science in Biological and Physical Sciences
- Tina Rennie, Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- RJ Rundle, Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences
- Jenna Alice Waterman, Bachelor of Arts

Sheridan

- Lucas Dane Headlee, Bachelor of General Studies
- Taylor Grace Stern, Bachelor of Science in Education

Westfield

- Kyle Kimmel, Bachelor of Arts
- Breanna Koester, Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences
- Karly Ann Lechner, Associate of Science in Radiography
- Garrett Michael Lupoi, Bachelor of Science in Sport and Recreation Man-

agement

Tipton

- Jovany Michael Fuentes, Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation Sciences
- Nicholas David Hughes, Bachelor of Science in Education, Bachelor of Science in History and Political Science
- Victoria Kerr, Bachelor of General Studies

Sharpville

- Macy Danielle Earl, Bachelor of Science in Business
- Amanda Kay Fordyce, Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Alex Christopher Morrow, Bachelor of Science in Business

Elwood

- Emily Irene Bragg, Bachelor of Science in Education
- Brianna Lee Lane, Bachelor of Science in Biology
- Casey Jo Laub, Bachelor of General Studies
- Maryanne Mayfield, Bachelor of Science in Hospitality and Tourism
- Emma Perry, Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Kirklin

- Jacie Ann Faucett, Associate of Science in Radiography

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Boone County approves one-year moratorium on new data centers

By GREGG MONTGOMERY
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

The Boone County Board of Commissioners on Monday unanimously approved a one-year moratorium on new data center development in parts of the county outside city and town boundaries.

The ordinance, which took effect on Tuesday and last through June 15, 2027, aims to provide county officials time to evaluate the potential impacts of such development and update planning and zoning regulations.

A news release from the county government said the moratorium temporarily halts the filing, process-

ing, review, and acceptance of applications for new data center facilities in the county's unincorporated areas. Officials hope the moratorium will allow them to study how data centers may affect land use, infrastructure, utilities, agriculture, and the county's rural character.

The Boone County

Area Plan Commission had earlier recommended the moratorium after discussions regarding the potential effects of data center development.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/politics/boone-county-indiana-approves-moratorium-on-new-data-centers.

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!

Coffee Hour for Veterans

Attention Veterans in northern Hamilton County ...

From 9 to 10 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month, Veterans and the general public are welcome to get together at Remnant Coffee Shop, 101 W. Main St. (266th Street), Arcadia.

Come get to know other Veterans in the area. Tea drinkers are welcome.

Chariot Automotive Group helps power SKYLAKE park operations



Photos provided by Chariot Automotive Group

Chariot Automotive Group's Academy is providing vehicles to support park operations at SKYLAKE Adventures in rural Sheridan, including two Jeeps and one Dodge RAM. Chariot team members joined the SKYLAKE grand opening celebration earlier this month with special guest Carl, the giant inflatable duck, seen here. You can learn more about Chariot at drivechariot.com, and you can get tickets to SKYLAKE at skylakeindiana.com.

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Volunteers needed for Carmel International Arts Festival

Submitted

The Carmel International Arts Festival (CIAF) returns to Carmel's Arts & Design District on Sept. 26 and 27, and volunteers are essential to making this beloved community event a success.

Each year, more than 120 artists, numerous vendors, and approximately 30,000 attendees rely on the dedication and support of volunteers who help create a welcoming and memorable festival experience.

By volunteering, you play an important role in advancing CIAF's mission

to educate, inspire, and connect people through the arts. Volunteer opportunities are varied and include assisting artists with setup and transportation of materials, distributing water and supplies, greeting guests, and supporting festival operations.

In addition to supporting the arts, volunteering offers a chance to meet new people, build lasting friendships, gain valuable experience, and contribute to a vibrant community event. Join us and help make the 2026 Carmel International Arts Festival an



Photo provided

unforgettable celebration of creativity and culture.

In order to volunteer for the festival, go to tinyurl.com/CIAF2026volunteer and enter your information. You can volunteer for a couple of hours or the



whole weekend, if you choose.

The festival will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27. The location is at Main Street and Range Line Road in Carmel.

Carmel woman is first Hoosier to undergo new, combined amputation & peripheral nerve procedure

Submitted

After living with severe foot pain for nearly two decades and undergoing multiple unsuccessful procedures, Olivia Sandlin of Carmel made the difficult decision to undergo a lower leg amputation in hopes of reclaiming her quality of life.

During the procedure, surgeons at OrthoIndy and Indiana Hand to Shoulder Center, an OrthoIndy practice, became the first in Indiana to use Tulavi Therapeutics' hydrogel platform technology designed to help reduce the risk of neuroma formation following amputation and other nerve injuries.

The combined amputation and peripheral nerve procedure was performed by Dr. Renn Crichlow of OrthoIndy and Dr. Ian Chow of Indiana Hand to Shoulder Center's Nerve Injury and Limb Pain Program, with the collaboration of Dr. Sameer Puri.

Addressing a painful outcome for many nerve injury patients

When a peripheral nerve is injured or severed during amputation or surgical soft tissue repair, patients may develop symptomatic neuromas — non-cancerous growths that can cause persistent, debilitating pain characterized by hypersensitivity, burning and stabbing sensations at the site of the nerve disruption. Despite advanced surgical techniques, many patients experience chronic phantom or neuroma pain which can significantly impair mobility, prosthetic use and overall quality of life.

During the combined procedure, Dr. Chow utilized Tulavi's allay™ Hydrogel Cap, a first-in-class, fully absorbable device designed to protect injured peripheral nerves and help prevent symptomatic neuromas from forming. **The device fits over the end of the nerve like a protective cap**, helping block disorganized nerve regrowth while supporting healing. It gradually dissolves over ap-

proximately eight months, staying in place during the time when a neuroma is most likely to develop.

"This is a meaningful addition to the tools we have for managing symptomatic neuromas," said Dr. Chow, a board-certified plastic and reconstructive surgeon fellowship-trained in hand and upper extremity surgery. "By treating the nerve at the time of surgery, before a neuroma forms, we have a better opportunity to reduce pain, improve outcomes and help patients move forward with recovery."

Following limb removal, Dr. Chow treated multiple nerves to reduce the risk of future neuroma formation, using the allay™ Hydrogel Cap alongside other established techniques and tailoring the approach to the patient's specific anatomy and needs.

"We found the device performed as expected, helping reduce operating room time and overall surgical complexity," Dr. Chow said. "Capping the nerve with allay™ is faster than many traditional techniques and less invasive for the patient."

A collaborative approach to pain prevention

While the first use of the technology in Indiana is significant for potential patient benefits, it also highlights a growing collaboration between OrthoIndy's orthopedic trauma surgeons and Indiana Hand to Shoulder Center's nerve specialists.

"This case came to OrthoIndy with a clear concern about neuroma formation, which is where collaboration became essential," said Dr. Crichlow, a board-certified orthopedic surgeon with subspecialty training in orthopedic traumatology. "Working closely with our nerve specialists at Indiana Hand to Shoulder Center allowed us to address these issues during the initial surgery, which can have a lasting impact on the patient's recovery."



Photo provided

Olivia Sandlin of Carmel recently received her prosthesis and says she's looking forward to a future full of running, hiking, skiing, and many other activities.

Helping patients return to daily life

Sandlin recently received her prosthesis and says she's looking forward to a future full of running, hiking, skiing and many other activities.

"After so many years of pain and procedures, choosing amputation wasn't easy," she said. "Access to this new technology makes me hopeful I can recover faster, avoid the nerve pain that's held me back, get my prosthesis sooner, and return to my work in construction — on my feet and doing what I love."

Expanding access to specialized nerve care

The collaboration between OrthoIndy's trauma team and Indiana Hand to Shoulder Center's Nerve Injury and Limb Pain Program is expected to support broader use of the technology in both trauma and revision cases.

"At Tulavi, a key pillar of our mission is to expand access to essential peripheral nerve surgery," Tulavi CEO Josh Vose said. "Seeing allay™ reach patients in need in Indiana is an important step toward making

that vision a reality. Progress in patient care happens when innovative technology meets forward-thinking clinicians. It's incredibly rewarding to work with hospital systems that are committed to bringing the best solutions to their patients."

"It was truly an honor to support the first allay™ Hydrogel Cap case in Indiana," Tulavi Sales Director Caitlin Falk said. "Seeing the level of collaboration and compassion from Dr. Crichlow, Dr. Chow and Indiana Hand to Shoulder Center's Dr. Puri reinforced what's possible when innovative technology meets a team deeply focused on patient outcomes."

OrthoIndy and Indiana Hand to Shoulder Center will continue to use the allay™ Hydrogel Cap on a case-by-case basis. Patients who believe they may be candidates should consult with their physician.

To learn more about treatment options or to schedule an appointment, visit orthoindy.com or IndianaHandtoShoulder.com. For more information on the allay™ Hydrogel Cap, visit tulavi.com.

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Meeting Notice

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners and the Hamilton County Airport Authority will meet at 12:15 p.m. Monday, June 22, 2026, in Conference Room 1A at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square Noblesville. They will meet for an Executive Session to discuss Implementation of Security Systems IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(C), Purchase or Lease of Real Estate IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D), Discussion of Pending Litigation IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B), Discussion of Personnel Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7), and Discussions with Attorney Subject to the Attorney Client Privilege IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(19).

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

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Vows

"If she marries after she makes a vow or after her lips utter a rash promise by which she obligates herself and her husband hears about it but says nothing to her, then her vows or the pledges by which she obligated herself will stand. But if her husband forbids her when he hears about it, he nullifies the vow that obligates her or the rash promise by which she obligates herself, and the Lord will release her."

"Any vow or obligation taken by a widow or divorced woman will be binding on her."
Numbers 30:1-5 (NIV)

Dustin Lee Mehringer

October 31, 1981 – June 14, 2026

Dustin Lee Mehringer, 44, Noblesville, passed away on Sunday, June 14, 2026, at his home. He was born on October 31, 1981, in Jasper, Ind.

Dustin was a graduate from Purdue University in Industrial Engineering and then attained his MBA at Butler University. He was a Global Product Planner for many years at Roche. He was a member of College Park Church. His relationship with God guided his life and gave him strength through every season. Dustin started a non-profit called "Do Some Good For Others" and started a group for widows and widowers called "Meet Up For Coffee." His compassion touched many lives in different ways. He had a passion for cycling and found joy in riding. He also loved playing games, and enjoyed friendly competition. Dustin loved spending time with friends and family.

He is survived by his mother, Anne Mehringer; children, Mallory, Spencer, and Elliott Mehringer; sisters, Anden (Antonio) White and Erika (CJ) Boeckman; nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dennis "Bucket" Mehringer; brother, Luke Mehringer; wife, Karin Mehringer; and first wife, Allison Mehringer.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at College Park Church, 2606 W. 96th St., Indianapolis. Services will be held at noon. Burial will be at Hamilton Memorial Park Cemetery in Westfield at 2:45 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Do Some Good for Others Inc. Please make checks payable to: Do Some Good for Others Inc. Donations can be sent to: Gabriel Goncalves, Attn: Do Some Good for Others, 9028 Telford Dr, Fishers, IN 46037
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Jerry Dean Houck

February 23, 1943 – June 10, 2026

Jerry Dean Houck, born February 23, 1943, in Mount Vernon, Ohio, and a resident of Noblesville, and recently of Westerville, Ohio, passed away on June 10, 2026. Jerry resided much of his life in Ohio, Indiana, and Texas. Jerry was a smart, reliable, and dedicated man who loved his family and was known for his loyal nature.

Jerry was married to his loving wife, Sally, on June 15, 1967. Together, they raised two sons, Karl (Jeanne) and Kurt, who remember their father as a pillar of strength and wisdom. Jerry was also a proud grandfather to Chance, Jack, and Jason. His love for his family was evident in the way he dedicated his time to them. His brother, Larry (Esther), and several nephews and nieces also survive him.

Jerry was preceded in death by his father, Leo Houck, mother, Lucille Houck, and sister, Beverly Spitzer.

Jerry retired as a businessman from GTE/Verizon in addition to teaching school for several years. Jerry was a graduate of Ohio University. Outside of his career, Jerry had diverse interests, including a love of the outdoors, especially fishing in Canada and Florida (where he and Sally spent many winters). He was also a keen follower and investor of the stock market, enjoyed photography, was an aviation enthusiast, and enjoyed writing and poetry. He was a varsity basketball player in high school (Northridge) and an avid fan of college basketball and would eagerly await the March Madness games each year. Jerry also enjoyed traveling across the U.S., Canada, as well as Europe and Asia.

Jerry's life was a testimony to his dedication, loyalty, and love for his family. He was a member of the Croton Church of Christ in Croton, Ohio, and former member of the White River Christian Church of Noblesville. Jerry's life was well-lived, and his legacy will continue to live on in the hearts of his loved ones.

A visitation will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 27 at Croton Church of Christ, 40 S. Main St., Croton, Ohio. Immediately following the visitation will be a memorial service, with food being served at the conclusion of the service. We invite you to leave your precious memories of Jerry and upload photos to his memorial page. Services are under the direction of Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Homes in Cicero.

Donations may be made to the Croton Church of Christ or a charity of your choosing. Your shared memories will serve as a comfort to his family and friends, as we remember the remarkable life of Jerry Houck.

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Michael R. Bloom

September 15, 1951 – June 10, 2026

Michael R. Bloom, 74, passed away on June 10, 2026, in Cicero.



Born on September 15, 1951, Michael (affectionally known as Big Mike or Papa) lived a remarkable life defined by intellect, determination, innovation, and, above all, devotion to his family. He graduated from St. Peter High School and went on to attend Gustavus Adolphus College, where he graduated summa cum laude with a degree in physics, finishing near the top of his class. His academic achievements earned him acceptance into medical school, but Mike chose to enlist in the Aviation Preflight Indoctrination program at the Naval Aviation Schools Command in Pensacola, Fla., during the Vietnam War to pursue his dream of becoming a fighter pilot. He trained as a military aviator until an honorable discharge due to a medical condition redirected his life's journey.

Mike's curiosity, ingenuity, and entrepreneurial spirit led him to a highly successful career as an entrepreneur and environmental engineer. He became nationally recognized for his pioneering work in centrifugal technology, earning respect throughout the country. His professional accomplishments reflected the same qualities that defined his personal life: intelligence, creativity, perseverance, and a willingness to tackle difficult challenges.

Mike's greatest accomplishment was not found in his career, but in the family he cherished. For 52 years, he shared a loving and devoted marriage with his beloved wife, Kathleen ("Kac") Bloom. Together they built a life centered on faith, family, laughter, and unwavering support for one another.

Mike was a proud father to Ryan Bloom of Cicero, Kevin Bloom and his wife, Nikki, of St. Peter, Minn., and Molly Beeson and her husband, Matt, of Cicero. He delighted in watching his children grow and create families of their own.

Nothing brought Mike greater joy than being "Papa." He leaves behind ten beloved grandchildren: Aiden and Henry; Fletcher, Huxley, Bourne, Rhodes, Bloom, Winslet, Astoria, and Viggo. He took immense pride in each of them and treasured every opportunity to spend time together, celebrate milestones, share stories, and create lasting memories.

Mike was also a lifelong fisherman whose happiest days were often spent fishing. Family and friends knew him as someone who could always find the fish, and fellow anglers regularly sought his advice and fishing tips. His love of fishing never faded. On the very day of his passing, Mike spent time doing what brought him joy most of all – fishing – and proudly caught four bass and three sunfish.

Mike will be remembered for his brilliant mind, entrepreneurial success, and countless professional achievements. Most importantly, he will be remembered as a husband, loving father, proud grandfather, trusted mentor, loyal friend, and a man whose life was measured not by what he accomplished, but by the people he loved.

Mike will be deeply missed and forever remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing him. May his memory be a blessing and an inspiration to those whose lives he touched.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, June 28, 2026, at the Hamilton North Public Library, 209 W. Brinton St., Cicero.

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Boys Golf

Shamrocks second after Day 1, Kutchma shares individual lead

By RICHIE HALL
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CARMEL – The Westfield boys golf team was a happy bunch after the first day of the IHSAA state finals finished up on Tuesday.

The defending state champion Shamrocks had reasons to be happy. Westfield finished the first round with a score of 295, only four strokes behind leader Center Grove's 291. That means the Rocks are within striking distance of the lead when the tournament continues with the second round this morning at Prairie View Golf Club in Carmel.

"You just want to give yourself a chance on the second day," said Westfield coach Josh Bryant. He credited his team with playing well through the "90 minutes of really tough weather" that spun up in the afternoon while the Shamrocks were on the back nine.

"They just battled the whole time," said Bryant. "We were on that tough stretch at 13, 14, 15, 16 when it blew in and we played those holes really well when you look at the scorecard."

In addition, a Westfield golfer has a share of the individual lead. Hudson Kutchma is one of three players on top of the leaderboard. The senior scored



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

(ABOVE LEFT) Westfield's Hudson Kutchma is one of three players tied atop the leaderboard after the first round of the IHSAA boys golf state finals. Kutchma scored a four-under par 68 during Tuesday's first round. (ABOVE RIGHT) Noblesville's Tyler Marucci made an eagle on hole No. 3 and scored an even-par 72 in the first round. (BELOW LEFT) Guerin Catholic's Eli Wessel scored 73 on Tuesday, placing him in a six-way tie for seventh place so far. (BELOW RIGHT) Hamilton Southeastern freshman Zach Kinzer scored 74 during his round.

a four-under par 68 on Tuesday, placing him in a tie with Center Grove sophomore Drew Carlson and Castle freshman Alexander Cook.

Kutchma began his round with three consecutive birdies and totaled six birdies overall in his round.

"He's had an incredible season," said Bryant. "He's been a winner all season. He's been in the top three dang near three-fourths of our events and it does not surprise me that he's playing well."



Senior Ryan Cesare made two birdies during his round of 74, while junior Brayden Worthington scored 75, including one birdie. Senior Mitchell

Keene totaled 78 with two birdies and sophomore Keaton Knott made one birdie during his round of 81.

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Girls Tennis



Julie Brown / File photo

Carmel's No. 1 singles player Olivia Widjaja was named to the Indiana High School Tennis Coaches Association's Second Team singles.

IHSTeCA announces girls All-State team

The REPORTER

The Indiana High School Tennis Coaches Association announced its 2026 girls All-State teams this week.

Hamilton County had a solid presence on the list, with two players named to the First Team singles: University senior Laurel Buttrick and Westfield junior Isla Harvey. Buttrick was a mainstay for the Trailblazers during her high school career, while Harvey helped the Shamrocks to a team sectional title and also reached the individual regional final.

Three local doubles teams were named First Team doubles. Both of state champion Carmel's doubles pairings are on the list: individual runners-up, seniors Gabby Hall and Madison Littell, and the Greyhounds' No. 2 team of junior Brylie Price and sophomore Shrayya Pillutla.

Guerrin Catholic's No. 1 doubles team of junior Abby Quigley and senior Katie Kolb were also named First

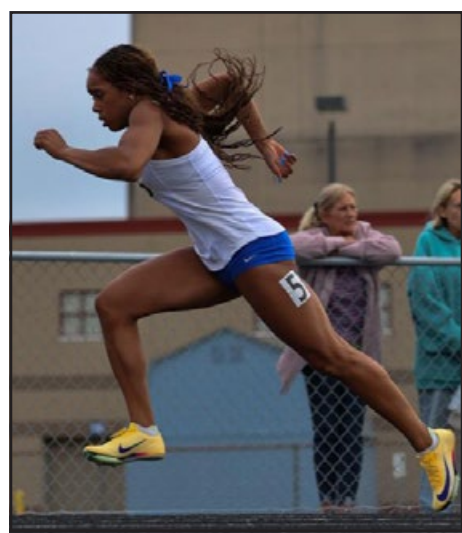
Team. The Golden Eagles duo helped their team to a No. 1 ranking in the coaches poll during the season.

Carmel's senior sisters, Olivia Widjaja and Alexia Widjaja, were both named Second Team singles. All three of Guerrin Catholic's singles players – senior Anna Kolb, junior CeCe Phillips and freshman Emily Pasman – are on the Second Team singles list as well.

Westfield's No. 1 doubles team of senior Jenna Berry and junior Bella Rivera were named Second Team doubles.

Hamilton Southeastern junior Julia Anderson and Westfield freshman Sloane Seyferth were named Honorable Mention singles. Guerrin Catholic's team of junior Grace Docktor and sophomore Maddie Hood and Southeastern's team of senior Molly Slota and junior Lily Denton were both Honorable Mention doubles.

All of the above players were recognized on the IHSTeCA's All-District 6 team.



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(FROM LEFT) Isla Harvey of Westfield, Anissa Lammie of Hamilton Southeastern, and Haley Schatko of Noblesville are the three girls Hoosier Crossroads Conference honorees from Hamilton County.

Three county girls among HCC Spring Athletes of the Year

The REPORTER

The Hoosier Crossroads Conference announced its spring Athletes of the Year on Friday, June 12. This year, six of the seven honorees were from Hamilton County.

Below are the three girl honorees. Read about the boys honorees at [this link](#).

Girls tennis

Isla Harvey, Westfield

Junior Isla Harvey of Westfield has been voted by the HCC coaches as the Athlete of the Year.

Harvey won the HCC No. 1 singles title this year after capturing the championship at No. 2 singles last year as a sophomore. Those two titles gained her All-HCC recognition each year.

Harvey went an outstanding 19-2 at the No. 1 singles spot for the Shamrocks this year.

Westfield Coach Trudy Coler said, "Isla is an incredibly hardworking ath-

lete who consistently puts in the effort to improve her game year after year. Her dedication and success make her truly deserving of this recognition."

Girls track

Anissa Lammie, Hamilton Southeastern

Hamilton Southeastern junior Anissa Lammie has been selected by the HCC girls track coaches as the Athlete of the Year.

At the HCC championship meet, Lammie won the 400 meters for the third time and was a part of the 4x400 meter relay championship team for the second time.

At the IHSAA state meet, Lammie won the 400 meters and was a member of the championship 4x400 meter relay team. Lammie finished second in the 400 meters as a sophomore.

Hamilton Southeastern coach Julie Alano said, "Anissa has worked hard this season after an injury

indoors. Outdoors she continued to improve and once the tournament began, she was in top form. Running personal bests in the 4x800,

400 and 4x400. Anissa is a great teammate and enjoys running relays."

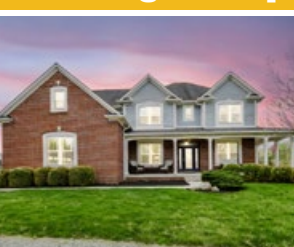
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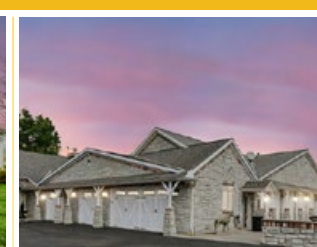


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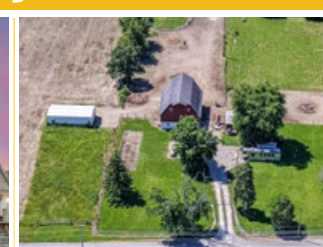
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Players, volunteers, sponsors, and supporters gathered at Morse Park in Noblesville for the 2026 Universal Cares Softball Slamfest, helping raise funds to support the nonprofit's mission of serving communities throughout Indiana.

Universal Cares Softball Slamfest raises funds to support Indiana communities

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Community members, local businesses, volunteers, and softball teams came together at Morse Park on June 6 for the annual Universal Cares Softball Slamfest, raising funds to support the nonprofit organization's mission of serving individuals and families throughout Indiana.

The family-friendly event featured five teams competing throughout the day, along with food, raffles, and activities for

spectators. Participants represented local businesses, community organizations, and supporters of Universal Cares, creating an atmosphere centered on friendly competition and community engagement.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will help Universal Cares continue its hands-on approach to community service, which includes assisting families facing hardships, supporting local nonprofit organizations, organizing volunteer projects,

and responding to community needs across Indiana.

"Our Softball Slamfest is about much more than softball," Universal Cares Program Manager Jill Hinds said. "It's about bringing people together to make a difference. Every player, volunteer, sponsor, and attendee helped ensure we can continue providing support to individuals and families who need it most."

Universal Cares expressed appreciation to the many volunteers who as-

sisted with event operations, as well as the White River Township EMT personnel who helped ensure a safe environment throughout the tournament.

The organization also recognized GEMCO, the event's official T-shirt sponsor, for its support in helping create a memorable experience for participants and attendees.

In addition to the softball tournament, attendees had opportunities to win raffle prizes donated by lo-

cal organizations and businesses, further contributing to the fundraising efforts.

Founded on the belief that communities are strongest when neighbors help neighbors, Universal Cares actively supports communities throughout Indiana by connecting individuals, businesses, and volunteers through compassionate service projects and charitable initiatives.

Organizers called the event a tremendous success and thanked everyone who

participated, sponsored, volunteered, donated, or attended.

Universal Cares will continue its 2026 fundraising efforts with upcoming events, including its annual Golf Outing on August 19 at Brookshire Golf Course in Carmel.

For more information about Universal Cares, volunteer opportunities, upcoming events, or ways to support the organization's mission, visit universal-cares.com.

HCC

Girls softball Haley Schatko, Noblesville

The HCC Softball coaches have voted Noblesville senior Haley Schatko the Athlete of the Year.

Schatko was an offensive powerhouse for the HCC champion Millers leading the team with a .543 batting average. In addition, Schatko led the Millers with a school-record tying 15 home runs. She also had 51 RBIs, had a .558 on-base percentage

and an outstanding 1.138 slugging percentage.

Schatko was a four-year letterman and starter for the Millers. Schatko also earned two All-HCC First Team selections.

Noblesville Coach Deke Bullard said, "Haley's performance with our schedule was outstanding. I have never seen anything like that in my coaching career."

Schatko will continue her education and softball career at Indiana University.

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Men's Basketball

Former Purdue star Braden Smith works out for Pacers, shares update on draft process

By JOSH BODE
WISH-TV | wistv.com

Former Purdue star Braden Smith worked out with his hometown team, the Indiana Pacers, on Monday ahead of the NBA Draft.

Smith, a Westfield native, said the workout went well.

"Obviously being 30 minutes from home and being here, obviously I'm well connected with a lot of people here and kind of feels like a family," Smith said. "So for me to be back

here and be with everybody was awesome."

This was his fourth workout ahead of the NBA Draft. He said he was working out with the Los Angeles Lakers on Tuesday and the Denver Nuggets on Thursday as well.

Smith knew having the opportunity to play in the NBA could be in his future when he got to Purdue.

"I always knew I'd be able to play because I feel like I'm smart enough to play," Smith said. "I have the IQ to play. I can pass. I can score. I can do all those

things for any team out here that needs that."

He is trying to overcome a common criticism of his game that he has faced his entire career, but has no control over — his height. He said that's been the only feedback he's been given in the NBA Draft process on ways to improve.

"It's just all size," Smith said. "That's really it ... Size has always been an issue and I've always found a way around it."

Indeed he has found a way around it. Smith is the NCAA all-time assist leader, dishing out 1,103 assists in his career in West Lafayette. He was also the Big Ten Player of the Year in the 2024-25 season and a two-time All-American.

"You got to go play basketball," Smith said. "You got to go out and produce. You got to play the right way. You got to play smart. You got to make reads. You got to make decisions. You got to play hard."

Smith got to share the court on Monday with someone he assisted a lot at Purdue, Trey Kaufman-Renn, who also worked out with the Pacers. Smith said it was good to see him, but it was weird to play against him.

"He can do everything on the basketball floor," Kaufman-Renn said about Smith. "There's not a hole in his game. He shoots well at three levels. He scores. Plays hard on the defensive end."

Smith averaged 13.0 points, 4.5 rebounds, and 7.4 assists per game in his career at Purdue.

The Pacers do not have a pick in the 2026 NBA Draft. The first round of the draft is set for June 23 and the second round is set for June 24.

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GOLF

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The Rocks and Center Grove will be in the final group of today's second round, along with Castle and Guerin Catholic. The Knights are currently in third place with 297, while the Golden Eagles are fourth with 301.

Junior Brady Wagner and senior Eli Wessel both scored 73, which makes them part of a six-way tie for seventh place. Wessel made four birdies and Wagner made one.

Freshman Myles Ray scored 76, including one birdie. Another freshman, Cooper Howard, scored 79, including two birdies and junior Andrew Williamson totaled 81, making one birdie.

"We didn't play very well," said GC coach Mark

Team scores after Day 1

Center Grove 291, Westfield 295, Castle 297, Guerin Catholic 301, Noblesville 302, Pendleton Heights 303, Hamilton Southeastern 307, Homestead 311, Warsaw 313, Elkhart 316, Bloomington South 318, Trinity Academy at Greenlawn 321, Franklin Community 322, Plymouth 326, South Bend St. Joseph 327, Brownsburg 327, Floyd Central 338, Evansville Memorial 348.

Mathews. "We can play better than that. We'll organize and then start again tomorrow."

Noblesville is in fifth place with a score of 302. Senior Tyler Marucci is tied for fifth place with an even-par 72, a score that includes an eagle on hole No. 3. Marucci also made three birdies.

Senior Jackson Mahan scored 74, including one birdie. Freshman JT Kelley made four birdies during his

round of 76. Senior Dustin Turpin totaled 80 and freshman Vaughn Twilla scored 81; both made one birdie on Tuesday.

Hamilton Southeastern is currently seventh in the team standings with 307. Freshman Zach Kinser led the Royals with 74, including two birdies.

Senior Mattingly Upchurch scored 75, making three birdies. Senior Blake Babb and junior Brody Colburn both drained two birdies during their rounds of 79, while junior Dane Starnes totaled 81, including one birdie.

The second round of the state finals will begin at 7:30 a.m. this morning. The start time was moved up a half-hour due to the possibility of severe weather this afternoon.

Southeastern's golfers will tee off between 7:30 and 8:10 a.m., Noblesville's golfers will start between 8:20 and 9 a.m., then the Westfield and Guerin Catholic golfers tee off between 9:10 and 9:50 a.m. All county golfers will start from the first tee.

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