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TODAY'S WEATHER



Today: Showers likely. Thunder possible.
Tonight: Showers and storms. Rain could be heavy at times.



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Beck's 5K raises more than \$58,000 to help fight hunger

By HANNAH RAYL
Beck's Hybrids

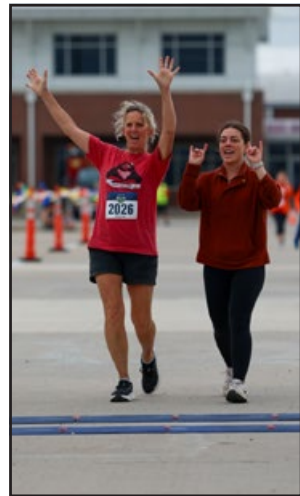
Beck's Hybrids, headquartered in Atlanta, the largest family-owned seed company and third-largest seed brand, recently held its annual Beck's 5K, bringing together employees, families, and community members to help fight hunger.

Thanks to generous support through registrations, sponsorships, and donations, the 2026 event raised \$58,500. All proceeds will be distributed equally among 13 selected hunger-relief charities, helping them continue their missions to address food insecurity throughout the Midwest and beyond.

"Year after year, the generosity of our participants, sponsors and supporters continues to make a meaningful impact in communities across our marketing area," said Laura McKee, Beck's 5K Committee chair. "We're grateful for everyone who helped make this year's event such a success and for the opportunity to support organizations working every day to fight hunger."

Several recipient organizations shared their appreciation for the support generated through Beck's 5K:

"On behalf of our whole team at Kids' Food Basket, we want to say thank you to



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Beck's for choosing us as a charitable partner at Beck's 5K Run/Walk," said representatives from Kids' Food Basket in Michigan. "Through generosity like yours, we ended the 2025-2026 school year serving

11,500 healthy evening meals each weekday to 68 schools in West Michigan. This work is made possible because of you."

"On behalf of everyone we serve in Clay County, South Dakota, thank you for support-

ing this important cause," said representatives from Feeding Vermillion. "Your participation in this year's 5K helps provide food, hope, and dignity to

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SERVE Week: the stories we pack along the way

Every year, SERVE Week in Hamilton County reminds us that service is never just about the task in front of us. Through Serve Village and the many non-profit organizations that come together, we show up year after year asking a simple but powerful question: *What can we do next to serve our community?*

Sometimes the answer looks like landscaping projects. Sometimes it means helping local nonprofits, supporting food insecurity initiatives, assisting elderly neighbors, or rolling up our sleeves for projects that simply need more hands. And yet, every single year, I find myself realizing that while we come to serve, we leave carrying something much bigger – the stories behind the service.

Over the last two days, our family joined SERVE Week efforts at IDES – the Indiana Disaster Recovery Center here in Noblesville – helping pack meals for communities facing crisis around the world. Together, hundreds of volunteers, with small hands and big hands and everything in between, packed nearly 28,000 meal packets. Each station had a simple role: rice, oats, dry vegetables, seasoning, sealing, boxing. Repetitive motions, simple ingredients, but each meal carried a deeper purpose.

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POORNA THAKKAR
Taste of Community

Beef & Boards ready for things to go 'Wrong' this summer

Comedy "The Play That Goes Wrong" opens July 17

The REPORTER

Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre is ready to get it "wrong" on stage for the first time this season! Opening July 17, it's the right time for the hilarious farce *The Play That Goes Wrong*.

It's opening night for the Comley University Drama Society's newest production, *The Murder at Haversham Manor*, where things are quickly going from bad to utterly disastrous. This 1920s whodunit has everything theatres never want in a show: an unconscious leading lady, a corpse that can't play dead, and actors who trip over everything (including their lines).

Nevertheless, the accident-prone thespians battle against all odds to make it through to their final curtain call, with hilarious consequences! Part Monty Python,

part Sherlock Holmes, this Olivier Award-winning comedy is a global phenomenon that's leaving audiences aching with laughter!

Making their disastrous debuts at Beef & Boards in *The Play That Goes Wrong* are Nic Nightingale as Chris, and Tophir Adam Embrey as Robert. Returning at the "wrong" time are Cynthia Collins (*Tootsie, Annie*) as Dennis, Logan Hill (*Singin' in the Rain, A Beef & Boards Christmas, Tootsie*) as Sandra, and Joey Boos (*Tootsie, Waitress, Jersey Boys*), as Max. Also making their Beef & Boards debuts are Jesse Bhamrah as Jonathan, and Kevin Toniazzo-Naughton as Trevor.

Rounding out the cast is Nathalie Cruz (*Tootsie, A Christmas Story, The King and I*) as Annie, with Jaddy Ciucci

(*Murder on the Orient Express, Legally Blonde, Grumpy Old Men*), and Hannah Elizabeth Boswell (*Fiddler on the Roof, The Wizard of Oz, Grumpy Old Men*) as the on-stage crew.

The Play That Goes Wrong is directed by Brett Mutter (*Waitress, A Christmas Story*).

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Photo provided by Beef & Boards

Dennis (Cynthia Collins), back, checks the pulse of the "corpse" while Max (Joey Boos) attempts a marriage proposal to Sandra (Logan Hill) in Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre's production of *The Play That Goes Wrong*, opening July 17. Tickets are exclusively available through Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre.

Commissioner Steve Dillinger hosts 35th annual State of the County address

Event highlights investments in public safety, infrastructure & quality of life

The REPORTER

More than 500 business leaders, elected officials, community partners and residents gathered Wednesday, June 24, for Hamilton County's 35th annual State of the County address at the Embassy Suites Conference Center in Noblesville.

County Commissioner Steve Dillinger chose this year's theme, "Hamilton County: Doing the Right Things for the Right Reasons," because he says it reflects a philosophy that has guided county leadership through decades of growth and change.

"Doing the right thing isn't always popular," Dillinger said. "When we built 146th Street, people thought we were making a mistake. Today, it's one of the most important roads in the county. As we now work to improve those interchanges, we know there will be short-term inconvenience, but the long-term benefits will far outweigh it."

In addition to upgrades along 146th Street, Dillinger provided updates on several



Photos provided

major county projects, including the renovation of the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, construction of the new 911 Communications Center and Public Safety Training Facility, and expansion of the Judicial Center, which will add seven new courtrooms.

Dillinger also announced plans for a new childcare center that will serve employees work-

ing at the county's public safety campus, including 911 dispatchers and sheriff's deputies.

As Hamilton County continues to experience rapid growth, Dillinger said the county's continued success is the result of decades of thoughtful planning and strategic investment. He pointed to recent *U.S. News & World Report* rankings that named Carmel the No. 1

Best Place to Live in America, Fishers No. 2, and Noblesville No. 18.

"That doesn't happen if you're not doing something right," Dillinger said.

The Noblesville Chamber of Commerce hosts the annual luncheon. Hamilton County Television aired a telecast at hctv1.com those who could not attend.

Sheridan Community Schools seeks referendum renewal in November

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

The Sheridan Community Schools Board of Trustees has announced plans to place a referendum question before voters this November as the district works to maintain current educational programming, staffing, and student opportunities in the face of significant changes to Indiana's property tax laws.

District officials emphasize that the proposed referendum is not intended to generate additional revenue, but rather to preserve the level of funding previously approved by voters in 2023 and protect the progress Sheridan schools have made in recent years.

Board President Tyler Henning explained that the need for a new referendum stems directly from changes enacted by the Indiana General Assembly through Senate Enrolled Act 1 (SEA 1).

"This was not part of our original long-range financial planning that we initiated four years ago," Henning said. "We worked very hard to ensure Sheridan Community Schools was on strong financial footing following the successful 2023 referendum. Then the legislature passed Senate Bill 1 in the Spring of 2025 and it affected the future tax base of the district. We spend a tremendous amount of time planning and making sure every dollar is used wisely, but SEA 1 has dramatically changed the financial landscape for school districts across Indiana."

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The district's current referendum rate is \$0.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The proposed referendum would establish a maximum rate of \$0.40 per \$1,000 of assessed value.



Mundy

However, district officials note that the actual amount collected each year may be significantly less than the maximum rate. Each year the school board can analyze the upcoming year and determine the rate needed to keep the district pushing forward. If this new amount was to pass, then it would replace the original rate of \$0.25. The two would not run simultaneously.

Superintendent Dr. Dave Mundy said many property owners may see little to no increase – and some may actually pay less – because of new property tax deductions and state-mandated tax caps included within the legislation.

“While it may sound unusual to increase the referendum rate from \$0.25 to up to \$0.40, many property owners will actually see reduced tax obligations due to the changes included in SEA 1,” Mundy said. “Our goal is to remain fiscally responsible and continue the prudent financial management that has long been a hallmark of Sheridan Community Schools.”

Unlike previous referendums, the amount generated will be affected by a sliding scale based on property classifications, making annual collections less predictable. District leaders say the proposed rate provides flexibility to maintain the same level of net referendum funding approved by voters in 2023.

The district points to a number of recent successes as evidence of the positive impact of community support, including academic

growth, expanded career and technical education opportunities, facility improvements, and continued success in attracting and retaining high-quality educators.

“Our district is excelling on many levels right now, and we do not want to lose that momentum,” Mr. Henning said. “To continue providing outstanding opportunities for students, we must remain competitive in attracting and retaining top-notch educators and staff. This referendum is about maintaining what we have built together as a community.”

District officials also noted that cost-saving measures have already been implemented, including reductions totaling several hundred thousand dollars in expenditures during the current budget cycle.

Sheridan Community Schools expressed appreciation for the strong support the community has demonstrated over the years. The district's 2023 referendum was approved with approximately 84 percent voter support.

“We are blessed to have one of the most supportive communities in the state, and we never take that support for granted,” Mundy said. “We are committed to being transparent throughout this process. If residents have questions, we encourage them to reach out. I would be happy to meet with anyone individually, and we will do our best to provide clear and accurate information every step of the way.”

Additional information regarding the referendum will be shared by Sheridan Community Schools in the coming months leading up to the November election.

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The Wizard of Oz, who also directed last season's *A Beef & Boards Christmas*.

Tickets are currently on sale exclusively through Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre at BeefAndBoards.com or by calling the box office at (317) 872-9664.

Patrons are advised that tickets purchased from third-party sellers may not be valid for performances and may include additional fees.

The Play That Goes Wrong falls apart in 46 performances through

Aug. 23. Regardless of the catastrophe on stage, Beef & Boards' tasty dinner buffet is just right, and always included – along with coffee, tea, or lemonade. Gourmet desserts and bar beverages are available for purchase.

The Play That Goes Wrong is rated PG for mild adult themes.

Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre, Indiana's only year-round professional dinner theatre, has been serving up exceptional entertainment since 1973.

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Every sealed packet reminded me that somewhere, beyond borders we may never cross, someone we may never meet will receive that meal in one of their darkest moments. And while they may not know our names, these meals quietly say something powerful: *We see you. We care about you. You matter to us.*

But what stayed with me most yesterday was not just the meal packing itself. It was a story I unexpectedly became part of.

One of the IDES employees, Ryan Naylor, was wearing a bright Hawaiian shirt – something that stood out on an ordinary Wednesday in Indiana. I complimented him on it, casually mentioning how fun it felt for the middle of the week.

That simple observation opened the door to a story that immediately gave me goosebumps.

Ryan shared that the Hawaiian shirt has become his way of honoring his daughter, Anna, who passed away last year. Before her passing, Anna and Ryan spent years doing meal packing events together at churches and service projects across Michigan and neighboring states. It became their daddy-daughter tradition – family time centered around serving others. Somewhere along the way,



Photo provided

Hawaiian shirts became their inside joke.

After losing Anna, Ryan made a promise to wear a Hawaiian shirt every Wednesday to keep her memory alive. Over time, coworkers, friends, and community members who know the story quietly joined in, wearing Hawaiian shirts alongside him.

A few hours later, another volunteer arrived – a disabled gentleman, proudly wearing his own Hawaiian shirt, making sure Ryan knew he was standing beside him in remembrance of Anna.

And in that moment, I saw community at its purest form.

Sometimes supporting someone grieving is not about grand gestures. Sometimes it is simply wearing a shirt. Standing together. Silently carrying someone else's memory with them.

My youngest daughter was deeply moved by Ryan's story. She insisted on returning the very next day, determined to pack even more meals than before. Somehow, daughter to daughter, she connected with Anna's story. And it felt familiar to

me, too. As a daughter myself, I think of my father living oceans away in India. Every time I see the solid black shirts he loved wearing for every occasion, I feel our connection continuing forward.

Serve Week reminds us that while we come to serve others, sometimes the greatest gift is discovering the beautiful human stories we carry home with us.

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

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individuals and families experiencing food insecurity.”

Over the last seven years, Beck's 5K has generated \$307,848.36 in proceeds that have directly ben-

efited 24 different charities.

Beck's 5K Run/Walk will return Saturday, June 5, 2027. For race results, event photos, charity information, and sponsors, [click here](#).

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Two local students make Iowa State dean's list

The REPORTER

More than 11,200 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the 2026 spring semester Dean's List.

Among those students are:
• Ella Pauline Case of Fishers, who is pursuing a

degree in biology
• Reagan Paige Wilson of Noblesville, who is pursuing a degree in marketing

Students named to the Dean's List must earn a grade-point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Heat stroke can strike quickly, so be sure to stay hydrated

"The heat is on, on the street, inside your head, in every beat" – Glenn Frey, 1984

It has been an interesting spring and summer so far, not a lot of "heat," but plenty of rain! No complaints here, but I would like to have some warmer temps, and I hear they are coming!

This brings me to a personal and important message for my dear readers, as I have experienced what is known as "heat exhaustion" which can sometimes lead to "heat stroke" or "sun stroke." Heat stroke is the most severe form of heat-related illness (hyperthermia). It occurs when your body overheats and can't cool down. Heat stroke causes your body temperature to soar to dangerous levels, typically above 104 degrees Fahrenheit.¹ Heat in your environment (like a car, home, or outdoor space) overwhelms your body's ability to cool itself, and

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SHARON McMAHON
Be Well

often typically affects children and adults over 65, but anyone is at risk.

When visiting California about 15 years ago, I was attending an outside event when I felt short of breath and nauseous, which are two symptoms of heat exhaustion which can lead to heat stroke. I found shade, cool water, and a place to rest and was then fine. A few years ago at another outdoor event, this time in Indiana, I experienced the same issue and was able to cool down, but it was a frightful experience ... not one I recommend!

Heat stroke can develop very quickly. Heat stroke is actually life-threatening and requires immediate medical treatment, according to health experts. It can actually cause brain dysfunction and fainting. The longer the body temperature remains high, the greater the risk of complications. If you or someone around you has signs of symptoms of heat

stroke, 911 should be called immediately. Other symptoms of heat stroke can be confusion, blurred vision, and dizziness. A heat stroke is usually diagnosed in the emergency room.

There are specific recommendations for heat stroke first aid, which I will not address here as I am not licensed to provide medical advice or direction. I advise you to research those recommendations from a reliable source or of course check with your medical advisor. Be vigilant when observing others who may show signs of heat stroke and call for help. There are also recommendations for prevention of heat stroke and just one of those is something I wrote about in this column a few weeks ago – stay hydrated! You can add electrolytes to your water as well in pill or powder form. Remember, when you feel thirsty, you are already dehydrated.

Please be mindful, as well, that our pets are in danger of overheating as well and can suffer similar issues; they need their A/C if

possible and shade and cool water when outside.

Our European friends are in the midst of a heat wave as I write this and the population and visitors are suffering as much of Europe does not have air conditioning due to the usual cooler temperatures. Heat exhaustion, heat stroke, and sun stroke are very serious matters so please take heed and take care. We have waited a long, cold, winter here in Indiana for the warmth and sunshine so enjoy your time in the sun but make sure you have access to shade, stay hydrated, and limit the time you spend in the sun as the temperatures rise.

"Sun, sun, sun; here it comes" – George Harrison 1969

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Sharon McMahon, CNWC

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Riverview Health enhances clinical training with high-fidelity simulation mannequin

The REPORTER

Riverview Health is advancing clinical training and patient safety with the addition of a new high-fidelity simulation mannequin, made possible through a trauma grant from the Indiana State Department of Health. This acquisition was led by Anissa Womack, Registered Nurse and Emergency Department Coordinator at Riverview Health Noblesville and Westfield, who secured the grant funding and will oversee future implementation.

"We are committed to providing the highest level of care for our patients, and that starts with continuous training and innovation," Womack said. "This simulation technology allows our teams and partners to practice high-risk situations in a safe environment, strengthening both skills and confidence."

The advanced simulation mannequin replicates realistic patient responses, including breathing, heart rhythms, and critical clinical scenarios such as airway management, hemorrhage control, defibrillation, surgical interventions and more. This technology will provide an immersive, hands-on learning experience for Riverview Health nurses, physicians, student techs, as well as first responders and regional partners.

Womack is currently completing on-site training

with representatives from Nasco Healthcare, the manufacturer of the mannequin, and will lead ongoing education initiatives using the device. The simulation program will be utilized to train hospital staff, local EMS agencies, and, when appropriate, other healthcare organizations across the region, strengthening community trauma preparedness and ultimately improving patient outcomes.

"Anissa's dedication and leadership made this opportunity possible," said Molly Beck, Manager of Emergency Services at Riverview Health. "Her work ensures our clinical teams and community partners have access to one of the most advanced training tools available."

"The benefits of this simulation technology extend beyond our hospital walls," said Dr. Eric Marcotte, Chief Medical Officer and practicing Primary Care Physician at Riverview Health. "By training alongside EMS and community partners, we're enhancing the region's ability to respond to emergencies and deliver lifesaving care."

By investing in high-quality simulation training, Riverview Health continues to strengthen its role as a regional leader in clinical excellence and collaborative care. Learn more at riverview.org.



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Riverview Health Emergency Department Coordinator Anissa Womack works with the new high-fidelity simulation mannequin.

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Indiana looks to artificial intelligence in attempt to root out Medicaid fraud

By **TIM SPEARS**
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Indiana is testing whether artificial intelligence can identify and prevent Medicaid fraud.

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) has entered a 90-day pilot program with the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and Texas-based tech company Oracle, testing whether AI can stop “waste, fraud, and abuse.”

“We want to make sure every dollar is being spent correctly,” FSSA Deputy Chief of Staff Marcus Barlow told Indiana’s I-Team in an interview. “It makes [Medicaid programs] more sustainable for the long term.”

The pilot program will use FSSA data to identify suspicious billing patterns, prevent improper payments, and even provide AI-generated case packages ready for investigation.

The AI is expected to be able to do this work in real time, flagging claims before they’re paid and allowing regulators to immediately intervene.

Barlow said the AI-enforcement tools will scrutinize Medicaid providers as well as the more than one in four Hoosiers who rely on some form of Medicaid.

“They should be happy that Indiana is being serious about fighting waste, fraud, and abuse,” Barlow said.

Indiana’s I-Team requested the data use agreement Oracle signed as part of the pilot program.

It says the state will remove personal information and protected health information from the data it shares with Oracle. The agreement requires Oracle to destroy any restricted information it obtains. There are restrictions on how information is stored, and Oracle isn’t allowed to share FSSA data with outside parties.

Oracle began analyzing FSSA data on Wednesday morning, Barlow said.

Medicaid spending has been a focus of the Braun Administration.

Indiana’s Medicaid appropriations have jumped 134 percent over the last 10 years, according to the FSSA, from roughly \$2.1 billion in 2017 to nearly \$5 billion for fiscal year ‘27.

Since Gov. Mike Braun, a Republican, took office, Indiana has added work requirements to the Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP), created new limits for a popular autism therapy known as Applied Behavior Analysis, and **ordered some providers to stop advertising Medicaid programs.**

The FSSA recently announced a period of “expanded oversight,” with a **series of audits.** It’s currently adding 400 new employees to help manage increased eligibility checks for HIP starting next year.

Barlow said the AI pilot program isn’t meant to replace any FSSA workers or regulators. It won’t be able to initiate regulatory action even while flagging potential abuse.

Along with addressing real-time issues of abuse in Indiana, the program is meant to evaluate possible challenges and whether similar models can be expanded to other states. After the 90-day pilot program, CMS will review a “proof of concept report” to guide future strategies and investments.

“We’re excited to see what results it produces,” Barlow said.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wish.com/news/i-team/indiana-ai-pilot-medic-aid-abuse.

Hamilton County Soil & Water offers free cover crop seeds

The REPORTER

Mid-summer is when most gardeners are harvesting the fruits of their labor and enjoying fresh seasonal produce, but it is actually a great time to be thinking ahead to caring for the soil your crops depend on.

Cover crops are plants grown to benefit the successful growth of other future crops and as a companion for plants in our vegetable gardens. They help with soil erosion, improve soil health, suppress weeds, reduce pest and disease pressure, increase biodiversity, and can bring a host of other benefits to your farm or garden.

“Cover crops are a great step toward improving your soil and reducing work pulling weeds,” said Lynsey Johnston of Hamilton County SWCD. “This initiative aims to promote sustainable growing practices and soil health among home gardeners, community gardens and local farmers.”

Free cover crop seed packets are available from the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District office, 1721 Pleasant St., Noblesville, from 8 a.m. to

4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Packets of a peas and oats mix, buckwheat, and crimson clover are available to home and community gardeners. Each packet covers 100 to 200 square feet.

Why cover crops?

- **Soil Health:** Cover crops improve soil structure, increase organic matter, and support beneficial soil organisms.

- **Erosion Control:** They protect against soil erosion by providing ground cover.

- **Weed Suppression:** Cover crops can outcompete weeds, reducing the need for herbicides.

- **Nutrient Management:** They help in fixing nitrogen and recycling other nutrients, making them available for current and future crops.

Seed packets are available on a first-come, first-served basis (limit three), so don’t miss out. Visit the Hamilton County SWCD office to pick up your free packets and start benefiting from the advantages of cover crops.

For more information, please call the Hamilton County SWCD office at (317) 773-2181 or visit hamiltonswcd.org/urbanagriculture.



Indiana American Water encourages customers to practice wise water use as hotter, drier summer days lie ahead

The REPORTER

While much of Indiana has experienced above-normal rainfall to start the season, Indiana American Water reminds customers that rising summer temperatures and the potential for shifting weather patterns make this an important time to use water wisely. As hotter, drier conditions typically emerge in the weeks ahead, taking simple steps to conserve water now can help support reliable service and protect local water supplies throughout the summer months.

“At Indiana American Water, wise water use is more than a seasonal concern, it’s an everyday com-

mitment,” Indiana American Water President Barry Suits said. “As temperatures rise and water demand increase during the summer months, simple actions taken at home and outdoors can make a meaningful difference in helping protect local water resources. Reduced usage can also result in lower water bills as well.”

Indiana American Water encourages customers to practice wise water use habits throughout the summer. From adjusting your watering schedule to fixing household leaks, every drop counts. Here are some helpful outdoor tips:

- Water early in the morning or later in the day

and even at night to minimize evaporation. As much as 30 percent of water can be lost by watering during midday.

- Make use of rainwater by collecting it in rain barrels for use on outdoor plants and gardens.

- Check sprinkler heads to help ensure water isn’t being wasted on pavement or unwanted areas.

- Use a lawn equipment blower or broom or instead of a hose to clean patios, driveways, and sidewalks.

- Mulch garden beds to retain moisture and prevent weeds. A two- to three-inch layer is typically effective.

- Set your mower blades higher. Grass cut to 2.5 to 3.5

inches is more drought-resistant and healthier overall.

- Check for leaks. Even small leaks can waste thousands of gallons of water each year. Ten percent of homes have leaks that can waste 90 gallons or more per day.

Indiana American Water customers can monitor water usage through **MyWater**, the company’s customer self-service portal which provides up to two years of usage data. MyWater also contains information about budget billing, customer assistance programs and more.

For more tips and resources, visit Indiana American **Water’s Wise Water Use** page.

Meeting Notices

Pursuant to Indiana Code 5-14-1-5.5, the Hamilton County Election Board will convene a public meeting at 2 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 4, 2026, at the Clerk’s Office in Suite 106 at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss post-Election Day matters concerning the May 5, 2026 Primary Election and to prepare for the Nov. 3, 2026 General Election. In this meeting, there will also be a presentation on a 2027 Vote Center Plan for Hamilton County to be voted on in September.

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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Banks honors America's 250th anniversary on the Senate Floor

Submitted by Office of U.S. Senator Jim Banks

On Wednesday, June 24, U.S. Senator Jim Banks (R-Ind.) delivered the following remarks on the Senate Floor, commemorating America's 250th anniversary, celebrating the courage of our Founding Fathers, the sacrifices of generations of Americans, and the enduring spirit of the American people.

Mr. President, next week the country will be celebrating an incredible milestone: the 250th birthday of the United States of America, the greatest country founded in the history of the world. And I just wanted to come to the floor today to talk about what I love most about America.

250 years ago, a group of brave men and women risked life and limb in pursuit of the American experiment.

In 13 small colonies, farmers, merchants, tradesmen, and families of different religions and classes declared what was then a radical idea that all men are created equal, endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights.

Together, this small group of people took on a mighty Empire and won. And in doing so, they changed the course of history.

I've always related to the American founding on a personal level. I grew up among farmers and tradesmen and factory workers. My dad was a factory worker, and my mom was a nursing home cook. I came from a working-class family and grew up in a working-class town in Indiana called Columbia City, a town that had about 5,000 people living

there when I was born.

Even though Columbia City is a humble town, I love it intensely. I have so many great memories from my childhood in Columbia City. And I feel great pride in my hometown.

But Columbia City's humble nature didn't stop people from doing great things. Columbia City shaped Thomas Marshall, who became the Vice President of the United States in 1913. And it shaped me into becoming a United States Senator. That's the beauty of small-town America. Small towns like my hometown are where the American Dream is realized. And it was in 13 small colonies 250 years ago that the Dream of America came to life.

That's why this July 4th, I'll be celebrating Independence Day back in my hometown with my family. Growing up, I remember spending every Fourth of July with my family watching the fireworks in Columbia City and that's what I'll be doing this year as well.

I know that there are some incredible festivities happening here in D.C., but I think it's so important for people to spend time celebrating with the local communities that shaped them. And I encourage everyone here and those listening to attend, if you can, the America 250 celebrations happening in your hometown.

Mr. President, my upbringing instilled within me a profound love of this country. Sadly, not enough people share that same love. Three years ago, the *Wall*



Banks

Street Journal had a poll that showed that only 38 percent of Americans believed that patriotism was very important to them. That is down from 70 percent in 1998.

For three years, I've wanted an update to that poll, because it really bothered me. Last year, Gallup released new data about American pride. Unfortunately, the numbers have hardly changed; only about 41 percent of American adults say they are extremely proud to be an American. Among America's young people, the picture is particularly damning. Only 41 percent of Gen Z said that they are extremely or very proud to be an American. These are record low numbers. But this is what happens when too many people, especially young people, feel detached from our nation's story.

But here's the thing. This decline is not irreversible. We can absolutely fix this trend.

One way that we can fix this trend is to make our nation beautiful again.

A few months ago, I came to the Senate floor to talk about my bill, the Beautifying Federal Civic Architecture Act. I spoke then about how important it is to have and build beautiful buildings that reflect the beauty of our country. We owe it to ourselves and our children to build beautiful buildings that reflect who we really are as a nation.

And that's why I fully support and applaud President Trump's efforts to make the federal buildings in communities across

America even more beautiful than they were before. When a nation sees beautiful and great buildings, it sees beauty and greatness in the nation. And there's another way that we can reverse the downward trend of American patriotism, and that's by returning to our roots and our small communities. Our small communities are what made this country great, and are what continue to make this country great. The original 13 colonies succeeded in founding this nation because ordinary people in ordinary places believed in something bigger than themselves.

We can make America beautiful again, inside and out, by rediscovering the power of those small places and the ordinary Americans who call them home.

When we strengthen our communities, teach our full and honest history with pride, and recommit to the founding principles that turned 13 fragile colonies into a global beacon of liberty and freedom, we will see national pride rise once again.

Mr. President, let me end by saying this: mighty empires that once ruled the world have vanished to the dustbin of history.

But America, this great country, still stands, and she stands taller and mightier than the rest. So as we gear up for the 250th Birthday of our nation, let us recommit ourselves to the incredible American story that is still unfolding before our eyes. And let us never forget that from small and humble beginnings, rose the greatest country on earth, the United States of America.

Happy America 250. And with that, I yield the floor.

Community News

See *The Rugged Brothers Band* live

The Rugged Brothers Band will perform classic rock at 7:30 p.m. this Saturday, June 27 at The Piper bar and grill, 5855 E. 211th St., #32, Noblesville.

E-bike education course offered by Cicero PD

The Cicero Police Department will hold an e-bike education course for the public at 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 30 at Red Bridge Park, 697 W. Jackson St.

Topics of discussion will include:

- E-bike laws & regulations
- Rules of the road
- Safe riding techniques
- Trail and roadway etiquette
- Rider responsibilities

Free hot dogs, chips, and water will be provided.

Registration open for The O'Connor House's Baby on the Way 5K

The REPORTER

You're invited to celebrate 21 years of ministry at the annual Baby on the Way 5K.

The 5K Run/Walk road race starts at 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 20

at Guerin Catholic High School, 15300 Gray Road, Noblesville. Plus: there will be a free Fun Run for kids aged 10 and under immediately following the 5K.

In honor of The O'Connor House's 21st anniversary, you can use the promo code 21YEARS at checkout for 21 percent off the cost of registration. But hurry ... the code is only good until July 13.

The race is open to adults and children of all ages and abilities. Whether you're racing, walking, cheering, or pushing a stroller, it's a morning full of community, fun, and purpose.

Grab your family and friends and come run with the good folks of The O'Connor House as they continue to work towards the organization's mission of providing a Christian home for pregnant, single women experiencing homelessness to improve their lives and those of their children.

Sponsorship information is available at [this link](#). See you at the starting line!



Some of the best family memories happen under a sky full of fireworks

The REPORTER

Join Good Samaritan Network "Up On The Roof" this July 4 for a patriotic night to remember. Enjoy the best view anywhere from on top the Noblesville Parking Garage at 225 N. 9th St.

This Independence Day, gather your family, load up the car, and experience a July 4 celebration unlike any other. Imagine watching fireworks burst across the horizon while sharing laughter, snacks, photos, and unforgettable moments with the people you love most.

Only one vehicle ticket (donation-based) needed per car, up to eight people



max. (Optional "snack/food" ticket available.)

Advance online registration is required at [this link](#) by 8 p.m. Friday, July 3.

Garage entry starts: 8:30 p.m., with the fireworks at dark. Everything will end by 11 p.m.

Your participation helps strengthen Good Samaritan Network's ability to serve vulnerable neighbors, making your July 4 celebration both memorable and meaningful.

Learn more at [gslive.org](#).

Franciscan Health to hold Men's Bereavement Group in July & August

The REPORTER

Franciscan Health Indianapolis will hold a six-week Men's Bereavement Group in July and August at the Franciscan Hospice House.

The group will meet on six consecutive Tuesday mornings from 10:30 a.m. to noon from July 7 through Aug. 11 at the Franciscan Hospice House, 8414 Franciscan Lane, Indianapolis.

Among topics that are discussed during the sessions are: what is grief, who has died, normal feelings, special memories, help-

ful tools to cope and hope ahead.

The group is open to men who are grieving over the death of a spouse or loved one. The group offers a way for men to begin the healing process with other men who are dealing with the same feeling of grief as them.

The group will be led by Clyde Pedycord, who has led several sessions of the Men's Bereavement Group at Franciscan.

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‘Songbook City’ activation to recognize Great American Songbook Foundation

July highlights include public performances & new gallery exhibit

The REPORTER

The City of Carmel is transforming into “Songbook City” this July to recognize the locally based Great American Songbook Foundation and its work to preserve and celebrate the history of popular music.

Founded in 2007 and headquartered at Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts, the Songbook Foundation is known for its preservation efforts through the Songbook Library & Archives, a vast repository of historical materials that draws researchers from around the world, and its annual Songbook Academy® summer intensive, which brings 40 of the nation’s most talented high school singers to Carmel each July for a week of instruction and mentoring from Broadway performers and other arts and entertainment professionals. The nonprofit organization’s next major initiative is the establishment of a museum, research center and visitor experience near Carmel’s Midtown area that will house its archival materials and serve as a national tourist attraction for the city.

“The Great American Songbook Foundation is a unique community asset and a pillar of the arts-based development and marketing strategy that has made Carmel one of the most desirable places to live in the United States,” Mayor Sue Finkam said. “The continuing growth of its programming and reputation will be an important factor in our city’s future.”

Running from July 6 to 31, the “Songbook City” activation will include the temporary substitution of select street signs with the names of music legends such as songwriter Cole Porter and vocalist Ella Fitzgerald.



Photo by Wayne Images

Great American Songbook Foundation Founder Michael Feinstein leads a group performance in the Payne & Mencias Palladium during the 2025 Songbook Academy.

“As the Songbook Foundation approaches its 20th anniversary next year, we are deeply grateful to the City of Carmel for its partnership and support from the very beginning,” Executive Director Christopher Lewis said. “This designation is a meaningful honor, and we look forward to continuing to grow alongside the city in the years ahead.”

This year’s Songbook Academy, which will draw participants, families, and friends from 13 states coast to coast, includes three public events at the Payne & Mencias Palladium, 1 Carter Green, all of which will also be livestreamed:

• **Public Masterclass, 2 p.m. July 13:** Songbook Foundation Founder Michael Feinstein and Broadway/Disney star Lea Salonga provide onstage performance feedback for 10 randomly selected participants. (free)

• **Songbook Showcase, 7 p.m. July 16:** All 40 singers perform solo selections, with special appearances

by Feinstein and Broadway actress-singer Mandy Gonzalez. (\$5)

• **Songbook Academy in Concert, 7 p.m. July 18:** Feinstein emcees a closing performance featuring dynamic ensemble numbers, medleys and solos celebrating the Great American Songbook through the next generation of vocal talent. (\$25 and up)

Tickets and additional information are available in person at the Payne & Mencias Palladium’s Fifth Third Bank Box Office, online at TheSongbook.org, and by phone at (317) 843-3800 or toll-free (877) 909-2787.

July also brings the opening of a new exhibit in the Traditions Senior Communities Songbook Gallery at the Payne & Mencias Palladium. *Unforgettable*, presented by the Kresa Foundation, will celebrate the soundtrack of America, exploring timeless songs that define our nation’s musical identity. Through rare artifacts and immersive environments, visitors will dis-

cover how generations have connected through shared songs and how the Great American Songbook continues to evolve by inspiring new artists and remaining a living part of popular culture.

The exhibit will be on view 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays and one hour prior to select *Center Presents* events throughout the year. Admission is free.

For more information on how to celebrate the Great American Songbook this summer, visit TheSongbook.org/SongbookCity.

Meanwhile, the Songbook Foundation’s museum development project continues, guided by findings from a recent consumer marketing study and a site feasibility study for the proposed location along the Monon Greenway north of City Center Drive. As the Foundation determines overall vision and funding strategies, community engagement and input will be an important part of the strategic planning process, Lewis said.



Photo provided

Sheridan Public Library releases its July calendar

Submitted

The Sheridan Public Library, 103 W. 1st St., has all sorts of fun activities available for all ages. See the list below and visit sheridan.lib.in.us for more information. Support your local library!

Babies & Toddlers

July 6, 20 at 10:30 a.m. | Discovery Time

Preschool

July 22, 29 at 10:30 a.m. | Little Learners

July 27 at 10:30 a.m. | Parachute Play

Grades K-5

July 21 at 4 p.m. | Creating on Canvas: Summer Fun

July 30, at 10:30 a.m. | STEM Design Challenge: Earthquake proof buildings

Adults

July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 11 a.m. | Needle Crafters

July 1, 15 at 3 p.m. | Adult Bingo (sponsored by Robert Owen)

July 1 at 6 p.m. | Pinners

July 15 at 5:30 p.m. |

Sheridan Readers: Lazy B by Sandra Day O'Connor

All ages

July 1 at 10:30 a.m. | America's 250th Birthday Party

July 8 at 10:30 a.m. | T-Rex Tea Party

July 9 at 6 p.m. | Family Bingo Night

Summer Reading Completion

July 16 at 5 p.m. | Pizza Party

July 17 at Noon | Pizza Party

These events are for participants that completed summer reading. Registration begins July 6; visit the front desk or call the library at (317) 758-5201.

SPL will be closed on Saturday, July 4 for Independence Day. For more information on programming and services, please visit sheridan.lib.in.us. Thank you for your patience during the library’s renovation.

Ford’s Garage serves up \$17.76 meal honoring 1776

The REPORTER

As Americans prepare to celebrate Independence Day, Ford’s Garage, the neighborhood burger and craft beer restaurant inspired by the heritage of the Ford Motor Company, is giving guests a delicious way to mark the occasion with a patriotic meal deal inspired by the year our nation was founded.

From July 1 to 4, participating Ford’s Garage locations will offer guests an American Standard Burger, fries and select draft beers or a soft drink for just \$17.76 in honor of the nation’s founding in 1776.

Locally, Ford’s Garage is located at 13193 Levinson Lane, #100, in Hamilton Town Center in Noblesville.

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America turns 250 years old & Meijer is having a sale, so get grilling!

The REPORTER

Midwest retailer Meijer is dropping prices on **Meijer brand grocery essentials** through the July 4 holiday weekend, as well as adding new ways to earn more mPerks, helping customers celebrate America's 250th birthday for less.

Through July 7, more than 100 Meijer brand items are discounted up to 50 percent, including Meijer brand food, drinks, and picnic supply favorites for the summer months: hot dog and burger buns, potato chips, lemonade, freezer pops, s'mores supplies, paper plates, napkins, and charcoal. Customers can view all discounted items on [Meijer.com](https://www.meijer.com).

"Sharing food with family and friends is important here in the Midwest, and we are proud to provide our customers outstanding value and quality," said Don Sanderson, Chief Merchandising & Marketing Officer. "These promotions ensure our customers can save money while sharing a great meal together."

Discounted summer cookout items include:

- Meijer Chicken Sausage: \$4.99
- Meijer Hot Dog Buns: \$1.39
- Meijer Pasta Salad kits: \$0.89
- Meijer Honey Grahams: \$2
- Meijer Original Marshmallows: \$1

- Meijer Chocolate Bar Multipack: \$5
- Meijer Lemonade: \$1.99
- Meijer Potato Chips: \$1.79
- Meijer Flavored Tortilla Chips: \$1.99

In addition, Meijer is adding new ways for customers to earn more mPerks points on their Meijer purchases, which can be used for fuel discounts at Meijer Express stations. On select weekends beginning June 26 to 28, customers can earn quadruple the mPerks points on the purchase of certain brands through the retailer's "**Pump up the Points**" promotion. This allows their points to add up more quickly to redeem for rewards, such as up to \$1 off per gallon of gas or in-store discounts. The mPerks program allows customers to earn savings on the products they already purchase and brands they love, including Red Bull, Nestle, Coca Cola, Dr. Pepper, Tyson, L'Oreal, & Tide & more.

Each week, customers have access to more than \$1,000 worth of mPerks savings in the Meijer app. For more than 15 years, the mPerks program has been helping customers save on products they need and want while also providing exclusive rewards and offers. Signing up for mPerks is easy and free. Customers can enroll at [meijer.com/mperks](https://www.meijer.com/mperks) or through the free Meijer app.

Carmel details summer & fall infrastructure projects

Submitted by City of Noblesville

This summer's construction schedule features a wide range of infrastructure enhancements, including major corridor and road reconstructions, new multi-use pathway connections, the installation of safety-oriented raised pedestrian crosswalks and foundational improvements in the Merchants Square area – with several additional capital projects already scheduled to begin in 2027.

As with all major infrastructure initiatives, scheduled timelines are estimates and subject to change based on weather, utility coordination and unforeseen circumstances. City officials appreciate the community's continued patience as these vital projects are completed. Several key projects are highlighted below.

Roundabout & intersection upgrades

- **East 106th Street & Westfield Boulevard (July to October):** A full intersection closure is scheduled for the construction of a brand-new roundabout and a crucial culvert replacement near East 109th Street.
- **Hoover Road & West 116th Street (August to November):** Expect a full closure at this intersection later this summer for the construction of a new round-



Photo provided by City of Carmel

An aerial image of the ongoing reconstruction along College Avenue.

about aimed at improving traffic flow and safety.

Key corridors

- **West Main Street reconstruction (June to November):** Utility relocation is underway with the roadway reconstruction from Old Meridian to Guilford Road to begin once utilities have completed. While partial road closures will occur, local access will be strictly maintained throughout the project.
- **Monon Boulevard Phase III & North College Avenue:** Continued expansion and utility work

on these vital corridors will progress steadily through the remainder of 2026.

Merchants Square improvements (July to September): Enhancements kick off this summer at 116th Street and AAA Way, marking the first phase of multi-year upgrades to the retail area's infrastructure.

Focus on pedestrian safety & connectivity

• **Raised pedestrian crosswalks (June to September):** To protect pedestrians and slow traffic, the City has been installing raised crosswalks at six ma-

major roundabouts along Hazel Dell Parkway and Gray Road. The following three roundabouts for completion are: 116th Street and Hazel Dell Parkway; Cherry Creek Boulevard and Hazel Dell Parkway; Main Street and Gray Road.

New multi-use paths

Carmel's trail network continues to grow with construction on the Westfield Boulevard Path (99th St. to 116th St.) running through October.

See the full list of ongoing and upcoming projects at [this link](https://www.carmelindiana.gov).

Academy Award®-qualifying Indy Shorts announces 2026 Festival lineup

The REPORTER

Heartland Film has announced the lineup for the ninth annual Academy Award®-Qualifying Indy Shorts Film Festival (Indy Shorts) presented by TQL Wealth Management, running July 21 to 26.

Indy Shorts will showcase 266 short films with screenings at the Indy Art Center, Living Room Theaters and Newfields. Many of the short films will also be available to stream. You can see the full list at [this link](https://www.indyshorts.org).

The festival will feature short films from 46 countries and include 36 World Premieres, 32 U.S. Premieres, and 117 Midwest Premieres. There are also three Indiana Spotlight programs featuring 21 short films with Hoosier connections. In total, more than 250 filmmakers are expected to attend Indy Shorts to participate in filmmaker Q&As following the screenings.

The 2026 summer festival is embracing a candy theme of Shorts & Sweets. Attendees are encouraged

to unwrap the more than 260 fun-sized films that are curated into 40 themed programs. From comedy and horror to music and sports, there's a short film program for everyone. Tickets and Fest Passes are now on sale at [IndyShorts.org](https://www.IndyShorts.org).

"We're incredibly proud of the momentum Indy Shorts continues to build year after year," said Heartland Film Artistic Director Greg Sorvig. "Last year, our films went on to earn more Oscar® nominations than those of any other festival

organization – a testament to the caliber of storytellers who trust us with their work. This year's lineup continues that tradition, bringing together bold, inventive voices from around the world. We're especially thrilled to welcome back Sam Davis, whose film 'The Singers' was our Oscar®-qualifying Narrative Grand Prize Winner last year, as our Pioneering Spirit Award honoree. It's artists like Sam who embody the creativity, courage and innovation that define Indy Shorts. We can't

wait to share this year's extraordinary slate with our community."

Indy Shorts is honored to have a total of 185 film premieres spanning World to Midwest. Many of the premiering films have notable names, including Andy Serkis ("PIGEONS"), Djimon Hounsou ("CALA-BASH"), Naomie Harris ("Swim Sistas"), Tatiana Maslany ("How Brief"), Cameron Monaghan ("Hello, Dad!"), Ben Mendelsohn ("Falling Short"), Christopher Eccleston ("SIGNAL"), Lamorne Morris ("Scratch"), Ann Dowd ("Undelivered"), Janeane Garofalo ("My Bird Is Sick!") and Tony Cavaleiro starring in two US Premiere films, "American Rampage" and "Please and Thank You."

Indy Shorts is among just 47 film festivals worldwide recognized as an Academy Award® qualifier in all three short film categories: Live Action, Documentary and Animated. Indy Shorts Grand Prize winners in each category (Narrative Short, Documentary Short and Animation Shorts) earn Oscar® qualification* and a \$5,000 Cash Prize. With 48 nominations and 13 Oscar®-winning shorts emerging from the festivals, audiences may be among the first to see future Academy Award®-contenders right in Indianapolis. Indy Shorts is also a qualifying festival for the BAFTA and Goya Awards. *Provided the film otherwise complies with the Academy's rules

Filmmakers are vying for over \$35,000 in cash prizes to be awarded on Saturday, July 25. A selection of award-winning films will be showcased that evening during the Summer Nights: Award Winners program at The Amphitheater at Newfields. Guests are invited to arrive early for complimentary HotBox Pizza and summer activities.

Pioneering Spirit Award

Over the years, the Heartland Film Pioneering Spirit Award has celebrated artists who are in the prime of their careers. Recent honorees include Doug Blush, Colman Domingo, Katie & Ian Bignell and Ben Proudfoot.

This year, Indy Shorts welcomes back Sam Davis, returning to Indianapolis just one year after his film "The Singers" won both the Oscar®-qualifying Narrative Grand Prize and Audience Award at the 2025 Indy Shorts. The film went on to secure Netflix distribution and the 2026 Academy Award® for Live Action Short Film.

Davis has long been a standout within the Heartland Film community, with celebrated works including Oscar® winner "Period. End of Sentence.," Oscar® nominee "Nai Nai & Wai Pó," "Didi," "Long Line of Ladies," "Are You Still There?," "Just Hold On," "Jack and Jo Don't Want to Die" and more.

Sam Davis will be honored at the Indy Shorts Awards Brunch on Saturday, July 25.

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THE TRANSJORDAN TRIBES

The Reubenites and Gadites, who had very large herds and flocks, saw that the lands of Jazer and Gilead were suitable for livestock. So they came to Moses and Eleazar the priest and to the leaders of the community, and said, "Ataroth, Dibon, Jazer, Nimrah, Heshbon, Elealeh, Sebam, Nebo and Beon—the land the Lord subdued before the people of Israel—are suitable for livestock, and your servants have livestock. If we have found favor in your eyes," they said, "let this land be given to your servants as our possession. Do not make us cross the Jordan."

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Linda Sue O'Cain

d. June 18, 2026



Linda Sue O'Cain, 78, Noblesville, passed away peacefully on June 18, 2026. Upon her passing, she was able to leave the burden of Alzheimer's and dementia behind and reunite with so many loved ones whom she missed dearly.

Born in Princeton, Mo., in 1948 to parents JD and Gwendolyn Rumph, Linda fondly recalled living on the farm, where she learned the value of hard work and putting family first.

When her family moved to Southern California during her youth, Linda capitalized on her extroverted personality, amassing activities and friends that fed her desire for personal connection.

Linda loved people, and people loved Linda. She was known for her "gift of gab," her contagious laugh, her perpetual optimism, and her kindness to all. She was a hugger, and she truly never met a stranger.

Throughout her life, Linda was a dedicated daughter, sister, mother, wife, grandma, friend, and savvy business owner. At her core, she was a caretaker. She never said "no" to requests for help, and she showed up just when you needed her. Her aim was always to lift burdens and spirits at the same time.

Linda loved spending time with family, watching her two grandsons' sporting events, listening to music (and singing along), watching movies (especially comedies), and shopping for just about anything. She had an impeccable sense of style, whether it be her wardrobe (especially shoes and purses), home decor, or the gifts she was constantly giving to others. She was always on a quest to find things with "pizzazz"!

Linda is survived by her daughter, Melinda Stephan (Scott); two grandsons, Isaac Stephan and Lucas Stephan; her sister, Cheryl McDearmon; sister-in-law, Elene Rumph; and a loving extended family of nieces and nephews, step-children and step-grandchildren, in-laws, and so many friends that are family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, JD and Gwen Rumph; an infant brother, Jay Dwight Rumph; her brother, Jeffrey Rumph; and so many extended family and long-time friends with whom we are certain she is laughing, reconnecting, and reminiscing, now that her memory has been restored and her heavenly body made new.

We would like to share our special appreciation for Anchor of Hope Hospice and White Oaks at Heritage Woods Memory Care staff for their dedication to caring for Linda over the past year, for they provided the connection and support that she always strove to provide to others.

Details regarding a memorial service will be shared at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Linda's name to the Alzheimer's Association, 50 E. 91st St., Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240 (alz.org/indiana).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Toni (Smith) Goodnight

June 27, 1949 – May 26, 2026

Toni Goodnight, formerly of Hagerstown, Ind., died in Tucson, Ariz., the city where she lived the past several years. Toni passed away with her sister Shawn at her side, at the hospice to which Toni had been admitted a few days earlier.

Toni is survived by her husband, Gordon Goodnight, retired teacher and administrator. Survivors include sister Shawn of Green Valley, Ariz., and brothers James of Orleans, Ind., and Malcolm of Tipton, Ind.

Toni was born in Ft. Wayne, and grew up in Hagerstown, second daughter of Jerry and Jo Claire Smith. After graduating from Hagerstown High School in 1967, Toni attended Purdue University in West Lafayette, before joining the U.S. Air Force. After training as an aircraft maintenance tech, she was stationed at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware.

After her term of service, she returned to Indiana, where she helped create Hagerstown's Sesquicentennial Quilt, on display at the Hagerstown Museum. Toni always wanted to help, and donated her time and efforts to many worthy causes over the years.

She worked at Perfect Circle/Dana in Hagerstown while attending Indiana University East in Richmond, from which she received her Registered Nurse degree. She then worked at Reid Memorial Hospital in Richmond.

Toni married Bradley Beeson of Hagerstown. They lived in Brownsburg and had a son, Matthew Beeson. Matthew married the former Molly Bloom of Minnesota, and they live in Cicero, Ind., along with their eight children. Toni greatly missed her grandchildren the last few years of her life.

Before moving back to Hagerstown, Toni worked as a nurse at St. Vincent's Ascension Hospital in Indianapolis. Back in Hagerstown, Toni married Gordon Goodnight. They soon moved to Tucson, and Toni worked as a nurse at Tucson Medical Center and other facilities, before retiring. Since then, she enjoyed watching and attending Arizona Diamondbacks baseball games, caring for her dog Lucy (and husband Gordon!), as well as sewing, knitting, and quilting. Toni loved traveling, including going on ocean cruises, as well as traveling "Back Home Again in Indiana" to visit friends and relatives.

A memorial service will be held for Toni in Hagerstown later this year.

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Maxine (Good) Teter

October 23, 1933 – June 24, 2026



Maxine (Good) Teter, 92, Carmel, passed away June 24, 2026. She was born October 23, 1933, in Clermont, Ind., and graduated from Brownsburg High School. She and Floyd Teter were married and started their new life together in Carmel in 1957, where they raised their family and built a lifetime of cherished memories.

A devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Maxine dedicated her life to caring for others.

While her three daughters attended College Wood Elementary school, she was an active volunteer and supporter of the school community. Throughout the years, she worked at Ayr-Way, Joe O'Malia Food Markets and Meijer before embracing one of her favorite roles – caring for her grandchildren.

Maxine and Floyd lovingly babysat all six of their grandchildren, creating countless memories. Her grandchildren fondly remember the joy, laughter, and love they experienced at Grandma and Grandpa's home. She found happiness in simple pleasures, especially cooking for those she loved and tending to her beautiful flower gardens. In later years, her greatest joys were visits from her great-grandchildren.

Maxine was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd Teter; son-in-law, Paul Buehler; siblings, Edgar Good Jr., Richard Good, Joseph Good, Doris Downing, Wayne Good, Leon Good, Laura Thomas, and her twin, Max Good; and sisters-in-law, Evelyn Baber and Bonnie Fesmire.

Survivors include daughters Linda Buehler, Nancy (Rick) McCool and Marcia (Tim) Powers; sister, Delores Marvel; sister-in-law Carolyn Fitzgerald; grandchildren, Amy (David) Sexton, Thomas O'Malia, Bryan (Courtney) Buehler, Ricky McCool, Kari (Evan) Brock, and Brianna (Nathan) Wigington; great-grandchildren, Brady O'Malia, Ryley Buehler, Reagan Brock, Olivia Sexton, Coleson Buehler, Audrey Brock, Alaina Wigington, Lucas Buehler, and Meredith Wigington; as well as many beloved nieces and nephews.

Maxine will be remembered for her kindness, dedication to family and the love she shared with everyone around her. The family would like to thank the staff at Independence Village of Carmel, Wellbrooke of Carmel, and St. Croix Hospice.

A Celebration of Life service is pending.

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

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Docket No. PC-0626-05-AG

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Parcel Number: 03-02-17-00-00-006-202
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Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing. Comments or letters may be mailed to Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission at PO Box 650, Cicero IN, 46034. Comments may also be emailed to publiccomments@townofcicero.in.gov.
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Men's Basketball



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Carmel graduate Peter Suder has signed a two-way contract with the Los Angeles Lakers. Suder helped the Greyhounds win two state championships and was part of a Miami (Ohio) team that clinched an unbeaten regular season.

Carmel's Suder signs with Lakers

The REPORTER

Peter Suder will soon be singing "I Love L.A."

The Carmel star agreed to a two-way contract with the Los Angeles Lakers, with the news breaking shortly before midnight on Wednesday night. Reporter Michael Scotto of Hoopshype posted the news at 11:35 p.m., minutes after the second round of the NBA Draft had finished.

Suder has been a winner since his freshman year for the Greyhounds, the team he helped win a pair of state championships (2019 and 2021) and another sectional title in 2020 before the Covid pandemic halted the state tournament. He was an Indiana All-Star in 2022.

Suder played his first two years of college basketball at Bellarmine, averaging around 10 points and 4.3 rebounds per game. He transferred to Miami (Ohio) for his final two seasons; during his senior year, Suder was part of the Redhawks' team that went 31-0 in the regular season and

won a First Four game in the NCAA tournament.

Suder averaged 12.3 points per game during his college career, including a 14.8 average for his senior year at Miami, the same year he won the Mid-American Conference (MAC) Player of the Year award.

"He's a winner," said Ryan Osborn, who coached Suder all four years at Carmel. "He's a hard worker." Osborn said that every place Suder has played, he's been a part of winning teams.

"I think every locker room, every roster could use those guys," said Osborn.

The coach said he believes Suder is in a good situation with the Lakers and that "the intangibles" are what sets Suder apart.

"He finds ways to make winning plays," said Osborn. "He always makes the right plays at the right times. He'll do whatever it takes to help teams win. He likes to compete. I think every coach sees it and really values it. He plays basketball the right way."

Caleb comes home Part 2: 'Our duty is to raise the bar'

By RICHIE HALL
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ARCADIA – The Hamilton Heights football field that Caleb Small played on was a little bit different from the football field Small will coach on.

The Huskies' football facilities got a major upgrade a couple years ago, with a turf field and a brand-new building. When Small first saw them, he said he was "in awe."

"They did it right. Everything's beautiful," said Small. "Facilities will never be an excuse for a loss. We've got everything we need and more."

Small noted the photo of Jarrod Mason, Hamilton Heights' late, beloved principal that is seen right away while entering the team room.

"It's pretty cool to see Mr. Mason's face as you walk into the team room, knowing that he loves Husky football, not just Husky football, but Hamilton Heights in general," said Small. "It's just a good reminder that there's a lot of special people that have been a part of this program. Our duty is to keep that rolling and to raise the bar of the program as they would expect."

"Selflessness and toughness" Small said that the men he was coached by and worked for – Steve Stirn, Chuck Reeves, Gene

"Smoke" Starrett and Jason Simmons – taught him and his teammates about how to be selfless. That's something Small has already been talking about with his players.

"They taught us how to be selfless and to care about our teammates as much or more than ourselves," said Small.

Those same coaches also taught toughness – in both body and mind.

"This is the message I gave our kids yesterday," said Small. "When we got good, we were founded on toughness. And not just physical toughness and getting up and playing the next play, but more of our mental toughness, and being able to deal with adversity and those types of things. Coaches put us through that. And in due time, it was good for us. We felt like games were easier than practice at times."

During the Huskies' scrimmage with Greenwood on Wednesday, there was a game-like feel to a lot of the plays. While the setting was informal, there was quite a bit of intensity when it came to each play.

"I challenge our coaches to make it as game-like as possible every time we step on the field, whether we're in pads or not," said Small. "We want to create an intensity in a way that is positive, but also where it slows the game down when they get



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Hamilton Heights football head coach Caleb Small supervises a play during the Huskies' Wednesday scrimmage with Greenwood.

to a Friday night. If we're intense and we coach with a passion and a purpose every single rep, pre-snap and post-snap, it gives ourselves a chance to coach our kids at a high level and for them to have to respond to that, too."

There was celebrating if a player made his way to the end zone. That's fine with Small, who said he wants the team to "celebrate all successes," saying it helps with camaraderie and keeping people engaged.

"Yeah, it's just practice," said Small. "But for us, again, we're trying to treat it like a game, right? So, when we score, we want to be happy about it, because

it's hard to score a touchdown in high school football. It really is. It's a hard thing to do, and so all those times that they're getting nipped and coached hard, that's what we do it for. We do it to have fun and have success and we call it party in the end zone."

Heights is starting a two-week moratorium this weekend, so the Huskies won't be back on the field until July. Once the Heights players are back, things get serious: Small said the practices aren't going to be "as fun as it's been in June, but we're going to get in shape so we can go play fast and at our highest level when we get to August."

The follow-up: Some suggestions for the tennis post-season

I felt like it needed to be said.

A couple weeks ago, I wrote a column entitled "Top tennis teams should not be playing so early," which got a little bit of response. Usually, I get few comments on my articles, except for the occasional "Congratulations TEAM on winning the SPORT sectional!"

Two of the three commenters agreed, something should be done. One of them said, "there should be a reward for success earned during the regular season."

The third commenter dissented on a few things, but did say one thing I agree

with: he suggested "studying the golf tournament and how they farm teams out in several directions for their sectionals."

The golf tournaments are spread out just enough to keep the good teams from meeting each other until the state meet. Someone should figure out a way to move a team or two out of the Westfield sectional, but that's a column for another day.

Here's the thing: since the IHSAA switched the tennis post-season to a head-to-head format in 1982, here are the schools that have won state championships.



RICHIE HALL
Sports Editor



Richie Hall / File photo

Adjusting the sectionals every year and separating the individual and team tournaments are suggestions to help make the tennis post-season more balanced. Pictured are Carmel doubles team Gabby Hall and Madison Littell.

North Central, Brebeuf Jesuit, Cathedral, Carmel, Evansville Memorial, Park Tudor, Terre Haute South, South Bend St. Joseph and Jasper.

NINE schools in 44 years. And guess what? Most of these schools are among the top teams in the state every year. In fact, five of them were ranked in the top eight in this year's coaches poll going into sectionals.

In other words, it is not a secret who the best programs are year in and year out.

I mentioned in my previous column a solution from Carmel assistant coach

Mark Branaman: "Use the coaches rankings for what they're intended for, to rank the best teams. Take the top eight from the coaches' rankings and distribute them out in the semi-state, so that those eight, while they could get beat along the way, wouldn't meet until the state quarterfinals."

I think this is reasonable. The IHSAA re-aligns the post-season every several years, which is fine. But there's no rule that says they can't make adjustments every year if necessary. It's okay to switch up some of

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Boys Golf Kutchma qualifies for US Junior Amateur

The REPORTER

Two days after winning the IHSAA team and individual state championships, Westfield's Hudson Kutchma picked up another big victory.

Kutchma won the US Junior Amateur Qualifier at Delaware Country Club in Muncie on Friday, June 19. The recent Shamrocks graduate made six birdies, including four birdies on the last five holes. Kutchma finished with a score of three-under par 67.

Elijah Lemmon of McCordsville earned the third qualifying spot with a one-under par 69. Lemmon totaled three birdies in his round.

The U.S. Junior Amateur takes place July 20 to 25 at Saucon Valley Country Club in Bethlehem, Penn.

Hamilton County junior golfers were busy across the state last week. Here are scores from the various Indiana Golf Foundation Junior Tour stops.

June 15, The Farm, Evansville

Boys 13-15: 1. Luke Moore, Carmel 67, T7. Steven Schloss III, Fishers 81.

Girls 16-19: 2. Lauren Turpin, Noblesville 77, 4. Cate Falkenstein, Carmel 103.

June 16, Old Capital, Corydon

Boys 13-15: 13. Steven Schloss III, Fishers 89.

June 17, Deer Creek GC, Clayton

Boys 13-15: 1. Mitchell Landgraf, Westfield 38, 10. Austin Carter 44, 11. Vidyut Anand, Carmel 44.

Boys 16-19: T8. Mason

Gladson, McCordsville 81, 10. Karson Bowen, Noblesville 82.

Girls 13-15: T4. Qianyu Lu, Carmel 50.

June 17, The Players Club, Yorktown

Boys 13-15: 2. Henry Adams, Fishers 74, 3. Porter Bell, Noblesville 75, T5. Alex Witt, Westfield 79; Malachi Cole, Carmel 79; Xavier Flannery, Carmel 79, 8. Caleb Seaman, Noblesville 80, T11. Kyle North, Westfield 84, T17. Cain Cheever, Westfield 86, T19. Lucas Graessle, Fishers 87; Dylan Sloneker, Noblesville 87, T22. Tom Lester, Noblesville 89; Gabriel Brown, Fishers 89, T24. Reid Lassiter, Noblesville 90, T28. Rome Kauth, McCordsville 92, 30. Bradley Zelik, Westfield 94, 34. Jaxton Heckman, Noblesville 99.

Boys 16-19: T2. Jonas Harley, Noblesville 76, T6. Blake Weimer, Noblesville 80, T17. Camden Luedtke, Carmel 86, 22. Grant Beyner, McCordsville 90, T26. Ethan Boston, McCordsville 96, 29. Josh Kim, Carmel 99.

Girls 13-15: 1. Farrah Camp, Westfield 73, 3. Madison Yeoman, McCordsville 92, T4. Audrey Phillips, Noblesville 93, T6. Lucy Rhodes, Westfield 95, 10. Addie McEldowney, Noblesville 103, 11. Riley Kremer, Fishers 108, 13. Shyloh Rebar, Westfield 121, 15. Nora Absi, Carmel 126.

Girls 16-19: 2. Reese Roudebush, Carmel 78, 3. Mallorie Monico, Carmel 79, 10. Presley Cherry, Cicero 88, 13. Aleah Miller, Fishers 102.

Marucci, Wessel reach Boys State Junior semifinals

The REPORTER

Two junior golfers with Hamilton County ties have earned semifinal places in the Indiana Boys State Junior Championship, which continued Thursday at Purdue University's Ackerman-Allen Course.

Noblesville's Tyler Marucci punched his ticket to the last four with a 4&3 quarterfinal victory over Gas City's Landon Tropf. Marucci will play Boonville's Alex Cook in a semifinal match this morning.

Eli Wessel, a recent Guerin Catholic graduate, advanced to the semis by beating Fort Wayne's Caden Baker 4&2. Wessel will play Roanoke's Landon Snyder in the other semifinal.

The semifinals begin at 8 a.m. this morning, with the two winners facing off for the championship, which will be played immediately following the semifinals.

Round of 16 results

Marucci and Wessel were two of the six local players that competed in the Round of 16 at the State Junior on Thursday morning. Marucci got past Elkhart's Benjamin Divido in 20 holes, while Wessel beat Carmel's Patrick Wolf 6&4.

In other matches involving county golfers, Westfield's Ryan Cesare fell to Spencer's Christian Hicks 3&1, Tropf beat Fishers' Mattingly Upchurch 2 Up and Middlebury's Luke Haarer defeated Fishers' Dane Starnes 3&2.

“He impacts winning”

Pacers GM Chad Buchanan shares what stood out about Braden Smith

By JOSH BODE

WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Former Purdue star and Westfield grad Braden Smith is staying home.

The Indiana Pacers traded for Smith, the NCAA all-time assist leader, in the second round of the NBA Draft on Wednesday night. The Pacers sent the Chicago Bulls guard Kam Jones, two future second-round pick swaps, and cash in exchange for Smith, who was taken No. 38 overall.

The Pacers have signed Smith to a two-way contract.

Pacers general manager Chad Buchanan shared what stood out to him about Smith.

“There’s certain players you see early on that just kind of gives you an itch,” Buchanan said. “You just

see certain qualities. Braden from the very beginning up till today has a competitive will that is very hard to put a measure on and a value on. He’s always won. He impacts winning.”

“His basketball IQ is extremely high,” Buchanan added. “You look at the players in this draft, what he accomplished in college and you look at the other point guards in this draft, his ability to make plays for other players, see things that other players can’t see is a special trait.”

Buchanan was talking to Purdue head coach Matt Painter and the biggest thing Painter said is that Smith impacts winning. Buchanan said that’s the best quality for a player.

Buchanan’s son played

basketball at Westfield High School, the same school Smith attended. Buchanan addressed his relationship with Smith.

“The fact that he is a local player, a Purdue player, I know it’s a story, but that’s not the reason why we drafted Braden Smith,” Pacers general manager Chad Buchanan said. “We believe in him as a player, our whole group does. It’s a group decision. It’s not my decision.”

Buchanan said the Pacers wanted to get a player on a two-way contract at the point guard position, which is why they targeted Smith. Buchanan added it’s always good to have depth at the point guard position with potential injuries.

Buchanan compared what he saw from Smith to

another Pacers backcourt player.

“I felt like when I watched Andrew Nembhard, and we watched him at the combine, a lot of the same things were happening when Andrew had the ball as what we saw with Braden with the ball,” Buchanan said. “His team was organized. He got a good look for everybody.”

Buchanan thinks Smith’s instinct and IQ fits well in Pacers head coach Rick Carlisle’s system.

Smith will wear No. 3 with the Pacers, the same number he wore at Purdue.

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the sectionals if the result is a better-balanced post-season.

There are currently four semi-state sites for tennis and four teams play in each of them – but a team only has to beat one opponent to win. Ever since the IHSAA switched to having eight teams qualify for state, we’ve had squads win “Semi-State 1” and “Semi-State 2” championships.

Here’s a suggestion: if we’re still going to have eight qualifiers for state, then how about having eight semi-state sites? Maybe that can help with geography and allow teams to play a little closer to home.

As for the individual tournament, I don’t like the idea of how random it can be. Let’s say a good team has a No. 1 singles player that is struggling as she enters the sectional. The team beats its opponents 4-1 to win the team sectional title, but No. 1 singles loses both her matches.

That means both No. 1 singles players from the other teams go to the individual event. Good for them, but is that really a good way to determine who enters a state tournament?

If we’re going to have an individual tournament, then maybe it should be separated from the team tournament. Select the best 16 singles players and doubles teams from around the state and have them come to North Central for a weekend after the team tournament is finished. You can base it on win-loss percentage, number of wins, undefeated

records – whatever criteria is necessary. The coaches can figure it out. Trust the coaches!

These are just my ideas. I’m sure I’ll think of more, and I’m certain the readers

will think of some ideas as well. This is a discussion that needs to continue, to make the tennis post-season more balanced and give everyone a fair chance to go as far as they can in the state

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tournament.

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