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TODAY'S WEATHER



Today: Partly sunny, with chances of afternoon shower and thunderstorms.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with slight chances of showers late.
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Hot time at the old fair!



Everyone who was there Thursday knows it was hot. Very hot. Extra hot. And humid. But mostly hot. (TOP) One of our photographers caught the 1901 Ranch crew in the most comfortable possible poses. If you're going to be there all weekend, just build a living room in your tent! (From left) Jacob Sheehan, Joseph Sheehan, Violet McCool (hiding from the camera), Renee Beckner, Ben Davis, and Brett Beckner. (ABOVE LEFT) Joe and Bill Miller are big fans of the fair and had some fun beating the heat. (ABOVE RIGHT) Fair food ... 'nuff said.

Reporter photos

"Conservation Starts Here" mural unveiled at Hamilton County Soil & Water

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) has unveiled "Conservation Starts Here," a new public mural at its office at the Hamilton County SWCD/4-H Fairgrounds, 1721 Pleasant St., Noblesville.

Created by Hamilton County-based artist Abigail Staffelbach, the colorful mural highlights the natural resources and landscapes that make Hamilton County special. Native plants, pollinators, wildlife, water, and healthy soil come together to illustrate how conservation practices support both people and the environment.

"The mural reflects the idea that conservation begins wherever we are: in our yards, neighborhoods, farms, parks, and communities," SWCD Urban Conservationist Claire Lane said. "We hope it sparks curiosity and helps visitors see themselves as part of Hamilton County's conservation story."

"Conservation Starts Here" is an anchor for the district's developing Conservation Art Trail, which connects conserva-



Photo provided

Created by Hamilton County-based artist Abigail Staffelbach, the colorful mural highlights the natural resources and landscapes that make Hamilton County special.

tion-themed murals and public art throughout Hamilton County. The trail is intended to make environmental education more visible, approachable, and engaging while encouraging residents and visitors to explore the county.

Hamilton County Tourism provided funding for all or part of each mural featured along the Conservation Art Trail. Its sup-

port has helped bring together conservation education, public art, community identity, and local storytelling.

The mural can be viewed on the eastern wall of the SWCD's office during daylight hours. Visitors are welcome to come inside the office during business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday) to learn about SWCD pro-

grams and free services available to county residents. The SWCD will hold an open house from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25. The event is free and all members of the public are invited.

To learn more about the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District and the Conservation Art Trail, visit hamiltonswcd.org.

Fishers Elementary Principal Emily Supergan comes home

Submitted by HSE Schools

Hamilton Southeastern Schools (HSE) has announced Emily Supergan as the new principal of Fishers Elementary School. Supergan, a proud Hamilton Southeastern High School alumna, was approved by the HSE Board of School Trustees during a special meeting Thursday morning, July 16.

"This is a full-circle moment for me, and I'm thrilled to return to the district that shaped me as a student," Supergan said. "Building relationships has always been at the heart of my leadership,

and I can't wait to serve the students, staff and families of Fishers Elementary. Together, we'll continue building a school community where everyone feels connected, supported and empowered to succeed."

Supergan has served as an administrator in Carmel Clay Schools since 2021. Before moving into school leadership, she served as an elementary teacher and high school cross-country coach in both



Supergan

complete her doctoral degree from Indiana University this summer, with her dissertation defense scheduled for next week.

"One of the greatest measures of a school district is

MSD Washington Township and Carmel Clay Schools.

She earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Mississippi and a master's degree from Butler University. Supergan is also expected to

when its graduates choose to return and serve the next generation," said Dr. Danielle Fetters-Thompson, Assistant Superintendent for Foundational Learning. "Emily embodies the values of HSE Schools and brings the passion, energy and relationship-centered leadership that will help the Fishers Elementary community continue to thrive."

Supergan will assume her new role immediately following board approval and begin preparing to welcome students, staff, and families for the 2026-2027 school year.

The warmest ingredient at Niyyah Coffee is intention

Growing up in India, tea wasn't simply a drink – it was an invitation. Every region had its own signature blend. In my hometown of Rajkot in Gujarat, a strong Kathiawadi masala chai was part of everyday life, while other parts of India embraced herbal spice teas with completely different flavors and traditions. Each cup reflected the people, culture, and stories of the place it came from.

That feeling came rushing back recently during a visit to Niyyah Coffee in Fishers.

"Niyyah" (pronounced Nee-yah) means intention in Arabic. From the moment I walked through the doors, it became clear that intention is woven into every detail – not just the coffee, but the atmosphere, the people, and the purpose behind the business.

Located inside the Hub & Spoke building on 106th Street, the coffee shop offers a calm, welcoming space filled with natural light, comfortable seating, and something that's becoming increasingly rare: quiet. Without background music competing for attention, conversations naturally become the soundtrack. It is a place equally suited for working, meeting friends, or simply slowing down.

My favorite drink was the Niyyah-politan Latte, one of several creative beverages inspired by flavors from around the world. Their menu reflects the diversity of the community they serve, from a comforting Masala Chai that reminds me of home to unique combinations like coffee blended with rose milk, introducing many customers to flavors they may have never experienced before.

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Hamilton County will show off its talented youth

The REPORTER

Hamilton County youth can showcase their talent by signing up to participate in the Hamilton County Talent Contest on Monday, July 20 during the 4-H Fair.

The contest will be held in Exhibition Center Hall A at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville.

There will be a junior contest for ages 12 and under beginning at 2 p.m. The senior contest for ages 13 to 21 will begin at 3:30 p.m. Applications are due to the Purdue Extension Hamilton County office by noon on Saturday, July 18. Space is limited. Winners of each category will advance to the youth talent contest at the Indiana State Fair. [Click here](#) to visit the 4-H Fair webpage and download an application.

The Hamilton County 4-H Fair is organized and sponsored by the Hamilton County 4-H Council, Inc. and Purdue Extension Hamilton County.

For more information on the 4-H Fair or the Purdue Extension Service, call the Purdue Extension Hamilton County at (317) 776-0854 or visit puext.in/hamilton. A complete schedule of events can be found by clicking the 4-H Fair link. More information can be found on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [X](#).

Be sure to keep reading *The Reporter* over the coming days for more information about all the activities going on during this year's 4-H Fair.



Carmel preschoolers love their local letter carrier

Submitted

The famed Carmel postal worker Mr. Greg has become a familiar face for the children of Primrose School, who eagerly watch for him and race to the playground fence to wave as his mail truck arrives.

Recently, the preschoolers surprised Mr. Greg with handmade thank-you cards, colorful posters, and heartfelt messages of appreciation. The surprise gave students an opportunity to recognize an everyday hero and learn firsthand about the important role community helpers play in their lives.

Mr. Greg showed children around his mail truck, sharing what he enjoys about serving their community and explaining how acts of kindness can make a difference. He also spent time answering the children's questions and shared that one of the most rewarding parts of his job is watching children grow up while serving the same community year after year.

Overwhelmed by the surprise, Mr. Greg shared that he plans to display every card and poster at the local post office so fellow mail carriers can enjoy the children's thoughtful messages.



Photos courtesy Primrose School of Carmel



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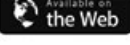


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What impressed me even more was hearing their employees talk about their journey. Perfecting recipes wasn't something they accomplished overnight. They tested, refined, listened to customers, and kept adapting until each drink reflected the quality they envisioned. That willingness to learn and improve embodies the very meaning of intention – not perfection from the beginning, but purpose in every step along the way.

Niyyah also intentionally creates opportunities for belonging. The team includes employees from different cultures and backgrounds, with a commitment to being inclusive, including opportunities within the Deaf community. The shop regularly hosts community events, creating space for families, neighbors, and newcomers to connect over something as simple as a cup of coffee.

After grabbing our drinks, we crossed the street to Cheeney Creek Natural Area for a walk-and-talk meeting. With coffee in hand and nature surrounding us, the conversation flowed



Photo provided by Pooja Thakkar

effortlessly. Sometimes the best meetings don't happen around a conference table. They happen while walking a trail, sharing ideas, and making space to truly listen.

It reminded me that coffee shops have always been more than places to grab caffeine. Throughout history and across cultures, they have served as gathering places where friendships begin, ideas are exchanged, and communities grow stronger.

Perhaps that's the real recipe behind Niyyah Coffee. Yes, they serve exceptional drinks and pastries. But what they're really brewing is something even more meaningful: a place

where intention leads to connection, differences become conversations, and everyone is welcome at the table.

In a world that often moves too fast, maybe what we all need isn't just another cup of coffee.

Maybe we need a little more intention.

"Because every community has its gathering places – and sometimes, belonging begins with something as simple as asking, 'Would you like to grab a coffee?'"

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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Three films at Indy Shorts festival feature local talent

The REPORTER

Heartland Film’s ninth annual Academy Award®-Qualifying Indy Shorts Film Festival presented by TQL Wealth Management, runs 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.

The festival will feature short films from 46 countries and include 37 World Premieres, 31 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.

Three of the short films involve people from Hamilton County:

“On The Stream”
Indiana Spotlight 2

- The subject of the film lives in Carmel.
- Synopsis: Al White is an Indiana fly fisherman whose time on the river becomes a reflection on life.

After a turbulent youth, Al finds peace in fly fishing and discovers that the water can be a place of healing.

- Directed by Grant Michael.

“Pursuit of Perfection – The INDY 500 with Conor Daly”
Indiana Spotlight 3

- Conor Daly, the subject of the film, is from Noblesville.
- Synopsis: As hometown hero Conor Daly chases an elusive Indianapolis 500 victory, “Pursuit of Perfection” pulls viewers behind the curtain of racing’s biggest stage, capturing the

pressure, chaos, heartbreak, and hope that define life inside the Greatest Spectacle in Racing.

- Directed by JD Groh.

“Sylvia”
Indiana Spotlight 3

- Co-Directed by Ashton Gleckman, who lives in Carmel, and Sam Mirpoorian, who lives in Fishers.
- Synopsis: Friends, family, and members of the community reflect on the life of Sylvia Likens 60 years after her murder in Indianapolis.

Tickets and Fest Passes are now on sale at IndyShorts.org.



Photo provided by Graeter's

Heat wave? Canadian smoke? Let’s go to Graeter’s for \$1.56

The REPORTER

Graeter’s Ice Cream, America’s oldest family-owned and operated craft ice cream maker, is celebrating National Ice Cream Day (Sunday, July 19) all week-end long with sweet deals for ice cream lovers both in scoop shops and online.

From Friday, July 17 through Sunday, July 19, Graeter’s Sweet Rewards members can visit any Graeter’s scoop shop for \$1.56 Single-Dip Sugar Cones in honor of the company’s 156 years in business. This offer is available to new and existing Sweet Rewards

members. Guests can sign up for the free loyalty program at this link.

Ice cream lovers across the country can enjoy 10 percent off online orders with promo code ICE-CREAMDAY10. The discount is valid at Graeters.com beginning Friday, July 17 through Sunday, July 19 at 11:59 p.m.

Whether fans are looking to try one of Graeter’s new Summer Bonus Flavors like Cherry Sparkler or indulge in a seasonal favorite like Summer Peach or Key Lime Pie, National Ice Cream Day is the perfect excuse to celebrate.

Get your tickets for four ‘Hoosier Lottery Nights’ at Kroger Symphony on the Prairie

The REPORTER

The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra (ISO) is partnering with the Hoosier Lottery to present Hoosier Lottery Nights during four performances of the 2026 Kroger *Symphony on the Prairie* season at Conner Prairie.

Concertgoers attending the following performances will have the opportunity to engage with the Hoosier Lottery and learn more about its commitment to supporting Indiana communities through its Keep Play Positive initiative, which encourages players to enjoy lottery games in a healthy, balanced, and responsible way.

Hoosier Lottery Nights

will take place during the following concerts:

- Saturday, Aug. 8 – The Heart of Rock & Roll: Huey Lewis & The News Tribute
- Friday, Aug. 21 – Troubadours: A Tribute to James Taylor & Carole King
- Saturday, Aug. 22 – One Night of Queen
- Saturday, Aug. 29 – Private Eyes: A Tribute to Hall & Oates

“The Hoosier Lottery is proud to partner with Kroger *Symphony on the Prairie*, one of Central Indiana’s most iconic summer traditions,” said Hoosier Lottery Executive Director Sarah M. Taylor. “Hoosier Lottery Nights are a wonderful opportunity to connect with players while

sharing how, for more than 35 years, the Hoosier Lottery has returned more than \$8.1 billion to good causes across Indiana, including the Teachers’ Retirement Fund and local police and firefighters’ pensions. We encourage everyone to keep their play positive, healthy and fun.”

Throughout each Hoosier Lottery Night, guests can visit the Hoosier Lottery activation area to learn more about the Keep Play Positive initiative and the Hoosier Lottery’s ongoing commitment to responsible play and giving back to communities across Indiana.

Kroger *Symphony on the Prairie* continues to be one of central Indiana’s favorite

summer traditions, bringing audiences together for unforgettable evenings of live music under the stars at Conner Prairie.

Tickets for Hoosier Lottery Nights and Kroger *Symphony on the Prairie* performances are available now. For a limited time only, use the code SUMMER30 when checking out at to receive 30 percent off tickets to any concert. Tickets are also available for purchase at most central Indiana Kroger stores.

For a complete schedule and ticket information, visit IndianapolisSymphony.org.

Devon Wellington named 2026 Mental Health Now candidate

Submitted

Devon Wellington, Democratic nominee for Indiana House District 29, been named a 2026 Mental Health Now Candidate by Inseparable Action in recognition of her commitment to expanding access to mental health care, improving crisis response, and strengthening the mental health workforce.

An education researcher and small business owner, Wellington has made mental health a cornerstone of her campaign, arguing that mental and physical health cannot be treated as separate issues.

“Mental health support matters at every stage of life, from our kids in school to our parents and grandparents as they age,” Wellington said. “This distinction is a promise to voters that I will always advocate for mental health access and services.”

The Mental Health Now

designation is a nonpartisan recognition for candidates who sign a statement of support pledging to prioritize mental health policy, including expanding access to care, strengthening youth mental health services, and improving crisis response systems.

Wellington secured the Democratic nomination for House District 29 in the May 2026 primary and is campaigning ahead of the November general election to represent Noblesville and portions of Fishers.

For more information on the campaign, visit VoteDevon.com.

About Mental Health Now

Mental Health Now is a nonpartisan campaign, powered by Inseparable Action, that recognizes candidates and elected officials who commit to prioritizing mental health policy. Candidates who earn the Mental Health Now designation sign a statement of support pledging

to increase access to mental health care, improve crisis response, expand youth mental health services, and strengthen the mental health workforce. More than one candidate in a race can receive the designation, and it is offered to candidates for local, state, and federal office nationwide. Learn more at mentalhealthnow.us.



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The key to fitness lies within Woodford Reserve

“So often-times it happens that we live our lives in chains and we never even know we have the key.” – “Already Gone,” from *On the Border* by Eagles, 1974

This column will focus on how to customize a fitness lifestyle that makes sense for you which will address most specifically your needs and your schedule. As a nutrition and wellness coach and fitness instructor, in my second career on this planet, I know very well how clients can be resistant to a plan which does not truly reflect their goals and real-world opportunities to achieve those goals.

The key to this quandary is in your hands; let’s discuss how to use it.

It is a well-known fact that moderate exercise can help prevent slowing processes that come with age, as it enhances blood flow to the brain (which can reduce the risk of stroke.) It also improves cognitive processing and slows down the degeneration of the nervous system. This key to a

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SHARON McMAHON
Be Well

fitness plan is to not think of it as short-term punishment that you have to “put up with” but to make it part of your daily routine. After a few weeks, it will become second nature to you.

Additionally, it is important to remember that you only have to lose a small amount to see large health benefits. Losing just 5 to 10 percent of your body weight can lower blood pressure, cut your risk of diabetes and heart disease, and lower your intake of bad cholesterol. (I will not address the current weight loss drugs on the market; that is a discussion you should have at length with your physician.)

Let’s see ... what is an activity in which most of us participate every day? Could it be ... walking?! This simple act will bring significant benefits to your heart and your weight. If you aim for 10,000 steps per day you will feel the difference. And if you feel like skipping – go for it and increase your calorie burning! The key to a plan or pro-

gram which will keep you focused on activity is to find what you enjoy, vary your activities by biking, dancing, swimming – or whatever keeps you moving.

Don’t forget the resistance training which can raise the metabolic rate by about 30 to 50 calories per day. Over a three-month period, appropriate training will produce about three pounds of muscle, which will boost your resting metabolic rate by about 7 percent. Do you have a favorite TV or internet program you watch two to three times each week? Make that your resistance training time as well while you watch or listen to your program!

Many of you who read my column regularly know that I am passionate about the importance of flexibility training for your body. Without it, none of the above suggestions will give you maximum results and can lead to injury. Your joints can tighten and become thicker as you age but flexibility exercises can help increase mobility. Bending, rotating, and extending your joints prevents injury so choose a good, gentle stretching regimen four or

five days a week. The key word is gentle with no vigorous forward or side twists.

My most important recommendation, before implementing any of the suggestions mentioned above, is that you have a complete physical to determine any contraindications to any of these activities. In particular, if you are over 50 years of age and have had little or no physical activity for some time, please begin with your physician’s examination which can address or uncover issues which may help you to plan your fitness program.

The key to your success lies within you; find activities that help you feel better, look better, and increase your energy and longevity. Remember, “This is the first day of the rest of your life ...” so use that key to unlock any chains which hold you back!

Sharon McMahon, CNWC

The opinions expressed in this article are not intended to replace advice of your personal physician or licensed health professional. Please consult your physician for any issues you may have related to nutrition or fitness activity.

“Some whiskeys exist to be savored; mediocre ones exist to make you appreciate the good stuff.” – Unknown

Woodford Reserve distillery is a beautiful place. Some might even say idyllic. Nestled in the low rolling hills of Kentucky’s bourbon and horse country near the town of Versailles, it rests on the oldest active distilling site in the commonwealth (since 1812). I love its pristine, lush, green grounds surrounded by Kentucky’s signature black fences. It is also designated a National Historic Landmark. One feels kind of in awe of the place when you are there.

The large, white-washed Visitor’s Center was re-vamped in 2019. It features a very nice retail shop where you can purchase anything Woodford Reserve-y, including their whiskeys. There’s also a lovely and pricey (of course) cocktail bar and high-end snack shop called the Glenn’s Creek Cafe. Other than that, one needs reservations for any tours or tastings. I visited in shorts and a T-shirt and felt like I should’ve been wearing a suit – seersucker, perhaps.

Let’s move on to the booze. Woodford Reserve Distiller’s Select (their “regular” stuff) is one of the best-selling ‘super premium’ American whiskeys. Jim Beam and Elijah Craig have more sales, but they are lower-end bourbons. Brown-Forman sells around 1.8 million cases of the stuff per year. This translates to around 350 to 450 million dollars a year in annual sales. Popular stuff! Their other “flagship” bourbon is their Double Oaked, which is a huge seller in its own right.

Both of these whiskies are obviously good (notice I didn’t say “solidly” – progress). The Distiller’s Select tastes like bourbon (duh), slightly sweet, with pleasant oakiness. And the Double oaked kicks it up a notch with intensified oak flavors, sweetness, and a little smokiness.

Yet ... let’s remember our discernment lesson.

I’m sitting at my desk right now at two o’clock in the afternoon sipping on a little Distiller’s Select. It’s been a long time since I’ve tried it neat. Research is tough, but I do it for you. It isn’t remarkable. It’s just bourbon. Great mixer though. Later tonight when I pour something that I really want to enjoy, am I going to reach for this again? Resoundingly, no.

However, all is not lost when it comes to this distillery. Enter the Woodford Reserve Master’s Collection Batch Proof Bourbon and the Distiller’s Select Barrel Strength Rye. These two beauties are outstanding!

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JON SMYRNIS
Bourbon Psychosis

The Master’s Collection was first released in 2018, and those original bottles on the secondary market are quite pricey today. New offerings have been released every year since (pricey as well).

I have already gone through a couple of bottles of this wonderful stuff. The current bottle on my shelf is the 2023 release that is 124.7 proof. The latest 2025* version retails for about \$180. Not cheap. Yet, worth every cent!

This stuff has great legs – viscosity that you can see on the sides of your Glencairn. The taste profile is wonderful, with notes of nuts, toffee, and cocoa. The finish? Extraordinary, with lingering hints of vanilla and espresso, and then the nearly 125 proof burn! Delightful! Now here’s a bourbon worth sipping on.

The Barrel Strength Rye is even better. This stuff runs about \$130 a bottle. Secret: you can get it at a big place that rhymes with “Roscoe” for under \$100. Usually a high-proof rye such as this would be a palate destroyer. Not in this case. This lovely whiskey is smooth with a delicate sweetness. Same viscosity as the bourbon, with a decadent palate of baking spices, orange, and tobacco. The finish is prolonged with notes of citrus and ongoing heat of the rye and high-proof.

There is a third from the Master’s Collection that is incredibly good. I hate to mention it because it is **very** expensive and difficult to find. However, it is so unusual, rich, and decadently delicious that it bears a little discussion: The Master’s Collection Chocolate Malted Rye. Rye whiskey, good! Chocolate, good! This stuff is like a Hershey’s chocolate bar melted into a fine whiskey. Outrageously wonderful stuff! Again, good luck finding it. If you do, it will cost you anywhere from \$200 to \$400. If you can find it for \$200, it’s worth it in my humble opinion.

Over the past few years these three amazing whiskies have re-established my faith in Woodford Reserve. I know they’re pricey, but I highly recommend them. Who knows, one or both might even end up on my all-time favorite whiskies list. Coming (fairly) soon. Also, a trip to Woodford Distillery would be a wonderful experience. If you’re in the area, don’t pass it up.

In fact, I need to plan a trip to Bourbon Country. It’s been a while.

Until next time, cheers!
*The 2026 hasn’t been released yet.

Jon Smyrnis is a lifelong Indianapolis area resident. He enjoys traveling, hiking, biking, kayaking, dining out, and, of course, fine cocktails and great bourbons.

Westfield Police Department invites neighbors to National Night Out

The REPORTER

The Westfield Police Department will join more than 17,000 communities across the country in observing National Night Out from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 4, at its new location, Grand Junction Plaza, 225 S. Union St.

National Night Out is an annual nationwide campaign that strengthens relationships between law enforcement and the communities they serve through family-friendly activities, public safety education, and neighborhood engagement. The event was previous-

ly known as Jake Laird Day and continues Westfield’s tradition of bringing residents and first responders together in a fun, welcoming environment.

“Far too often, people meet police officers on one of the hardest days of their lives,” Mayor Scott Willis said. “We want our residents to know their officers before an emergency, which is why we moved to a com-



munity-based policing model earlier this year. National Night Out is a great opportunity for residents of all ages to meet the officers who serve their neighborhoods in a fun and welcoming environment.”

The free event is open to the public and will feature complimentary food, inflatables, face painting, temporary tattoos, music, and interactive activities for

the whole family. Attendees will also have the opportunity to meet Westfield police officers, learn more about the department’s community policing initiatives and connect with other public safety partners.

National Night Out is designed to strengthen police-community partnerships, promote neighborhood camaraderie, and foster a shared commitment to creating safer, more connected communities.

For more information, please visit westfieldin.gov/nationalnightout.

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Sheridan Lions present three students with \$1K scholarships



Photo provided by Chuck Godby, Sheridan Lions Club

The Sheridan Lions Club recently presented \$1,000 scholarships to three outstanding 2026 Sheridan High School graduates. (From left) Lion Steven Bilby, scholarship recipients Bella Prater, Emily Will, and MaKenzy Terry, and Lion Joe Brinker.

State Rep. Garcia Wilburn selected as one of the nation's rising leaders

Submitted

On Thursday, July 16, State Representative Victoria Garcia Wilburn (D-Fishers) was one of 22 leaders to join NewDEAL (Developing Exceptional American Leaders), a selective national network of Democratic state and local elected officials with more than 240 members across the country.

Members of the center-left network have been chosen from more than 2,200 nominations over NewDEAL's 15 years, and are united by their work to enact pro-growth and pragmatic solutions across their diverse array of communities. As part of NewDEAL, they receive support in developing smart policy, governing effectively, and advancing in their public service careers, while being recognized for their forward-thinking approach and commitment to making government work better.

Alumni include U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg, who joined as a mayor; Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro, who joined as a County Commissioner; and Congresswoman Sarah McBride, who joined as a state senator. Current members include fellow Indiana leaders, such as Gary Mayor Eddie Melton and Representative Blake Johnson.

Garcia Wilburn, an associate professor of occupational therapy at Indiana University-Indianapolis, joins the group at a critical moment in our nation's history as hardworking Americans face rising costs for everything from housing to childcare to energy and when innovative policy solutions are more important than ever to bring real relief to families and

small businesses. Leaders like Garcia Wilburn are focused on addressing kitchen table issues like making their communities safer, bringing down the cost of living, and investing in small businesses. They join other NewDEALers who are focused on keeping America true to the ideals of freedom, liberty, and opportunity.

Through in-person and virtual convenings, Garcia Wilburn will work with colleagues across the country to bring forth a better, more prosperous future for all Americans. To accomplish these goals, NewDEAL Leaders aid in the implementation of recommendations made by its sister organization, the NewDEAL Forum, through the Caring For Families Task Force, Housing Task Force, Democracy Working Group, AI Task Force, Education Policy Group, and Climate Solutions Working Group.

Dozens of NewDEAL Leaders will gather at the NewDEAL Annual Conference, taking place Nov. 18 to 20 in Washington, D.C. The event will provide a forum to reflect on lessons from the election as well as to share policy ideas on: addressing the cost of living crisis; expanding economic opportunity and making government work better; and implementing leadership strategies for governing successfully in challenging political environments.

Dr. Garcia Wilburn was selected to join NewDEAL in part because of her dedication to advancing public safety and healthcare. One of Wilburn's key initiatives



Garcia Wilburn

is legislation giving Hoosiers greater flexibility with primary care provider selections and requiring the state Insurance Commissioner to consider affordability prior to adjusting insurance premiums. Wilburn also serves as a Ranking Minority Member of the House Judiciary Committee, and has received multiple nationally recognized awards for mental health and disability policy.

NewDEAL Leaders have found broad support for their work across red, blue, and purple states and cities, with 56 NewDEALers having risen to higher office in the past six years. Throughout the organization's history, more than one in four NewDEAL Leaders has moved to higher office. NewDEAL is proud to have the support of Honorary Co-Chairs U.S. Senator Chris Coons and Congresswoman Marilyn Strickland.

"Hardworking families need leaders who are committed to tackling the cost of living crisis," said Dr. Garcia Wilburn. "I look forward to learning from other leaders on how they are addressing the issues facing their communities, and sharing my own experiences and lessons for more effective governance. I'm eager for the opportunity to engage on topics like healthcare and affordability, and the ability to be a part of NewDEAL's efforts toward bringing effective governance to cities and states across the country."

Learn more about Dr. Garcia Wilburn and NewDEAL at newdeal-leaders.org/leaders.

Young named 2026 "Hero of Main Street" by National Retail Federation

Submitted by Office of U.S. Senator Todd Young

On Wednesday, July 15, U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) was recognized as a 2026 "Hero of Main Street" by the National Retail Federation for his consistent work and support for the U.S. retail industry through legislative action and leadership.

"I am honored to receive the 'Hero of Main Street' award from the National

Retail Federation for my efforts to promote and support Hoosier small businesses," Sen. Young said. "I will continue to advocate for legislation important to Indiana's retail sector."

The "Hero of Main Street" award was created by NRF in 2013 to recognize a bipartisan group of lawmakers



Young

for their support of the retail industry's public policy priorities. Award eligibility is based on key votes, bill sponsorship, and advocacy to advance the industry's priorities.

Retail is the nation's largest private-sector employer, driving the

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Sponsorships now open for Janus Developmental Services' Awards Banquet

The REPORTER

Janus Developmental Services will hold its 2026 Awards Banquet on Friday, Oct. 9 at The Annex at the Noblesville Schools Community Center, 1775 Field Drive.

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Smoke & extreme heat affecting blood donations across the Midwest

Versiti encourages healthy donors to give as weather conditions disrupt the regional blood supply

The REPORTER

Smoke from northern wildfires and extreme heat across the country are affecting blood donations across the Midwest, making it more difficult for some donors to keep scheduled appointments while hospitals continue to rely on a steady blood supply.

Blood is needed every day for trauma patients, people receiving cancer treatment, individuals undergoing surgery and premature infants. Unlike many medical supplies, blood cannot be manufactured and depends entirely on volunteer donors.

Versiti is encouraging eligible donors who are feeling well to schedule appointments in the coming days to help offset donations that may be delayed or missed due to poor air quality and dangerous heat.

There is an immediate need for all blood types, especially O-negative and O-positive blood, which are essential for emergency transfusions.

Why this matters

- Hospitals continue to need blood every day, regardless of weather conditions.
- Smoke and extreme heat can reduce donor turnout and disrupt scheduled appointments.
- Every successful blood donation helps ensure life-saving blood is available when patients need it most.

Donor safety during extreme heat & poor air quality

Donor safety remains Versiti's top priority. If you have a blood donation appointment during the heat wave or periods of poor air quality, taking a few simple precautions can help make your donation experience safe and comfortable.

Before your appointment:

- Drink plenty of water before and after donating.
- Eat a healthy meal before you donate.
- Wear lightweight, comfortable clothing.
- Stay cool and limit time outdoors in the heat or smoky conditions before arriving.

If you are experiencing symptoms related to smoke exposure, including difficulty breathing, persistent coughing or feeling unwell, please stay home and reschedule your appointment when you are feeling better. Your health and safety come first.

If you're feeling well and it's safe to travel in your area, please consider donating at a nearby Versiti donor center or community blood drive. Every donation helps ensure hospitals have the

blood they need for patients across our communities. If smoke or extreme heat prevents you from keeping your appointment, please reschedule as soon as conditions improve.

Local Donor Center locations

- Carmel: 726 Adams St., Suite 150
- Fishers: 11005 Allisonville Road

Donating blood takes about an hour, with the actual donation lasting only 10 to 15 minutes. Anyone age 17 or older who is in good health and meets eligibility requirements is encouraged to donate. Sixteen-year-olds may donate with parental consent. Donors should bring a photo ID that includes their birth date.

Appointments are encouraged, and walk-ins are welcome. To schedule an appointment to call (317) 916-5150 or visit [versiti.org](https://www.versiti.org).

Sign up now for HOPE 5K Walk/Run

The REPORTER

HOPE Family Care Center, a free health care provider in Cicero, will hold its third annual HOPE 5K Walk/Run for all ages and "paces" on Sunday, Oct. 4.

The 5K Walk/Run will kick the day off at 2:30 p.m. at the Hamilton Heights Cross Country course in Arcadia. Tickets are on sale now and the registration fee for this event is only \$35. Registrants will receive a T-shirt and awards will be provided to top finishers.

HOPE is also seeking sponsors for this event. For more information or to sign up, please go to hopefamilycare.org.



HOPE Family Care Center is a faith-based 501(c)(3) non-profit clinic providing free medical, dental, counseling, women's health, mammograms, and diabetes education services to uninsured, underinsured, and medically underserved patients from Hamilton, Tipton, Madison, and Boone counties.

For more information, or to inquire about an appointment, call (317) 984-3444 or email hfccicero@gmail.com.

Local housing market continues to see increases in inventory, prices & sales

Submitted by F.C. Tucker

As the Hamilton County housing market reached the midyear point, it saw an increase in home sales and growing inventory. The median home sale price increased to the highest year-to-date median home sale price in the region, mirroring central Indiana's record home prices.

Specifically, the Noblesville housing market continued its strong momentum in June, as the first half of 2026 came to a close, with rising home sales, increased activity and selling faster than this time last year.

The residential real estate market in Noblesville and Hamilton County experienced the following in June 2026:

Noblesville

- Closed home sales increased 35.4 percent compared to June 2025, with 34 additional homes leaving

the market.

- The median home sale price was \$420,500, increasing by 6.1 percent compared to this time last year. The median price per square foot increased 7.1 percent to \$180, compared to this time last year.
- Noblesville homes sold in seven days in June, four days faster than this time last year.

Hamilton County

- Pended home sales increased 2.5 percent year-over-year.
- Available housing inventory increased 6.4 percent.
- The median home sale price was \$474,900 – a 3.6 percent increase and the highest year-to-date median home sale price in the region.
- Homes in Hamilton County spent one more day on the market than this time last year, selling in nine days.

U.S. Attorney's Office announces creation of Fraud Task Force in Southern District of Indiana

Submitted by U.S. Attorney's Office

United States Attorney Thomas E. Wheeler II and federal prosecutors in the U.S. Attorney's Office convened a forum of 20 federal law enforcement agencies to discuss enhanced collaboration and whole-of-government strategies to eliminate fraud and theft from taxpayer-funded programs in Indiana.

U.S. Attorney Wheeler also announced the creation of the Southern District of Indiana (SDIN) Fraud Task Force. It will consist of federal prosecutors and

special agents, forensic accountants, analysts, and others from federal law enforcement agencies, which, through data-sharing and investigative cooperation, will detect, investigate, and prosecute those who defraud and steal from taxpayers. This Task Force will further strengthen federal partnerships by formalizing coordination processes and refocusing joint efforts to prioritize federal resources for identifying, investigating, and prosecuting fraud involving taxpayer-funded programs, cybercrime, and predatory schemes target-

ing citizens across Indiana.

These efforts are part of the nationwide initiative to combat fraud led by the White House and Department of Justice. On March 16, 2026, President Donald Trump issued [Executive Order 14395](#), directing federal agencies to coordinate and accelerate a comprehensive strategy to reduce waste, fraud, and abuse within federal benefit programs, to be led by the Task Force to Eliminate Fraud, chaired by Vice President J.D. Vance.

In 2026, the U.S. Attorney's Office has already

secured federal charges or prison sentences and restitution orders against 19 individuals for fraud-related crimes. Most recently, eight defendants were sentenced for their roles in a [\\$1.2 million travel insurance kickback scheme](#). In a separate case, [Shayna Williams](#) pleaded guilty to orchestrating a \$500,000 elder fraud scheme. Hoo-siers should expect to see an increase in similar investigations and prosecutions as federal agencies expand their coordinated efforts.

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FTC issues warning over scam impersonating agency officials via phone and text

By KARA KENNEY
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The Federal Trade Commission has issued a warning about scammers pretending to be from the FTC. The con is so convincing, people are emptying their bank accounts thinking they are protecting their money. Here's how it works: You get a phone call or text message that appears to be coming from the Federal Trade Commission's actual phone number in Washington, D.C. They tell you there's a problem with one of your accounts, and they offer to help you protect your funds. The caller or texter may use the name of a real FTC employee, according to Emma Fletcher, a senior data researcher at the FTC. "You may be able to

search around and find references to those people, and that again makes it more convincing that you really are dealing with who they say they are," said Fletcher. "But that's all part of the lie." Fletcher said the scam is very convincing because they're spoofing, or faking, the real FTC phone number. "Many people think of caller ID as something that you check to make sure that it's not a scammer, but unfortunately, scammers have ways of spoofing that," said Fletcher. The FTC says when people think something is wrong with one of their accounts, they immediately want to fix it. "They're trying to create this sense of alarm using a completely fake story," said Fletcher. "We all get these sorts of alerts, so it can seem

very real. And then once they have your attention, they will convince you that you need help." Instead of protecting their money, victims are unknowingly sending it directly to the scammers. In some cases, the bad actors may text you a picture of an FTC badge as "verification," something the real FTC says they will never do. "I can't say the FTC will never call someone, but we're not generally going to call people out of the blue, and we are never ever going to tell you to move money to protect it," said Fletcher. **Tips to protect yourself** • Never transfer or send money, cryptocurrency, or gold to someone you don't know in response to an unexpected call or message. • Don't believe anyone who says you have to

quickly move your money to "protect" it. Anyone who tells you that is a scammer. • If there's a problem with your account or identity, always talk about it with someone you trust – especially if the stranger on the phone says it's serious or involves a crime or claims to be from the government. • Don't click on links or call phone numbers in unexpected messages. If you think the message could be real, verify the story. Contact the organization in question using a phone number, website, or email address you know is real. Don't use the contact information in the unexpected message. *This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wistv.com/news/i-team/ftc-issues-warning-over-scammers-impersonating-agency-officials-via-phone-and-text](#).*

Traffic shift at 116th Street & Allisonville

The REPORTER
On July 16, crews began implementing the next major traffic shift for the 116th Street and Allisonville Road intersection improvement project. **What to expect** • The outside lanes at the intersection will be closed. • Traffic will shift to the inside through lanes and turn lanes. • All businesses will re-

main open and accessible. This traffic pattern is expected to remain in place through early October, weather permitting. Be sure to use caution when traveling through the area, follow posted signage, and allow extra travel time as motorists adjust to the new traffic pattern. For project updates, visit [FishersIN.gov/RoadConstruction](#).

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U.S. economy and creating jobs in communities throughout the country. In Indiana, retail directly supports more than 1.1 million local jobs and contributes more than \$93 billion in economic activity. "From the merchants who helped found our nation to the retailers serving communities today, retail has played a critical role in America for the past 250 years," NRF Executive Vice President of Government Relations David French said.

"NRF is proud to recognize Senator Young as a 'Hero of Main Street' for their commitment to advancing policies that ensure the retail industry continues to drive our economy forward." This year, NRF honored 255 members of the House and Senate as "Heroes of Main Street" during the 2026 Retail Advocates Summit, the retail industry's premier advocacy event in Washington D.C. [Click here](#) to learn more about the award.

Governor Braun launches Advanced Nuclear Ready Community program

Submitted by Office of Governor Mike Braun
Indiana Governor Mike Braun announced on Wednesday, July 15, the launch of the Indiana Advanced Nuclear Ready Community program. The initiative supports Hoosier communities seeking designation as sites for nuclear energy-related development. The program forms a core part of Indiana's broader state strategy to attract clean energy investment. It focuses specifically on small modular reactors (SMRs) and advanced nuclear facilities. By demonstrating local preparedness, infrastructure capacity, and community support, Indiana aims to lead the nation in nuclear manufacturing and deployment. "Strengthening energy affordability for all Hoosiers is a cornerstone of our all-of-the-above approach," Gov. Braun said. "Affordability is why advanced nuclear energy is a top priority. We are working now to ensure our energy resources remain robust and resilient. This initiative provides a strategic

roadmap to enhance innovation while aligning with communities to strengthen workforce programs and prepare local talent for high-tech energy careers. Ultimately, these advancements – small modular reactors in particular – represent the innovative solutions needed to bring critical new sources of energy generation to Indiana." The program introduces a structured, three-tier designation framework. This design allows participating counties and regions to progress through increasing levels of regulatory, workforce, and infrastructure readiness. To support this rollout, the Indiana Office of Energy Development (OED) created a comprehensive digital toolkit containing resources, templates, and reference materials to guide local leaders through the qualification process. "The Indiana Advanced Nuclear Ready Community

program bridges the gap between state strategy and local economic development," Indiana Secretary of Energy and Natural Resources Suzanne Jaworowski said. "By empowering communities to proactively assess their infrastructure and align local goals, Indiana is significantly reducing developer risk and accelerating timelines for advanced energy investment." Interested local officials can review the toolkit and application requirements on the [OED website](#). The newly launched initiative aims to: • **Ensure Community Buy-in:** Educate local leaders and community members on nuclear energy and the benefits it can offer. • **Reduce Developer Risk:** Complete upfront site assessments and community alignment before developers engage. • **Attract Nuclear Leaders:** Demonstrate local readiness, workforce capacity,

and regulatory familiarity to global manufacturers. • **Build Local Pipelines:** Establish partnerships with educational institutions to train the future nuclear workforce. • **Coordinate Stakeholder Alignment:** Synchronize state, utility, and local rules around nuclear siting and permitting. • **Sustain Public Engagement:** Provide continuous community education on advanced nuclear safety and economic impacts. Any county or region in Indiana, acting in coordination with its constituent cities and towns, is eligible to apply for the designation. Community leaders are strongly encouraged to engage with the OED to discuss baseline readiness and receive dedicated technical assistance prior to submitting a formal application. Designation criteria for the program include: Community education, site characteristics, community support, workforce and education readiness, along with regulatory and governance readiness.

FRAUD

"Today's forum is a major step in reaffirming our commitment to rooting out fraud in Indiana. This is also designed to provide a framework for a consistent approach to these important matters on the federal side as we continue our strong working relationships with our state and local partners to strengthen a whole-of-government approach," U.S. Attorney Wheeler said. "Fraudsters should be aware – the federal government is watching at every level. We will leverage the full resources of law enforcement to find you, uncover your schemes, and ensure you are held accountable for every penny."

U.S. Attorney Wheeler thanked the following federal agencies for their participation in the Federal Fraud Forum and their collaboration and commitment to the SDIN Fraud Task Force: • Air Force, Office of Special Investigations • AMTRAK, Office of Inspector General (hereafter "OIG") • Department of Commerce, OIG • Department of Education, OIG • FBI Indianapolis • Homeland Security Investigations • Internal Revenue Service – Criminal Investigations • U.S. Department of

Commerce, OIG • U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, OIG • U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, OIG • U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Labor-Management Standards • U.S. Department of Labor, OIG • U.S. Department of Transportation, OIG • U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, OIG • U.S. Postal Inspection Service • U.S. Postal Service, OIG • U.S. Secret Service • U.S. Small Business Administration, OIG

• U.S. Social Security Administration, OIG • U.S. Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration
On April 7, the Department of Justice announced the creation of the National Fraud Enforcement Division. The Fraud Division is investigating and prosecuting those who commit fraud against the American people. The Department's work to combat fraud supports President Trump's Task Force to Eliminate Fraud, a whole-of-government effort chaired by Vice President J.D. Vance to eliminate fraud, waste, and abuse within Federal benefit programs.

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MJ Foundation raises over \$150,000 at fourth annual ‘Putting for a Purpose’ Golf Outing

Submitted

The MJ Companies, a leading business and financial services firm for more than 60 years, held its fourth annual golf outing fundraiser on Monday, July 13, on behalf of its nonprofit arm, the MJ Foundation.

‘Putting for a Purpose’ was held at Hawthorns Golf and Country Club in Fishers and brought together more than 130 industry partners, associates, and friends to raise over \$150,000.

The primary objective of the MJ Foundation is to make a positive impact on local communities. To this end, the MJ Foundation will allocate funds raised to award grants to local organizations that align with the four cornerstones of its mission: overcoming poverty, advancing education, fostering diversity, and embracing humanity.

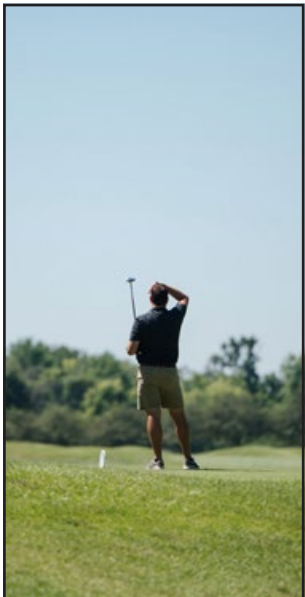
“Our annual golf outing is a powerful reminder of what’s possible when people come together around a shared purpose,” said Michael H. Bill, CEO of The MJ Companies and Founder of the MJ Foundation. “There are so many nonprofits doing vital work for those in need, and thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, donors, employees and participants, we’re able to continue expanding our impact and investing in

organizations that make a meaningful difference in the communities we serve.”

In 2025, the MJ Foundation donated more than \$307,000 to local community organizations in the states MJ has a physical presence in: Indiana, Colorado, Tennessee, and Arizona. The Foundation supported more than 66 organizations across these four states and MJ associates collectively volunteered 2,400 hours of their time.

The MJ Foundation will begin accepting applications in its fourth grant cycle this month, demonstrating its ongoing commitment to supporting local communities where it operates. The grant application is invite-only and open to nonprofits where MJ associates volunteer their time. An essential pillar of the Foundation is its commitment to championing organizations and causes that hold a special place for those who contribute significantly to MJ.

“We’re incredibly grateful for the continued support of everyone who made this year’s event such a success,” said Britni Shrout, Chief Marketing Officer at The MJ Companies and Executive Director of the MJ Foundation. “The annual golf outing is more than a fun day on the course; it’s an opportunity to support orga-



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nizations that are creating meaningful change. Seeing our community and partners rally behind our mission year after year is both inspiring and a testament to

the collective impact we can make together.”

Generous sponsors of the event included New York Life, Amwins Self-Funded, CWG, Del-

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Ryan Turner Specialty, and UnitedHealthcare.

Learn more about the MJ Foundation through the organization’s [Annual Impact Report](#).

Former Orr Fellow extends opportunities to new Fellows

Submitted

When Bo Dietrick was a Purdue student in 2011, he spent the summer asking successful people the same question: How did you get where you are today? Again and again, he heard the same answer: Orr Fellowship.

Dietrick applied, was accepted, and began his career as an Orr Fellow at ExactTarget, where he worked in sales enablement before moving into a new content marketing team.

More than a decade later, he is president of

Robert Dietrick Company (RDC), a third-generation, family-owned industrial solutions business based in Fishers that his grandfather founded.

Dietrick is now using Orr Fellowship to give other young professionals the same kind of early-career opportunity that shaped him. At RDC, Fellows have helped build out areas not traditionally associated with an industrial company, including marketing, technology, innovation, and business analysis.

He is one of five Orr

Fellowship alumni at the company. RDC employs three current Fellows, with several former Fellows staying with the company after their two-year Fellowships ended. In his words, Orr Fellows bring new viewpoints, energy and curiosity that help the company see what it otherwise might miss.

As Orr Fellowship celebrates its newest graduating class, RDC shows what can happen long after the program ends. A Fellow becomes a company leader. That leader returns



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(From left) Bo Dietrick, now the president of Robert Dietrick Company, and current Orr Fellows Andrew Eichmeier and Vaishnavi Kuppa.

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Cool Creek Summer Concert Series celebrates America 250 with Mellencougar

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Mellencougar brought the sounds of John Mellencamp to Cool Creek Park for an evening full of classic hits and crowd favorites as Hamilton County Parks celebrated America 250. Fans sang along to songs like “Hurt So Good,” “Jack and Diane,” “Small Town,” “Pink Houses,” and “R.O.C.K. in the U.S.A.,” while the band’s tribute to Tom Petty with “American Girl” and “I Won’t Back Down” was another highlight of the night.

The patriotic celebration, combined with great music, had the crowd dancing, singing, and enjoying another memorable evening in the Cool Creek Summer Concert Series.

The 2026 Cool Creek Summer Concert Series continues on Friday, July 24, with Cornfield Mafia. Tickets are \$5 for adults, and children 12 and under are free. Gates open at 6 p.m., and music begins at 7 p.m. For tickets and concert information, visit myhamiltoncountyparks.com.

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



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"But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land, those you allow to remain will become barbs in your eyes and thorns in your sides. They will give you trouble in the land where you will live. And then I will do to you what I plan to do to them."

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OneZone Chamber opens applications for 2027 Leadership Institute Class

The REPORTER

The OneZone Chamber of Commerce is now accepting applications for the 2027 OneZone Leadership Institute, an innovative leadership development program designed to equip emerging and established professionals with the skills, connections, and knowledge needed to lead their organizations and strengthen the Hamilton County community.

Following the successful launch of the inaugural Leadership Institute, the 2027 class will continue to provide participants with an immersive leadership experience through seven interactive sessions focused on the issues shaping the region. The program combines expert instruction, behind-the-scenes access to community leaders, and meaningful networking opportunities to help participants grow both personally and professionally.

The 2027 curriculum includes sessions covering local government, agriculture, education, economic development, state government, and quality of life, providing participants with a comprehensive understanding of the industries and institutions that drive Hamilton County's continued success.



Russell

OneZone President and CEO Jack Russell said. "Whether you're an emerging professional, a mid-level manager, or an experienced executive, this program offers a unique opportunity to build leadership skills, expand your network, and gain firsthand insight into the people and industries shaping our region."

The 2027 program begins with a Meet the Class session on Dec. 10, 2026, followed by six leadership sessions throughout 2027. Registration is \$650 and includes all program sessions. Participants may miss no more than two sessions to complete the program.

Applications are now open, and space is limited. To learn more about the OneZone Leadership Institute or to submit an application, visit the onezonechamber.com.

Russell Duane Moore

January 12, 1936 – July 5, 2026



Russell Duane Moore, known warmly by all as Russ, passed away at the age of 90 on July 5, 2026. Born on January 12, 1936, in Shelbyville, Ind., Russ was the epitome of a loyal and humble man who lived his life with great love and a sense of humor that will be cherished by all who knew him.

Russell shared a beautiful life with his late wife, Eleanor Ann (Fox), whom he married on October 8, 1955. Their love story was a testament to their dedication and devotion, and their shared joy in raising their family was evident to all.

He was a loving father to Philip (Dana) Moore, Jamie (Kelly) Smeltzer, and the late Julie Dunn. His witty banter and teasing brought much joy to his grandchildren – Joshua, Matthew, Christina, Elisabeth, Katy, Tayler, Jessica, Patrick, Sierra, and Chase – and his love extended to his 20 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his siblings, Gerald Moore, Keith (Jean) Moore, and Irma (Robert) Kennedy. He is also survived by sisters-in-laws, Sandy (Jerry) Moore, June Tyner, Norita Alexander and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Frankie Moore; brothers, Jerry and Leon; as well as sisters-in-law, Annabel (Leon) and Marilyn (Gerald).

Before retiring in 2001, Russ had a successful career as a machinist in the manufacturing industry with Vibromatic. His work ethic was commendable, and his colleagues admired his skills and the joy he brought to the workplace. His retirement years were filled with hobbies that he loved – gardening, puzzles, fishing, and being a handyman. He loved raising raspberries and blackberries and loved to partake in a delicious raspberry cobbler. He took great pleasure in playing ping pong, becoming a three-time Walnut Grove High School Ping-Pong champion, and his love for sweet tea was well known. His epic storytelling abilities, especially his penchant for a good joke, made him a true enjoyment of family gatherings.

Russ was a devoted member of his church and served dutifully as a choir member and trustee. Russ also served as a leader for the boy scouts for several years. His faith was a constant source of strength and guidance throughout his life. His life was a living example of his belief in the importance of family.

Russell's family will welcome visitors from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 18, 2026, at the Arcadia Brethren Church, 8989 E. 266th St., Arcadia. The funeral service will follow at 2 p.m. at the same location with Pastor Mark Knapp officiating. All services are under the direction of Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Homes – Cicero.

In memory of Russell, contributions may be made to the Yellowbox Feeding Team at feedingteam.org.

We invite you to leave your memories and upload photos to the memorial page as a tribute to Russell's life. His humble spirit, loving heart, and witty humor will forever remain in our hearts.

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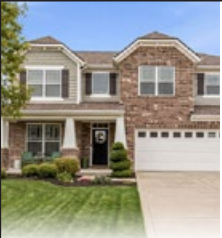
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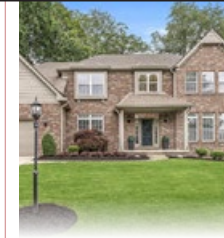
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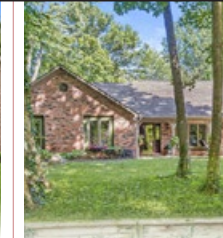
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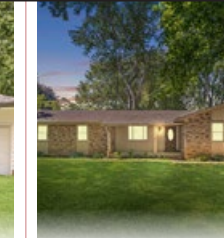
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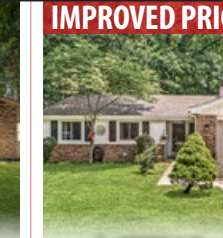
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Women's Golf

Swathwood holds on to win Women's Amateur

The REPORTER

Carmel's Claire Swathwood withstood a challenge from another Hamilton County golfer on Thursday and walked away as the Indiana Women's Amateur champion.

Swathwood, a 2024 Greyhounds graduate, scored 212 in the 54-hole tournament to claim the Amateur, which took place this week at Rock Hollow Golf Club in Peru. She finished her third round with 73, making two birdies along the way. Swathwood played two seasons at the University of Memphis before transferring to TCU, where she will begin playing this fall.

The challenge came from Noblesville's Josie Kelley. The recent Millers graduate scored a three under par 69 for her third round, which took her to three under for the tournament. Kelley finished tied for second with 213, one back from Swathwood.

Kelley made five birdies during her round, and

at one point drained four consecutive birdies. She will attend Eastern Kentucky University this fall.

It was a good day for Hamilton County, as the area claimed six golfers in the top 10. Addi Kooi, a Westfield graduate now listed as from Noblesville, placed fourth with 214. Kooi scored two under par 70 in her third round, making four birdies.

Carmel's Michaela Headlee, now at Purdue University, placed sixth with 218. Headlee collected five birdies during her even-par third round of 72.

Eleanor Schuitema of Carmel and Zionsville's Sophie McGinnis, a Westfield graduate, tied for seventh with 219s. McGinnis, now at Butler, scored 74 in the third round with one birdie. Schuitema, now at Taylor University, scored 75 in her third round with two birdies.

Westfield's Samantha Brown, the 2024 IHSAA individual state cham-

pion, tied for ninth with 220. Brown, also playing at Purdue, totaled 73 for her third round, making four birdies.

Here are results for the Hamilton County players that competed in the Amateur.

1. Claire Swathwood, Carmel 69-70-73=212, T2. Josie Kelley, Noblesville 73-71-69=213, 4. Addi Kooi, Noblesville 73-71-70=214, 6. Michaela Headlee, Carmel 74-72-72=218, T7. Eleanor Schuitema, Carmel 75-69-75=219, T9. Samantha Brown, Westfield 70-77-73=220, 11. Lauren Tibbets, Carmel 74-73-74=221, T16. Taylor Morrison, Atlanta 77-78-72=227, T21. Jordan Adam, Noblesville 71-82-77=230, T25. Lauren Stewart, Fishers 76-75=81, T29. Caroline Whallon, Noblesville 78-77-79=234, 32. Kamryn Williams, Carmel 79-77-81=237, T33. Janelle Garcia, Fishers 82-77-80=239, T37. Olivia Fowler, Noblesville 83-85-73=241, T39. Maya Ciaply, Fishers 76-85-82=243, 46. Presley White, Noblesville 84-79-85=248.



Photo provided

Carmel's Claire Swathwood won the Indiana Amateur, which took place this week at Rock Hollow Golf Club in Purdue. Swathwood finished the tournament with a four under par score of 212.

Golf

Junior tour stops at Anderson

The REPORTER

The Indiana Junior Golf tour made its latest stop Thursday at the Anderson Country Club.

Westfield's Jude Kaufman, McCordsville's Madison Yeoman and Cicero's Presley Cherry were all winners in their divisions.

Here are complete area results.

Boys 13-15: 2. Cooper Howard, Carmel 74, 3. Porter Bell, Noblesville 77, T4. Henry Adams, Fishers 78; Alex Witt, Westfield 78, T9. Nolan Smith, Fishers 80, T12. Grant Roland, Noblesville 81, 15. Henry Pasko, Carmel 82, T16. Jayden Yoo, Carmel 83, T18. Aleksander Nowacki, Fishers 85; Matthew Hamilton, Westfield 85, 23. Austin White, Noblesville 86, T24. Ryland Retrum, Fishers 87, T28. Caleb Seaman, Noblesville 88, T30. Bradley Zelik, Westfield 89, 32. Tripp Mundt, Westfield 90, 33. Keaton Gruell, McCordsville 91, T34. Jones Nodine, Carmel 92, T37. Rome Kauth, McCordsville 93, 42. Caleb Smith, Westfield 98, 43. Carson Foster, Noblesville 118.

Boys 16-19: 1. Jude Kaufman, Westfield 67, 3. Jonas Harley, Noblesville 77, T6. Nolan Knight, McCordsville 79; Kaiden Sulli-

van, Fishers 79; Paul Zadny, Carmel 79, T9. Hudson McKamie, Noblesville 80, T12. Blake Weimer, Noblesville 81; Karson Bowen, Noblesville 81, T17. Blake Richey, Carmel 82, T20. Grayson Cole, Fishers 83, T22. J.C. Hart, Westfield 84; Mason Gladson, McCordsville 84, T29. Jack Lux, Fortville 86; Aiden Campbell, Westfield 86; Josh Kim, Carmel 86, T36. Brady McIlvenna, Carmel 89, 38. Tyler Young, Noblesville 92, T39. Ryan Hoagland, Carmel 93, T43. Drew Hoagland, Carmel 105; Ethan Boston, McCordsville 105.

Girls 13-15: 1. Madison Yeoman, McCordsville 84, 2. Adalyn Mailcoat, Noblesville 85, 3. Aubrie Gift, Westfield 86, 4. Audrey Phillips, Noblesville 88, 5. Olivia Herche, Noblesville 91, T6. Stella Switzer, Noblesville 98; Lucy Rhodes, Westfield 98; 8. Kennedy Howard, Carmel 99, 10. Riley Kremer, Fishers 105, 11. Olivia Banks, Fishers 110, 12. Addie McEldowney, Noblesville 112.

Girls 16-19: 1. Presley Cherry, Cicero 80, T3. Taylor Wetzell, Fishers 85, 5. Kate Murphy, Noblesville 86, T6. Aleah Miller, Fishers 87, T10. Cate Falkenstein, Carmel 96, 13. Moki Noothalapati, Carmel 103.

The REPORTER

After going through the soccer sectional groups on Thursday, The Reporter is now taking a look at the sectional assignments for some of the other fall sports.

First is girls golf, which stays unchanged from last season. Guerin Catholic will host a nine-team sectional at Pebble Brook Golf Course; the other teams playing there are Brebeuf Jesuit, Cardinal Ritter, Carmel, Lebanon, Pike, Speedway, University and Westfield.

Noblesville continues to host the 11-team sectional at Harbour Trees. Other teams competing there are Alexandria, Anderson, Elwood, Fishers, Frankton, Hamilton Heights, Hamilton Southeastern, Lapel, Pendleton Heights and Tipton.

There were no changes in boys tennis. Fishers will host Anderson, Hamilton Southeastern and Pendleton Heights, Carmel will welcome Guerin Catholic,

University and Zionsville, and Noblesville will host Hamilton Heights, Lapel and Westfield.

In cross country, Noblesville hosts most of the county schools at the Chinquapin Ridge course at White River Elementary School. The full list of other schools are: Anderson, Anderson Prep Academy, Fishers, Guerin Catholic, Hamilton Heights, Hamilton Southeastern, Lapel, Lebanon, Pendleton Heights, Shenandoah, Tipton and Westfield.

Carmel and University will compete at the North Central sectional. The other schools traveling there are Bishop Chatard, Crispus Attucks, Heritage Christian, Herron, Indiana School for the Deaf, International, Park Tudor, Purdue Polytechnic Broad Ripple, Shortridge, Tindley, Washington, Western Boone and Zionsville.

In Unified flag football, Hamilton Heights host most of the other county schools.

The Huskies welcome Carmel, Fishers, Hamilton Southeastern, Lawrence Central, Noblesville and Warren Central.

Westfield will host a sectional, but will be the only county team. The other schools competing there are Blackford, Harrison, McCutcheon, Pike, Twin Lakes and Zionsville.

In volleyball, Fishers will host Class 4A Sectional 8, which is unchanged from last year. Carmel, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville, Westfield and Zionsville will also compete there.

Hamilton Heights and Guerin Catholic travel to Class 3A Sectional 24 at New Castle, which is a five-team site. Delta and Jay County are the other two schools competing.

Sheridan travels to Tipton to compete in Class 2A Sectional 39, joining Elwood, Frankton, Lapel and Taylor.

University will head to Cardinal Ritter to play in Class 2A Sectional 42. The other schools are Covenant Christian, Heritage Christian, Park Tudor and Riverside.

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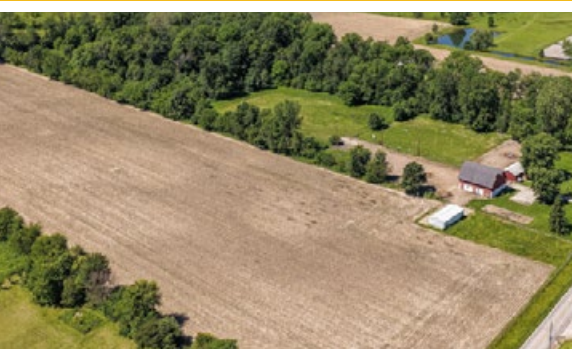
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Hamilton County wrestlers well represented at Fargo



Hamilton County had several wrestlers compete at the U.S. Marine Corps Junior Nationals at Fargo, N.D. Local wrestlers included Noblesville’s Brody Weimer and Henry Antrobus, and Westfield’s Connor Maddox, Brayden Head and Trevor Humburg. The tournament continues through Saturday. Look for a full report next week in The Reporter. (TOP, from left) Trevor Humburg, Connor Maddox, and Brody Weimer are all shown here after winning matches. (ABOVE LEFT) Brayden Head (right) battles his opponent. (ABOVE RIGHT) Henry Antrobus works on pinning his opponent.

Football— Colts announce gameday themes for 2026 season

By JOSH BODE
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The Colts’ season opener is less than two months away, and the gameday themes for the team’s home games this season have been announced.

- Week 1 (vs. Ravens) – Home Opener with special pregame festivities and fan experiences
- Week 3 (vs. Texans) – Rivalry Uniform Game
- Week 6 (vs. Titans) – Adam Vinatieri Ring of Honor Induction and Crucial Catch
- Week 9 (vs. Cowboys) – White Out
- Week 10 (vs. Dolphins) – Salute to Service
- Week 12 (vs. Giants) – Kicking the Stigma and My Cause My Cleats

- Week 16 (vs. Bengals) – Indiana Nights uniform
- Week 18 (vs. Jaguars) – Regular Season Finale

The Colts rivalry uniform has yet to be released. It is a league-wide initiative by the NFL that celebrates division rivalries and community pride.

Vinatieri played 14 seasons with the Colts and helped lead them to their Super Bowl XLI victory. He is the NFL’s all-time scoring leader and holds the record for most field goals made.

The Colts’ **Indiana Nights** uniforms return for the fourth straight season, featuring a black helmet.

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NFHS to allow 90-second possession clock for girls lacrosse

The REPORTER

Girls lacrosse teams across the country may begin using 90-second possession clocks next season.

The National Federation of High Schools announced that adding a clock as one of 10 changes approved by the NFHS Girls Lacrosse Rules Committee during its June meeting in Indianapolis.

“The implementation of a possession clock has been a topic of conversation within high school girls lacrosse over the last several years,” said Barb Martinichio, chair of the NFHS Girls Lacrosse Rules Committee in a [news release](#). “The rules committee has been monitoring the New York State Public High School Athletic Association’s 90-second possession clock experiment over the past two years and

with overwhelming state association support for state adoption, the committee felt this was the next step in the evolution of the game to support the development of the student-athletes.”

“The new rule outlines the requirements for adopting a possession clock, giving states the option to implement the measure to help reduce stalling and increase the pace of play,” the release said.

Girls lacrosse has been categorized as an IHSAA emerging sport over the past two years. There has been no announcement yet whether Indiana will adopt a possession clock.

The release continued with other rule revisions:

Changes were also made regarding uniforms. Beginning Jan. 1, 2031, home team jerseys must be white. The update aligns girls lacrosse with other NFHS uniform requirements and removes ambiguity.

Another significant revision concerns pocket stringing. The change provides more detailed guidance on equipment, clarifying that the pocket must be attached directly to the head through

stringing holes. The update aligns with USA Lacrosse standards and eliminates non-integral stringing that can create a competitive advantage. It also establishes clearer parameters for officials to reduce gamesmanship and addresses elastic filaments that allow the pocket shape to change dynamically during play.

Clarifying language was also added to the illegal switching of sticks. The revised rule explicitly states that players may not switch sticks with another player on the field or receive a stick from the bench area during live play without properly entering and exiting through the substitution area. Stick changes remain permitted after a goal is scored and during time-outs.

Additional changes addressed crosse inspection ensuring the ball is mobile from sidewall to sidewall on the front and upper third of the back of the pocket, allowing players suspected of injury to remain in the game when it is determined that no health-care provider or coach is need to enter the field and attend to the player, and es-

tablishing guidance for when a goal counts following the release of a shot before the horn ending the quarter or overtime period.

“The rules committee prioritized creating equitable and fair rules around stick stringing and exchange rules, improving pace and game flow while creating consistency with other NFHS rules codes,” said Lindsey Atkinson, NFHS director of sports and liaison to the NFHS Girls Lacrosse Rules Committee.

A complete listing of the girls lacrosse rules changes will be available on the NFHS website at [NFHS.org](https://www.nfhs.org). Click on “Sports” at the top of the home page and select “Girls Lacrosse” and then “Rules.” The print version of the 2027 Girls Lacrosse Rules Book will be available for purchase in October at [NFHS.com](https://www.nfhs.com), and the digital version will be available in the same timeframe via NFHS Digital at [NFHS.org](https://www.nfhs.org).

According to the 2024-25 NFHS High School Athletics Participation Survey, a total of 99,292 girls participated in girls lacrosse at 1,682 schools across the country.

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