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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Sunny. North northeast
wind 3 to 6 mph.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy.
East northeast wind
around 6 mph becoming
calm in the evening.
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Scenes from a great 4-H Fair



(ABOVE LEFT) Miss Lily King won this year's Pedal Tractor Pull for the 3- to 5-year-old category. No weights were added to the tractors, and the fastest pedaler won. According to her mother, Lily is very competitive! (ABOVE RIGHT) Liz & Dennis Pickering of Orestes in Madison County have been providing the Bumpy Barrels Ride around the fairgrounds since 2015, though the barrels have been a 4-H staple for 25 years. Barrelmobile driver Dennis wears a shirt that reads "Being Bob Is My Job," which he does in memory of Bob Rhea. He gets the most notoriety as the train operator, but Liz is the one who makes sure all the riders feel confident in leaving Mom, Dad, and the grandparents behind while they tour the fair in their own parade. She gives them support and encouragement and pairs up nervous little ones with a bigger kid to sit in the "Mommy Barrel" at the back of the line. Dennis and Liz could not even venture a guess at how many children they have served over the years, but the love they show to the children and the joy received is immeasurable.



Reporter photo by Pooja Thakkar
Yes, no one disputes a great deal of hard work goes into 4-H projects and the fair at-large, but sometimes you just need to take a break and dance. If you subscribe by July 30, you might even do a happy dance when The Reporter's renowned 4-H Special Edition returns on Tuesday, Aug. 4!

Reporter photos by Bill Miller
It's not just the people . . . the animals got together and discussed their favorite parts of the fair, too!

Brick walls, part 2

I watched an unexpectedly terrific movie last weekend with my husband called *Nonnas*. I figured it would be a comedy with lots of laughs and not much else. Boy, was I wrong. If you haven't seen *Nonnas*, I highly recommend it. You'll be delighted and inspired.



Turns out, I needed the inspiration. I had hit yet another brick wall on my journey to promote my new book, *Happy and Solo at Church - Light Your Fire and Worship with Joy*. I received an email earlier that day saying my approval to speak in Catholic churches would probably not come until the fall.

Sigh.
My plan last spring was to speak to groups at multiple churches for the book. I wanted to reach solo church attendees and those who want to support them. Since I'm Catholic, I'd figured I'd start in my own backyard, so to speak. Little did I know there's a whole process to go through to speak in a Catholic church and sell my book. And it's not quick.

Believe it or not, I get it. This time, when I hit a brick wall again, I actually laughed. I figured God must be up to something, and His timing is always better than mine.

Turns out, a lot of writers have gone through and continue to go through similar struggles. I recently read *Chicken Soup for the Writer's Soul* and was astonished to read the trials and tribulations many famous writers have encountered.

Take Garry Marshall, for instance. Many readers know Mr. Marshall from television shows like *Happy Days* and *Laverne and Shirley*, along with multiple movies. Turns out he battled numerous allergies in his youth, to the point where he could hardly go anywhere. This brick wall led him to turn to pen and paper, and an incredible career was born.

In the movie *Nonnas*, the main character Joe, played by Vince Vaughn, is overcome with grief. He decides to open an authentic Italian restaurant on Staten Island, New York. Instead of hiring chefs, Joe enlisted local Italian grandmothers - nonnas.

As you can imagine, opening a restaurant without any business training, a plan, or trained chefs can be challenging. The struggles Joe encountered made my jaw drop. And the movie is based on a true story.

I won't share much more, as I hope you watch the movie, but Joe and his friends eventually overcome the obstacles. I wiped away tears at the end.

See Brick Walls . . . Page 2

Hamilton County Community Foundation announces new downtown Noblesville location

The REPORTER
Hamilton County Community Foundation (HCCF) has moved into a new permanent office at 1154 Conner St. in downtown Noblesville, a step that reflects its ongoing commitment to staying connected to the community it serves.
Earlier this year, the Foundation moved into a temporary workspace while searching for a location that would best support its long-term mission and relationships across Hamilton County. That search led to a new home in the county seat and the historic center of the community it serves.
The new office places the foundation in the heart

of Noblesville, increasing visibility and strengthening its connection to the nonprofits, community leaders, and residents of Hamilton County.
"As Hamilton County continues to grow, we want to grow with it by staying accessible and deeply connected to the people and places that make this community special," HCCF President Danielle Stiles-Polk said. "This move isn't simply a new address. It represents our continued investment in relationships, collaboration, and the future of Hamilton County."
Community members and partners will have an opportunity to visit the new space during an open

house and ribbon cutting event planned for fall 2026. Additional details will be announced at a later date.
Effective immediately, all mail and correspondence should be directed to: Hamilton County Community Foundation 1154 Conner St., Noblesville, IN 46060
For more information about HCCF and its work, visit hamilton-countycf.org.



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Tipton County Chamber of Commerce launches free AI, financial tools & credit-building program for local businesses

The REPORTER
The Tipton County Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with Bankable, is launching a free program to help local small business owners build business credit, access capital, and put practical AI tools to work in their businesses.
The AI & Business Financial Foundations program will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 10 and Monday, Aug. 17 at the Tipton County Foundation. Participation is limited to 30 Tipton County businesses on a first-come, first-served basis. Lunch will be provided at both sessions.
Every participant who completes the program will receive a \$500 credit-builder loan through Bankable, a \$500 grant-funded stipend to cover loan payments, a one-year Claude Pro AI sub-

scription, a one-year Tipton County Chamber of Commerce membership, and access to one-on-one business coaching through Bankable's support network. Current Chamber members and new members are both eligible.
"Partnerships like this one with Bankable are exactly how we bring real, high-value programming to Tipton County businesses," said Riley Harden, Executive Director of the Tipton County Chamber of Commerce. "We want local business owners to walk away with tools and resources they can put to work immediately, and this program delivers that in a way that removes every barrier to participation."



The two sessions will cover business financial foundations and capital readiness, including understanding business credit, preparing for future financing, and managing business finances effectively. The second track focuses on using AI for financial decision-making, covering topics such as analyzing financial information, building budgets and cash flow projections, organizing records, and creating forecasting tools.

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Next Indianapolis Coffee & Cars meetup takes place Saturday

The REPORTER

Indianapolis Cars & Coffee will host its July meetup from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, July 25 at Knowledge Services, 9800 Crosspoint Blvd., Indianapolis.

The free, family-friendly event will benefit Folds of Honor Indiana and its scholarship mission.

Indianapolis Cars & Coffee partners with local businesses to host car-related events that create a

safe, memorable experience for all attendees. In 2025, Indianapolis Cars & Coffee raised over \$65,000 in scholarship funds for Folds of Honor Indiana, and over the past four years, the organization has raised more than \$250,000.

Folds of Honor Indiana is known for its commitment to providing life-changing educational scholarships to spouses and children of fallen or disabled military per-



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sonnel and first responders. Since its inception in 2007, Folds of Honor has awarded nearly 73,000 scholar-

ships totaling over \$340 million across the United States. Learn more at indiana.foldsofhonor.org.

Kroger plans back-to-school hiring event

The REPORTER

Kroger invites job hunters to learn what thousands of people already know – Kroger is a great place to work!

Back-to-School season inspired the grocer to create special hiring events at every Kroger store in the area. That means hundreds of positions are available for numerous roles as Kroger prepares for all activities that bring shoppers to stores during the second half of the year.

“We offer full- and part-time jobs with excellent, long-term career potential,” Central Division President Mike Goodwin said. “We’re looking for candidates who can help us provide fresh

food, friendly service and an amazing customer experience at every store. We want everyone to know they are appreciated and valued at Kroger.”

Goodwin encourages potential associates to meet with store leaders at any local Kroger from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 25.

Kroger is traditionally praised as “an employer of choice,” where people discover more than a job. They find careers with attractive wages and benefits:

- **Top-tier health and retirement benefits:** In addition to competitive wages, Kroger provides comprehensive compensation packages featuring healthcare and retirement benefits.



- **Continuing Education & Tuition Reimbursement:** Kroger’s tuition reimbursement program, offering up to \$21,000 for both part-time and full-time associates, covers a GED to PhD.
- **Endless opportunities to learn and advance:** Innovative technologies deliver on-demand, role-specific training and resources, and leadership development.
- **Associate discounts:** Save hundreds of dollars

annually on groceries, electronics, entertainment streaming services, travel, and more.

“Since everyone has a different idea about creating a career, Kroger offers a welcoming and inclusive environment and provides the tools our associates need to design their own path to success,” Goodwin said. “Come for a job and stay for a career, as we like to say. We have fresh opportunities for everyone.”

BRICK WALLS

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I believe most everyone faces numerous struggles on the path to achieve their dreams. And the result is often not what we expect. Many times, it’s even better. Oprah once said, “God can dream a bigger dream for you than you can dream for

yourself.”

My new plan is to trust in God’s plan, and as usual, never give up. I’m attending the Taylor University Writers Conference tomorrow and Saturday, and I know I’ll find more inspiration on campus.

Readers, once again, if you’re working towards a goal or dream and facing brick walls, never give up. Watch an inspiring movie like *Nonnas*. Pray. Talk to people and be open to new ideas. I look forward to a future column talking about

how I eventually conquered the bricks walls!

Amy Shankland is an empty-nester, writer, and fundraising professional living in Noblesville with her husband John and two dogs. You can reach her via email at amys@greenavenue.info.

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The program is part of a broader effort to increase financial confidence among Tipton County entrepreneurs, expand access to responsible capital, and drive adoption of practical AI tools among business

owners.

Registration is open now, and Tipton County businesses can [register online here](#). Interested business owners are encouraged to register early, as the program is capped at 30 participants.

About the Tipton County Chamber of Commerce

The Tipton County Chamber of Commerce strengthens, promotes, and advocates for its member businesses and the Tipton County economy. For more information, visit [tipton-](#)

[chamber.org](#).

About Bankable

Bankable, powered by Flagship Enterprise Center, supports entrepreneurs through business credit-building programs, coaching, and access to responsible capital.



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Franciscan Health Indianapolis Stroke Support Group discusses how to retrain the brain on Aug. 11

The REPORTER

The Stroke Support Group at Franciscan Health Indianapolis will meet from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11 in the Cancer Center Conference Room to discuss how to retrain the brain after a stroke.

The presentation, led by Dr. Sachin Mehta, will spotlight neuroplasticity, which is the brain's lifelong ability to reorganize its structure, functions, and neural connections in response to learning, experience, or injury.

In addition, a group activity will take place, which focuses on brain teasers to test the mind.

As part of the support group, attendees gain insights from knowledgeable speakers and talk with others who are coping with the

effects of stroke. A facilitated discussion will take place after the presentation.

Franciscan medical experts, including physicians, nurses, speech therapists, occupational therapists and social workers are part of the stroke support group.

The Franciscan Health Indianapolis Cancer Center Conference Room is located at 8111 S. Emerson Ave., Indianapolis.

Attendees will use Entrance 4, then take the elevator to the second floor, turn left, and enter the first door on the left. Stroke Center staff will be available to guide attendees to the conference room.

Those with questions can contact Laura Williams at Laura.Williams2@FranciscanAlliance.org or call (317) 528-8872.

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Get your tickets, grab your friends and family, and come out to the lawn for a few more feel-good evenings of live music before summer ends.

Sunday: July 26: Allen Stone
Get your tickets for a chance to win!
Snag your tickets to Sunday’s Allen Stone show at the NPD AMP before 9 a.m. Friday, July 24, for a chance to win the venue’s custom 18-by-24-inch Allen Stone event poster. These posters are a limited run of 50 by artist Aaron Seamihorn of Ron Le-whorn Industries. Winners will be chosen at random and notified on Friday, July 24, with poster pickup instructions.

One transaction equals on entry. All email addresses associated with a ticket purchase from the launch of ticket sales for this event until 9 a.m. Friday, July 24, 2026, will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a poster.

About Allen Stone
Allen Stone, a soul/R&B luminary, has enraptured global audienc-

es with his electrifying performances and soulful melodies, embodying the essence of classic soul legends. His genre-defying style, blending funk, gospel, folk-rock, and soul, has garnered critical acclaim and a devoted following.

Stone’s journey to musical stardom commenced in Chewelah, Wash., where his upbringing immersed him in gospel music as a pastor’s son. Relocating to Seattle, he tirelessly toured the West Coast in his ‘87 Buick, swiftly gaining acclaim for his dynamic live shows, often playing up to 200 dates annually alongside luminaries such as Stevie Wonder, Al Green, Dave Matthews Band, Erykah Badu, and Gary Clark Jr. Notably, and Chris Stapleton, further solidifying his status as a tour de force in the music industry.

Alongside his prolific touring schedule, Stone has graced national television screens, including *The Kelly Clarkson Show*, *Jimmy Kimmel Live*, *Today*, and a *Celebrity Mentor* on ABC’s *American Idol*. Stone continues to garner critical acclaim with his latest body of work, *Mystery*, featuring the title track in collaboration with PJ Morton. This release brings infectious rhythms and emotional depth, solidifying Stone’s place as a powerful voice in modern soul music. You can see on

the road this summer with Chris Stapleton and Lainey Wilson on the Great American Road Show.

Saturday, July 25: Band of Horses & Dinosaur Jr.
Gates open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m. [Click here](#) for tickets.

About Band of Horses
There might be no other band that was able to channel the generational anxiety in those early millennial years and turn it into such powerful and inclusive art quite like Band of Horses. Band of Horses has fashioned gorgeously ragged epics, with Ben Bridwell’s high-flying vocals and eccentric enunciation floating like a specter that felt like a prelude to a dream.

Full of profundity, truth, and sometimes just home-spun advice on how to live, Band of Horses songs have become anthems and touchstones for fans – meditations on change, longing, and what a person will do to make things right. And what you do when you can’t.

The band’s debut *Everything All the Time* (2006) introduced their sweeping, emotionally resonant sound, and the albums that followed have cemented their place in the indie rock canon. They’ve released six studio albums, including *Infinite Arms* (2010), which earned a Grammy nomination. Most recently, the crit-

ically acclaimed *Things Are Great* (2022) finds the band recapturing the raw emotion and unpolished punk-rock spirit of its earlier days.

About Dinosaur Jr.
Dinosaur Jr. were largely responsible for returning lead guitar to indie rock and, along with their peers, they injected late-’80s alternative rock with monumental levels of pure guitar noise.

In 1987, Dinosaur Jr. released *You’re Living All Over Me*, which became an underground sensation. Early in 1988 they released the seminal single “Freak Scene,” a song that captured the feeling and tone of the emerging American post-punk underground. “Freak Scene” became a college radio hit, and it led the way for their acclaimed 1988 album, *Bug*.

Instead of capitalizing on the commercial breakthrough of alternative rock, Dinosaur released an EP, *Whatever’s Cool with Me*, in early 1992 and disappeared to record their next album. Released early in 1993, *Where You Been* benefited greatly from the commercial breakthrough of alternative rock, and many of the articles surrounding the album’s release hailed as an alternative godfather. It became the first Dinosaur album to chart, peaking at number 50, and it generated the modern rock hit “Start Choppin.” That summer, the group played on the third Lollapalooza tour.

Tickets on sale now for Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra’s 2026-27 season

The REPORTER

Tickets are available now for the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra’s exciting 2026-27 season, featuring Beethoven’s complete concertos, Mahler’s Fifth Symphony, Tchaikovsky’s “Pathétique,” Broadway star Mandy Gonzalez, Cody Fry, Rick Steves, Billy Joel’s greatest hits, blockbuster films performed live in concert, and Steve Hackman’s innovative performances.

Click here to see the full season lineup.

Beginning in September, Music Director Jun Märkl leads a season that places Beethoven at the heart of the *Classical Series* while showcasing landmark orchestral works, internationally acclaimed guest artists, and music by today’s leading composers. Märkl conducts 11 programs throughout the season, including Gala: OPUS endowed by Christel DeHaan on Sept. 19.

The *Classical Series*

features all seven of Beethoven’s concertos alongside Mahler’s Symphony No. 5, Tchaikovsky’s Symphony No. 6 “Pathétique,” Respighi’s *Pines of Rome*, Stravinsky’s *The Rite of Spring*, and Ravel’s complete *Daphnis et Chloé*. Internationally acclaimed artists Denis Kozhukhin, Ingrid Fliter, Vadim Gluzman, Arabella Steinbacher, Conrad Tao, Javier Perianes, Geneva Lewis, and others join the ISO throughout the season, while works by Joan Tower, Camille Pépin, Conrad Tao, and composer spotlight Kenji Bunch continue the Orchestra’s commitment to living composers.

The season opens Sept. 19 with Gala: OPUS endowed by Christel DeHaan, featuring Beethoven’s majestic “Emperor” Piano Concerto performed by internationally acclaimed pianist Denis Kozhukhin, alongside selections from Tchaikovsky’s *Swan Lake* and an immersive gala experience throughout Hilbert Circle Theatre.

Led by Principal Pops Conductor Jack Everly, the 2026-27 Printing Partners *Pops Series* celebrates pop icons, Broadway favorites, and audience-loved traditions. Highlights include *Oops ... I Sang It Again: From Britney to Beyoncé*, the *Pop Queens Are Back!*, Rick Steves’ *Europe: A Symphonic Journey*, Grammy Award nominee Cody Fry, *The Music of Billy Joel* starring Tony DeSare, *Celtic Journey*, Broadway star Mandy Gonzalez, and the return of *Battle of the Maestros: The Sequel* featuring Everly and Principal Guest Conductor of Pops Enrico Lopez-Yañez.

The *Film Series* presented by Bank of America returns with four fan favorites performed live by the ISO: *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, Disney’s *The Lion King*, *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl*, and *Star Wars: Return of*

the Jedi.

Steve Hackman returns to Hilbert Circle Theatre with two bold *Uncharted Series* performances under the new SYMPHONY-FUSE banner. SYMPHONY-FUSE: Stravinsky x Kendrick Lamar (Feb. 10) blends Stravinsky’s *Petrouchk*awith Kendrick Lamar’s Pulitzer Prize-winning album *DAMN*, while SYMPHONYFUSE: The Brink (Apr. 7) brings Hackman’s original multimedia production of live music, fashion, film, and visual art to Indianapolis.

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About the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra
As Indiana’s largest nonprofit performing arts organization, the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra inspires and unites more than 200,000 people each year through our concerts and educational programs. From our home on Monument Circle in the heart of Indianapolis, the ISO serves a vibrant and evolving community through more than 150 concerts and mainstage education programs each season. The orchestra offers a diverse range of programming – including the *Classical Series*, the Printing Partners *Pops Series*, the beloved AES Indiana *Yuletide Celebration*, and the *Film Series* presented by Bank of America – all unified by a commitment to artistic excellence and creating inspiring, accessible, and transformative musical experiences.

AG Todd Rokita files charges in \$10.9M Medicaid fraud case

Submitted by Office of AG Todd Rokita

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita announced on Wednesday, July 22, six people are facing felony charges for allegedly defrauding Indiana's Medicaid program of \$10.9 million by billing for services that were never provided.

"It is important to remember that these people are stealing from taxpayers – from you," AG Rokita said. "Committing fraud and stealing from taxpayers is bad enough, but it is especially egregious when it's committed against our most vulnerable citizens. Our office is committed to holding these bad actors accountable, and we're not going to tolerate it in Indiana."

The individuals being charged are connected to Senior Home Care Agency, a for-profit corporation that provides waiver services within the Indiana Medicaid program, specifically Attendant Care, Home and Community Assistance, and Transportation services. Its principal

location when it was created in 2023 was Indianapolis, but in 2024 its enrolled service location within the Medicaid program was changed to Mooresville.

In each case, the fact that a person has been charged with a crime is merely an accusation, and these individuals are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

Among those being charged:

- **Alexander D Byrnes**, 39, is being accused of 14 counts of Level 4 Felony Fraud, 35 counts of Level 5 Felony Fraud, and 1 count of Level 6 Felony Fraud. The loss to Medicaid is approximately \$10.9 million.
- **Faith A Casas**, 26, is being accused of having committed Aiding, Inducing, or Causing an Offense, 14 counts of Level 4 Felony Fraud, 35 counts of Level 5 Felony Fraud, and one count of Level 6 Felony Fraud. The loss to Medicaid is approximately \$10.9 million.



Rokita

- **Nichole A. Hoyt**, 41, is being accused of 10 counts of Fraud as a Level 6 Felony. The loss to Medicaid was approximately \$223,871.51.
- **Cortez L. Crook**, 35, is being accused of having committed three counts of Fraud as a Level 6 Felony. The loss to Medicaid was approximately \$75,540.46.
- **LaShawn N. Wright**, 40, is being accused of having committed three counts of Fraud as a Level 6 Felony. The loss to Medicaid is approximately \$75,540.46.
- **Jessica K. Schoof**, 45, is being accused of having committed 10 counts of Fraud as a Level 6 Felony. The loss to Medicaid was approximately \$223,871.51.

Since taking office in January 2021, AG Rokita's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) has secured more than \$100 million in taxpayer funds lost to provider welfare fraud through nearly 100 separate civil and criminal recoveries.

MFCU investigates fraud involving providers that intentionally defraud the state's Medicaid program through fraudulent billing practices. MFCU also investigates allegations of patient abuse, neglect, and exploitation in facilities receiving payments under the Medicaid program, such as nursing homes, facilities for the mentally and physically disabled, and assisted living facilities.

MFCU employs a professional staff of criminal investigators, auditors, attorneys, and support staff who work together to develop investigations and prosecute cases. They work regularly with federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies to combat fraud, protect our most vulnerable citizens and to save taxpayer dollars.

The Indiana Medicaid Fraud Control Unit receives 75 percent of its funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under a federal grant. The remaining 25 percent is funded by the State of Indiana.

Ballard officially certified for November ballot

The REPORTER

On Wednesday, July 22, the State of Indiana notified the Greg Ballard campaign that he is officially certified to be on the November ballot in the Indiana Secretary of State race. The former Indianapolis Mayor is running as an independent under the Lincoln Party banner.



Ballard

"It's good to officially be on the ballot. It took a lot of hard work from people across Indiana to reach this historic moment," Ballard said in a press release. "We are pleasantly surprised at how quickly the certification happened, and I want to thank the Indiana Election Division staff for their time and effort in counting all our

signatures. It is truly special to be part of this movement. See you on the trail."

You can find the letter [here](#) from the State certifying 40,361 petition signatures to enable Ballard to be on November's ballot, which matches none of the other signature counts reported by the Ballard campaign to this newspaper.

You can read about the various pre-certification signature counts his campaign reported at [this link](#), and about his report of "41,299 verified signatures" at [this link](#).

We include this signature count history because the primary function of the Secretary of State is election oversight.

Braun highlights bell-to-bell cell phone ban as students prepare to go back to school

Submitted by Office of Gov. Mike Braun

As Hoosier students prepare to head back to school in the fall, Governor Mike Braun is highlighting Indiana's new bell-to-bell cell phone ban, which will help schools limit distractions and keep students focused and engaged throughout the entire school day.



Braun

"Students should be focused on learning in the classroom," Gov. Braun said. "Indiana's bell-to-bell cell phone ban gives teachers and schools a stronger tool to create an environment focused on learning, and helps students be present while at school."

Senate Enrolled Act 78 expanded Indiana's in-school cell phone restrictions to cover the full day, from the opening bell through dismissal, with exceptions for emergencies.

The bell-to-bell policy not only reinforces student focus in the classroom, but also encourages social presence in school.

The new law builds on

Governor Braun's broader work during the 2026 legislative session to protect Hoosier kids and give parents more control over their children's interactions with Big Tech:

- Governor Braun fought to keep social media safeguards for kids in legislation and won a major victory for parents' rights to protect their children from Big Tech and the harms of social media.

- **House Enrolled Act 1408** requires parental consent for children under 16 to use social media platforms, establishes special under-16 accounts with additional safeguards, and requires social media companies to offer parent accounts that allow parents to monitor usage, establish time limits, and set blackout periods.

Last year, in his first year in office, Governor Braun secured historic universal school choice expansion, an increased starting salary for Hoosier teachers, and increased school investment in Indiana's budget.

Highly experienced orthopedic anesthesiologist Dr. Maggie Lasley joins Indiana Orthopedic Institute

The REPORTER

Indiana Orthopedic Institute (IOI) announces that board-certified anesthesiologist Dr. Maggie Lasley, who specializes in anesthesia for orthopedic patients, will join the practice this September at its flagship Noblesville surgery center and clinic.

Dr. Lasley is a distinguished anesthesiologist with a strong clinical focus in advanced regional anesthesia and perioperative pain management, both of which are crucial elements of care for IOI's highly coordinated model for outpatient orthopedic surgery.

IOI's in-house anesthesia team oversees the perioperative clinic, so it is involved with patient care starting with pre-sur-

gery consultations. This close coordination helps patients arrive for surgery fully prepared, experience less post-op pain, and recover comfortably at home.

"We are excited to welcome Dr. Lasley to IOI," said Dr. Michael Meneghini, CEO and founder IOI. "We have anesthesia in-house at IOI because it is an important aspect of the care we provide in preparing patients for surgery, controlling their pain, and setting them up for a smooth recovery."



Lasley



gery consultations. This close coordination helps patients arrive for surgery fully prepared, experience less post-op pain, and recover comfortably at home.

Dr. Lasley has served as a Partner and Regional Anesthesia Service Line Leader at Southeast Anesthesiologists since 2016, where she has led the development and delivery of advanced regional anesthesia programs. Dr. Lasley has served in multiple leadership roles

and currently is the Medical Director of Anesthesia at Franciscan Health Orthopedic Hospital and Franciscan Health Orthopedic Ambulatory Surgery Center.

Dr. Lasley completed her anesthesiology residency at the Indiana University School of Medicine, where she also earned her medical degree.

She previously held faculty roles within Indiana University Health, where she contributed to acute pain services, resident education, and clinical program development.

Dr. Lasley is also active in professional societies including the American Society of Anesthesiologists and the American Society of Regional Anesthesia.

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Indiana AIDS Walk returns Sept. 13 to support Hoosiers living with HIV

The REPORTER

The Health Foundation of Greater Indianapolis (THFGI) and the Indiana AIDS Fund invite Hoosiers to participate in the 36th annual Indiana AIDS Walk on Sunday, Sept. 13, at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, 450 W. Ohio St., Indianapolis.

The event will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m., and the Walk steps off at 1 p.m.

Funds raised through the Indiana AIDS Walk support the Gregory R. Powers Direct Emergency Financial Assistance (DEFA) program. The program helps Hoosiers living with HIV address urgent expenses that can interfere with their health, stability, and ability to remain connected to care.

“Living a healthy life is more than access to medications,” THFGI President and CEO Jason Grisell said. “A missed rent payment, utility shutoff or lack of transportation can quickly prevent someone from receiving the care they need. The Indiana AIDS Walk turns community support into practical assistance that helps our neighbors remain healthy, housed and connected to care.”

DEFA funds are available to Hoosiers throughout Indiana’s 92 counties and are distributed through agencies that provide direct care management and support to people living with HIV. The funds can help cover:

- Housing and utility expenses
- Food, clothing, and personal-care items



- Medication and medical visits
- Transportation to appointments and pharmacies
- Phone and internet service
- Other urgent needs

“Because of the generous support of the community, we can continue to provide emergency financial assistance to Hoosiers in all 92 counties,” Grisell said. “Every step and every dollar helps people living with HIV meet basic needs, stay connected to care, and live healthier lives.”

The Indiana AIDS Walk also brings the community



together to increase awareness, challenge HIV-related stigma and honor the lives of those affected by the epidemic.

Individuals, families, businesses, and community organizations can participate by registering to walk, starting, or joining a fund-raising team, or making a direct donation. Every contribution helps provide immediate, real-world assistance to people living with HIV across Indiana.

To register, create or join a team, donate, or learn more, visit IndianaAIDSWalk.org.

Northwest Bank welcomes Kevin Dooley, Jr. as Commercial Relationship Manager in Fishers

Submitted

Northwest Bank has announced that Kevin E. Dooley, Jr. has joined the bank as a Commercial Relationship Manager. Based in Fishers, he will serve commercial and industrial businesses across the central Indiana and Indianapolis markets, delivering relationship-driven banking solutions tailored to the needs of growing organizations.

In this role, Dooley is responsible for developing and managing commercial relationships, providing customized credit solutions, deposit services, and treasury management capabilities to support long-term business growth and financial success.

“Northwest Bank’s focus on building relationships and delivering tailored financial solutions aligns with how I work with clients,” Dooley said. “I look forward to partnering with businesses across central Indiana and

helping them achieve their long-term goals.”

Dooley brings 25 years of experience in financial services, with deep expertise in credit and financial analysis, portfolio management, and risk assessment.

Most recently, Dooley served as Vice President, Commercial Relationship Manager at Centra Credit Union. Prior to that, he held commercial banking and advisory roles with PNC, Huntington Bank and BakerHill Solutions, supporting clients with financial analysis, lending strategies, and portfolio performance.

“Kevin brings extensive experience in commercial banking and a strong background in credit and risk analysis,” said Garrett Doan, Indiana commercial bank market executive. “His ability to deliver thoughtful solutions and build lasting client relationships will support our continued growth in central Indiana.”



Dooley

Senator Young applauds House passage of Congressional stock ban, calls for Senate action

Submitted by Office of U.S. Sen. Todd Young

U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) released the following statement after the House of Representatives passed the Stop Insider Trading Act, legislation that would restrict members of Congress, their spouses, and dependent children from purchasing publicly traded stocks:

“The House has taken an important step toward restoring Americans’ trust in Congress by passing the *Stop Insider Trading Act*. I have long supported restricting Members of Congress from trading individual stocks



Young

because the American people deserve to know their elected officials are serving the public interest – not their own financial interests. I urge my Senate colleagues to take up this legislation and pass this common-sense bill.”

Sen. Young has consistently supported restricting congressional stock trading. In March 2026, Senator Young **cosponsored** the *Stop Insider Trading Act*. In April, he **authored** an op-ed in the *Indianapolis Star* urging Congress to pass the legislation, and in June, he **spoke** on the Senate floor to advocate for its passage.



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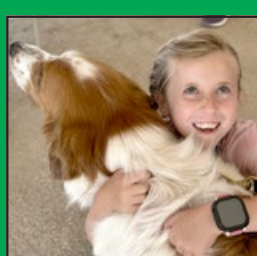
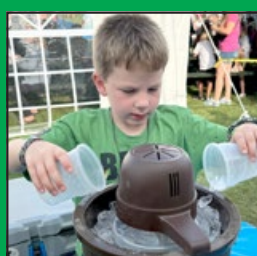
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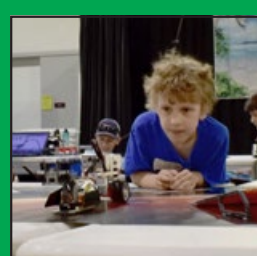
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Don’t miss one last Colts Camp at Grand Park

Submitted

Come celebrate one last year of Colts Training Camp this summer at Grand Park in Westfield. Soak up the last moments of summer alongside Colts nation at one of the 13 open practices. Each day offers on-field action, family-friendly activities, post-practice autographs,

and a chance to make memories with Colt's nation. Plus, kids 17 and under get in free all summer long. View the Training Camp schedule to check out the theme days, autographs schedule, and claim tickets by visiting [Colts.com/Camp](https://colts.com/Camp). Highlights of 2026 camp will include:

- Camp Kickoff, pre-

sented by Academy Sports + Outdoors – Wednesday, July 29

- Family Day, presented by Ascension St. Vincent – Friday, July 31
- NFL's Back Together Saturday – Saturday, Aug. 1
- “Thirsty Thursday,” presented by Bud Light – Thursday, Aug. 6
- Salute to Service Day,

presented by Vet Tix – Saturday, Aug. 8

- Give Back Sunday, presented by Meijer – Sunday, Aug. 16
- Joint Practice #1 with Atlanta Falcons, presented by CenterPoint Energy, & Kicking The Stigma Day – Wednesday, Aug. 19
- Joint Practice #2 with Falcons – Thursday, Aug. 20

Indiana Fever & Cedar Ridge Distillery raise a toast to Midwest excellence with limited-edition bourbon

The REPORTER

The Indiana Fever announced a new partnership today with Cedar Ridge Distillery, Iowa's first and oldest distillery, featuring a limited-edition co-branded Indiana Fever Straight Bourbon Whiskey that will be available at select Kroger locations and local liquor retailers throughout Indiana. The collaboration brings together two teams rooted in the Midwest and committed to excellence in their respective fields. The specially designed bottle offers Fever fans a

unique way to celebrate their team while supporting a spirit brand known for its award-winning bourbons. “This partnership brings together two brands that embody the hardworking spirit of the Midwest,” said Terry Tiernon, Pacers Sports & Entertainment senior vice president of corporate partnerships. “The limited-edition bourbon gives our fans another opportunity to connect with the team while supporting a regional brand that shares our commitment to high quality and excellence.”



The Indiana Fever bourbon bottle reflects the shared values of commu-

nity, dedication and craftsmanship that define both organizations while celebrating the growing excitement surrounding Fever basketball. “At Cedar Ridge, we've always believed that great things come from deep roots and hard work. Watching the Indiana Fever captivate the sports world with that exact same Midwestern grit has been inspiring,” said Jamie Siefken, president of Cedar Ridge Distillery. “Partnering with such a dynamic organization allows us to celebrate a shared dedication to our respective crafts, offering Fever fans a premium, homegrown bourbon to toast to every victory.” Fever Bourbon will be exclusively available at Indiana Liquor Group locations starting the week of July 20, before hitting shelves statewide next month. For more information or to find participating vendors, visit CedarRidgeDistillery.com/Fever-Bourbon.

Hamilton County Federation of Democratic Women to hold discussion on immigration

Submitted

As immigration takes center stage in public conversations across Hamilton County, the Hamilton County Federation of Democratic Women (HCFDW) invites residents to move beyond headlines and rhetoric for an afternoon of informed discussion with local immigration removal defense and humanitarian law attorney **Maggie McMillan** at Eller House, 7050 E. 116th St., Suite 100, Fishers.



McMillan

versations about it are often reduced to slogans and talking points,” HCFDW Co-Chair Libby Hogan said. “Many proposals may sound straightforward on the surface, but they can carry profound consequences for families, employers, our local economy, and the fabric of our communities. When we make decisions without understanding those complexities, we risk creating policies that do more harm than good. Our hope is that this discussion gives people the opportunity to ask hard questions, hear from a local legal expert, and leave with a deeper understanding of an issue that affects all of us.” HCFDW is hosting this event to encourage fact-based dialogue and greater understanding. The discussion is free and open to the public, and community members of all backgrounds are encouraged to attend. You can register at [this link](#).

Indiana Wesleyan University transforms vocational learning with hands-on auto tech program

The REPORTER

Indiana Wesleyan University (IWU), a national leader in higher education, is advancing vocational training that positions its students to step into valuable careers with its new Associate of Science in Automotive Technology. The program blends flexible online courses with in-person, hands-on training at real automotive workplaces, helping students develop the technical skills needed to diagnose, maintain, and repair modern vehicles. Under the mentorship of experienced professionals, students also develop communication skills, professional habits, and an ethical foundation to serve customers with honesty and care. “With our automotive technology program, we saw a need for students to gain hands-on experience with the most up-to-date tools and automotive systems,” said Christopher Lagoni, assistant professor for the School of Integrated Learning and Development at IWU. “Our partnerships with licensed automotive workplaces are essential in addressing this gap while helping fill the workforce roles businesses need. We’re excited to offer a new career pathway that extends learn-



ing beyond the classroom.” IWU’s automotive technology program, now open for enrollment, follows a five-step process. After submitting an online application, students are matched with a leading dealership or repair facility aligned with their career goals. They gain hands-on experience in tool handling, diagnostic techniques and more, supported by industry mentors. At the same time, IWU’s online coursework reinforces industry standards and essential soft skills. Graduates leave the program prepared to begin careers as automotive technicians. Both coursework and workplace experience fulfill degree requirements. Students are prepared to diagnose and repair vehicle systems – including engines, brakes, electrical, suspension, HVAC, and transmissions – using industry-standard tools and manufacturer specifications. Students are also trained to follow safety protocols and OSHA guidelines to maintain a compliant, professional work environment. [Click here](#) to learn more about the automotive technology program.

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Children’s performance series on sale now

Peanut Butter & Jam sessions make great weekend outings for families

The REPORTER

Young children can experience the wonder of live performance through Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts’ monthly Peanut Butter & Jam series, which begins a new season Sept. 26.

With fun and informal sessions designed for ages 1 to 7, Peanut Butter & Jam sponsored by PEAS for Kids takes place one Saturday each month from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. in the Studio Theater, 4 Carter Green, Carmel.

Tickets are only \$10 per child, which includes free admission for two accompanying adults, creating a fun and affordable weekend outing for families. Tickets and more information are available at TheCenterPresents.org/PBJ, by calling (317) 843-3800, or at the Payne & Mencias Palladium’s Fifth Third Bank Box Office, 1 Carter Green.

This season’s PB&J events include:

Mariachi Sol Jalisciense de Indianapolis, Sept. 26: Central Indiana mariachi ensemble performs lively and colorful music and dance from the Mexican state of Jalisco.

Indianapolis Opera: Sing Me a Story, Oct. 10: Indianapolis Opera’s new



Photos provided

This fall, families can enjoy the Mariachi Sol Jalisciense (above left) on Sept. 26 and the Indianapolis Opera (above right) on Oct. 10. Then, next spring, come see The Shake-Ups (below) on April 10.

children’s program, *Sing Me a Story*, features unforgettable music, colorful storytelling and powerful lessons inspired by beloved folk tales.

Silly Safaris: Animals of the North Pole, Nov. 14 (10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.): Presenter Jingle John, in character as a Sami reindeer herder, introduces kids to the amazing live animals of the Arctic Circle – including a real reindeer.

Melchior Marionettes: Holiday Cabaret on Strings, Dec. 12 (10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.): Back by popular demand, this fast-paced seasonal cabaret for all ages features handcrafted

marionettes and classic holiday songs.

Brandon Meeks Trio, Jan. 9: Award-winning bandleader introduces young listeners to the joy of jazz through playful rhythms, lively improvisation and interactive moments for families.

Relevations Dance Company, Feb. 20: Indianapolis-based dance company explores the world of expression through dance, from ballet and jazz to hip-hop, tap and beyond.

Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra: The Garden Symphony, March 6: ISO’s Teddy Bear Concerts invite children to discover the instruments of the orchestra

through engaging stories, movement, and music.

The Shake Ups, April 10: Award-winning power-pop band from Indianapolis performs songs inspired by a variety of cartoon favorites.

Epiphany Dance Collective, My 22: Indianapolis-based performance troupe preserves the energetic and joyful traditions of West African dancing and drumming.

About PEAS for Kids

PEAS believes every child in Indiana deserves opportunities to learn, grow and experience the confidence that comes from discovering what makes them unique in their educational journey. Through compre-



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Meeting Notices

The Noblesville Tree Board Education and Outreach Committee meeting scheduled for 3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 10, 2026, has been re-scheduled for 3 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14, 2026, in the Large Conference Room at the Noblesville Street Department, 1575 Pleasant St.

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

The Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District Board will meet at noon on Monday, July 27, 2026, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Hamilton County Commissioners will meet in an executive session at 12:15 p.m. Monday, July 27, 2026.

A regular meeting will follow at 1:15 p.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Jackson Township Board will meet for a budget workshop at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 29, 2026, at the Trustee's Office, 506 W. Main St., Arcadia.

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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Velma Jean Brattain

September 21, 1939 – July 13, 2026



Velma Jean Brattain, known fondly to those closest to her as “Gigi,” was a compassionate soul born on September 21, 1939, in Lee County, Va. She lived a dedicated life filled with love, generosity, and support for others. On July 13, 2026, Velma peacefully transitioned from this life at her residence in Noblesville. Her life was a testament to the beauty of selfless service and love, and her legacy will forever remain in the hearts of those she touched.

Velma's life was anchored by the love she shared with her late husband, Walter Brattain, whom she married on June 26, 1959. Together, they discovered the joys of life, traveling in their youth and creating beautiful memories. Her dedication shone brightly in her 38-year tenure at the Noblesville Police Department, where she served as a secretary. Yet, Velma was not defined by her professional accomplishments alone. She was a generous spirit who loved her family fiercely and enjoyed gathering them around the dinner table. Velma found great joy in birdwatching and feeding, and loved being with her beloved cats. An avid reader, she found solace and inspiration in the pages of countless books.

Velma leaves behind a beautiful family who will always remember her supportive nature: her son, Tim (Pam) Brattain; granddaughter, Casie (Will) Bussell; grandson, Alex Brattain; step-grandson, Kyle (Lauren) Kreutzinger; brothers, Larry and Jackie Butcher; sister Wanda (Francis) Grogg; and her cherished great-grandchildren, Addison, Layla, Skylar, Sawyer, Graham, and Elliott. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jack and Edith Butcher; son, Gregory Brattain; brothers, Virgil, Pat, and Michael Butcher; sisters, Reba Hood, Joan Findley, and Evelyn Batchelor.

Velma's life was woven with threads of love, compassion, and dedication. She shaped the world around her with her generous heart and supportive nature. Her life story is not just one of dates and accomplishments but of a woman who lived her life fully, with grace and love. As we remember Velma, we celebrate her life and the indelible mark she left on each of us.

Velma's wishes were to have a simple cremation and to have a celebration of life at a later date. Velma's care is entrusted to Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Homes – Cicero.

Memorial contributions may be made in Velma's honor to the Hamilton County Humane Society or the Leukemia Research Foundation.

We invite all who knew Velma to visit her memorial page. Please share your memories, stories, and photographs to help us celebrate Velma's life and keep her memory alive.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

BOUNDARIES OF CANAAN

Moses commanded the Israelites: “Assign this land by lot as an inheritance. The Lord has ordered that it be given to the nine and a half tribes, because the families of the tribe of Reuben, the tribe of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh have received their inheritance. These two and a half tribes have received their inheritance east of the Jordan across from Jericho, toward the sunrise.”

The Lord said to Moses, “These are the names of the men who are to assign the land for you as an inheritance: Eleazar the priest and Joshua son of Nun. And appoint one leader from each tribe to help assign the land. These are their names:

Caleb son of Jephunneh, from the tribe of Judah;

Shemuel son of Ammihud, from the tribe of Simeon;

Elidad son of Kislou, from the tribe of Benjamin;

Bukki son of Jogli, the leader from the tribe of Dan;

Hanniel son of Ephod, the leader from the tribe of Manasseh son of Joseph;

Kemuel son of Shiphtan, the leader from the tribe of Ephraim son of Joseph;

Elizaphan son of Parnak, the leader from the tribe of Zebulun;

Paltiel son of Azzan, the leader from the tribe of Issachar;

Ahihud son of Shelomi, the leader from the tribe of Asher;

Pedahel son of Ammihud, the leader from the tribe of Naphtali.”

These are the men the Lord commanded to assign the inheritance to the Israelites in the land of Canaan.

Numbers 34:13-29 (NIV)



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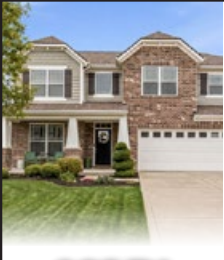
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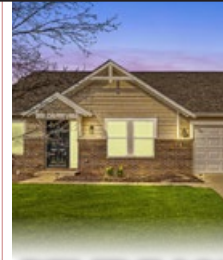
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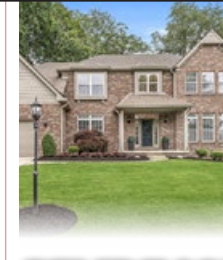
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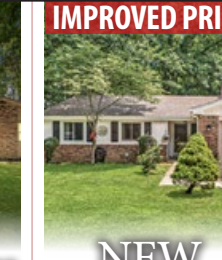
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Ian Taylor heading to Toronto Blue Jays

Guerin Catholic star signs undrafted free agent contract

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After Ian Taylor signed a contract with the Toronto Blue Jays, he called Dave Schrage, the Guerin Catholic baseball coach.

"Coach, what a year I had," said Taylor.

It would be hard for anyone to top Taylor's year. He graduated from Guerin Catholic, helped the Golden Eagles win their first ever state championship, then put his name on an undrafted free agent contract with the Blue Jays earlier this week.

"Ian has wanted to pursue this and it was one of his goals," said Schrage. "He worked extremely hard on his strength and conditioning to try to hit more home runs. That came to fruition for him. It's great to see when you have a really great kid."

Taylor threw his hat in the ring for the Major League Baseball Draft, which took place July 11 and 12. Schrage said there were "two or three teams that had reached out to me and also to his family just to see."

Taylor was not drafted, "and when that didn't happen, I know they were pretty disappointed," said Schrage.

But it wasn't the end. Toronto was one of the teams that showed an interest in Taylor, then contacted him to see if he wanted to sign an undrafted free agent contract. And he did.

"He got a really good deal," said Schrage.



Richie Hall / File photo

Guerin Catholic's Ian Taylor signed an undrafted free agent contract with the Toronto Blue Jays earlier this week. Taylor was a major factor in the Golden Eagles' state championship season.

Taylor, 18, had committed to play baseball at George Mason University last August, but will now forego college to pursue his dream.

"I'm sure he'll be at their spring training facility, to finish out the rest of the summer and then they'll place him somewhere next year in the organization. It'll be a

great chance for him to grow and develop as a player."

"We're extremely proud of Ian Taylor's growth and ability as a part of the baseball program," said Guerin Catholic athletic director Ryan Davis. "He's been an outstanding member of our program and wish him the very best moving forward. The Blue Jays are getting a

great kid with high character and high ability."

Taylor helped the Golden Eagles to a 28-3-1 record and the Class 3A state title. For the season, Taylor led Guerin Catholic with nine home runs and 44 runs scored, and was second on the team with 35 base hits, 36 RBIs and a .412 average.

Age Group State swim meet begins today at Carmel

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The Indiana Swimming Age Group Long Course championship meet begins today at the Carmel High School Aquatic Center.

Today's action begins at 4 p.m. with events for the 11-12 and 13-14 age groups. From Friday through Sunday, morning sessions start at 8 a.m. with the evening sessions beginning at 5 p.m. All 10 &

under events take place Saturday and Sunday, starting at 2 p.m.

Admission prices are \$40 for an all-session pass, \$15 for an all-day pass and \$12 for a single-session pass. Children ages 12 and under will be admitted free.

Psych sheets and heat sheets will be made available electronically for free at the [event website](#) and the Meet Mobile app.

Golf

Kutchma, Wessel reach match play at U.S. Junior Amateur

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Westfield's Hudson Kutchma and Guerin Catholic's Eli Wessel were usually pitted against each other on the golf course during their high school years.

But on Wednesday, the duo did something remarkable.

The recent graduates of their respective schools were among the 14 players vying for the final two spots in the match play portion of the U.S. Junior Amateur at Saucon Valley Country Club in Bethlehem, Pa. A playoff was needed to determine those final two positions.

The two county players made quick work of

that playoff, taking the final two places. Both men birdied the first hole, along with China's Zilin Gao. All the other players made par or bogeyed. On the second hole, Kutchma and Wessel made par, while Gao made a bogey, finishing the playoff.

Kutchma and Wessel thus advanced to match play, but were paired against tough opponents who defeated them in the first round of match play. Kutchma played the No. 1 seed, Braydon Jones of Seal Beach, Calif., with Jones winning 4&3. Wessel faced the No. 2 seed, Miles Russell of Jacksonville Beach, Fla. Russell won 6&5.

Junior golf results

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Here are junior golf results for Wednesday tournaments.

Sunrise Golf Club, Madison

Girls 13-15: 4. Kirsten Burton, Noblesville 95, 5. Stella Switzer, Noblesville 102.

Lafayette Country Club

Boys 7-8: 1. Kingston Slade, Carmel 50.

Boys 9-10: 1. Logan Carter, Carmel 40, won in playoff, 2. Jones Pearl, Fishers 40.

Boys 11-12: 4. Carson Umthum, Noblesville 100.

Fishers, GC baseball teams receive academic excellence award

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Two Hamilton County high school baseball programs received a prominent national award on Wednesday.

The American Baseball Coaches Association recognized more than 800 high school and college

programs across the country with the 2025-26 ABCA Team Academic Excellence Award presented by Sports Attack. The teams posted a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or higher during the 2025-26 school year.

Locally, Fishers and Guerin Catholic high

schools received the award, two of more than 320 high school teams across the country that were honored.

Several Indiana colleges were also honored. A full list of colleges and high schools appears [here](#).

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