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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Partly sunny.
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Light and variable wind.

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Members of the Sheridan community came together, pickaxe in hand, to chip away at what will become the town's "Art Alley" later this year.



Photos provided by Town of Sheridan

Historic walls,
living memories

Sometimes, the places we remember most aren't the newest or the fanciest. They're the ones with creaky wooden floors, weathered brick walls, and stories tucked into every corner. They remind us that while history tells us where we've been, it also gives us a place to create new memories.



Earlier this month, during our Fourth of July trip to Michigan as America celebrated its 250th anniversary, my family spent an afternoon watching an air show before stopping in Battle Creek for lunch. We expected a quick meal. Instead, we found ourselves stepping into history.

Clara's on the River is housed in a beautifully restored railroad depot, where the original brick walls, hand-painted stained-glass windows, towering fireplace, and preserved railroad character transport visitors to another era.

Battle Creek's railroad heritage helped shape the city into the "Cereal Capital of the World." The rail lines brought in grain and carried Kellogg's cereal to tables across the nation. Rather than erase that past, the owners of Clara's chose to preserve it. Named after one owner's mother, Clara, the restaurant opened in 1992 while honoring the building's much older history. Every meal served there becomes another chapter in a story that began generations ago.

As I looked around the dining room, I couldn't help but think about home.

Noblesville is filled with places that do the same thing. They don't simply preserve old buildings, they preserve traditions.

Syd's Fine Foods & Spirits, located in the historic J.L. Evans Building on the courthouse square, has welcomed generations of visitors. People come for the famous burgers, but many stay for a game of shuffleboard, sharing laughs with family

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America is finally
catching up to
Europe on youth
gender medicine

One of America's most influential doctor groups just advised their members to stop conducting surgical interventions on minors who experience gender dysphoria.



In a new position statement, the American Society of Plastic Surgeons noted that "there is insufficient evidence demonstrating a favorable risk-benefit ratio" for those interventions. This announcement represents a watershed moment for the American medical establishment – one that could help spare thousands of vulnerable children from undergoing risky medical interventions that may do more harm than good.

Until now, U.S.-based doctor groups had largely ignored the mounting evidence raising concerns about potential permanent harm from those interventions – evidence that has already led many other countries to restrict routine medicalization of gender-dysphoric minors.

Finland, for instance, concluded after a comprehensive review in 2020 that "in light of available evidence, gender reassignment of minors is an experimental practice." In 2022, Sweden reached a similar conclusion and restricted puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and surgery for minors to research settings and "exceptional cases."

The United Kingdom stopped all interventions for minors with gender dysphoria after an independent review found that they posed "an unacceptable safety risk" given existing data. In 2025, New Zealand restricted puberty-blocking drugs for minors after finding insufficient "high-quality evidence" of their benefits.

The United States, however, remained an outlier – largely due to intense pressure from activists that were interested in pushing an ideological agenda.

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Now *that's* how you break ground!

Public participates in pickaxe party for Sheridan's new Art Alley

Submitted

Sheridan Main Street, Inc. and the Town of Sheridan officially broke ground on the new Art Alley that is set to be completed in November. This highly anticipated project is happening

due to all of the donors, supporters, and residents of Sheridan.

Sheridan Main Street, Inc. President Cynthia Keever welcomed attendees and shared how the project came to life through the support of the Cre-

ating Places grant. The mural will be created by artists from the Herron School of Art and Design, led by mural artist and Sheridan's own Melinda Spear-Huff.

Town Council President Si

DeVaney thanked the community and those that supported the initiative. He shared how this vision of a revitalized Main Street came to life four years ago.

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HSE Schools invites community to fifth
annual 'Before the Bell' celebration

Submitted by HSE Schools

Hamilton Southeastern (HSE) Schools will kick off the 2026-27 school year with its fifth annual Before the Bell celebration from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 30, at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater, 6 Municipal Drive, Fishers.

Presented by Meijer, the free event gives students, families, and community members a chance to reconnect with HSE Schools and celebrate the start of the 2026-27 school year.

"Before the Bell brings together so many of the people and organizations that make HSE Schools special," Superintendent Dr. Matt Kegley said. "It's a chance to celebrate our students, connect with families and begin the new school year as one community."

Throughout the evening, student bands, choirs, cheerleaders, and dance teams will take



Photo provided by HSE Schools

Hamilton Southeastern Schools' Before the Bell back-to-school event always packs the lawn at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheatre.

the stage for live performances. Families can also enjoy inflatables, robotics demonstrations, face painting, bubble art, an FFA

petting zoo, touch-a-bus, and other free, hands-on activities. The Hamilton Southeastern Education Foundation will also offer

a photo booth for families to capture a back-to-school memory.

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How often do you get to dunk a deputy?



Reporter photos

Some things are timeless. We are not talking about just the general joy that the Hamilton County 4-H Fair brings each year. When you see a dunk tank there is an almost irresistible impulse to toss a ball, hit a target, and dunk someone. In this case, it was Hamilton County Jail Deputy Micol Carter taking the plunge. As you can see in the second photo above, success is its own reward. If you [subscribe by July 30](#), you'll be on the list to get *The Reporter's* giant 4-H Special Edition on Tuesday, Aug. 4!

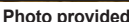
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For my Girl Scout troop, Alexander's has become part of our own story. For the past six years, we've

As I sat there enjoying my ice cream in No-

blesville, another memory surfaced from halfway around the world. It felt familiar. Growing up in Rajkot, India, one of our family's favorite stops was Shree Satya Vijay Patel Ice Cream, founded in 1913 and recognized as one of the city's first ice cream parlors. After its founders discovered hand-churned ice cream technology in London, they brought that innovation back to Rajkot, creating a tradition that has delighted generations for more than a century. Even today, the shop retains its historic charm: the thick

History isn't only something we inherit. It's some-



The next time you step into a historic restaurant, café, or neighborhood gathering place, pause for a moment. Imagine the conversations that filled those rooms decades before yours. Then add your own laughter, your own stories, and your own memories.

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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Spear-Huff, along with Lance Pruitt of Basile Center for Art, Design, and Public Life at the Herron School of Art, as well as Lucas Chesney of Banning Engineering, shared how the alley will come to life through the mural that will stretch the length of the alley and the concrete paving project. Garrett Gossard of Sheridan's Redevelopment Committee shared how the funding will take place.

Following the remarks, attendees took part in the “groundbreaking” as each individual got the chance to remove the existing asphalt through a special pickaxe. Those that are interested in seeing the progress and early look of the alley can through the “Take a Peek” section of the [Sheridan Main Street, Inc.’s Facebook page](#). The mural is expected to be completed by mid-August with extra

This Art Alley is only happening through the support of the Sheridan community. This addition shows how the Town of Sheridan and Sheridan Main Street, Inc. is celebrating and creating a space that celebrates art and community as the revitalization of Sheridan Main Street continues.

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Representatives from every HSE school will be on-site, along with staff from district departments including Food Services,

Before the Bell is hosted by HSE Schools with

The event will take place rain or shine. If inclement weather requires the celebration to move indoors, it will be held at Fishers High School, 13000 Promise Road, at the same date and time. Updates will be shared through HSE Schools' communication channels.

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That's why the recent statement from the American Society of Plastic Surgeons is so important. Their decision to reassess prevailing assumptions and articulate the limits of the current data will undoubtedly inspire more doctors to do the same.

The medical establishment's gradual self-correction in this field is encouraging. It's what should happen when clinicians follow the evidence and adjust practice in light of stronger data. America's children deserve a medical system that is willing to learn and adapt – and to let evidence, not ideology, inform decisions.

Dr. William Malone is a board-certified endocrinologist and a co-founder of the Society for Evidence-Based Gender Medicine.

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New Carmel-based outdoor adventure magazine *UNPLUG.* releases first issue

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A new publication is bringing adventure, exploration, and outdoor storytelling to readers across the country. *UNPLUG. Magazine*, published by JSL Publishing Group, has launched as an outdoor adventure magazine focused on inspiring people to discover new destinations, experience the outdoors, and connect with the stories behind the places they visit.

Based in Carmel, *UNPLUG. Magazine* celebrates outdoor experiences across the United States while placing a special spotlight on the beauty, recreation and adventure opportunities found throughout Indiana. From local trails and state parks to outdoor communities and unique destinations, *UNPLUG.* highlights the many ways Hoosiers and

visitors can explore the outdoors close to home.

The magazine features compelling stories and photography covering hiking trails, national parks, camping, backpacking, adventure towns, outdoor recreation, gear, and unforgettable experiences for outdoor enthusiasts of all levels.

With a focus on immersive storytelling and real-world exploration, *UNPLUG.* was created to showcase the people, places and adventures that make the outdoors such an important part of life.

“Our goal with *UNPLUG.* is to inspire readers to get outside, explore new places and experience the incredible destinations that exist across America, including right here in Indiana,” said Kay Esposito, Editor of *UNPLUG. Magazine*. “Indiana has

so many incredible outdoor opportunities, and we want to help shine a light on the trails, parks, communities and hidden gems that deserve to be discovered.”

Published by JSL Publishing Group, LLC, *UNPLUG. Magazine* is distributed through retail partners and digital platforms, including select Barnes & Noble bookstores, making the publication accessible to outdoor enthusiasts nationwide. Each issue combines destination inspiration, adventure stories and practical information to help readers plan their next journey.

“Outdoor recreation has a way of bringing people together, whether someone is exploring a national park, taking on a new trail or discovering an adventure in their own

backyard,” Esposito said. “We want *UNPLUG.* to be a resource that sparks curiosity and encourages people to experience the outdoors in new ways.”

The magazine’s growing community includes outdoor travelers, adventurers, photographers, destinations, and brands that share a passion for exploration and the outdoors.

“*UNPLUG.* is about more than just where people go, it’s about the experiences, communities and stories found along the way,” Esposito said. “We are excited to continue sharing stories that celebrate adventure while highlighting the incredible places that make each state unique.”

For more information about *UNPLUG. Magazine*, visit unplugmag.com or follow *UNPLUG. Magazine* on social media.



Graphic provided
The first issue of *UNPLUG. Magazine* has been released for the Summer of 2026.

You could be owed money in settlement with Glenmark Pharmaceuticals

Submitted by Office of AG Todd Rokita

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita announced on Thursday, July 23, a settlement with Glenmark Pharmaceuticals, a generic drug manufacturer that allegedly conspired to inflate prices and limit competition, will bring Indiana \$154,000.

“We continue holding Big Pharma accountable when they harm Hoosiers by putting profits over people,” AG Rokita said. “These companies must be made to honor their ethical and legal obligations to consumers.”



Rokita

If you bought certain generic prescription drugs in the United States between May 1, 2009, and December 31, 2019, you could be eligible for money. To find out, call 1-866-290-0182, email info@AGGenericDrugs.com, or visit AGGenericDrugs.com.

Indiana is part of a coalition of 48 states and territories entering into a \$29.6 million settlement with Glenmark. As part of the settlement agreement, Glenmark has agreed to comply with antitrust laws and implement internal reforms to bring about fair competition.

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The Indiana Department of Natural Resources’ Perkinsville Public Access Site will temporarily close beginning Monday, July 27, as construction begins on improvements to the river access site.

These improvements are part of the Madison County Parks and Recreation Department’s initiative to enhance the community’s access to the White River.

Located along the White River off County Road 280 North near Perkinsville, the public access

site will be closed to vehicles, boaters, anglers, and other visitors throughout the construction period. The closure is necessary to provide a safe work environment for construction crews and the public.

Planned improvements include widening the entrance drive and parking area, enhancing and stabilizing river access, and completing related site grading and restoration work. The project is intended to create a safer, more durable, and more accessible public access point along the White River.

“We understand that the Perkinsville site is an important access point for boaters, anglers, and outdoor enthusiasts,” said Ben Orcutt, Madison County Parks and Recreation Board President. “This temporary closure will allow crews to complete the work safely and quickly while making improvements that will benefit visitors to this site for years to come.”

Visitors are asked not to enter the construction area or attempt to access the river through the site while the closure is in effect. The

site is expected to reopen, weather and construction conditions permitting, mid to late September. Updates regarding construction progress and reopening will be accessible at MadisonCountyParksandRecreation.com.

The improvements are being completed in coordination with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. They are part of Madison County Parks and Recreation’s ongoing efforts to expand access to parks, natural areas, and greater connectivity.

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Camp Bow Wow offers tips to protect your pup from the heat

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With high temperatures this summer across the region, pet parents need to know how to keep their dogs safe as extreme heat can pose serious risks. Camp Bow Wow has provided the below summer safety tips to help keep pups safe during the warmer months.

How can I protect my pets from heat during the summer?

- Do breed research before deciding to shave away your pup's coat! Many types of coats actually help a dog stay cool, and shaving it off can cause them to not be able to regulate their heat well and leave them open to sunburns as well.
- Ice, though fun for some summer puzzles, is not always good for pups. They can choke on cubes if ingested, damage their teeth if crunched, and ice should never be used in an attempt to cool off a dog suffering from heatstroke.
- Most pets' coats do a good job protecting them from the sun, but dogs with shorter, lighter coats or thinning coats are at risk

of sunburn and dog noses are also prone to sunburn. For bodies, the best option isn't sunscreen but a sun shirt that provides UPF protection and is still lightweight and breathable. For sunscreen options, you can get a spray like Epi-Pet Sun Protector, which is best for bellies or areas with thin hair, or try a thicker balm like Snout Screen for the nose. Be sure you don't use human sunscreen (even brands made for kids) on dogs.

- A collapsible water bowl is a necessity for keeping cool in the summer months. These are lightweight and easy to transport because they fold flat, but are still inviting for a dog to drink from.
- Chilly or cool mats are a great way to keep pups cool when outside or when coming in from an adventure outdoors. On a similar note: Cooling vests and cooling collars are options to keep cool while on the move.
- Raised cots with a breathable, mesh hammock are also great for hot weather because they allow for airflow beneath the dog.

Are there any areas of the home and backyard people need to be especially vigilant about, like patios and summerhouses?

- Any paved area (patio, walkway, rock garden, etc.) may heat up too much to be safe for pets to lounge when it's hot out. Even though lighter colored stone does a better job of staying cool than darker materials, it can still heat up too much for a dog to lay on.
- Traditional dog houses, greenhouses, and storage sheds in people's yards can present a potentially dangerous place for dogs as they do not likely circulate air well and can get very hot.
- Pools, while great to cool off, can be problematic as well if a dog is not supervised around the pool. A dog may try to use the pool to cool off, but be unable to get out of the pool easily.
- **What temperature is generally too hot for pets?**
 - Ability to handle heat really depends on the dog's breed, coat, and health status. Dogs with shorter snouts will have a harder time regulating their body temperature and cannot

handle hotter temperatures. Dogs with thick coats also may not handle the heat well as they were designed for cold weather. Dogs with health issues, very young, or older dogs may also not be able to handle heat well.

- Generally, anything over 85 degrees is too hot for any dog, regardless of climate. High humidity can make hotter temperatures more dangerous, so in humid areas, an acceptable temperature range will be lower. A mild, 70 degrees is usually a temperature most dogs can handle well, but again, does depend on the dog and the climate.
- When walking your dog during the summer, you can do a temperature check on the path by placing your hand flat on the ground and holding it for 10 seconds. If you can't do this comfortably, it's too hot to walk your pup on that surface.

Camp Bow Wow has two Hamilton County locations:

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Gov. Braun announces \$9.1 million in grants to boost apprenticeships

Submitted by Office of Gov. Mike Braun

Governor Mike Braun on Wednesday announced \$9.1 million in new grants that will expand registered apprenticeship programs throughout Indiana, helping Hoosiers skill up and enter higher wage careers. A portion of the funding will also go toward connecting formerly incarcerated adults with employment.

"Indiana has a nationally recognized apprenticeship system that works for employers, helping them build talent pipelines across industries, and for Hoosiers, putting them on a path to higher wage careers," Gov. Braun said. "With these new grants, my administration will continue developing Indiana's tremendous workforce, preparing them for the careers of the future."

The U.S. Department of Labor awarded Indiana a \$4 million State Apprenticeship Expansion Formula Round 4 (SAEF4) grant. With the funds, the state plans to enhance Indiana's nationally recognized apprenticeship system by increasing

opportunities within advanced manufacturing, the sector most underserved by apprenticeships in Indiana.

In addition, the Indiana Department of Workforce Development has secured a one-time, \$5.1 million Reentry Employment in Skilled Trades, Advanced Manufacturing, Registered Apprenticeships, and Training Initiative (RESTART) grant, which will support the state's workforce by connecting formerly incarcerated adults 25 and older with employment, training, and registered apprenticeships in high-demand industries.

"Indiana ranks second in the nation for apprenticeships per capita thanks to our proven models that benefit employers and workers," Indiana Commerce Secretary Chuck Goodrich said. "In-

diana has added nearly 14,000 new apprentices since Gov. Braun took office, and these grants will create even more pathways for Hoosiers."

The SAEF4 grant will drive funding to advanced manufacturing group sponsors to bolster apprenticeship opportunities.

SAEF4 funds will also be earmarked for the creation of Capacity Building Grants, which will reinforce the work of Indiana's Local Workforce Boards by supporting apprenticeship navigators who will focus on engaging advanced manufacturing employers. This will advance the Indiana Department of Workforce Development's long-term goal of ensuring lasting apprenticeship capacity."

The RESTART grant funds will further Gov. Braun's goal of decreasing

the number of incarcerated Hoosiers returning to prison after release. Last year, the governor signed an executive order aiming to reduce recidivism by improving-incarcerated individuals' paths for reentry.

About \$4.3 million of the RESTART grant funds will be dedicated to regional service delivery provided by Indiana's Local Workforce Boards for direct training, work-based learning, supportive services, and employer incentives.

In February, the U.S. Department of Labor announced the availability of \$81 million in grant funding through its RESTART program with the intention of granting up to \$5.1 million in individual awards. Indiana secured one of the competitive individual awards, a testament to the effectiveness of Indiana's comprehensive reentry and training model. In April, the federal agency announced approximately \$85 million in funding for SAEF4 grants.

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18 local students receive state education scholarships

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Hamilton County students studying to become teachers are among more than 300 recipients of the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship, according to local Republican lawmakers.

The scholarship program, established in 2016 through legislation passed by the Indiana General Assembly, awards a renewable scholarship of up to \$10,000 per year (up to \$40,000 total) to high-achieving high school and college students who agree to teach in an eligible Indiana school for five years. This year, more than 1,000 students applied, representing more than 300 high schools in 90 of Indiana's 92 counties.

"Congratulations to the aspiring educators in our community who've earned this scholarship," House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers) said. "We're proud of your accomplishments and grateful for your commitment to teaching in

Indiana and inspiring the next generation of Hoosiers."

This year, these local students were among the scholarship recipients:

- Abigail Perkins, Carmel High School
- Addison Thompson, Noblesville High School
- Claire Huntzinger, Hamilton Southeastern High School
- Claire Roehm, Hamilton Southeastern High School
- Claire Stuber, Fishers High School
- Hadley Teague, Westfield High School
- Hallie Martz, Noblesville High School
- Isabella Prater, Sheridan High School
- Isabella Rangel, Westfield High School
- Jackson Cantlon, Hamilton Heights High School
- Jeran King, Fishers High School
- Julia Brammer, Westfield High School
- Kendall Wien, Carmel High School



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- Lydia Ertel, Zionsville Community High School
 - Madelyn Miller, Fishers High School
 - Meghan Weishaar, Carmel High School
 - Nolan Peterson, Carmel High School
 - Sarah Maudlin, Fishers High School
- "Programs like the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship show what can happen when we identify talented students early and give them support to pursue their goals," State Rep. Chris Jeter (R-Fishers) said. "These scholarship recipients have already

demonstrated a strong commitment to academic excellence, and I look forward to seeing the impact they have in Indiana classrooms."

State Rep. Danny Lopez (R-Carmel) said those qualifying for the scholarship must graduate in the top 20 percent of their high school class, earn a score in the 20th percentile on the SAT or ACT, or have a cumulative grade point average of at least a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

"Teaching is one of the most important professions in our state, and these students are choosing to dedicate their careers to helping

others learn and succeed," Lopez said. "These scholarships help remove financial barriers while encouraging talented young people to build their futures right here in Indiana."

"Every student deserves access to a great teacher, and that starts with making sure young Hoosiers have the opportunity to pursue a career in education," State Rep. Alaina Shonkwiler (R-Noblesville) said. "I'm proud to see students from our communities earn this scholarship and take an important step toward becoming the educators our

schools and students need."

"These scholarship recipients have worked hard to distinguish themselves academically, and now they have an opportunity to turn that success into a career serving Hoosier students," State Rep. Hunter Smith (R-Zionsville) said. "Supporting future educators through this program will help strengthen Indiana's schools for years to come."

Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship applications for the 2026-27 school year will open in November. Click here to learn more about the program.

Sen. Banks introduce bill to help American AI companies combat Chinese espionage

Submitted by Office of U.S. Senator Jim Banks

On Thursday, July 23, U.S. Senators Jim Banks (R-Ind.) and Adam Schiff (D-Calif.) introduced the bipartisan Collaboration on Adversarial Threats and Security Risks Act, legislation to help American artificial intelligence companies work together to defend against espionage by Communist China and other serious national security threats.

As American companies race to advance Artificial Intelligence systems, foreign adversaries are increasingly attempting to steal U.S. technology through cyber-attacks, model theft, and 'distillation' attacks that replicate advanced AI models at a fraction of the cost. While existing laws allow companies to share information about cyber threats,

there is no comparable legal framework allowing AI developers to coordinate against emerging AI-specific security risks.

The Collaboration on Adversarial Threats and Security Risks Act creates a narrowly tailored antitrust safe harbor allowing AI companies to share threat information and coordinate defensive measures in good faith to address defined national security risks while preserving existing antitrust protections against price-fixing, monopolization, and other anti-competitive conduct.

"The AI race is one that America can't afford to lose," Sen. Banks said. "Communist China is working every day to steal our technology



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and close the gap with the United States. American AI companies must be able to collaboratively defend against our adversaries. The bill gives them the tools to protect America's technological edge and helps ensure we maintain our competitive edge."

Key provisions of the bill

The legislation allows AI developers to collaborate to identify, assess, prevent, investigate, and mitigate defined AI security risks including:

- Preventing the theft, distillation, weaponization, or misuse of advanced American AI models by foreign adversaries.
- Sharing information on cybersecurity vulnerabilities, unauthorized access, and attacks targeting frontier AI systems.
- Addressing AI-enabled chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and offen-

sive cyber threats.

- Coordinating responses to risks involving loss of operational control over advanced AI systems.

The legislation includes strict guardrails to ensure these protections cannot be used to undermine competition. It explicitly prohibits price-fixing, market allocation, monopolization, boycotts, or any other anticompetitive conduct unrelated to legitimate AI security and national security threats.

Background

The legislation responds to growing evidence that foreign adversaries are conducting industrial-scale efforts to steal America's most advanced AI capabilities. According to public reports, Chinese actors have used tens of thousands of fraudulent accounts to extract millions of interactions from leading U.S. AI systems in an effort to replicate frontier models. The White House has also warned that China is conducting deliberate campaigns to distill advanced American AI systems.



Photo provided by Graeter's Ice Cream

Graeter's 19th annual 'Cones for the Cure' kicks off July 30

The REPORTER

Graeter's Ice Cream and The Cure Starts Now are set to kick off the 19th annual 'Cones for the Cure' campaign, which supports the organization's mission to fund groundbreaking research aimed at finding the "homerun cure" for all cancers, with a special focus on pediatric brain cancer.

For the first time, Elena's Blueberry Pie – Graeter's beloved seasonal flavor created specifically to support The Cure Starts Now – returns early on July 30. This flavor mixes real blueberries with crunchy pie crust pieces to create an unforget-

table flavor that supports an unbeatable cause.

From July 30 through Aug. 9, new and existing Graeter's Sweet Rewards loyalty members can receive a Free Single-Dip Sugar Cone offer of Elena's Blueberry Pie ice cream. When redeeming that free cone in any Graeter's scoop shop, Sweet Rewards members are encouraged to donate to The Cure Starts Now in return for several Graeter's deals.

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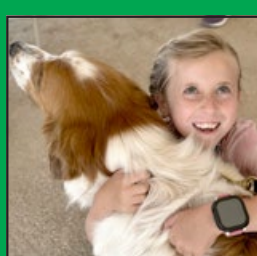
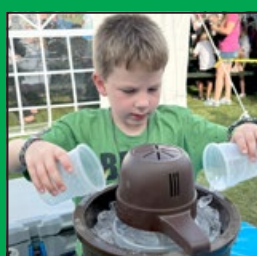
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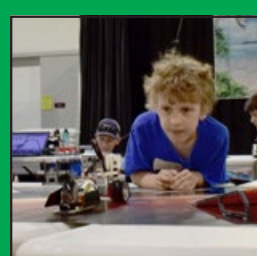
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Teter Farm Fest & Twilight 5K promise end-of-summer fun for the whole family

Submitted

Families looking for a last summer celebration will have the opportunity to enjoy an evening of fun while supporting a meaningful cause at Teter Organic Farm's second annual Farm Fest & Twilight 5K on Saturday, Aug. 15.

The festival will take place from 4 to 8 p.m. at Teter Organic Farm, 10980 E. 221st St., Noblesville, and will feature live music, food trucks, Conner Prairie's farm petting zoo, local vendors and exhibitors, inflatables, children's activities, hayrides, photo opportunities, and meet-and-greets with the farm's bees and chickens. Admission is free for children.

The event serves as a fundraiser for Teter Organic Farm, a nonprofit dedicated to providing fresh, organically grown food to families experiencing food insecurity while promoting ecological education throughout the community.

Teter Retreat and Organic Farm is a ministry of Noblesville First United Methodist Church committed to creating equitable and sustainable opportunities for all people, regardless of race, creed, socioeconomic status, gender, physical ability, or



orientation. Inspired by the legacy of the Teter family, the farm works to increase access to healthy food, strengthen community relationships and promote environmental stewardship.

Situated on eight acres of Certified Organic farmland, Teter Organic Farm grows more than 40 varieties of organic produce and flowers. The farm believes that healthy food has the power to nourish both people and the planet while helping build a more sustainable and equitable food system.

The evening will also feature the Teter Twilight 5K Run/Walk for the Honey, beginning at 7 p.m. Check-in will be held from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. The cross-country style 5K follows wooded trails along the scenic White River, offering participants the option to run, jog or walk. Families, children, and even leashed dogs are welcome to participate.

The race will be professionally timed. Participants will receive a commemorative jar of honey while supplies last. Medals will be awarded to the top male, female, and youth finishers, while the overall winner will receive a week's share of fresh vegetables from the farm.

Proceeds from both the Farm Fest and the Twilight 5K directly support Teter Organic Farm's mission. According to the organization, every dollar donated provides approximately three and a half servings of fresh food to food-insecure families in Hamilton County.

Festival admission is \$20 for the first adult and \$10 for the second adult. Sponsorship and volunteer opportunities are also available.

Click here to purchase tickets for the event. Register for the 5K at **this link**.

About Teter Organic Farm

With a mission of "Where Sustainability Meets Community" and a vision rooted in growing a better tomorrow, Teter Organic Farm invites the community to celebrate the end of summer while making a lasting impact close to home. Learn more at **teterorganicfarm.com**.

Local Democrats launch new Indiana Democratic African American Caucus chapter

Submitted

The newly established Hamilton County Chapter of the Indiana Democratic African American Caucus (IDAAC HamCo) invites community members to attend its inaugural Callout Meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, July 27, at the Fishers City Hall Theatre, 1 Municipal Drive.

RSVP for the meeting at **this link**.

This milestone event marks the official launch of the Hamilton County chapter and offers residents an opportunity to learn about IDAAC's mission, connect with local leaders, and discover meaningful ways to become engaged in civic life and the democratic process.

The evening will include an introduction to the chapter's vision and priorities, opportunities for volunteerism and leadership, and time for networking and community dialogue. Whether attendees are longtime advocates or simply interested in becoming more involved in their community, all are welcome.

"The formation of the Hamilton County chapter represents an exciting opportunity to amplify African American voices, build meaningful relationships, and increase civic engagement throughout our county," chapter organizers said. "We invite everyone who is committed to service, advocacy, and community leadership to join us as we build together."

IDAAC HamCo is committed to educating, organizing, and empowering African American Democrats while fostering inclusive leadership and encouraging active participation in government and public policy.

The event is free and open to the public. Community members of all backgrounds who are interested in civic engagement, advocacy, and building a stronger Hamilton County are encouraged to attend.

For additional information, please contact the Hamilton County IDAAC organizing committee at **hamcoblackcaucus@gmail.com**.



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Meijer offers more than 50 school supplies for under \$1

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Meijer is making it easier for families to enjoy back-to-school shopping by offering everything they need in one store at great prices, including school supplies and lunchbox favorites. The retailer is dropping prices by up to 50 percent on nearly 200 essential items to help families prepare for the upcoming school year, including offering more than 50 school supplies for less than \$1.

"Back-to-school season is an exciting time, as families prepare to help their kids start the year strong," said Don Sanderson, Chief Merchandising & Marketing Officer at Meijer. "We're committed to making it easy for families to find great value on school supplies, clothing, and everyday groceries in one stop. By expanding the number of discounted items, we're helping families check everything off their lists and head into the school year feeling confident and ready."

Key school supplies

Through Sept. 8, Meijer is offering a full selection of school supplies for less than \$1, including both Meijer and national-brand favorites such as pencils, crayons, markers, folders, notebooks, binders, erasers, and more items commonly found on back-to-school supply lists. Examples include:

- Meijer Washable Glue Stick two-pack: \$0.25
- Meijer Crayons: \$0.25
- Meijer Washable School Glue: \$0.25
- Meijer Washable

Markers: \$0.74

- Meijer Colored Pencils: \$0.50

Popular school grocery items

Meijer is discounting groceries families often purchase for the back-to-school season, including many breakfast and lunch favorites for under \$2. Meijer brand food and drinks such as instant oatmeal, peanut butter and jelly, bread, cereal, fruit snacks, and granola bars are included in the promotion:

- Meijer Instant Oatmeal (eight to 12 pack): \$1.79
- Meijer Complete Pancake Mix (24 to 32 ounces): \$1.79
- Meijer Syrup (24 ounces): \$1.79
- Meijer Toasted Oats Cereal (12 ounces): \$1.79
- Meijer Split Top Bread (22 ounces): \$1.89
- Meijer Grape Jelly (18 ounces) and Creamy Peanut Butter (16 ounces): \$1.89

For additional savings on back-to-school supplies, and all year-round, Meijer customers can use **mPerks** to earn points on every dollar spent. These points can be redeemed for in-store coupons or used for additional savings on fuel at Meijer Express gas stations. Additionally, the mPerks program allows customers to earn savings on the products they purchase most in the "hand-picked offers" section of coupons in the app.

Customers can find all items included in the back-to-school promotion at **meijer.com**.

Don't just ride the rails ... Bike them!



Forest Park Rail Adventure

An 8-mile round trip rail bike ride starting at Hobbs Station in Forest Park.

White River Family Cruise

Enjoy this short, scenic rail bike ride from Hobbs Station in Forest Park.

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Coast Guard Birthday & Acts of Kindness at your local military museum

By JON BALDWIN
Clay Township Military Library & Museum

Clay Township Military Library and Museum – Hamilton County’s only public military museum – is preparing for a special day on Tuesday, Aug. 4, and we’d like you to be part of it. From 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., the museum will host two connected events:

1. U.S. Coast Guard Birthday at the Museum

- In our main museum space, we’ll highlight Coast Guard service with displays and related materials.
- Visitors are welcome to drop in, browse exhibits, and learn more about the Coast Guard’s role in our

nation’s history.

2. Veteran Hospitality & Story Corner – Acts of Kindness Day

- In our small library room (seating for six to eight), we will operate a Hospitality & Story Corner as our contribution to the Jim Irsay 1976 Acts of Kindness Day, part of Carmel’s 50th anniversary celebration.
- Veterans and their families will be invited to share brief “kindness stories” – moments of kindness experienced in service or after returning home – and to be added to our Honor Roll, where their service can be remembered by future generations.
- This quiet room will be staffed by museum vol-

unteers and volunteers from Kiwanis and Rotary, creating a calm, respectful space for conversation and remembrance.

Our mission is to honor veterans through stories and remembrance, and August 4 gives us a chance to do that in a focused way while joining the broader community effort to complete 1,976 acts of kindness in honor of Jim Irsay.

Call for volunteers & visitors

- If you are a veteran or family member, we would be honored to welcome you, hear a brief kindness story if you’re comfortable sharing, and add you or your loved one to our Honor Roll.
- If you would like to

volunteer, we are still organizing three hour shifts between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., both in the main museum space and in the library room. Even a single three hour window can make a meaningful difference.

- If you simply wish to visit and support, your presence helps show that our community cares about Coast Guard service, all veterans, and the preservation of their stories.

To learn more or to indicate interest in volunteering or visiting, please email jonebaldwin@gmail.com. Thank you for your continued support as we revitalize the museum and build new partnerships through events like these.

Merchants Bank appoints Stephanie Cunningham as Senior Vice President & Chief Compliance Officer

Submitted

Merchants Bank announced on Thursday, July 23, the appointment of Stephanie Cunningham as Senior Vice President, Chief Compliance Officer.

Cunningham, who will be based out of the bank’s Carmel headquarters, succeeds Carol Gassen, who has retired after a distinguished career with Merchants Bank.

In this position, Cunningham will lead the bank’s enterprise-wide compliance program, overseeing regulatory compliance and community reinvestment across the organization’s banking and mortgage sectors. She will also serve as an advisor to Merchants Bank’s CEO and Board of Directors while fostering open communication and collaboration across departments to strengthen the organization’s Compliance Management System and support effective compliance governance.

“Stephanie’s extensive experience, combined with her collaborative leadership style, makes her an outstanding fit for this role,” Merchants Bank’s President and CEO Mike Dunlap said. “She has demonstrated exceptional judgement and integrity that perfectly aligns with our mission. We’re thrilled to welcome her to the Merchants Bank team and are confident she will help strengthen our company.”

With more than 20 years of experience in the banking industry, Cunningham has fine-tuned her understanding of compliance and risk management. Prior to joining Merchants, she held multiple leadership roles at Centra Credit Union, including senior vice president of risk management, vice president of risk management, and director of compliance. Earlier in her career, Cunningham served in a variety of capacities at Ameriana Bank, where she built a strong foundation in compliance, retail banking operations, and risk management.

“I am honored to join Merchants Bank and look forward to working alongside such a talented team,” Cunningham said. “My priority lies with evolving and strengthening the compliance program, which will go on to support the bank’s long-term growth and our commitment to helping individuals, businesses, and communities thrive.”

Cunningham attended Ball State University, where she earned a bachelor’s degree with a focus in consumer finance and computer science. She is also a Certified Risk Management Professional, Certified BSA Professional, Certified Compliance Officer, and has an Enterprise Risk Management Certificate.

Learn more about Merchants Bank at bankmerchants.com.

FTC warns of phishing scam involving fake letters about unclaimed insurance money

By KARA KENNEY
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

The Federal Trade Commission issued a warning about a scam coming to your mailbox.

It comes as a letter in the mail from a “law firm” about unclaimed insurance money.

The letter says one of their clients died, and the client has the same last name as you.

Kara Kenney with Indiana’s I-Team spoke with Terri Miller, a consumer education specialist at the Federal Trade Commission.

“They send that to as many people as possible, in hopes that someone will respond,” Miller said. “They’re casting a wide net with that phishing scam, and so you know you may not respond, but someone else with the last name Kenney may respond.”

The scam is not new, but it’s making a comeback, according to the FTC.

“The spoiler alert here is that you’re not eligible for this money,” Miller said. “The money doesn’t actually exist at all. It’s really just a scam to steal personal information and

sometimes financial information.”

The letter asks you to call a phone number.

“The end game for the scammer is to get you on the phone, where they’re going to ask for personal information, maybe your social security number or even bank account information,” Miller said.

The FTC suspects scammers are using AI to make their letters sound professional.

Here’s what to do if you get one of these letters:

- **Don’t respond.** Keep your money and information to yourself. Never

send money or information to a stranger who promises big rewards. That’s always a scam.

- **Pass this information on to a friend.** You probably throw away these kinds of letters, but you probably know someone who could use a friendly reminder that these are scams.
- **Report it to the FTC** at ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

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Holiday Rambler to host ‘Mothers Room’ during Colts Training Camp

The REPORTER

Holiday Rambler will host a “Mothers’ Room” at Indianapolis Colts Training Camp for the third consecutive year at Droplight Grand Park Sports Campus, 19000 Grand Park Blvd., Westfield.

The activation will give nursing mothers an air-conditioned location at the event to feed their babies, pump/express milk, and change diapers with privacy and comfort.

“We’re proud to continue creating a welcoming environment for families at training camp by bringing back the Mothers Room for a third year,” said Jenn Goethel, Senior Marketing Manager at Terex. “Last year, many mothers and other caregivers were able

to take comfort in coming to training camp knowing there was a space for them to comfortably tend to themselves and their children. We were even fortunate to provide the space to a female police officer who used the unit to express milk!”

The Mothers’ Room is a Holiday Rambler Incline 29H Unit, which includes a large, U-shaped dinette for hosting, a super slide, private master suite and oversized shower. The unit is conveniently located by the Colts Kids Camp area across from the Play 360 field.

The **Westfield Milk Bank** will also provide individually packaged nursing pads, pens, Sharpies, and snacks, as well as brochures for anyone who may be in need of Milk Bank services.

Moms Demand Action recognize Devon Wellington for Indiana House District 29 as a Gun Sense Candidate

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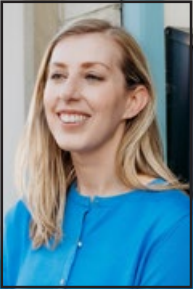
Devon Wellington, candidate for Indiana House District 29, has been named a 2026 Moms Demand Action Gun Sense Candidate. The distinction recognizes candidates who advocate for gun violence prevention and who will govern with gun safety in mind.

Moms Demand Action, a grassroots movement of the Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund, awards the Gun Sense Candidate distinction to campaigns that demonstrate a clear commitment to common-sense gun safety measures. The distinction signals to supporters, volunteers, and voters that a candidate will prioritize re-

sponsible, widely supported approaches to gun safety in office.

“As a mother with children in schools, this problem drove me to join the Noblesville Schools Safety Committee, which I’ve been proud to participate in going on four years,” said Wellington. “While I’m grateful for the many supports in our schools and community that make us safer, here in Noblesville we already know that we’re no exception to the rule that is, heartbreakingly, gun violence in our schools.”

Wellington’s work on



Wellington

school safety and gun violence prevention is part of her broader platform focused on public education, affordable healthcare, and affordable housing for Hoosiers across District 29.

“Moms Demand Action works towards reasonable and sensible protections for communities that the vast majority of Americans support,” Moms Demand Action organizers said. “In fact, I talked with a neighbor who told me he votes for a specific party based on wanting to preserve his right to bear arms. When I asked if he supported

safe storage, red flag laws, background checks, and encouraging local communities to get involved in safety initiatives, he said he did so enthusiastically. I was able to tell him that we’re aligned. Americans overwhelmingly are. That’s why this candidate distinction is so important for District 29. It formalizes the commitment we have in this community to taking the responsible and widely supported steps to prioritize collective safety. I look forward to faithfully representing this majority supported initiative at the Statehouse.”

Learn more about the candidate at [VoteDevon.com](#).

Come ‘Romp the Commons’ in ’70s style

Submitted

Break out the caftans, oversized accessories, bold prints, and gloriously unbothered ’70s style. Aftershock Events will host Romp the Commons, a free, public Mrs. Roper-inspired social meet-up on Saturday, Aug. 15 at Federal Hill Commons in Noblesville.

Romp the Commons will take place alongside the evening’s regularly scheduled Concerts at the Commons, presented by Noblesville Parks & Recreation. The concert is a separate public event, with Aftershock Events hosting the themed gathering during the festivities.

The concert opener begins at 7 p.m., followed by the official Romp the Commons meet-up and Regal Beagle Wine Trade at 7:30 p.m. at the picnic pavilion near the playground.

Guests are encouraged to arrive in their finest Mrs. Roper-inspired attire, whether that means a flowing caftan, statement jewelry, dramatic sunglasses, or any colorful interpretation of 1970s leisurewear. The first 50 costumed rompers to check in will receive a limited-edition Romp the Commons sticker.

The optional Regal Beagle Wine Trade invites participants of legal drinking

age to bring a labeled bottle of wine and exchange it for another. Guests should clearly mark their bottle as sweet, dry, red, white, or blush to make trading easier. All alcohol must remain within areas permitted by Federal Hill Commons and follow applicable park rules.

The evening will feature plentiful photo opportunities, new friendships and a dance floor powered by the retro party favorites of Rod Tuffcurls & The Bench Press.

“This is an easy, joyful way for people to dress up, meet someone new and become part of the entertainment,” said Jessica Vandergraff, founder of Af-

tershock Events. “You do not need to belong to a club or know anyone beforehand. Put on something fabulous, find us at the pavilion and join the romp.”

Romp the Commons is free and open to the public. No registration is required. Participants are encouraged to bring a lawn chair or blanket, picnic snacks and their most delightfully dramatic accessories.

Romp the Commons is hosted by Aftershock Events and is not produced by Noblesville Parks & Recreation. Concerts at the Commons are presented separately by Noblesville Parks & Recreation.

The REPORTER

The **Indiana Conservation Partnership** (ICP) has announced its 2025 conservation accomplishments. The ICP works with Hoosier

landowners to provide technical or financial assistance for the implementation of conservation projects. In 2025, landowners supported by the ICP installed more

than 44,800 new conservation practices.

The **Indiana Conservation Partnership report** showed that over the last year landowners helped prevent over 2.1 million tons of sediment, over 4.5 million pounds of nitrogen and over 2.2 million pounds of phosphorus from entering Indiana waterways.

In 2025, Hoosier farmers, with ICP assistance, planted more than 242,000 acres of cover crops, and implemented over 217,000 acres of conservation tillage.

While the term conservation practices can mean many things, in Indiana, some of the most common conservation best management practices are cover crops, nutrient management, residue and tillage management, conservation cover, early successional habitat development/management and grassed waterways.

“Conservation work isn’t easy, but it pays off,” said Lt. Governor Micah Beckwith, who also serves as Indiana’s Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. “Every acre of cover crops planted and every ton of soil kept in place is a win for our farmers and for Indiana’s future. I’m proud of the work the Indiana Conservation Partnership and our farmers are doing together.”

As a farmer, Indiana State Department of Agriculture director Don Lamb recognizes the challenges that come with installing new conservation initiatives but sees the opportunities these practices can create.

“Change on the farm

doesn’t happen overnight, and I know firsthand the challenges landowners face when adopting new conservation practices,” Lamb said. “But the numbers in this report tell a clear story – Hoosier farmers are putting in the work, and it’s paying off for their land, their bottom line and the water we all depend on. I’m proud of what our ICP partners and our producers accomplished in 2025, and I’m confident that momentum will only grow.”

The ICP is made up of public and non-profit groups, along with landowners, that work together for the betterment of soil health and water quality. ICP organizations include, Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, ISDA, Indiana State Soil Conservation Board, Purdue Extension, USDA-Farm Service Agency and USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The Indiana Conservation Partnership is a crucial part of **Indiana’s Nutrient Reduction Strategy**, which illustrates the continued success and challenges of conservation and serves as a tool to help set watershed priorities and reduction targets, manage conservation resources and to further stakeholder involvement across Indiana.

[Click here](#) to view the full report and find more information on soil and water conservation in Indiana in 2025.

— TIPTON COUNTY —

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TIPTON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
CO-V-14-26 Smith

Notice is hereby given that the Tipton County Plan Commission, on the 5th day of August 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Tipton County Courthouse, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana, will hold a public hearing to consider the following:

CO-V-14-26: Edward Smith, petitioner and owner, requests approval of one (1) development standard variance to place an accessory structure without a primary structure in the AG-Agricultural zoning district.

The property is more fully described as:

Part of the Southwest Quarter (1/4) of Section Twenty-Two (22), Township Twenty-One (21) North, Range Three (3) East, and more specifically described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter (1/4) of Section Twenty-two (22) Township Twenty-One (21) North, Range Three (3) East marked by a stone, thence East on and along the South Section Line of said Quarter (1/4) Section, Nine Hundred Nineteen point Four (919.4) feet to the point of beginning marked by an iron pin; thence East on and along said South Section Line, Three Hundred Ninety-One point Five (391.5) feet to a point marked by an iron pin; thence North One Degree (1°) and Twelve Minutes (12') East to and along a fence line, Two Hundred Nine point Zero (209.0) feet to the center line of the Kigin Open Drain; thence South Fifty-Seven Degrees (57°) and Thirty-Eight Minutes (38') West, Seventy-Six point Zero (76.0) feet on and along said center line, thence South Seventy-Six Degrees (76°) and Sixteen Minutes (16') West, Ninety-Two point Zero (92.0) feet on and along said center line; thence South Thirty Degrees (30°) and Thirty-Four Minutes (34') West, Ninety-Nine point Three (99.3) feet on and along said center line; thence South Seventy-One Degrees (71°) and Two Minutes (2') West, Eighty-Five point Zero (85.0) feet on and along said center line; thence South Eighty-Six Degrees (86°) and Twenty-Four Minutes (24') West, Eighty-Five point Nine (85.9) feet on and along said center line; thence South Forty-Two Degrees (42°) and Twenty Four Minutes (24') West, Thirty-Seven point Nine (37.9) feet to the point of beginning, containing Eighty-Five Hundredths (0.85) acres, subject to legal Highways and Drainage Board Easements, in Tipton, County, Indiana.

Interested persons desiring to present their views on this case will be given an opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place. Additionally, comments or objections shall be submitted in writing to the Planning Office at 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana 46072 prior to 12 p.m. (noon) on the day of the hearing.

The proposal may be viewed in the Planning Office prior to the hearing during normal business hours. The hearing may be continued from time to time.

Tipton County Board of Zoning Appeals

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TIPTON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
CO-V-19-26 Sprague

Notice is hereby given that the Tipton County Plan Commission, on the 5th day of August 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Tipton County Courthouse, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana, will hold a public hearing to consider the following:

CO-V-19-26: Stephen Sprague, petitioner and owner, requests approval of one (1) development standard variance to reduce the required front setback for an accessory structure in the AG-Agricultural zoning district from 91.5 feet to 63 feet from the center of the road.

The property is more fully described as:

Part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 19, Township 21 North, Range 3 East, Jefferson Township, Tipton County, Indiana, described as follows:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the West Half of said Southwest Quarter; thence North 1,801.83 feet along the East line of said West Half to the point of beginning; thence North 262.00 feet along said East line; thence South 88°54'00" West 250.00 feet; thence South 262.00 feet; thence North 88°54'00" East 250.00 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.50 acres, more or less.

Interested persons desiring to present their views on this case will be given an opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place. Additionally, comments or objections shall be submitted in writing to the Planning Office at 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana 46072 prior to 12 p.m. (noon) on the day of the hearing.

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Tipton County Board of Zoning Appeals

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— TIPTON COUNTY —

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TIPTON COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION
TIPTON COMMERCE CENTER PRIMARY PLAT
CO-S-18-26

Notice is hereby given that the Tipton County Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on August 6, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., in the 1st floor meeting room of the Tipton County Courthouse, 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana, to consider the following:

Approval of a Primary Plat to subdivide approximately 79.05 acres, together with any associated rights-of-way, easements, and infrastructure improvements, in accordance with the Tipton County Subdivision Control Ordinance and applicable provisions of the Tipton County Zoning Ordinance.

The legal description of the proposed Primary Plat is as follows:

Parcel #80-11-17-200-005.010-001

A part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 21 North, Range 4 East of the Second Principal Meridian, Tipton County, Indiana, described as follows:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Northwest Quarter, thence South 88 degrees 20 minutes 17 seconds West (Indiana State Plane Coordinate System – East Zone) along the South line of said Northwest Quarter, a distance of 521.26 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing South 88 degrees 20 minutes 17 seconds West along said South line, a distance of 101.90 feet; thence North 00 degrees 42 minutes 55 seconds West a distance of 1311.75 feet to the South line of the North Half of said Northwest Quarter; thence North 88 degrees 29 minutes 31 seconds East along said South line, a distance of 583.59 feet to the beginning of a 850.00 feet radius curve to the right, being subtended by a chord bearing of South 15 degrees 02 minutes 35 seconds West with a distance of 447.55 feet; thence Southwesterly along said curve a distance of 452.88 feet; thence South 30 degrees 18 minutes 25 seconds West a distance of 407.02 feet to the beginning of a 1049.86 feet radius curve to the left, being subtended by a chord bearing of South 15 degrees 23 minutes 09 seconds West with a distance of 504.69 feet; thence Southeasterly along said curve a distance of 546.84 feet; thence South 00 degrees 28 minutes 11 seconds West a distance of 19.14 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 10.05 acres, more or less.

Parcel #80-11-07-300-008.030-001

Part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 21 North, Range 4 East, Cicero Township, Tipton County, Indiana, described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point on the Quarter Section Line, said point being North 87°33'30" East 667.5 feet from the Northwest corner of said Quarter Section; thence South 02°38'00" East 665.5 feet; thence North 89°01'30" East 482 feet; thence North 00°48'00" West 678.5 feet to the Quarter Section Line; thence South 87°33'30" West on and along the Quarter Section line 503.5 feet to the point of beginning, containing 7.60 acres.

Parcel #80-11-07-200-004.000-001

The Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section Seven (7), Township Twenty-one (21) North, Range Four (4) East,

EXCEPT:

Five (5) acres of the whole East end thereof,

EXCEPT:

Part of the Northwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 21 North, Range 4 East, Tipton County, Indiana, described as follows:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of said Quarter; thence S 87°55' 11" West 166.063 feet along the South line of said Quarter to the point of beginning; thence S 87° 55' 11" West 457.10 feet along said line; thence North 01° 08' 01" West 1313.95 feet to the North Quarter Quarter Section Line; thence N 88°09' 28" East 455.33 feet along said line; thence South 01° 12' 55" East 1312.03 feet to the point of beginning containing 13.75 acres, more or less, subject to highway rights-of-way in Tipton County, Indiana.

ALSO:

The North Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section Seven (7), Township Twenty-one (21) North, Range Four (4) East,

EXCEPT:

Part of the Northwest Quarter of Section Seven (7), Township Twenty-One (21) North, Range Four (4) East, and more specifically described as follows:

Commencing at the Southwest Corner of the Northwest Quarter (1/4) of Section Seven (7), Township Twenty-one (21) North, Range Four (4) East marked by an iron pin; thence North on and along the West Section Line of said Section, Six Hundred Sixty point One (660.1) feet to the point of beginning marked by an iron pin; thence North on and along said West Section Line, Two Hundred Fifty-six point Zero (256.0) feet to a point marked by an iron pin; thence East perpendicular to said West Section Line, Nine Hundred Eighteen point Zero (918.0) feet; thence South parallel to said West Section Line, Two Hundred Fifty-six point Zero (256.0) feet; thence West perpendicular to said West Section Line, Nine Hundred Eighteen point Zero (918.0) feet to the point of beginning, containing Five and Forty Hundredths (5.40) acres, subject to legal highways and utility easements.

EXCEPT:

A part of the North Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 7, Township 21 North, Range 4 East, Tipton County, Indiana, and being that part of the grantor’s land lying within the right of way lines depicted on the attached Right of Way Parcel Plat, marked EXHIBIT “B”, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of said section, designated as point “54” on said plat; thence North 0 degrees 35 minutes 18 seconds East 916.10 feet along the west line of said section to the Northwest corner of the 5.40-acre exception described in Deed Record 164, page 829, in the Office of the Recorder of Tipton County, Indiana; thence South 89 degrees 24 minutes 42 seconds East 46.79 feet along the north line of said exception to the east boundary of U.S. 31; thence North 0 degrees 21 minutes 13 seconds East 42.14 feet along the boundary or said U.S. 31 to point “304” designated on said plat and the point of beginning of the description: thence continuing North 0 degrees 22 minutes 05 seconds East 362.15 feet along said boundary to the North line of the grantor’s land; thence North 88 degrees 29 minutes 32 seconds East 29.27 feet along said North line to point “306” designated on said plat; thence South 3 degrees 43 minutes 03 seconds West 363.73 feet to point “305” designated on said plat; thence North 89 degrees 38 minutes 47 seconds West 8.00 feet to the point of beginning and containing 0.155 acres, more or less.

ALSO:

The South Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section Seven (7), Township Twenty-one (21) North, Range Four (4) East, all in Tipton County, Indiana.

The proposed Primary Plat may be viewed in the Plan Commission Office at 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana prior to the hearing.

Interested persons desiring to present their views regarding the proposed plat, either verbally or in writing, will be given an opportunity to be heard at the above-mentioned time and place; or comments or objections shall be submitted in writing in the Plan Commission Office prior to 12:00 p.m. on the day of the hearing.

The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.

Tipton County Plan Commission

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

TOWNS FOR THE LEVITES

On the plains of Moab by the Jordan across from Jericho, the Lord said to Moses, "Command the Israelites to give the Levites towns to live in from the inheritance the Israelites will possess. And give them pasturelands around the towns. Then they will have towns to live in and pasturelands for the cattle they own and all their other animals.

"The pasturelands around the towns that you give the Levites will extend a thousand cubits from the town wall. Outside the town, measure two thousand cubits on the east side, two thousand on the south side, two thousand on the west and two thousand on the north, with the town in the center. They will have this area as pastureland for the towns.

Numbers 35:1-5 (NIV)

Sharon Kay Griffith

June 2, 1948 – July 22, 2026

Sharon Kay Griffith, 78, Noblesville, passed away peacefully in her sleep on July 22, 2026, surrounded by her loved ones.

Sharon was born June 2, 1948, in Noblesville to Orval and Martha Barnes. She was a 1967 graduate of Broad Ripple High School, where she met the love of her life, Denny Griffith. The two were high school sweethearts and married soon after graduation, sharing 58 years of marriage.

Sharon worked as a Claims Clerk at Liberty Mutual in Glendale for 17 years before devoting herself to raising her son, Nick, and serving her community. She served as President of the Parent-Teacher Organization at Hazel Dell Elementary and was deeply involved in serving Hinkle Creek Friends Church in Noblesville, where she gave generously of her time and heart. Sharon loved nothing more than opening her home, hosting gatherings for family and friends with warmth and joy.

Sharon had a rare gift: everyone who met her walked away feeling special. She was kind, witty, quick to laugh, and stronger than she ever let on. She will be remembered as a woman who loved deeply and was loved by all who knew her.

Sharon is survived by her husband, Denny Griffith; her son, Nick Griffith (Kathryn); and her cherished grandchildren, Helen and Oliver, whom she adored. She is also survived by her brothers, Patrick and Steven Barnes.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Orval and Martha Barnes, and her sisters, Jerilyn and Shirley.

Visitation will be from 1 to 3 p.m., with services at 3 p.m., on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at Hinkle Creek Friends Church, 21617 Hinkle Road, Noblesville. Pastor Robert Stubbs will officiate. Burial will be at Hinkle Creek Cemetery in Noblesville.

Flowers are welcome, or memorial contributions may be made in Sharon's memory to Scouting America. Checks may be made out to "Troop 56, Scholarship Fund" and mailed to St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Scout Troop 56, 100 W. 86th St., Indianapolis, IN 46260.

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Karla Lu Katterhenry

May 27, 1943 – July 16, 2026

Karla Lu Katterhenry, 83, passed away peacefully into the arms of her Savior on July 16, 2026, surrounded by her loving family. Born on May 27, 1943, in Kokomo, Ind., to Leo and Beatrice (Graf) Pfothhauer, Karla lived a life rooted in faith, family, and – of course – the Purdue Boilermakers.

In 1946, Karla's family moved to Carmel, where she attended Carmel schools from Kindergarten through high school, graduating from Carmel High School in 1961. During her high school years, she worked at the local drugstore owned by Mr. John Brown, where she served the Carmel community with joy, greeting every customer with a smile.

Karla went on to attend Purdue University, graduating in 1969. On June 22, 1969, she married the love of her life, James "Jim" Katterhenry. Together they built a beautiful life and raised two sons, Kurt and Kevin, whom she loved dearly.

Once her boys began school, Karla began her career as an instructional assistant at Carmel Elementary School, where she faithfully served students and teachers for 29 years. She retired in the summer of 2012 so she could spend the rest of her life as a loving wife and vibrant Grammy.

An avid reader, Karla could often be found with a good book in hand. She was also a devoted Purdue fan who faithfully cheered on the Boilermakers through every season.

Karla loved her country and was proud to call herself an American. Above all, her unwavering faith in Jesus Christ guided every aspect of her life. Even to her last breaths, she lived as a faithful witness to His love and grace, encouraging those around her through her kindness, compassion, and steadfast trust in God.

Karla will be remembered for her warm smile, her optimistic spirit, and her remarkable ability to strike up a conversation with anyone, whether a lifelong friend or someone she had just met. Her legacy lives on in the family she treasured and the countless lives she touched through her love, generosity, and enduring faith.

Karla is survived by her beloved husband of 57 years, James "Jim" Katterhenry; her sons, Kurt (Susan) Katterhenry and Kevin (Lacy) Katterhenry; her eight grandchildren; her great-granddaughter; her twin sister Karen (Ed) Michael and youngest sister Elyce Meilstrup, and many extended family members and dear friends who will miss her deeply.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Leo and Beatrice (Graf) Pfothhauer; her brother, Terry Pfothhauer; and her beloved nieces, Paula Baugh and Evelyn Rodgers.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, August 1, 2026, with visitation from 11 a.m. until the time of service at 1 p.m., at Carmel Friends Church, 651 W. Main St., Carmel. Family and friends are invited to gather to honor and celebrate Karla's remarkable life.

Though our hearts are broken, we rejoice in the promise of eternal life and take comfort in knowing that Karla is now in the presence of her Savior, hearing the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant." – Matthew 25:23



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David Allen Harden

October 26, 1947 – July 21, 2026

David Allen Harden, 78, Fishers, passed away on July 21, 2026. He was born on October 26, 1947, in Indianapolis, to the late Virgil and Anna Mae Harden.

Dave's journey began in his early school years at Crooked Creek Elementary, followed by Westlane Middle School, and then North Central High School. He furthered his education at both Ball State and Indiana University, experiences that set the foundation of work and determination.

From a young age, Dave started to work with his father at the *IndyStar*, a weekend job he began when he was just 18. This commitment helped provide opportunities for his children, Ellen and Matt, to attend the colleges of their choice. Dave excelled as a salesman, dedicating the majority of his career to Pella Windows. He had a particular appreciation for fine wood windows, and nothing made him happier than closing a successful deal.

Dave found happiness on the golf course with friends and his brother-in-law. He enjoyed reading the works of James Patterson and watching *Seinfeld* reruns.

Dave traveled throughout the continental United States for work and even appreciated the long drives. Oftentimes, Dave would convince his wife, Mimi, to go on trips with him, even though she was not as enthusiastic about traveling. He would also take the time to go to Florida to visit family.

He liked attending horse races, where he could place a small bet and enjoy a nice dinner. Dave liked eating at local restaurants, including Hardees, John Stew, Big Boy in Anderson, and Mug and Bun, to name a few.

Nothing was more important to Dave than his family. He held his children and grandchildren closest to his heart. A loving and supportive father and grandfather, he wanted nothing more than to see his loved ones thrive. He believed deeply in the values of hard work and dedication, and found true delight in gathering around a delicious meal, especially if it involved a delicious dessert.

Those who knew Dave will remember him as loyal, stubborn, always kind, hardworking, and a great listener. His wit, down-to-earth demeanor, and easygoing nature made him a joy to be around. He leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and loyalty.

Dave is survived by his loving spouse, Mimi; children, Matt (Nici) Harden and Ellen (Kevin) Hammond; and grandchildren, Alex Harden, Emma Harden, Elizabeth Hammond, Eli Hammond, and Grant Hammond.

A Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, July 28, with a Funeral Service at noon, at Flanner Buchanan – Carmel, 325 E. Carmel Drive, Carmel.

Condolences: flannerbuchanan.com

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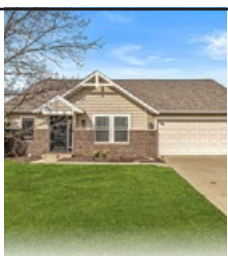
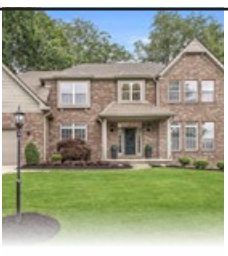
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Seasons change Two county victories highlight Day 4 of Senior State swim meet

As many of you are already aware, this is my last week as sports editor of the Hamilton County Reporter. My last official day is today, July 24.

It's been an honor to serve the people of Hamilton County for 19 years, including the 13 years I have spent here at The Reporter, which was started back in September 2013 by Don and Jeff Jellison. What was supposed to be two separate weekly papers – one focused on the northern part of the county, the other focused on Noblesville – soon became an online paper covering the entire county.

Was it overwhelming? You bet. Did we feel like we were doing something special, necessary, slightly groundbreaking? Yes. The Reporter was supposed to be sports-focused at first, but a nasty winter storm and cold snap quickly made us realize, “Yeah, we’re going to have to do a lot of news, too.”

During the first three years, I was doing news. And sports. And designing the pages. We settled into this rhythm until health issues caused Don to retire in October 2016. Thankfully, Jeff soon brought on Stu Clampitt and Isaac Taylor as professional consultants for the paper. They gradually took over the news portion, and I was free to focus solely on sports, which I have been doing ever since, except whenever we have a total solar eclipse or a 4-H Fair.

While covering sports in this county has been hard work, it has also been a ton of fun. The best part of this job is the fact that I’ve gotten to meet so many people along the way. Through interviews, casual conversations, learning about their stories, and telling them my story, I’ve not only developed many great relationships, but also made some life-long friends.

So, why am I leaving? Simply put, it’s just time to move on. The headline refers to an ‘80s hit song by the freestyle group Exposé, where they sing “Seasons change/People change.” It is a ton of work, and after such a long time, I knew I

was ready to take a step back and take a breather after all these years.

I couldn’t put that into words until I talked to Rose Skripsky at the Noblesville Boom Jr. Camp on Tuesday and told her what was going on. After explaining it, she said “So, you’re taking a step back.” Finally! That’s the explanation that made sense. Thanks, Rose!

Am I leaving The Reporter? Yes. Am I not going to write anymore? Actually, no. There is a new independent journalism service called Substack, and I began two separate Substacks: *The Indiana Fairways* and *Around The Net in Indiana*. The focus of these are golf and tennis, respectively. I put introductory posts on them but haven’t had much time to write anything else. I’m hoping to add to them now, and I will be writing them for fun.

I would like to say thank you to everyone who has contributed to The Reporter sports section over the years, whether it was writing articles, taking pictures, providing information about events, or just being supportive. I certainly could not generate all of the sports content in The Reporter on my own, and I am forever grateful to all the people that have helped.

A special thank you to Stu, Isaac, and the other owners, Ray Adler, Seth Wilson, and Paul Poteet for all of their support over the years. Another thank you to Jeff Jellison and Don Jellison for bringing me on to help build something that has become truly special.

And, it goes without saying that there would be no sports section at all without the athletes and coaches of Hamilton County. It might seem like it was a challenge to cover all the sports, but you actually made my job easy by giving me quite a bit to write about.

Thanks again for being so great.

Richie Hall covered high school sports for more than 25 years, 19 of those years in Hamilton County, and 13 of those years with The Hamilton County Reporter.



The REPORTER

Two Hamilton County swimmers picked up victories on the fourth and final day of the Indiana Swimming Senior State championship last week at the IU Natatorium.

Ayla Madara of Fishers Area Swimming Tigers led a 1-2 FAST finish in the Women 1500 freestyle. Madara won the race in 17 minutes, 40.94 seconds, with Brooklyn Rager placing second in 17:55.33. Seven of the top eight finishers were from county swim clubs.

Carmel Swim Club’s Jake Tarara also got a win, pacing the Men 100 freestyle event in 50.35 seconds.

A list of top 16 county finishers now follows.

Women 1500 freestyle: 1. Ayla Madara (Fishers Area Swimming Tigers) 17:40.94, 2. Brooklyn Rager (FAST) 17:55.33, 3. Izzy Schmitt (Southeastern Swim Club) 17:58.51, 4. Maria Daily (Carmel Swim Club) 17:59.99, 6. Maya Preston (Noblesville Swim Club) 18:07.35, 7. Abby Jane Avritt (FAST) 18:18.21, 8. Brooklyn Penn (SSC) 18:18.96, 14. Greta Smith (Westfield Aquatics) 18:53.58.

Men 800 freestyle: 1. Luke Parsons (CSC) 8:33.26, 2. Michael Edson (CSC) 8:35.78, 3. Alex Harrell (CSC) 8:38.39, 8. Bryce Salvadori (SSC) 8:50.86, 9. Tyler Johnson (CSC) 8:56.73, 10. Landon Lewis (CSC) 9:00.10, 13. Zaki Akhtar (FAST) 9:05.60.

Women 200 individual medley – “A” Final: 2. Kinsey Bogaards (SSC) 2:21.69. **“B” Final:** 13. Naomi Haines (SSC) 2:27.29, 14. Lucy Enoch (CSC) 2:28.49.

Men 200 individual med-

ley – “A” Final: 3. Jihoon Jung (FAST) 2:09.06, 5. Garreth Thomas (WA) 2:10.78, 8. Will Chambley (WA) 2:11.45. **“B” Final:** 10. Carter Kellett (CSC) 2:12.13, 13. Gabriel Wang (CSC) 2:13.70.

Women 100 freestyle – “A” Final: 7. Haddie Vohs (FAST) 58.85. **“B” Final:** 11. Ellason Miller (SSC) 59.09, 16. Claire Parsons (CSC) 1:00.69.

Men 100 freestyle – “A” Final: 1. Jake Tarara (CSC) 50.35, 7. Donald Zhao (CSC) 52.64. **“B” Final:** 14. Bryce Lowe (CSC) 53.63.

Women 50 butterfly – “A” Final: 5. Miller (SSC) 28.30, 7. Payton Walker (SSC) 29.11.

Men 50 butterfly – “B” Final: 13. Zachary Marchisin (SSC) 26.56, 15. Camden Bailey (SSC) 26.80.

Women 100 backstroke – “A” Final: 5. Bogaards (SSC) 1:06.54. **“B” Final:** 14. Isabelle Harger (CSC) 1:08.47.

Men 100 backstroke – “A” Final: 6. Brayden Wright (NOB) 1:00.41. **“B” Final:** 9. Jackson Teske (NOB) 1:01.26, 10. Nick Plumb (CSC) 1:01.31, 13. Kellett (CSC) 1:02.27.

Women 400 freestyle relay: 1. Southeastern “A” (Miller, Haines, Bogaards, Kiley Zoeller) 3:57.51, 7. Fishers “A” (Rager, Vohs, Larkin Lee, Olive Cunningham) 4:05.52, 8. Fishers “B” (Ella Hare, Frankie Ramey, Alex Nguyen, Madara) 4:05.89, 10. Southeastern “B” (Emerson Bunch, Schmitt, Penn, Walker) 4:07.10, 14. Noblesville “A” (Preston, Addie Goettler, Kyra Blackwell, Hayley Blackwell) 4:12.94.

Men 400 freestyle relay: 7. Noblesville “A” (Teske, Joshua Naas, Wright, Liam Hayward) 3:41.04, 8. Southeastern “A” (Marchisin, Jagger Chan, Salvadori, Bailey) 3:41.46.



Photo provided
Ayla Madara of Fishers Area Swimming Tigers won the Women 1500 Freestyle event on Day 4 of last week’s Senior State meet.

Golf Junior golf results for July 23 tournaments

The REPORTER

Here are Hamilton County junior golf results for tournaments that took place on July 23.

Cascades Golf Course, Bloomington

Boys 13-15: 14. Ryland Retrum, Fishers 83, T15. Malachi Cole, Carmel 85, T22. Jayden Yoo, Carmel 89.

Boys 16-19: 2. Jude

Kaufman, Westfield 72, T15. Brady McIlvenna, Carmel 80, T20. Evan Back, Fishers 82, T25. Cade Camp, Westfield 84; Charlie Cahill, Noblesville 84, T32. Hayden McLaughlin, McCordsville 86; Sean Hess, Westfield 86; Blake Richey, Carmel 86; Mason Gladson, McCordsville 86, T44. Tyler Young, Noblesville 90.

Girls 13-15: 1. Farrah

Camp, Westfield 74, 2. Laila Abriani, Westfield 77, 5. Chloe Paul, Westfield 86, 7. Audrey Alexander, Fishers 92, 9. Elise Miller, Fishers 104.

Girls 16-19: T4. Taylor Wetzel, Fishers 85, T13. Cate Falkenstein, Carmel 98.

Tippecanoe Country Club, Monticello

Boys 13-15: 2. Alex Witt, Westfield 80, T4. Vidyut Anand, Carmel 84, T6. Steven Schloss III, Fishers 86, T9. Matthew Hamilton, Westfield 90, 15. Caleb Smith, Westfield 98.

Girls 13-15: 2. Audrey Phillips, Noblesville 86, 4. Gracie Hackman, Westfield 93, 5. Aubrie Gift, Westfield 94, 6. Lucy Rhodes, Westfield 101.

Wood Wind Golf Club, Westfield

Boys 7-8: 1. Jackson Wengeng, Westfield 50, 2. Kingston Slade, Carmel 59.

Boys 9-10: 1. Logan Carter, Carmel 39, 2. Jones Pearl, Fishers 41, T3. Hank Zimmer, Carmel 48, 5. Colin Bedusek, Westfield 53, 6. Luke Hill, Carmel 59.

Boys 11-12: 1. Mac Leach, Noblesville 77, 2. River Cook, Westfield 80, T3. Noah Dailley, Westfield 83; MacKenzie DeMarco, Noblesville 83, 5. Brayden Allen, Noblesville 90, 6. Jace Hackleman, Noblesville 90, 8. Jackson Hutchens, Carmel 93.

Girls 7-8: 1. Everly McGaughey, Westfield 58.

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Wrestling

Maddox, VanKirk get multiple match wins at Fargo

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Hamilton County had a sizable presence at the 2026 U.S. Marine Corps Junior Nationals wrestling tournament, which took place July 10 to 19 in Fargo, N.D.

Two Westfield wrestlers were part of the Junior Boys Freestyle competition.

First up was Connor Maddox, who put together a solid performance at the tournament, reaching the Round of 16 at 113 pounds. Maddox won his first three matches by technical fall before dropping a 7-4 decision to Hawaii's Analu Woode.

Cohen Davis competed at 165 pounds. He beat Utah's Karl Ledbetter by fall in the Round of 256. Davis lost to Pennsylvania's Owen Campbell by tech fall in the next round.

Meanwhile, five local wrestlers competed in the 16U Boys Freestyle division. The best result came from Hamilton Southeastern's A.W. VanKirk, who went 5-2 for the tournament in that division.

VanKirk defeated Rhode Island's William Morosetti by tech fall in the Round of 64, then beat New York's Kasen Hardy in the Round of 32 with a 7-1 decision. Illinois' Anthony Samanich ended VanKirk's run with a pin in the Round of 16.

VanKirk moved to the consolation bracket, where he won three more matches. He beat Michigan's Treyton Werth by tech fall, Indiana's Vanbawi Lian by a 6-1 deci-

sion and Mississippi's Kage Stewart by a 3-1 decision to reach the consolation semi-finals. That was a rematch with Morosetti, and the Rhode Island wrestler won by tech fall.

Noblesville's Henry Antrobus dropped his first-round match in the 106-pound championship bracket but came back to pick up a victory in the consolation bracket. Antrobus defeated Michigan's Austin Jacobs by pin in the sub-round of 64, then lost to Mississippi's Tevor Cole by tech fall in the next round.

Westfield's Brayden Head competed at 120 pounds. He lost his first match in the championship bracket before taking two matches in the consolation bracket. Head edged out California's Joshua Garcia by a 7-6 decision in the sub-round of 64, then pinned Oklahoma's Cordeus Wahl in the round of 64. Head fell by decision to Texas' Jaxon Kraemer in the sub-round of 32.

Noblesville 132-pounder Brody Weimer won two championship-bracket bouts to reach the round of 32. Weimer pinned South Dakota's Jackson Dargatz for his first victory, then got a tech fall over Oregon's Shae Morrison to reach the last 32. Weimer dropped his R32 match to Pennsylvania's Jack Cole by tech fall.

Westfield's Trevor Humburg picked up a pair of consolation-bracket wins at 138 pounds. After losing by tech fall in the champi-



Hamilton Southeastern's A.W. VanKirk, shown here during the North Montgomery wrestling regional in February, finished fifth in the 16U Greco-Roman portion of the U.S. Marine Corps Junior Nationals wrestling tournament, which took place July 10 to 19 in Fargo, N.D.

onship bracket, Humburg defeated Florida's Javaris Ross and Mississippi's Drake Hegarty by pins to reach the sub-round of 32. New Jersey's Kurt Pellegrino edged out Humburg in that match by a 6-5 decision.

Greco-Roman results
Once the freestyle competition was done, wrestlers switched to the Greco-Roman tournament.

In the 16U division,

VanKirk shined again, placing fifth overall. He won two matches in the championship bracket to reach the quarterfinals, where he fell to Minnesota's Sawyer Schendel by a 4-0 decision.

VanKirk won two matches in the consolations bracket, lost in the sub-semis, but rebounded to beat North Dakota's Garrett Cowan in the fifth-place bout by a 10-3 decision.

Meanwhile, Antro-

bus won a match in the 106-pound Greco championship bracket, defeating Wisconsin's Gavin Lamers by tech fall. Antrobus dropped his next match by tech fall.

Humburg won two consolation matches in the 144-pound competition. He beat Mississippi's Santiago Diaz Suarez by tech fall and New York's Caleb Brown to reach the consolation Round of 32.

Head won a consolation match at 120, with a tech fall over Wyoming's Talon Walker.

Weimer also picked up a consolation-match victory at 132, pinning Washington's Nathan Nguyen.

Davis competed in the Junior Greco at 165 pounds, as did Noblesville's Cale Metzler at 215 pounds. Both wrestlers dropped both their first championship and consolation match.

More than 350 teams kick off the 2026 NFL Flag Football Championships in Westfield

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The 2026 NFL Flag Football Championships kicked off Thursday, with more than 350 girls and boys flag football teams from around the globe are competing in Grand Park. This is the first year that the tournament is being held in the Indianapolis region and in an NFL club market.

Colts owner Kalen Jackson said she is thrilled that the tournament is happening on home turf.

"We are very biased, but we really believe in our state and in our city, and the surrounding cities in hosting these marquee events better than anybody else, and Westfield has been such great partners to us for so many years, having training camp," Jackson said.

The tournament has made Westfield the epicenter of flag football, keeping players and fans busy both on and off the field. Nicki Ewell, VP of global event

production for the NFL, shared a few things that players and fans can expect throughout the tournament.

"You're going to see our full collection of Superbowl rings, the Vince Lombardi Trophy is here, amazing local food, a player HQ, a family lounge," Ewell said.

Those travelling in for the tournament will also have chance to see more of what central Indiana has to offer, including Indianapolis-based artist Shane Young, better known as FITZ. He was chosen by the NFL to be the featured artist of the tournament and debuted original flag football-inspired artwork.

"I've been crying at home for the past few weeks, for it's such an honor and steppingstone in the career. It's been amazing to see my artwork at such a scale like this," FITZ said.

With the tournament underway, first-time competitors Mylee Patrick and Alexis Montoya, playing for the KC Heat, are excited for everything the tournament



The 2026 NFL Flag Football Championships began Thursday at Grand Park. More than 350 girls and boys teams are competing.

has to offer.

"We love the experience it's been a nice experience so far. All these inclusive things for the athletes like the player HQ," Montoya said.

The NFL Flag Championship runs July 23-26. Coverage of the NFL Flag Championships will air across Disney and ESPN platforms, with broadcast coverage

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