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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mostly sunny.
Tonight: Clouds and humidity increase. Scattered showers and storms after midnight.



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Vote centers coming to Hamilton County

The REPORTER

Beginning with the May 2027 Primary Election, voters will cast their ballots at vote centers rather than precinct-based polling locations. This means registered voters can vote at any vote center in the county rather than at once particular location.

The debate over vote centers is not new, and 72 of Indiana's 92 counties already use them.

Right now, the plan is to have 57 vote centers in 2027

rather than the 102 polling places in use this fall for the November general election. State regulations would require only 27 vote centers based on the county's population.

The overall reduction in poll workers means nearly \$17,000 in savings. Additionally, many schools will now be used as vote centers, which will lead to \$20,000 in cost savings because of fewer rental fees paid to non-governmental sites.

Proposed vote centers

- Carmel Middle School
- Carmel High School Stadium
- Cherry Tree Elementary School
- Clay Center Elementary School
- Clay Middle School
- Creekside Middle School
- Forest Dale Elementary School
- Towne Meadow Elementary School
- Woodbrook Elementary School
- John Hensel Government Center
- Jill Perelman Pavilion **
- Wilfong Pavilion at Founders Park **
- Carmel Clay Public Library **
- Hamilton Heights High School
- Hamilton Heights Student Activity Center
- Red Bridge Community Building
- Brooks School Elementary School
- Deer Creek Elementary School
- Fall Creek Elementary School
- Fishers Elementary School
- HSE Administrative Offices
- Geist Elementary School
- Southeastern Elementary School

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Farewell to my faithful friend

Anyone who knows me well knows that change is not something I get overly excited about. I'm a creature of habit.

They also know that I have driven the same car for a very long time. Eighteen years to be exact. I drove the same 2008 Nissan Xterra from that summer until a few days ago. Sure, it's just a car, but I've done a lot of thinking about the amount of life I have lived since owning that car and how much my life has changed. It has made me very reminiscent of the milestones that have happened.

It was time to move on and get something different. It was in a state that only someone who really loved it could appreciate it.

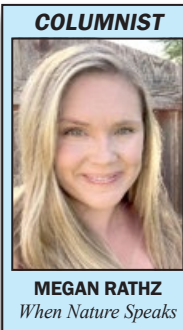
The driver's side window would not go down most of the time, and if it did, good luck getting it back up. That was fun in the rain.

It was the same car that made a weird rattling noise when I turned on the air conditioner.

It was considered an off-road vehicle, so it did not even have mirrors that flipped down. Who needs mirrors if you're off-roading? The thing is, I never took it off-roading.

The gas cap shield had this weird defect where it would always pop open even though the tank itself was fine. At least twice a week, a nice stranger would stop me at the light and try to tell me the gas cap was open, which I always appreciated, but you know, that window thing made it hard to graciously get that window rolled down to converse with strangers.

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COLUMNIST

MEGAN RATHZ

When Nature Speaks

Double the bond, twice the legacy

Hamilton County's Heirbrandt Family celebrates National Twins Day

Submitted

Every year during the first weekend of August, families across the world gather to celebrate the unique, unbreakable connection shared by multiples. Founded in 1976 in Twinsburg, Ohio, the Twins Days Festival is recognized by Guinness World Records as the Largest Annual Gathering of Twins in the World and marks a milestone 50th anniversary this August.

Few families embody the spirit of this landmark celebration quite like Hamilton County's own Heirbrandts, whose family tree continues to defy genetic odds.

At the heart of this local legacy are identical twins Mark Heirbrandt, a Westfield resident and long-time Hamilton County Commissioner, and his brother, Mike Heirbrandt, a Cicero resident. First featured in 2019, the brothers' story of shared lives,

mistaken identities, and an expanding family tree of multiples continues to inspire.

A lifetime of shared steps (and mistaken identities)

"Having a twin means built-in companionship from day one," Mark said. "You share everything - from a childhood room to this incredible, unspoken connection. Watching that same dynamic play out across our entire family over the years has been truly special."

That closeness has even served as an unexpected political asset. It has been a decade since Mark's 2016 reelection campaign, but the brothers still laugh about the night Westfield and Fishers scheduled debates at the exact same time.

"I was in a complete bind," Mark said. "I called Mike in a pinch and asked if he could step in, introduce himself as my twin, and take questions on



Photo provided

(From left) Tim, Chase, Joel, Mike, Mark, Evan, and Ethan Heirbrandt. Mike's sons are Tim, Chase, and Joel, and Mark's sons are Evan and Ethan.

my behalf. People in the room were completely stunned. It wasn't just that he looked like me - his voice, his hand ges-

tures, and everything else was an exact match."

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Red Geranium Artisan Market: 11 years of funding mission work

The REPORTER

The 11th annual Red Geranium Artisan Market will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 15. This event is held both indoors and outside the historical First Presbyterian Church (FPC) of Noblesville, 1207 Conner St.

Along with the amazing selection of artisans, attendees will enjoy live music, food trucks, and a bake sale, all found in a family and pet-friendly environment.

The market will feature at least 57 unique, one-of-a-kind artisans selling only hand-made creations, including Antiques, Collectables, Re-purposed, Up-cycled, Garden Art, Boutique Clothing, Kids items, Pottery, Wood, Glass, Metal, Fibers, Furniture, Photography, Jewelry, and Fine Artists of all kinds.

The event is free and parking can be found nearby at the Levinson Garage or City Hall parking lot. All proceeds from vendor booth rental help First Presbyterian Church support local and worldwide mission projects.



Photo provided

The annual Red Geranium Artisan Market helps First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville raise money for its mission programs and nonprofit work.

What's in a name?

The Red Geranium Artisan Market's name often generates curiosity, with many asking why it's called that and whether red geraniums will be available for purchase. These are great questions!

The name was conceived

11 years ago by the mission team, which aimed to start a new fundraising initiative for all the mission-based organizations FPC of Noblesville. The committee sought a name that was attention-grabbing, memorable, and easily recognizable. Red geraniums,

being vibrant and exceptional in the world of flowers, was selected as the market's name and logo.

Although red geraniums will not be for sale due to their sensitivity to late summer

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Helpful gadgets

Throughout my lifetime, I have come across a lot of different "gadgets" that help me to keep my independence and make things easier and safer for me.

Most people my age are not thinking about these types of things, but I know that as people age, they do have a need for some adaptation to their normal activities. A lot of times, people live in frustration or hardship, when there is a solution to make things easier for them.

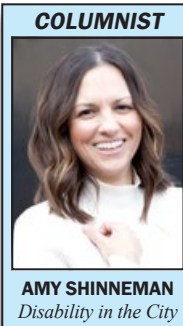
I want to share a few examples of things that make my life easier as a person with a disability that causes significant muscle weakness all over my body.

I started to notice a few years ago that opening cans was becoming harder for me. My manual can opener was becoming impossible for me to maneuver. I ran across a video of a disabled peer, and she was showing a handy dandy can opener that did not require any hand strength. It is battery operated, so there are no annoying cords to deal with. You simply put the device on top of the can and press a button. Within a few seconds, the can is opened. It is a favorite new purchase that I use often when cooking.

Laundry has increasingly become harder for me. Carrying a laundry basket is no longer a possibility. I recently bought a laundry cart that has four wheels and is easy to push from room to room while I am in my wheelchair. I have enjoyed the help that it provides. I have also found other uses for it such as putting my groceries in the laundry cart when I get home, and I am able to easily get them into the kitchen to unload.

A few years ago, I discovered that wearing satin pajamas helped to more easily be able to move around in bed, and I was not waking up as much trying to turn over. My muscle weakness makes it harder to turn over as easily. Recently, I also discovered that sleeping on a satin sheet makes it even easier and allows for a much better night's sleep.

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DOUBLE

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Sharing a face does have its public hazards, however. Over the years, both brothers have had to get used to answering to each other’s names.

“Mistaken identity is just part of the deal when you’re twins,” Mark says. “Mike has had folks walk up to him in elevators to thank him or ask questions about local drainage projects. And I’ve certainly taken the fall for a few things he did back in the day ... so far as getting slapped once! At this point, if someone calls me Mike or if someone calls him Mark, we’re used to it.”

Passing the torch to the next generation

While geneticists often debate whether multiple births skip generations or depend on maternal versus paternal traits, the Heirbrandt family seems to have bypassed the rulebook entirely.

The legacy of multiples has flourished in the next generation:

- Mark’s twins: Ethan and Evan
- Mike’s triplets: Chase, Joel, and Tim

Years after their family photo first captured local hearts, the boys have grown into adulthood, carving out

their own paths while carrying forward the family’s remarkable genetic tradition.

The family tree boasts even more history. Mark and Mike’s maternal grandmother had identical twin brothers named Ennis and Willis, and their mother also had identical twin cousins.

“Genetically, our family seems to be a complete anomaly,” Mark said. “To have my grandmother’s brothers, my mother’s cousins, Mike and me, and then pass that right down to twin boys and triplet boys – it completely defies the odds!”

A bond that defies time

Though the years have flown by and their families have grown, the daily connection between Mark and Mike remains entirely unchanged.

“Decades later, we still catch up three or four times a day,” Mark said. “No matter how busy life gets, that connection never fades. It’s a bond that’s unique and never fades.”

As National Twins Day celebrates a half-century of honoring multiples this August, the Heirbrandt family stands as a heartwarming, local reminder of the life-long friendship that comes with being a twin.

VOTE

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- Harrison Parkway Elementary School
 - Hoosier Road Elementary School
 - HSE Fishers Academy
 - Lantern Road Elementary School
 - New Britton Elementary School
 - Riverside Intermediate School
 - Sand Creek Intermediate School
 - Thorpe Creek Elementary School
 - Billerica Park Building **
 - Delaware Township Community Center – Back
 - Roy G. Holland Memorial Park Building **
 - Hazel Dell Elementary School
- Hinkle Creek Elementary School
 - Noble Crossing Elementary School
 - Noblesville East Middle School
 - Noblesville West Middle School
 - Promise Road Elementary School
 - Stony Creek Elementary School
 - White River Elementary School
 - Forest Park Inn
 - Forest Park Lodge
 - Hamilton County Fairgrounds **
 - Osprey Points Pavilion at Morse Beach
- Sheridan High School
 - Carey Ridge Elementary School
 - Shamrock Station
 - Westfield Schools Administration Building
 - Oak Trace Elementary School
 - Shamrock Springs Elementary School
 - Washington Woods Elementary School
 - Westfield Schools Transportation Building
 - Midland Crossing Elementary School
 - Cool Creek Park Nature Center **
 - White River Township Community Building
- ** Indicates seven locations that will have 10 voting machines (instead of eight) with the anticipation that since they are used as early voting locations that there will be more voters voting at those locations on Election Day.

A public hearing is scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, in the Commissioners’ Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center in Noblesville.

A public test of the voting machines will take place at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 2, in preparation for the 2026 General Election.

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heat, this market strives to embody their unique qualities. When selecting artisans, event organizers prioritize those offering high-quality, one-of-a-kind arts and crafts to offer the best shopping experience for guests.

A market with a mission

The purpose of the Red Geranium Artisan Market is to provide a fun community event that helps FPC raise funds for local and world missions. Vendors are charged a booth rental that goes directly into the church mission fund. When you attend the market, you are helping people right here in Hamilton County and as far away as Appalachia, Hungary, and Ukraine.

The mission team hopes everyone will enjoy the market and encourages guests to take a free tour of the historic church built



Photo provided

One of the staples of the Red Geranium Market is the popular Bake Sale.

in 1893. They also invite anyone to attend a Sunday Service at 10 a.m. or check out the live stream worship service at fpc-noblesville.org/live.

For more information, visit RedGeraniumMarket.wordpress.com or Facebook.com/RedGeraniumMarket.

FAREWELL

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There was that time years ago that the antenna got messed up in the carwash, so it only played two stations consistently. I really learned to like those stations.

The back doors were getting stuck every single time the kids would go to open them, and one of us would have to climb in the back seat to punch the door to get it to open. That was fun.

The cigarette port stopped working, so I was no longer able to use that adapter to plug in my USB to charge my phone. It was like the old days with no cell phones by the end of the day with a dead phone driving home!

Then there was the charm of having to drive for about five solid minutes in the cold for the heat to kick in. I either got used to the temp or the heat started working. I’m not sure which one.

To everyone else, the car was old and had problems. To me, I was attached to it. It did me right and I had so

many memories attached to that car.

I got that car after I lost my dad. It took me back and forth from my house to college to finish my undergrad. It brought me back every Wednesday night to Butler for two years while I completed my masters.

It was the car I drove the night I went down to meet my husband. It was also the same car that I was in when he called me for the first time, and I listened to the voicemail he left me asking me to go out again.

It’s the same car I drove the entire time we dated and on many adventures. That car drove me to the first house we bought after moving from my mom’s house and to our house now.

It’s the car I drove with my sister to church to get married. It’s that car that I got my first (and only) speeding ticket.

It was a car that had seen many road trips with countless memories. It was the same car that drove me to my first job interview. It’s

driven me to my job every day for the last 17 years.

It’s the car that I drove to all of my pre-natal appointments. It’s the car that I drove home in and cried after having miscarriages.

It was the car that I went from a college kid into a mom with two kids in car seats. It went from being covered with college textbooks to toddler toys and a diaper bag.

That car has been loaded down with flowers and materials from many different home projects over the years.

It was the same car that my dog, Stella, got car sick in as a puppy and threw up all over my cupholders.

I’ve prayed the rosary in that car more than any other place before. It’s the place where I would spend a lot of time thinking.

It’s the same car that I drive when I call my mom and sister every day and have talked on the phone for hours. It is the car that my best friend and I have shared our best gossip and

secrets with.

It has had sand all over it from many trips to the beach.

That car has taken me where I needed to go. It was there during bad, sad, happy, and every day in between.

Once you own a car long enough, you make a decision on what you’re willing to fix and how much you’re still willing to put into it. It came to a point that it no longer made sense, and we needed to move on. I defended that car when everyone gave me grief and told me it was time, but deep down knew that it was.

I imagine it’ll end up being some teenager’s dream who just got their license. I hope it treats them well and keeps them safe like it did me all those years. Thanks for the many miles and memories.

Megan Rathz is a wife, mother, and teacher. She says everything she has ever learned in life came from her Master Gardener mother.

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GADGETS

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Adding an adjustable bed frame has also helped solve the problem of sitting up to get out of bed, as well as elevating my legs when I need to.

I have an exercise room and one of the most helpful things in it is my therapy table. I cannot get on the floor to stretch or do certain therapy exercises. The table allows me to be able to do those things and not worry about how I am going to get up. You could also do some of these things lying on your bed, but the firmer surface of the table is a better way for me.

My favorite and most

helpful “gadget” by far is my custom wheelchair. I am sad that I resisted getting it for so long, and that I viewed it as a failure on my part that I had to give in to that. I do not see it that way now and am so appreciative of the freedom that it provides me in my life. It is my legs when my legs cannot carry me.

I am still an ambulatory wheelchair user, which means that I can get out of it and walk when my body allows. It allows me to continue to enjoy activities where I would need to walk any kind of distance. When I am

home, I use it intermittently throughout the day. I try to continue to walk as much as I can. Movement is important to me, and I do not take it for granted.

If you are finding yourself at a crossroads and losing some abilities as you age or from a disability, there are things out there that can help to make your life a little easier. My advice would be to set any stubbornness or pride aside and accept the help that adaptive or assistive devices can provide.

I wasted a lot of time being stubborn and resisting things that could have

helped me.

My daily life is much more manageable because I accept that I need to use things to continue to enjoy and live life to the fullest.

Until next time ...

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Superintendent Dan Hile to hold public meetings on Noblesville Schools referendum

Submitted by Noblesville Schools

Noblesville Schools Superintendent Dr. Dan Hile will host dozens of community meetings in the coming weeks to share facts about the district’s current referendum proposal and to answer taxpayer questions.

“The strength of our schools is critical to our overall success as a community and the referendum vote will have a profound impact on the quality of our schools,” Hile said. “I

invite Noblesville residents to meet with me to hear the facts of the proposal and I look forward to answering any questions they may have.”

Hile will have public presentations open to community residents at Noblesville City Hall, Hamilton East Public Library, Forest Park, and more.

He will also offer “open



Hile

office hour” opportunities at local gathering spaces for residents to stop by and discuss questions with him one-on-one.

Additionally, he will meet with several community organizations and neighborhood associations to share information and answer questions.

New meetings are being added regularly and the

current list of options can be found [here](#).

“There’s no need to RSVP for these events, just stop in whenever it works best for you,” Hile said. “I look forward to meeting lots of new community members and sharing about what’s happening in your schools.”

If you’d like to invite Superintendent Hile to meet with your group, you can submit a request [here](#) or email dan_hile@nobl.k12.in.us.

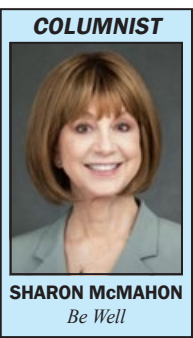
Learn healthy ways to release endorphins

“Laughin’, laughin’ with our friends...” – “Cherry Bomb,” John Mellencamp, 1986

Who doesn’t want to feel good, show of hands?

While I do not have the panacea to ensure that for everyone, I do have some suggestions which you may wish to take under advisement. (No medical advice ever!) These suggestions come from a natural source, which is something I have written about a time or two over the years that I have reached out to my dear readers.

Anyone remember those endorphins? Endorphins are the body’s natural painkillers and can relieve pain, release stress, and create a general feeling of well-be-



SHARON McMAHON
Be Well

ing.¹ Sign me up! More good news? Most of the activities which can release those awesome endorphins are no-cost and easily attained! That certainly does not describe many health-related fixes these days. Let’s look at some of the choices to release those endorphins and achieve a healthier, happier you!

- **Exercise** – Something we can all participate in on some level. A moderately intense pace daily will do the trick, with a brisk walk being ideal for releasing endorphins. Swimming, dancing, cycling also fall into this category

- **Laughter** – Note the quote I have used this week. Deep laughter, even

anticipating it, helps reduce stress hormones and produces beta-endorphins. Laughter can also alter levels of serotonin and dopamine. (Find a source of laughter every day; talking with friends, watching a funny movie, or simply finding joy and thankfulness in your life.)

- **Meditation and Social Interaction** – Deep breathing exercises, focusing your brain, and yoga promote relaxation and raises those endorphin levels. Spending time with loved ones, hugging, or any social activities can also boost those levels.

- **Sensory Pleasures** – Okay, I am just the messenger here. Massage, sexual activity, or even smelling certain scents (aromatherapy) can stimulate endorphin release.

- **Playing music** – Listening to your favorite

music, singing, dancing, playing an instrument can release a rush of endorphins.

- **Ultraviolet light** – Spending time outdoors in the sun (and in nature) stimulates the release of beta-endorphins in the skin.

While all of these suggestions may not work for you or your lifestyle, I encourage you to consider how you can incorporate some of the activities which will enable your body to benefit from these important natural painkillers and enhance your quality of life.

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Sharon McMahon, CNWC
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Letter to the Editor

Fishers reader commends AG Rokita for cracking down on illegal vapes

Dear Editor:

Each day, Indiana sees countless illicit vapes enter our stores and schools. These vapes are largely unregulated and often from China, posing a dangerous health risk to teens and adults.

Thankfully, Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is looking out for us.

Last November, he joined a bipartisan coalition of attorneys general questioning Shopify’s role in the illicit vape market. Thanks to this inquiry, Shopify recently announced that it would ban vape products from its platform.

This is a major win for the health of Hoosiers. It also shows an ability to work across partisan and state lines to keep Indiana safe. Attorney General Rokita promised to protect Indiana from predatory practices and illicit substances, and he is following through.

We should all continue to be mindful of dangerous illegal vape products being throughout the state sold in physical locations as well. If you see retailers selling these products, speak up. Preventing the sale of illegal Chinese vapor products can make a real difference for the health and safety of our kids and teens.

Kent Everett
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Westfield Washington Schools offers answers to sixth-grade FAQ

Submitted by Westfield Washington Schools

Only for the 2026-27 school year, all Westfield Middle School sixth-grade students will attend classes at the 6th Grade Campus, located in a dedicated wing within Cool Creek Elementary School.

This one-year transition period provides an allocated, age-appropriate space for sixth graders while the district prepares to move to a two-middle-school model for the 2027-28 school year, with the opening of Westfield Middle School West.

Below are answers to some of the most common questions families have shared.

Where will my sixth grader go to school?

All 6th grade students will attend the WMS 6th Grade Campus housed at Cool Creek Elementary School for the 2026-27 school year.

Although classes are housed inside Cool Creek Elementary, students are still WMS students and will follow WMS expectations and curriculum.

Where should we go for the 6th Grade Open House?

The 6th Grade Open House will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6 at the Cool Creek 6th Grade Campus. Please enter Cool Creek Elementary via Door 1 at the Main Entrance.

At the Open House, students will be able to:

- Pick up their class schedule
- Find their team and locker area
- Walk their schedule
- Have their school picture taken for their student ID
- Purchase a yearbook
- Pick up pre-ordered PTO school supplies

• Drop off any daily medications with the school nurse

Where is the 6th Grade Meet the Teacher Event?

The 6th Grade Meet the Teacher Event will be held from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27 at the Cool Creek 6th Grade Campus. Please enter Cool Creek Elementary via Door 1 at the Main Entrance.

What are the 6th Grade school hours?

Even though sixth grade is located at the WMS 6th Grade Campus housed at Cool Creek Elementary, students will follow the Westfield Middle School schedule, not the elementary school schedule.

School start and end times are 8:45 a.m. and 3:35 p.m. (Wednesday Late Start: 9:15 a.m. and 3:35 p.m.), the same as seventh and eighth grade.

Will my student ride the same bus as Cool Creek Elementary students?

No. Transportation for sixth grade follows the Westfield Middle School transportation schedule as WMS now serves grades 6 to 8.

Will sixth graders still be part of Westfield Middle School?

Yes. The 6th Grade Campus is an extension of WMS. Students will continue to be part of the WMS community while learning in their dedicated environment only during this transition year.

Where should I reach out with questions?

For the 2026-2027 school year, WMS contact information is as follows:

- **6th Grade:** (317) 867-6300, 17710 Shamrock Blvd.
- **7th & 8th Grade:** (317) 867-6600, 345 W. Hoover St.

New Indiana cybersecurity office will coordinate defense against hacker attacks

By GREGG MONTGOMERY WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Indiana has launched the Office of Cybersecurity to prevent cyberattacks and improve emergency response efforts as threats to local governments, schools, and businesses grow.

The office operates within the Indiana Department of Homeland Security. Alyssa Schroeder serves as the interim director.

“Cybersecurity, unfortunately, continues to be a real threat to the state,” Schroeder said.

The office will coordinate with state agencies, including the Indiana State Police, Indiana National Guard, and the Indiana Office of Technology. It also will work with local governments and private companies.

Schroeder said the primary threats come from hackers looking to disrupt essential services such as water, energy, banking, and telecommunications.

Artificial intelligence also poses a threat, specifically regarding scams and sophisticated attacks.

“We know the attacks are coming stronger, better, faster,” Schroeder said. “How can we be ready for that?”

Cyberattacks often lead to identity theft and financial loss. Schroeder noted that the new office aims to protect private businesses because their failure can have severe consequences for the public. For example, a breach at a grocery store could prevent citizens from buying food or accessing banking services.

A recent report found that 58 percent of small and mid-sized business executives consider data breaches a greater concern than fires, floods and physical break-ins combined. Public records also show that taxpayer money often pays for repairs when a school or government agency suffers an attack.

The office plans to provide partners with resources and information to prevent these incidents. Officials are searching for a permanent director to lead the team of two to three employees.

“We really want this office to be a coordinator function,” Schroeder said.

Eight steps to protect your identity

Source: Identity Theft Resource Center

- 1. Monitor credit reports:** Regularly check credit reports and freeze credit to catch and prevent unauthorized activity.
- 2. Secure digital accounts:** Use unique passwords, passkeys, and multi-factor authentication with an authenticator app.
- 3. Protect personal documents:** Shred sensitive paperwork, securely store important documents and handle public personal information with care.
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Heights Prayer Breakfast features basketball legend Tom Abernethy



Hamilton Heights held its annual Prayer Breakfast last Friday morning, July 31, at the Hamilton Heights Middle School Café. (TOP) Famed Hoosier basketball star Tom Abernethy served as the guest speaker. He was part of the undefeated 1976 IU team and went on to play for the Lakers, the Golden State Warriors, and the Pacers before founding the Indiana Basketball Academy in 1996. This beloved event is hosted each year by the Heights Area Pastors in partnership with the school corporation. (ABOVE) In the foreground, Superintendent Derek Arrowood speaks with Melissa Martin, president of the Hamilton Heights Education Foundation.

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TODAY: Marian University & Ascension St. Vincent's 'Come Explore Nursing' event

The REPORTER

Individuals interested in pursuing a nursing career are invited to learn about educational opportunities and meet healthcare professionals at the annual "Come Explore Nursing" event hosted by Marian University's Leighton School of Nursing and Ascension St. Vincent.

The free open house event will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. today, Aug. 5, in the main lobby of Ascension St. Vincent, 2001 W. 86th St., Indianapolis. It's open to anyone considering a career in nursing, including high school and college students exploring career options, as well as professionals interested in changing careers.

Those interested in attending can meet with Marian University's faculty, admissions staff, students, and Ascension St. Vincent's nursing leadership. Attendees will also learn about Marian University's nursing programs, including the

traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), Accelerated BSN, and Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) programs.

"This event offers participants the chance to discover the many rewards of becoming a nurse," said Angela Bailey, site director of Marian University's Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.

A growing field & pathway to prosperity

Nursing remains one of the most in-demand professions nationwide. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects a 5 percent increase in the need for nurses through 2034, faster than the average for all occupations. There is also a persistent need for nurses in Indiana, Bailey said, with the Hoosier state operating at about 72 percent of the nurses it needs, according to recent data.

A career in nursing is also a pathway to prosperity.

Data from the Labor Department show that the median annual wage for registered nurses in the United States is \$93,600, compared with \$49,500 for all occupations. Those pursuing advanced degrees can earn even more: up to \$132,050 annually.

Marian University is preparing students for the field with programs including:

- **Traditional BSN:** A campus program offered as a four-year degree.

- **Accelerated BSN:** A 16-month program that combines online coursework with hands-on labs and clinical rotations. Through its partnership with Ascension St. Vincent, Marian University provides a unique opportunity to transition careers without starting over.

- **DNP:** A hybrid platform program for BSN-prepared registered nurses at the highest level seeking advanced clinical practice and leadership roles. Both Fam-

ily Nurse Practitioner (FNP) and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) tracks are available.

For more information and to register for the event, [click here](#).

Carmel's own Noah Kahn makes Washington University dean's list

The REPORTER

Noah Kahn of Carmel has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2026 semester at Washington University in St. Louis.

Kahn is enrolled in the university's College of Arts

& Sciences.

To qualify for the Dean's List in the College of Arts & Sciences, students must earn a semester grade-point average of 3.6 or above and be enrolled in at least 14 graded units.

Indiana Elks Association invests millions in Hoosier Communities, installs new state president

Submitted

The Indiana Elks Association recently made history at its annual Spring State Convention, electing and installing Angela O'Donnell of Elwood Lodge 368 as its first female State President. Held at the Sheraton Hotel at Keystone Crossing, the convention also marked a celebration of another year of profound charitable impact across the Hoosier State.

Representing 51 local Lodges and more than 13,000 members statewide, the Association continually embodies its core motto, "Elks Care, Elks Share." The installation of O'Donnell represents a landmark moment for the fraternal organization as it enters its next chapter of leadership and service.

"I am deeply honored to lead the Indiana Elks Association over the next year," O'Donnell said. "Our members prove every day that Elks Care and Elks Share, and together we will continue to strengthen our communities and expand our charitable reach."

The Association extends its deepest gratitude to outgoing State President Jeffrey Willoughby of Greenfield Lodge 1720 for his exceptional leadership over the past year. Willoughby was instrumental in championing the vital community work of Indiana's Lodges and successfully raised over \$57,000 for his chosen charity, Rock Steady Boxing, an organization dedicated to empowering individuals fighting Parkinson's disease.

Reflecting on his year as State President, Willoughby said, "Serving as President of the Indiana Elks Association has been the honor of a lifetime. The dedication, generosity, and heart of our Hoosier members never cease to amaze me."

Indiana Elks Lodge demonstrate steadfast commitment to Hoosier communities

Over the past year, Indiana Elks Lodges have generated more than \$7 million in total community impact across the Hoosier State. This includes nearly \$2 million in direct financial donations to critical local causes, such as combating food insecurity among children and senior citizens, supporting military veterans and first responders, and providing school supplies for students in underfunded districts.

A legacy of fighting cancer

Since 1948, the Indiana Elks have dedicated their fundraising muscle to cancer research as their State Major Project. This enduring commitment has resulted in more than \$12.2 million donated to the state's premier research institutions:

- **The Purdue Institute for Cancer Research:** Indiana Elks funding directly supports "Innovative Grants," allowing faculty to pursue pioneering, high-risk research ideas that often struggle to secure traditional federal funding.

- **Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center:** Donations fund young investigators, ensuring the brightest scientific minds remain in Indiana to develop life-saving treatments.

- **Riley Children's Health:** Indiana Elks have partnered with Riley Children's Health for over a decade, donating in excess of \$200,000 to fund a vital pediatric cancer research endowment that supports future medical breakthroughs.

Empowering Indiana's youth

Believing that youth mentorship and support are important investments in the future, the Indiana Elks leverage the Elks National Foundation (ENF) and local lodge initiatives to drive three key programs:

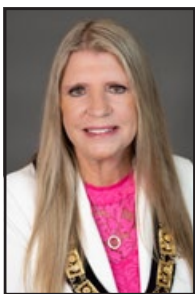
- **Scholarship Programs:** This year, the Indiana Elks Association awarded 104 scholarships totaling \$209,000 to Indiana high school seniors to help them achieve their dreams of higher education.

- **Elks Hoop Shoot:** A premier free-throw contest teaching children aged 8-13 grit, goal-setting, and good sportsmanship. This year, over 13,000 Hoosier children participated in the program.

- **Drug Awareness:** The Elks operates the nation's largest volunteer-run drug awareness program, distributing literature and organizing community events to help youth make healthy choices.

Honoring those who served

Staying true to their solemn pledge – "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them" – members actively support Indiana's heroes



O'Donnell

through:

- **Direct Veteran Assistance:** Through the Parade of Nickels Program, the Indiana Elks provides direct assistance to veterans who are struggling with housing, utilities, food insecurity, and other critical needs.

- **Hospital Support:** Volunteers regularly visit VA Medical Centers in Indianapolis, Fort Wayne, Marion, as well as the Indiana Veterans Home in West Lafayette to provide comfort items, host activities, and offer companionship.

- **Targeted Grants:** Lodges utilize ENF Freedom Grants to directly combat veteran homelessness and food insecurity in their local neighborhoods.

Committed to excellence & community trust

Grounded in a long-standing tradition of community service, Indiana Elks Lodges remain steadfastly committed to being responsible neighbors and vital pillars of their local communities. As part of this commitment, the organization prioritizes strict adherence to all state and local regulations governing both alcohol service and charitable gaming activities. By upholding the highest standards of legal compliance, Indiana Elks ensure their Lodges remain safe, welcoming, and transparent spaces that effectively support the communities they serve.

For more information on the Indiana Elks Association, their charitable programs, or to find a Lodge near you, please visit [indianaelks.org](#) and [elks.org](#).

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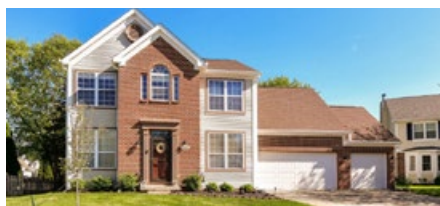


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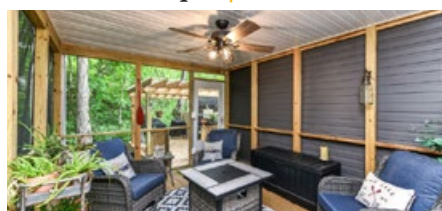
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Single-show ticket sales for *Center Presents* lineup begin Aug. 7

The REPORTER

With subscription packages still available for the 2026-2027 *Center Presents* Season at Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel, tickets for individual performances will go on sale to the general public at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 7.

Sponsored by Allied Solutions, the new season kicked off in July and features 70 events still to come in a broad range of genres. Tickets for the entire season will be available online at TheCenterPresents.org, by phone at (317) 843-3800, or through the Fifth Third Bank Box Office at the Payne & Mencias Palladium, 1 Carter Green, Carmel.

- Presale access is available:
- Now with the purchase of a subscription package; details at TheCenterPresents.org/SubscribeNow
 - As of Tuesday, Aug. 4, for Allied Solutions Center donors of \$250 or more; details at TheCenterPresents.org/Donate
 - Thursday, Aug. 6, for eNews mailing list members; sign up at TheCenterPresents.org.

Eligible patrons will receive promo codes by email on the day of each presale.

Through Allied Solutions Center's Create Your Own subscription package offer, patrons can select four or more events from the entire schedule and enjoy benefits including discounts and presale opportunities as new shows are added throughout the season. The Suite Experience, available for most *Center Presents* performances at the Payne & Mencias Palladium, includes premium box seating with snack and beverage preorder options for up to 10 guests.

Free tickets for the United States Navy Band's March 9 performance will be available in early 2027. The full 2026-2027 season schedule follows.

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- BHI Senior Living Songbook Series**
 - The Sharpe Family Singers: The Best of Broadway – Oct. 24
 - The Four Phantoms in Concert – Nov. 5
 - An Evening with Bernadette Peters – Nov. 13
 - Victoria Clark – March 12
 - Dionne Warwick – March 20
 - Gravity (Broadway/West End favorites) – April 3
- Drewry Simmons Vornehm Jazz Series**
 - Brian Simpson, Jackiem Joyner and Jessie J – July 31*
 - Demola – Oct. 1
 - Boney James – Nov. 6
 - Marcus Miller – Feb. 26
 - Spyro Gyra with Stanley Jordan – March 19
 - The Brubeck Brothers Quartet – April 25
- JPMorganChase Spotlight Series**
 - Stewart Copeland: Have I Said Too Much – Aug. 2*
 - “Psychic” Comedian Peter Antoniou – Sept. 10*
 - A Conversation with Amy Sedaris – Nov. 7
 - *Hoosiers* 40th Anniversary Screening with Q&A – Nov. 15
 - Alan Cumming: Uncut – Jan. 28
- Katz, Sapper & Miller Pop/Rock Series**
 - Lou Gramm: The Original Voice of Foreigner – Sept. 26

- Pure Prairie League & Pablo Cruise – Oct. 3
 - The War And Treaty – Oct. 13
 - The Sixties Show – Oct. 15
 - Daniel Emmet: This Thing Called Love – Oct. 17
 - Mavis Staples – Nov. 12
 - Punch Brothers – Nov. 20
 - Arrested Development – Feb. 5
 - Mickey Dolenz: 60 Years of the Monkees – Feb. 27
 - Kruger Brothers – March 20*
 - Stray Cats' Lee Rocker – April 4*
 - Yasmin Williams – April 11*
- Leo Brown Group Classical Series**
 - Yefim Bronfman, Piano – Oct. 30
 - The Monteverdi Choir and Orchestras – Feb. 14
 - Academy of St Martin in the Fields with Conrad Tao – March 5
 - John Malkovich and the Vienna Academy Orchestra – March 18
 - Itzhak Perlman in Recital – April 8
- Old Town Holiday Series**
 - Big Bad Voodoo Daddy's Wild & Swingin' Holiday Party – Dec. 1
 - Leslie Odom Jr.: The Christmas Tour 2026 – Dec. 3
 - Michael Feinstein: Coming Home – Dec. 4
 - Girl Named Tom – Dec. 10
 - Jon McLaughlin & Friends – Dec. 11
 - Dave Koz & Friends – Dec. 12
- Printing Partners Encore Series**
 - Gladys Knight – Aug. 8
 - Bruce Hornsby & The Noisemakers – Oct. 11
 - Jeff Tweedy with Case Oats – Nov. 6 – SOLD OUT
 - Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band – Nov. 21
 - Ben Folds with the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra – May 7

- Studio M Tribute Series**
 - Rumours ATL: A Fleetwood Mac Tribute – Sept. 27
 - The Billy Joel Legacy – Oct. 8
 - Invincible: A Glorious Tribute to Michael Jackson – Oct. 16
 - Live and Let Die: The Music of Paul McCartney – Jan. 30
 - The Music of the Beach Boys featuring Pet Sounds Live – March 5*
 - Brooklyn Charmers: A Tribute to Steely Dan – April 2*
- Telamon Passport Series**
 - Niladri Kumar: Honoring Zakir Husain – Oct. 18
 - Hasta La Muerte – Oct. 29
 - Ballet Folklórico de México de Amalia Hernández – Feb. 28
 - Pavlo and Band in Concert – March 6*
 - TaikoProject – April 28
 - The Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain – April 29
- Family Series**
 - Michael Carbonaro: Wonderboy – Oct. 23
 - Gravity & Other Myths – Nov. 22
 - Big Bang Boom – Jan. 31
 - Vitaly: An Evening of Wonders – March 13
- Special Events**
 - The Center Celebration 2026 – Sept. 19
 - Michael Blaustein: The Taste Me Tour – Sept. 24
 - Becky Robinson: The Beasts in Me Tour – Oct. 9
 - BLKBOK – Oct. 29*
 - Ryan Ahlwardt album release party – Oct. 30*
 - Simply Three – Nov. 8*
 - *White Christmas* Film Screening – Dec. 7
 - United States Navy Band – March 9



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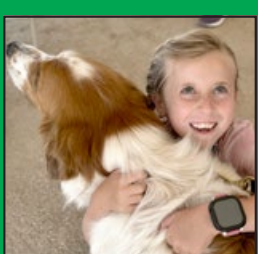
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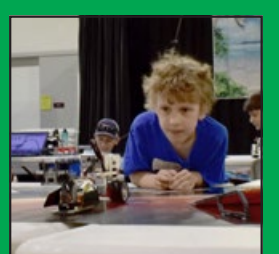
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Happy Hour at Rusty Bucket

Mrs. K and I took a ride to the west side of Meridian Street in Indianapolis to try Rusty Bucket Restaurant and Tavern located at 1130 W. 86th St.

Sitting in a small strip mall, the establishment features a Happy Hour (HH) from 3 to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. You can view their menu at myrusty-bucket.com/menu.

We walked in at just before 4 p.m. and the place had a healthy crowd for that hour. Seated in one of about 15 booth that edge the walls, I asked about a HH menu and was pointed to the main menu we had been handed. Rusty Bucket's HH features half-price appetizers, \$1 off beers, wines and cocktails, and a \$7 Juicy Lucy Burger which comes with no sides.

Our very friendly server Armando appeared and took our drink orders – I opted for a bottle of Coors Light (\$3.59) and my wife asked if she could sample the Chateau Soverain Chardonnay (\$8.95 for six ounces) since they didn't offer any labels she was familiar with. Armando happily said "no problem." The sample proved to be very good and so we looked at the menu offerings.



The "Start Here" list of appetizers runs from Fried Pickles (\$13.29), Brussels Sprouts (\$13.49), and Spinach Con Queso (\$13.99) on the veggie side, to Chicken Fingers or Wings (\$15.49/\$15.99),

Old Bay Shrimp Cocktail (\$15.49), and Double Stacked Quesadilla (\$15.49) on the meaty side.

We are veggie lovers but felt attracted to the chicken/shrimp side, especially the Old Bay Shrimp Cocktail which happens to be one of Mrs. K's favorite treats. Alongside that, we thought the Juicy Lucy Burger sounded tempting and we added the Double Stacked Quesadilla as well. With half-prices on everything, it was hard not to order the whole appetizer menu.

As we waited for our food, Rusty Bucket was becoming more and more bustling. A man came in with three small children, several pairs of lady-friends took tables around us, groups of younger people came in in groups of two, three, and four. As Mrs. K said, "They have it goin' on here!"

The place has a centrally spotted rectangular bar, which had only a few empty



Photo by Ken Klingenneier
(Clockwise from left) Old Bay Shrimp Cocktail, Double Stacked Quesadilla, and Juicy Lucy Burger.

seats. Our area near the front was a part of the 'bar' with several booths and high tables. Nearer the back is the 'family area' on the other side of the necessary Indiana partition. There was a small room off to the side that was empty but likely could be reserved for meetings and groups. It's a good-sized place and we had heard very little about it before searching for Happy Hour locations online.

When Armando found out I was going to write this HH review, he asked where some other good HHs were. Immediately Mrs. K said Ocean Prime, which is one of her very favorite stops. Armando said that Ocean Prime was run by the same company as Rusty Bucket, which I thought was very interesting – Ocean Prime also

has it "goin' on."

The food came and it was a lot! The Shrimp Cocktail had nine large shrimp served in a bucket full of ice with two cups of sauce. They were coated with a sprinkle of spices that were just right with the cocktail sauce. The Quesadillas were indeed doubled with a flaky crust in between two layers of chicken, cheddar, pepper jack, plus black bean and corn salsa. A generous serving of four good-sized pieces shared the plate with chopped tomato and lettuce, guac, and sour cream.

The Juicy Lucy Burger was also a generous offering – two smashed patties, sandwiching a layer of caramelized onions, topped with a slice of cheese, on a seeded bun.

Everything was delicious – not just really good, but really delicious. It was a lot of food for two people, but we did our best, taking home half the Quesadillas and half the Juicy Lucy. Our only critique would be: the Juicy Lucy wasn't juicy. Cooked to a mostly well-done level, we asked Armando if it could be ordered medium. His answer was 'no' – because it is two 'smashed' burgers, there was no way to temper the level of doneness.

Our tab came to \$42.11 (I had a second beer) plus tip. Mrs. K and I enjoyed this place a great deal. The ambiance, the vibe, the food, the comfort, the friendly service were all top level. We'll be back to try some of the items we missed.

Ken Klingenneier offers this series of columns, called "A Seat at the Table," wherein he reviews Indy-area restaurants – specifically their Happy Hour offers. Keep reading The Reporter for future restaurant reviews.

Community First Bank of welcomes Curtis Dodd as Noblesville mortgage lender

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Community First Bank of Indiana (CFB) welcomes Curtis Dodd as Bank Officer, Mortgage Lender serving the Noblesville community.

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In addition to his professional experience, Dodd is a certified Financial Wellness Facilitator and is passionate about helping individuals improve their financial well-being through education.

CFB is proud to provide local expertise throughout the homebuying journey. Learn more about home loans at CFBindiana.com.



Dodd

18 local students receive state education scholarship

Submitted by Office of State Rep. Danny Lopez

Eighteen Hamilton County students studying to become teachers are among more than 300 recipients of the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship.

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 over 300 high schools in 90 of Indiana's 92 counties.

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, West-

- field High School
- Jackson Cantlon, Hamilton Heights High School
- Jeran King, Fishers High School
- Julia Brammer, Westfield High School
- Kendall Wien, Carmel High School
- 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

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. These scholarships help remove financial barriers while encouraging talented young people to build their futures right here in Indiana.

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

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Centier Bank cuts ribbon on new Westfield branch

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Centier Bank, Indiana's largest private, family-owned and operated bank, celebrated the opening of its new branch with ribbon-cutting last Thursday, July 30.

The new branch, located at 126 E. Spring Mill Pointe Drive, is a relocation from Centier's original location at 3002 State Road 32, where it has served the community since it entered Westfield in 2016. The completion of the construction for Centier's newest community banking location further solidifies the financial institution's commitment to investing even more in the growth of Westfield.

Offering a seamless and relationship-driven banking experience provided by the existing Westfield team already engrained in the community, the new location combines modern conveniences with hospitality and personalized financial support. Clients will have access to Centier's comprehensive suite of services, including everyday banking, lending solutions, and tailored financial guidance for individuals,



Photo provided by Centier Bank

als, families, and businesses.

"While we have been in Westfield for the past 15 years, this new branch features a thoughtful, modern design intended to really elevate the experience for our clients and the larger Westfield community," said Troy Kafka, Senior Vice President and Greater Indianapolis Market President for Centier Bank. "We are excited to pair this beautiful new branch with Centier's hospitality-driven approach to banking, along with a more convenient location to deliver long-term value and better services for the residents of Westfield."

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The new Westfield location began offering client services on June 30.

"This new construction build represents Centier's ongoing investment in both Westfield and the Greater Indianapolis area," said Chris Campbell, Centier Bank's President. "We will continue to hold true to our promise to provide world-class hospitality, while helping clients to achieve their financial goals – all while staying true to our Not for Sale promise, as Centier remains a family-owned and operated bank serving communities across

Indiana, as we have for the past 131 years."

Centier currently provides trusted community banking services from personal checking and savings to CDs and small business financial support, as well as consumer loans, mortgage, and commercial lending. As a family-owned and operated Indiana bank, Centier remains focused on building strong community connections and helping clients reach financial goals with service that is local, personal, and dependable.

To learn more about Centier Bank, visit centier.com.

Gov. Braun appoints six local residents to various state boards

The REPORTER

Governor Mike Braun announced on Friday, July 31 new appointments to various state boards and commissions. The following individuals are from Hamilton County.

- Jonathan Whitham, an employee with the State of Indiana, was appointed to the Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board; term expires July 31, 2030.

- Rob Atchison of Indiana Wesleyan University was appointed to the Indiana Athletic Trainers Board; term expires June 30, 2030.

- Kim Logan, an employee with the State of Indiana,

was appointed to the Petroleum Storage Tank Financial Assurance Board; term expires June 30, 2030.

- Buren Edward Jones of Indiana Farmers Mutual Insurance Company was appointed to the Petroleum Storage Tank Financial Assurance Board; term expires June 30, 2030.

- Mitch Frazier of the Indianapolis Business Journal was appointed to the State Fair Commission; term expires Sept. 30, 2030.

- Mike Gannon of First Internet Bank was appointed to the State Police Board; term expires Sept. 30, 2030.

Indiana GOP Chair to speak at next Hamilton County Republican Women's meeting

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Republican Women (HCRW) will welcome Indiana GOP Chairwoman Lana Keesling as the guest speaker at their upcoming meeting.

The meeting will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12 in the Westfield Library Meeting Room, 17400 Westfield Blvd.

Keesling will provide an update on the Indiana Republican Party, including Tusk Force, voter outreach, and GOTV efforts heading into the election.

There is no cost to attend for members, but guests are \$5 each. Food and drink

will be provided.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to hamcogopwomen@gmail.com by Monday, Aug. 10.

Book donation to BGCN

At the meeting, HCRW will collect books to donate to the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville. Please bring a new or gently used book(s) for kids aged 5 to 18. Teen books such as graphic novels, how-to books, young adult books, etc. are definitely needed, but whatever you bring will be accepted. If you can't bring a book, monetary donations will be accepted as well.

Spartz calls on Senate to lower costs for farmers & consumers, not protect Big Ag

Submitted by Office of U.S. Rep. Victoria Spartz

Congresswoman Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05) sent a letter to the Senate Agriculture Committee on Monday, Aug. 3, urging senators to include her bipartisan Farm Bill affordability amendment in the final legislation.

Rep. Spartz's amendment would exempt large farm tractors, combines, and sprayers from burdensome EPA emissions regulations that have increased

equipment costs, caused costly repair delays, created fire hazards, and driven up grocery prices. The amendment would make farm machinery more affordable, help protect small family farms from bankruptcy and consolidation, and lower costs for American consumers.

"American farmers are



Spartz

being crushed by rising input costs while families continue to pay more at the grocery store," Rep. Spartz said. "Congress should be removing unnecessary burdens, not adding them. The Senate now has a choice: stand with American farmers and consumers by lowering costs, or stand with Big Ag and the special

interests that benefit from regulations driving consolidation and higher costs."

Rep. Spartz's amendment passed the House on a bipartisan basis and is the only Farm Bill provision specifically aimed at reducing farmers' input costs. It has also been endorsed by the Indiana Farm Bureau and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

[Click here](#) to read Rep. Spartz's letter to the Senate Agriculture Committee.





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www.spartz.house.gov

Introducing the Hoosier Market Series

By **KELLY McVEY**
President, Indiana Peony Festival, Inc.

We're incredibly delighted to share with you our new Hoosier Market Series! These will be seasonal markets that celebrate the very best of what Indiana grows, creates, and thrives in the Hoosier heartland.

To start, we will be hosting a summer market and fall market. Each market is centered around a beloved Hoosier crop or flower, and to kick things off we are honoring ... the tomato!

Celebrate the taste of summer with your community! Our tomato market will be at Seminary Park on Saturday, Aug. 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Expect beautiful heirloom tomatoes, tomato-inspired products, tons of cosmos and zinnias and other fresh-cut flowers, local

makers, artisan goods, and plenty of small-town charm.

Pick up the season's best tomatoes, try new flavors, and have a fun day out with family and friends. Whether you're a foodie or just looking for a cheerful weekend activity, the Tomato Market is the place to be. Bring your friends, your family, and your appetite!

Our Hoosier Market Series will continue this fall with another seasonal market, held Saturday, Oct. 3 at Seminary Park. Whether you're shopping for your kitchen, garden, or simply looking for a fun Saturday downtown Noblesville, we hope you'll join us for what we know will become new traditions.

Stay tuned for what's to be spotlighted this fall and activities for our tomato market next month. Learn more at [this link](#).

The rise of Natalie Mumbower

The underdog who refused to be overlooked

Submitted

In a basketball world that often favors height, speed, and early recognition, Natalie Mumbower has built her reputation on something far more enduring: relentless work, unwavering faith, and a refusal to let her size define her ceiling.

For years, Natalie was the player who was easy to overlook. Smaller than most of her peers, she often found herself fighting for opportunities that others received without question. But while some saw limitations, Natalie saw a challenge. And she met that challenge with a level of dedication that few athletes, regardless of age, ever display.

That dedication paid off. Today, Natalie has earned her place on one of Indiana's premier basketball programs – Teague Sports Academy – a team stacked with exceptional talent and driven athletes with college aspirations. And she didn't

just make the roster. She earned her minutes, her respect, and her voice within the team.

The turning point came when Coach Dion Teague saw what others had missed. He didn't focus on her size. He focused on her work ethic.

"Dion never overlooked me," Natalie said. "He saw how hard I work every single day. Getting added to his roster was huge for me. It was my chance, and I wanted to make the most of it."

And she did.

On a team filled with standout players, Natalie carved out her role through grit and consistency. She earned her time on the court, built friendships that feel like family, and embraced the challenge of competing alongside some of the best young athletes in the state.

"I see the talent on my team and I know I'm lucky to play with them," she said. "I admire their abilities and



Photo provided

I strive to be even better. Playing with and against them in practice pushes me. They truly challenge me."

Her teammates aren't the only ones shaping her growth. Natalie spends countless hours at Shoot 360, a state-of-the-art training facility known for developing elite players. The staff there recognized her drive immediately. They didn't just train her – they invested in her, mentored her, and helped refine her game with the same seriousness they give to top prospects.

"Shooting, ballhandling, footwork – everything I do there makes me better," Natalie said. "But I'm just getting started. The ceiling is high, and I have room to grow."

A number with meaning

As much as basketball means to Natalie, her faith means even more. That's why the number 13 on her jersey isn't just a number – it's a declaration of who she is and what she believes.

For Natalie, 13 represents *Philippians 4:13*: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

That verse is her anchor. Her reminder. Her fuel.

"This strength keeps me going," she said. "It helps me reach heights on and off the court. It helps me be the best player – and the best young lady – I can be."

Her jersey number is her testimony. Every time she steps on the court, she carries her faith with her. Every shot, every drill, every sprint is rooted in the belief that she is never working alone.

A new challenge: Tipton High School

This winter, Natalie will take her determination, her faith, and her growing skill-set to Tipton High School, a program that has faced a rough stretch in recent years. But Natalie doesn't see that as a setback; she sees it as an opportunity.

"My goal is to win a sec-

tional title," she said confidently.

Tipton's new coach, Jason Bales – or "Coach Bales," as the team calls him – brings fresh energy to the program. Natalie grins when she talks about him.

"I know he wants to win a trophy ... maybe not as much as I do," she joked.

But behind the smile is a serious commitment. Natalie knows that turning a program around takes more than talent – it takes unity, discipline, and a willingness to outwork everyone else.

"As a school team, we have to pull together," she said. "We have to work harder than we ever have. We have to take it serious."

And she does. Every day. Her teammates see it. Her coaches see it. Anyone who watches her play sees it.

Natalie is adamant about this part – and it shows in her relentless effort.

A champion's mindset

Under Coach Teague's leadership, Teague Sports Academy finished their season with four straight championships, including two nationally recognized tournament titles. Their endurance, discipline, and toughness set them apart – qualities Natalie says come directly from their coach.

"Dion pushes us when we're tired. When we think we have nothing left, he pushes harder," she said. "It shows. By the time we get to that third game in a day, we outlast the other teams. We have what it takes to win."

And win they have.

Natalie's journey is more than a sports story – it's a testament to what happens when a young athlete refuses to let doubt, size, or circumstance define her future. She embodies what it means to be self-driven, humble, and hungry for growth.

She is the underdog who never stopped believing.

And now, she's proving exactly what an underdog can become.

RETIREMENT AUCTION

for JOHN & JUDY HUSSEY

True Legends of the Land and our Community

After 6+ decades, John & Judy Hussey are officially hanging up the work gloves at John's incredible age of 82.

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Think about what this auction means. John and Judy have been farming for decades, weathering countless unpredictable seasons, navigating shifting markets, and putting in more sun-up to sun-down hours than most of us can fathom. They haven't just grown crops and raised livestock, John and Judy have grown a legacy!

Over 6 decades, they have seen a lot of changes. The tractors got bigger, technology got faster, and the world shifted beneath our feet. But the heart of farming never changed. It's still about faith, family, and taking care of the land that feeds us.

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In Tipton County @ 2187 North – 600 East, Windfall, IN 46076

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SOFT CLOSE BEGINS: Saturday, August 22nd 2026 @ Noon
PREVIEW DATES: Tuesday, August 11th - Thursday, August 13th from Noon - 4pm
NOTE: This is a sale notice only. All Items Sold As-Is, Where-Is. To View the Complete Sale Bill Including Pictures, Descriptions, Terms of Sale, Payment Options, and to Register & Start Bidding: Click the Calendar Link @ [www.cripesauction.com](#)
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COMBINE, HEADS & CARTS:
2022 John Deere S780 STS Combine (ONE OWNER, 4-WD, 1540 Eng & 1227 Sep. hrs), 2018 John Deere 645FD Hydra-Flex Grain Head, J&M 4WS17 Head Cart, 2016 John Deere 612 FC 12-Row Folding Cornhead, Unverferth HT 30 Head Cart

TRACTORS:
2020 John Deere 8RT 370 (1228 hrs), John Deere 8335R (3419 hrs), John Deere 8335R (2900 hrs), John Deere 9530T (3806 hrs), John Deere 7410 (4418 hrs), John Deere 5303 (2060 hrs), John Deere 6125R (2246 hrs), John Deere 7320 (hour meter broken), FarmAll B

SPRAYER, TANKS & APPLICATORS:
2021 John Deere R4038 Sprayer (889 hrs), Snyder 300-Gallon 3-pt Sprayer w/ 10' Boom, 60" Fast 8224 28% Applicator (24-Row, 2400-Gallon), Case IH 5300 NH3 Pull-Type Toolbar (21 Knives, Raven NH3 Super Cooler), DMI 4250 NH3 Pull-Type Toolbar (15 Knives, Continental), (2) AG Systems 1250 1200-Gallon Nurse Trailers, Tru-Kleen UTV/ATV 100-Gallon Sprayer, (2) 4000-Gallon Poly Tanks, (2) Snyder 1200-Gallon Poly Tanks

GRAIN HANDLING & WAGONS:
(2) Unverferth 3750 Seed Tenders (Scales), 2-DMI Big Little Grain Wagons, J & M 1251 Grain Storm (Rear Camera, Tarp, 20" Unload), 2004 Kongsilde Grain Vac (1000 PTO)

SEMI'S & TRAILERS:
2014 Freightliner Cascade (399436 Miles, ISX 15 Cummins, 10-sp. Manual Trans.), 2015 Freightliner Cascade (484041 Miles, Detroit DD13, 10-sp Manual Trans.), 2015 Freightliner Cascade (480057 miles, Detroit DD13, 10-sp Manual Trans.), 2017 Freightliner Cascade (284046 miles, Detroit DD13, DT-12 Automatic Trans), 2002 International 9100 (532055 Miles, CAT C-12 10-sp. Manual Trans.), 2020 Wilson DWH-600 Hopper Bottom (34"x72"x96", Elect. Tarp, Air-Ride, AG Hoppers), 2020 Wilson DWH-600 Hopper Bottom (34"x72"x96", Elect. Tarp, Air-Ride, AG Hoppers), 2012 Wilson DWH-500 Hopper Bottom (34"x72"x96", Elect. Tarp, Spring Ride, AG Hoppers), 2007 Wilson DWH-500 Hopper Bottom (34"x72"x96", Elect. Tarp, Spring Ride, AG Hoppers), 2012 Hudson HTD20A 20-Ton Tilt-Top Trailer (24'x96", Air Brakes), 2005 Witzco Challenger RG50 46' Detach

VEHICLES & TRAILERS:
2008 Chevrolet Silverado 3500HD SRW 4x4 Service Truck w/ Warner Utility Bed (Duramax Diesel, Automatic, Regular Cab, 79761 Miles), 2004 GMC 2500HD SLE Truck (Duramax Diesel, Automatic, 4x4, Regular Cab, 163552 Miles), 1991 GMC Topkick Dump Truck (104567 Miles, V-8 Gas, Automatic Trans.), 2012 Thunder Creek ADT990UB Fuel Trailer

PLANTERS & DRILLS:
2022 John Deere DB60 Bean Planter (36-Row, 20" Spacing), 2023 PUK/

2013 John Deere DB60 Corn Planter (24-Row, 30" Spacing), 24 ProMax 40 Units & Parts off JD DB60 Planter, JD Refuge Plus Tank off JD DB60 Planter, Spike Closing Wheels, Misc. Planter Planks

SEED CONVEYORS/AUGERS:
KSI 120832 Conveyor, Brandt Drive-Over Graindeck, Brandt 1537LP+ 10-hp Grain Belt, 2021 Westfield MKX 100-83 Auger (540 PTO), Westfield 100-31 Auger, 2020 Westfield MKX-73 Swing-Away Auger (540 PTO, Hyd. Lift), Westfield 100-51 Swing-Away Auger (540 PTO, Hyd. Lift), Westfield 8" Hydraulic Transfer Auger

GPS EQUIPMENT:
(3) GS2630 Displays, (1) GEN4 4640 Display, (1) GreenStar-2 1800 Display, (2) StarFire 3000 Receivers on RTK450 Radios, (2) StarFire 6000 Receivers with RTK Radios, Misc. StarFire Globes & Parts

TILLAGE:
John Deere 2680H 35" Hi-Speed Disk, John Deere 2720X 27'6" 11-Shank Disk Chisel, John Deere 2210 34' 6" Fld Cult (5-Bar Spike Harrow, Rear Hitch, Rear Hyd), Sunflower 1435-33 Disk, J&M TF215 37' Rolling Basket, 35" Unverferth 220 Rolling Harrow, DMI ET5 7-Sh, 3-pt Ripper, John Deere 2810 5-Bottom Plow, 12' John Deere 1100 3-pt. Fld. Cult), 13' Pull-Type Packer, John Deere 12-Shank 3-pt Chisel, Int'l 531 3-Bottom 3-pt. Plow, Bush Hog 245 12' Off-Set Disk, 23' Case IH 3900 DH Disk (Rock Flex, 7-1/2" Spacing), 7' King Kutter TG-84-YK Gear-Drive 3-pt Tiller

HEAVY EQUIPMENT:
2007 CAT 420E Backhoe 4x4 Extendahoe w/ 4-1 Front Bucket (4141 hrs), 2014 CAT 303.5E Mini Excavator (1649 hrs), 2007 CAT 320DLH Excavator (5328 hrs, 48" Bucket, Hyd. Thumb), 2002 CAT D5G Dozer (291 hrs), Case 1845C Uni-Loader Skid Steer (3632 hrs), 24" CAT 320B Bucket, 72" AIM 320DL Root Rake, Skid Steer Post Hole Auger, Skid Steer Bale Spear, Skid Steer Pallet Forks, John Deere Work Site Pro R84 80" Rock Bucket (Skid Steer Mount), Mitsubishi FG25 Forklift (6583 hrs, LP, 3-Stage Mast, 5000lb), 7' Soil-Max Shaper Pro 3-pt Trench Filler

MISC:
JD 855D Gator (940 hrs), JD 855D Gator (1654 hrs), 1978 Bolinger Tilt-Trailer, (2) Bolinger Tilt-Trailers, Fork Truck LP Tank, Planter Parts, Inductor System w/ Honda GX240 Engine & 3" John Blue Pump, Auger Jack Wheel & 2 Skids of Westfield Auger Parts, John Deere MX7 3-pt. Rotary Cutter (540 PTO), 3-pt. Hay Forks, John Deere HX15 Batwing Rotary Cutter (1000 PTO), 6' Bush Hog 5072 3-pt. Rotary Cutter, 9' 3-pt. Grader Blade, Honda Engine & 3" Pump, 6' Pallet Fork Extensions, Skid of 15 Chisel Points, 18' Spray Boom (11-Nozzle on 20"), Sullair 1850 Air Compressor (Diesel Engine), John Deere Quick Hitches, Hay Wagons on JD Gears, Steel Bed Wagon on DMI Gear, JD Gear w/ Hoist, Utility Cart w/ Toolbox, 1000 & 2000-Gallon Diesel Fuel Tanks w/ Pumps, Tires & Wheels,

PICK-UP SCHEDULE: Monday, August 24th – Wednesday, August 26th from 10am – 6pm or by appointment only. A telehandler, forklift, and operators will be available during pick-up times.

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Meeting Notices

The Jackson Township Board will meet to discuss the 2027 budget and general township business at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2026, at the Trustee's Office, 506 W. Main St., Arcadia.

The Westfield Plat Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, Aug. 10, 2026, has been canceled due to no business items for consideration.

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will meet in an executive session at 4:45 p.m. Monday, Aug. 10, 2026, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville.

A regular board meeting will follow at 5 p.m.

The Sheridan Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 10, 2026, at the library, located at 103 W. 1st St.

The Noblesville Economic Development Commission will meet at 9 a.m. Friday, Aug. 14, 2026, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.

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

A live stream of the meeting will be available on the City's YouTube page at [youtube.com/@CityofNoblesville](#).

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

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Crimson 47 recovery center will care for the whole family

Submitted
Crimson Holistic Wellness has launched Crimson 47, a comprehensive after-care and preventative care recovery center that serves the entire family.

The grand opening took place Saturday, July 25, at their new location, 16095 Prosperity Drive, Suite 600, Noblesville. Included in the event lineup was a kissing booth with their therapy dog in training, discount memorial tattoos, a food truck, and a rummage sale fundraiser.

Crimson Holistic Wellness was founded in 2022 by Tambryn Crimson-Dahn.

After surviving a broken home that led to multiple suicide attempts, self-harm, and addiction, Crimson-Dahn noticed a need for something more within the mental health industry.

“If psychiatry, therapy, and inpatient facilities were enough,” she thought years ago, “then why do so many people continue to go in and out of rehab several times before they are able to get healthy, if they even



ever survive depression or addiction?”

Crimson 47 was aptly named after The Crimson 47 Method, which posits that there are four key principals needed to achieve optimum quality of life and seven modalities required to achieve those four core principals.

“The most important principal, by far, is connection,” Crimson-Dahn said. “One has to feel connected – almost rooted – to someone or something.”

The entire Crimson 47 team is comprised of 7 different practitioners, each who fulfills one or more aspects of the Crimson 47

Method.

“Since 2022, clients have reported long-term success within every family who’s called upon us for help,” Crimson-Dahn said. “Now that we have our first physical location, who knows where we’ll go from here.”

She also said the donor response has been incredible.

“The response we’ve gotten from the community has been astounding,” she said. “Almost everything we have in the center – furniture, appliances, equipment, toys, even dishes and an electronic doorbell – were all donated to our cause. The best part, by far, though, has been invit-



Photos provided

ing donors to come in for a private tour before we even opened. We had people kick off their shoes, sit down next to us like they’ve known us forever, and share their life story with us, some for over two hours. And that is such an honor to be a part of.”

Crimson 47 is a comprehensive mental health after-care and preventative care recovery facility that serves the entire family and support system, rather than just focusing on one individual. Visit CrimsonHolisticWellness.com to learn more, or call or text (463) 777-7741. Follow Crimson 47 on Facebook or Next-Door for the latest updates.

— CARMEL —

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received:

By: Carmel Clay Schools
5201 East Main Street
Carmel, IN 46033
For: Carmel High School Stadium Phase 3
2390 E. Smoky Row
Carmel, IN 46032
At: Carmel Education Services Center
5201 East Main Street
Carmel, IN 46033
Until: 2:00 PM (local time), August 11, 2026
Bid Opening: Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00PM (local time), August 11, 2026, at the Carmel Education Services Center, 5201 E. Main Street, Carmel, IN 46032.

All work for the complete construction of the Project will be under one or more prime contracts with the Owner based on bids received and on combinations awarded. The Construction Manager will manage the construction of the Project. Construction shall be in full accordance with the Bidding Documents which are on file with the Owner and may be examined by prospective bidders at the following locations:

Office of the Construction Manager The Skillman Plan Room
The Skillman Corporation www.skillmanplanroom.com
3834 S. Emerson Avenue, Building A
Indianapolis, IN 46203

Prime and Non-Prime Contract Bidders must place an order on www.skillmanplanroom.com to be able to download documents electronically or request printed documents. There is no cost for downloading the bidding documents. Bidders desiring printed documents shall pay for the cost of printing, shipping and handling. Reprographic Services are provided by: Eastern Engineering 9901 Allisonville Road, Fishers, IN 46038, Phone 317-598-0661.

WAGE SCALE: Wage Scale does not apply to this project.
A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on July 28, 2026 at 10:00AM, local time via Microsoft Teams Meeting (link below). Attendance by bidders is optional, but recommended, in order to clarify or answer questions concerning the Drawings and Project Manual for the Project.

Microsoft Teams meeting
Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/285890964316773?p=IVgk9vLnTv6bL46F5>
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Bid security in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

The successful Bidders will be required to furnish Performance and Payment Bonds for one hundred percent (100%) of their Contract amount prior to execution of Contracts.

Contractors submitting bids for the performance of any Work as specified in this building Project should make such Bids to Carmel Clay Schools. Contractors are advised that the Contract as finally entered into with any successful Bidder may be entered into with either the School Corporation or the Building Corporation or certain portions of the Contract may be entered into by both the School Corporation and the Building Corporation.

The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid (or combination of Bids) and to waive any irregularities in bidding. All Bids may be held for a period not to exceed 60 days before awarding contracts.

CARMEL CLAY SCHOOLS
By: Toby Steele, Director of Facilities

R8369 7/29/26, 8/3/26, 8/5/26, 8/10/26

— FISHERS —

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CONFIRMATORY RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA

The City of Fishers, Hamilton County, Indiana (“City”), hereby provides NOTICE that the City’s Common Council (“Council”), at its May 18, 2026 meeting, approved R051826C - Declaratory Resolution Designating Certain Property as an Economic Revitalization Area (Patch Development - 9786 Masters Road) (“ERA”). Pursuant to Ind. Code §§ 6-1.1-12.1-2.5 and 5-3-1 et. seq., the City hereby provides notice that on August 17, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., during its duly noticed and regularly scheduled meeting, the Council will hold a hearing on the ERA designation and will receive and hear all remonstrances and objections from interested persons. Following the hearing, the Council will consider whether to adopt a confirmatory resolution to establish the ERA and grant tax abatements to Patch Development. A depiction of the affected area is available and can be inspected in the Office of the Hamilton County Assessor.

R8411 8/5/26, 8/10/26

— ARCADIA —

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF ARCADIA, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA ADVISORY PLAN COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Arcadia Advisory Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on August 17, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at Arcadia Town Hall, 208 West Main Street, Arcadia, IN 46030. The hearing purpose is to consider the Resolution Adopting the Arcadia Comprehensive Plan, applicable throughout all geographic areas within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Arcadia, Indiana, those within the Town’s extraterritorial jurisdiction, and areas annexed hereafter. The comprehensive plan update, initiated by the Arcadia Town Council, will replace the existing comprehensive plan.

The draft comprehensive plan document and information regarding this petition can be viewed at the Arcadia Town Hall, 208 West Main Street, Arcadia, IN 46030, on or before such hearing. It is also available for review at www.planarcadia.com. Written objections or comments may be filed with the Secretary of the Plan Commission before such hearings and will be considered. Oral comments will be heard at the hearing at the time and place specified above. Said hearing may be continued from time to time as may be necessary.

The Town of Arcadia will provide reasonable accommodation for people with disabilities. We invite anyone with special needs to contact the Utilities Office at (317) 984-3512 at least 72 business hours before scheduled meetings to discuss any necessary accommodations.

Advisory Plan Commission of Arcadia, Indiana
R8412 8/5/26, 8/10/26

— WESTFIELD —

NOTICE OF THE ADOPTION OF A DECLARATORY RESOLUTION BY THE WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION AND OF A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON (EAST SIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AREA)

Notice is hereby given that the Westfield Redevelopment Commission (the “Commission”), being the governing body of the Department of Redevelopment of the City of Westfield, Indiana (the “City”), on June 15, 2026, adopted its Resolution No. 17-2026 (the “Declaratory Resolution”) making certain proposed amendments to the declaratory resolution and the economic development plan (the “Plan”) for the East Side Economic Development Area (the “Area”), each as previously amended (the “2026 Amendments”). The 2026 Amendments (i) designate certain additional parcels within the City as an economic development area (such new area, the “2026 Area”) and consolidate the 2026 Area with the existing East Side Economic Development Area (collectively, the “Area”), (ii) remove certain parcels or portions thereof from the East Side Economic Development Allocation Area (the “Existing Allocation Area”) previously established within the Area, (iii) designate all of the parcels in the 2026 Area along, with the parcels or portions thereof so removed from the Existing Allocation Area, as a separate “allocation area” within the Area (the “Trace Commons Allocation Area”), and (iv) adopt a supplement to the Plan (the “2026 Plan Supplement”), all as more particularly described in the Declaratory Resolution.

A detailed description of the proposed 2026 Amendments, together with maps and plats of the Area and the Trace Commons Allocation Area, the 2026 Plan Supplement and copies of the Declaratory Resolution, can be inspected at the office of the Director of Economic Development, 2728 E. 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074.

Notice is hereby given that the Commission will conduct a public hearing on Monday, August 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. (local time), in the Assembly Room of Westfield City Hall, located at 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074, to receive and hear remonstrances and objections from all persons interested in or affected by the 2026 Amendments and the proceedings pertaining thereto. Written remonstrances to the 2026 Amendments may be filed with the Commission prior to the public hearing at the office of the Director of Economic Development, 2728 E. 171st Street, Westfield, Indiana 46074, and via email to Jennell Fairman at: jfairman@westfield.in.gov. After considering the evidence presented at the public hearing, which may be adjourned from time to time, the Commission will take final action determining the public utility and benefit of the proposed 2026 Amendments and whether the proposed 2026 Amendments are reasonable and appropriate when considered in relation to the Plan, and confirming, modifying and confirming, or rescinding the Declaratory Resolution.

WESTFIELD REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
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Indiana Gateway Digital Academy teachers prepare for new school year



Photo provided

More than 230 teachers from Indiana Gateway Digital Academy (INGDA) gathered in Noblesville on July 29 to prepare for the upcoming school year. This comes as the full-time online K-12 public school works to break down geographic and access barriers across the state and continue meeting students’ needs to prepare them to take the next step in their educational journeys. Learn more about INGDA at ingda.k12.com.

Attorney General Rokita calls on Congress to help states fight Medicaid welfare fraud

Submitted by Office of AG Todd Rokita

On Tuesday, Aug. 4, Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita called on Congress to pass the “STOP FRAUD in Medicaid Act” without delay.

The provision would grant states the authority to investigate and prosecute Medicaid beneficiary/recipient welfare fraud rather than limiting their purview (as under current federal law) to investigating and prosecuting Medicaid provider welfare fraud.

This past spring, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General named Indiana’s Medicaid fraud team the “MFCU Unit of the Year.”

“Here in Indiana, we have the very best Medicaid Fraud Control Unit in the United States, which has already been named ‘Unit of the Year,’”

AG Rokita said. “Imagine the additional good work we could accomplish on Hoosiers’ behalf if Congress took the common-sense and logical step of expanding our authority to pursue recipient welfare fraud as well as provider welfare fraud.”

Since AG Rokita took office, the Indiana MFCU has recovered more than \$100 million in money misspent via Medicaid welfare fraud.

Over the past 12 months, the Indiana MFCU has indicted or charged 52 providers, achieved 41 convictions, and referred 59 providers for exclusion from the Medicaid program. During this same period, MFCU’s licensing team has resolved 132 total cases – 31 of which

resulted in license suspensions, and 30 of which resulted in revocations.

The Medicaid program – a vital lifeline for more than 1 million Hoosiers and millions of other vulnerable citizens across the country – is a shared state/federal responsibility.

Along with 16 other attorneys general, AG Rokita expressed strong support for the “STOP FRAUD in Medicaid Act” in a letter to key members of Congress.

“Federal funding is unnecessarily restricted from being used by MFCUs to investigate and prosecute instances of Medicaid beneficiary fraud, also known as Medicaid recipient fraud,” the letter states. “This legis-



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lation empowers states to address fraud at every level of the program – not just among providers, but also among those who would unlawfully exploit the system for personal gain.”

The Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General found that in 2025, MFCUs recovered \$4.64 for every dollar spent by states and the federal government to operate the units.

For fiscal year 2025, almost \$2 billion was recovered nationally from criminal and civil cases combined – even with states lacking the ability to pursue recipient welfare fraud. MFCU convictions led to exclusions of 900 individuals and entities from federal health care programs.

Click here to read the letter to congressional leaders.

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You can read his full obituary at [this link](#).

INHERITANCE OF ZELOPHEHAD'S DAUGHTERS

These are the commands and regulations the Lord gave through Moses to the Israelites on the plains of Moab by the Jordan across from Jericho."

Numbers 36:10-13 (NIV)



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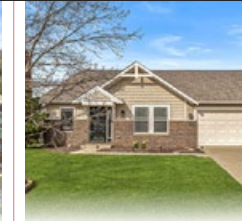
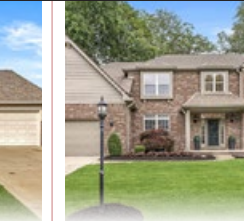
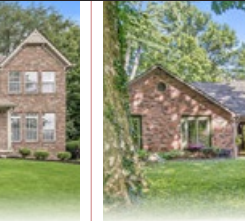
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