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Hamilton County expands services for victims of child & elder abuse

Three-year partnership with Cherish Center provides specialized support 24/7

The REPORTER
Victims of child and elder abuse in Hamilton County will have greater access to specialized services around the clock through a new three-year partnership approved by the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners.
The agreement with the Cherish Center, a nationally accredited child advocacy center in Carmel, will provide specialized forensic interviewing and victim advocacy services 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The services will sup-



Altman

port victims as well as law enforcement agencies and the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office as they investigate allegations of abuse.
"Our goal is to make sure victims and the professionals helping them have the resources they need when they need them most," Hamilton County Commissioner Christine Altman said. "We want victims to have access to highly trained professionals in a safe, supportive environment right here in Hamilton County."
The county will invest up to \$619,800 over the three-year



agreement, which runs from Jan. 1, 2027, through Dec. 31, 2029. The agreement is the first formal contract between Cherish and a government entity in Hamilton County.
Cherish Center served 302

victims of reported child and elder abuse in Hamilton County in 2025 alone.
REPORT CHILD ABUSE: Indiana Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline: 1-800-800-5556.

In a pickle

I recently heard someone say everything "pickle" in the grocery stores and restaurants has become the new "pumpkin spice." I agree wholeheartedly, although this statement did not fill me with joy. We can't avoid it anymore – from pizza to potato chips, soda, and candy (CANDY?), pickles and their flavoring are everywhere.
We all have foods we don't like. Unfortunately for me, pickles are No. 1. Just the smell of them makes me nauseous. They are definitely not dill-icious to me (I couldn't resist). Years ago, when I was pregnant with the boys, I was not one of those women who craved pickles. Instead, I ran far away from them.
The only pickle I like is the German Christmas tree ornament we hide every year. And believe me, I hide it really well. I don't even want to see it when I walk by.
These days, there's no hiding from pickles. My jaw dropped last year when we drove past my favorite outlet mall in Edinburgh and I saw a new Grillo's Pickles production plant nearby. That's way too close to home for me.
Most of my family and friends, of course, love pickles. I should never have shared my aversion of pickles with them. One group in particular, some friends we call "Our Gang," enjoys teasing me about my hatred of pickles.
My friend Greg loves to gleefully share a photo of anything pickle-flavored on our Facebook group site. His latest, pickle-flavored pepperoni, made me incredibly sad. Why would anyone want to ruin such a delicious pizza topping?
And now, the Indiana State Fair is in full swing. Of course, vendors have been part of this craze for a few years now. Here's just some of the items pickle fans will find this summer:
1. A pickle sundae – vanilla soft serve topped with dill pickles and tangy juice. Tangy is not the adjective I would have used.
2. Pickle bacon ranch pizza and a pickle pesto pizza.

COLUMNIST



AMY SHANKLAND
Perfectly Imperfect

Hamilton Heights FFA celebrates record-breaking State Convention, with four teams advancing to nationals

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corp.
Hamilton Heights FFA is heading into the fall with incredible momentum after delivering its strongest State Convention performance in chapter history.
In case you missed the announcement earlier this summer, the results from the 97th Indiana FFA State Convention mean that four Hamilton Heights teams have qualified for Nationals, an extraordinary accomplishment that reflects the dedication, talent, and hard work of Heights students and advisors.
Held at Hamilton Southeastern High School and The Arena at Innovation Mile in Noblesville, the convention brought together FFA members from across Indiana for competitions, workshops, keynote speakers, and leadership development. The chapter received the Gold Chapter Ranking, Cooper Rollins, Lily Schuler, and Joani Swinford were presented with their Hoosier Degrees, the highest degree that can be received at the State level; Lily Schuler



Photo provided by Hamilton Heights School Corporation

Hamilton Heights FFA celebrates a record-breaking State Convention with four teams advancing to Nationals this fall. (Front row, from left) Landree Street, Leah Happel, Leila Street, Cooper Rollins, Maddie Shively, Quentin Derrer, Lauren Happel, and Lily Schuler. (Back row, from left) Annie Sheller, Emery Brown, Landon Glunt, Jacob Glunt, Tanner Penwell, Joani Swinford, and Kaylee Smith.
was elected as District 7 President and Lauren Happel was selected to the State Nominating Committee.
"Our students represented Hamilton Heights with excellence, earning top honors across multiple events and demonstrating the strength of our agricultural education program," said Emilie Carson, Heights Ag Educator and FFA Chapter Advisor.

Noblesville Schools lowers referendum rate & launches new tax levy calculator

Submitted by Noblesville Schools
Noblesville Schools announced Wednesday, Aug. 12, that it is lowering the referendum rate that would be in use for 2027 should the current referendum ballot proposal be supported by voters this fall.
The district is committing to a 38.5-cent rate for 2027 and to lower rates than originally projected for the remaining life of the referendum. The current referendum rate, which expires at the end of 2026, is 37 cents. The rate is still projected to increase in small increments until 2031 to continue adequate funding.
These updates bring the new average annual monthly increase over eight years (for

a \$350,000 median home) to **\$1.88 more per month** than what residents are paying currently.
"We just received the latest certified assessed value updates for Noblesville and are pleased to be able to lower the rate for 2027, and lower our projected rates for future years, based on that new information," Superintendent Dr. Dan Hile said. "Because our current referendum will automatically expire at the end of 2026, this referendum continuation proposal is about maintaining existing staff and services. We are committed to doing that as cost effectively



Hile

as possible for our taxpayers. Under this new rate, some homeowners may even see a decrease from what they are paying currently."
While the ballot language reads that the district is asking for a maximum of 57 cents per \$100 of assessed value, the district's updated plan would now avoid hitting the 57-cent mark at any time.
"Unfortunately, the required referendum timeline meant that we had to certify an official rate for the ballot before we received the latest updates that just came in," Hile said. "We will not use more than we need and we do

not expect to need the full 57 cents at any point now. Our board will vote publicly on a budget rate every year and we expect the community to hold us accountable."
The district has **launched a calculator** to help community members understand what all this means for them. The calculator shows taxpayers how
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**NOBLESVILLE
SCHOOLS**

U.S. 31 access to 256th Street will permanently close

The REPORTER
The Indiana Department of Transportation announced on Wednesday, Aug. 12, that cul-de-sac construction will begin on 256th Street at U.S. 31 next week.
Beginning on or after Monday, Aug. 17, crews will start cul-de-sac construction on the east side of 256th Street.
• At that time, U.S. 31 southbound and 256th Street through traffic will no longer have access to the east side of 256th Street
• Northbound U.S. 31 traffic will have access to 256th Street until approximately Monday, Aug. 24, when access is permanently closed off.
These cul-de-sacs are being installed as one of the final phases of the **U.S. 31 Limited Access Upgrade project**. Drivers needing access to 256th Street can use the interchanges at 236th Street or 276th Street. *Editor's note: Access to and from U.S. 31 still exists at both 246th Street and 266th Street.*
Cul-de-sac installation on the east side of 256th Street is expected to be complete by Labor Day.
INDOT reminds drivers to slow down, avoid distractions, and use extra caution while traveling in and around work zones. All work is weather-dependent, and schedules are subject to change.

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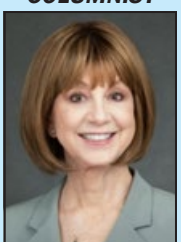
You can still enjoy fresh fruits & vegetables with sensible precaution

“Cooking doesn’t kill all bacteria, but proper food handling does.” – Proverbial / Industry Wisdom

I really enjoy my salads, especially in the summer months ... well maybe not so much this summer anyway!

Who among us is unaware of the current issues

COLUMNIST



SHARON McMAHON
Be Well

with the Salmonella, cyclosporiasis, and even E. coli spreading around the country this summer? In particular, the Midwest seems to be hardest-hit with these particular bacteria foes. This column will not attempt to address all the scientific data related to the unfortunate and frustrating news but hopefully can share some tips and suggestions which will make your food choices a little less confusing.

Let’s first explore the three items noted above and what foods are primarily affected by those.¹

Salmonella is a group of bacteria that causes a common foodborne illness called salmonellosis. It typically leads to diarrhea, fever, and stomach cramps.

People usually get sick from eating contaminated raw or uncooked poultry, eggs, meat, or unwashed produce. Most people affected will recover in one or two weeks. Currently in our area the most prevalent sources appear to be produce such as jalapenos as well as eggs and even bacon.

Cyclospora is a microscopic parasite. People get infected by eating food or drinking water contaminated with the parasite, most commonly through raw fresh produce like berries, herbs, or leafy greens. It is not spread directly from person to person. This ailment can cause severe intestinal distress, lasting for weeks or longer.

E. coli is a group of bacteria that can cause infections in your gut (GI tract), urinary tract, and other parts of your body. Most of the time, it can live in your gut without hurting you. But some strains can make you sick with watery diarrhea, vomiting and fever. E. coli can be obtained in several different ways, including eating undercooked meat, and eating unwashed raw fruits and vegetables, as well as drinking unpasteurized beverages. Poor hygiene is also a significant source of this bacterium. There are several strains of E. coli which can cause anything from intestinal distress to severe illness.

Whew! That’s a lot! AND that is only a snapshot of the sources and repercussions of these items. Summertime eats always lend themselves to fresh produce, so let’s focus on those for this column, beginning with lettuce, an unsung participant in most sandwiches, and a hero of sorts in our summertime salads.

Right now, I am really missing my lettuce and I have also backed off, for a while, from my fresh spinach. If you do purchase and use these items, please, whatever you do, wash thoroughly before eating! I am not just talking about a “rinse” but a good washing which reaches all the surface areas and underneath.

If you are eating berries, one of my favorites, again, wash your hands thorough-

ly prior to handling and then wash the berries completely. For apples, kiwi, peaches, etc. you should consider peeling first, and make sure any knife cuts are done by a knife that is completely clean. Cutting boards should be cleaned before and after any use so as not to cross-contaminate the surfaces.

These bacteria have been around for millennia but should not prevent us from consuming fresh fruits and vegetables we need for our nutrition. Pay attention to news alerts from scientific sources, purchase your items carefully, and wash completely before consuming.

Let’s finish this summer bounty in a healthy, nutritious manner!

¹ fda.gov

Sharon McMahon, CNWC

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State Champions
(Advancing to Nationals)

- **Marketing Plan:** Lily Schuler, Maddie Shively, Quentin Derrer
- **Meats Evaluation:** Lauren Happel, Quentin Derrer, Lily Schuler, Maddie Shively
- **Livestock Skillathon:** Lauren Happel, Quentin Derrer, Maddie Shively, Kaden Derrer

Additional State Champions

- **Livestock Evaluation (Jr. Team):** Leah Happel, Landree Street, Leila Street, Colton Hoane
- **State Runner-Up**
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Forestry: Annie Sheller, Emery Brown, Lilly Higgins, Maddie Higgins

Ag Services Placement Proficiency: Cooper Rollins

Diversified Horticulture Placement Proficiency: Lily Schuler

Forage Production Placement Proficiency: Maddie Shively

Veterinary Science Placement Proficiency: Quentin Derrer

3rd Overall

- **Meats Evaluation:** Joani Swinford, Annie Sheller, Emery Brown, Leo

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- **Diversified Livestock Placement Proficiency:** Quentin Derrer
- **Beef Production Placement Proficiency:** Lauren Happel

Fourth Overall

- **Extemporaneous Public Speaking:** Cooper Rollins

Hamilton Heights FFA continues to shine as one of the state’s strongest programs, and the Heights community could not be prouder of the students, the advisors, and their families. Congratulations to all participants and best of luck to the national-bound teams as they prepare to represent Hamilton Heights on the national stage this fall.



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PICKLE

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3. The Big Dill, a grilled cheese sandwich with pickles.

4. Hot fried pickles.

5. Pickle beer. This one really makes me ill, as I don’t like beer, either.

6. Dill Pickle Dr. Pepper and Pickle Shake Up. My favorite soda ... ruined.

I know it’s only going to get worse as time goes on with the fair. I don’t think I’ll be venturing down there for a while.

With fall around the corner, I’m hoping the pickle stuff dies down soon and

we can get back to good ol’ pumpkin spice everything. No, I’m not a huge fan, but I can at least taste and smell it without getting sick.

Bring on the pumpkin spice marshmallows, Oreos, and all the things! And, please, for heaven’s sake ... someone please rescue me from this pickle I’m in.

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

SCHOOLS

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much they are paying for the current 2018 referendum and how much they would pay over the life of the proposed 2026 referendum, including growth in property values and referendum rates over time.

“We know that people are of course concerned about how much this will cost them personally,” Hile said. “This calculator lays out all the details for everyone to make their own informed decisions.”

Hile is hosting community information meetings and open office hours in the coming weeks so residents can learn more and get an-

swers to their questions. The meeting list, calculator, and answers to frequently asked questions can all be found on the district’s website at noblesvilleschools.org/referendum.

“We’re working hard to cut costs and protect homeowners from significant increases, while maintaining outstanding educational opportunities for the children we serve,” Hile said. “I encourage residents to run their numbers in the calculator and attend a meeting or visit our website to learn more. This is a big decision for our community and we want everyone to have the facts.”

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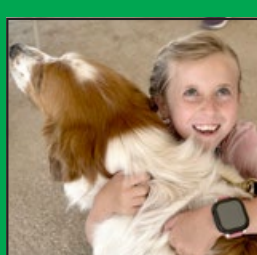
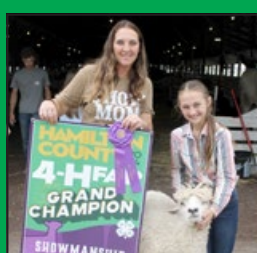
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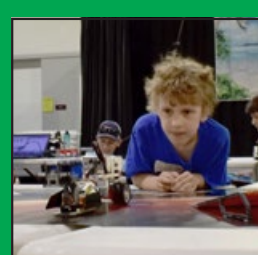
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Community News

Carmel High School
Class of 1976 Reunion

Submitted by Sharon Kibbe

The planning committee for our 50th class reunion is busy searching far and wide for classmates we've lost touch with.

If you have not yet connected via our private Facebook page, or if you know of classmates not active on social media, please contact carmelin1976.50threunion@gmail.com so we can send details about the Sept. 18 and 19 reunion weekend.

We have loads of fun in store, including two gatherings, lots of time to reconnect, and a one-hour tour of our old CHS stomping grounds. We are looking forward to celebrating with everyone!

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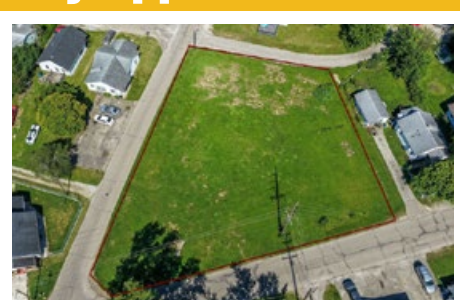
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Westfield resident now Ph.D candidate in astrophysics

Submitted

Westfield resident Josh Wanninger has earned a Master of Science degree in Physics and Astronomy from the University of Wyoming, marking another significant milestone in his academic career.

This summer, he continued his studies as a Ph.D. candidate in Astrophysics at the Rochester Institute of Technology in New York, where he will pursue advanced research in stellar astrophysics.

Wanninger earned his bachelor's degree in Astrophysics and Astronomy from Butler University. Throughout his undergraduate and graduate education, he completed multiple research internships, including an internship with NASA. His research has also taken him to Europe and Asia, where he collaborated with scientists on

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(ABOVE LEFT) Josh Wanninger looks through a telescope at Butler University's Holcomb Observatory and Planetarium. (ABOVE RIGHT) He is now a Ph.D candidate at the Rochester Institute of Technology in New York.

international astrophysics projects.

A two-time published author, Wanninger's research focuses on developing robust methods for analyzing large-scale stellar data and simulating stellar

evolution. Using theoretical models such as MESA (Modules for Experiments in Stellar Astrophysics), he works to better understand the underlying physics of stars and improve how they are classified through

physics-based definitions of stellar variability. His work contributes to a deeper understanding of how stars evolve and the processes that shape our universe.

He is the son of Kurt and Tami Wanninger of Westfield.

Walmart paying it forward to kick start the school year

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The team from the Walmart Supercenter at U.S. 31 and 151st Street in Westfield recently visited Washington Woods Elementary School. They delivered a few goodies for teachers and administration to get them pumped up for the start of a new school year. The store donated hand sanitizer, Great Value cleaning wipes, drinks, cupcakes, and other items to support teachers and administrative needs.

Indiana Wind Symphony names Gretta Pote board president, welcomes Lee Bowman to board of directors

The REPORTER

The Indiana Wind Symphony has named longtime music educator Gretta Pote as president of its board of directors for the 2026-2027 season and welcomed Lee Bowman as the organization's newest board member.

The appointments bring decades of leadership experience in music education, as well as experience in educational outreach and a passion to increase the Indiana Wind Symphony's community impact throughout Central Indiana.

Pote recently retired after a distinguished 34-year career as a middle school band director, including the past 20 years leading the nationally recognized band program at Clay Middle School in Carmel. Throughout her career, she consistently guided student ensembles to high achievement, mentored aspiring educators and served as a clinician and presenter at state and national music education conferences. She

was named Clay Middle School Teacher of the Year in 2022 and received the Phi Beta Mu, Gamma Chapter, Outstanding Bandmaster Award in 2023.

"I am honored to join the leadership team of this outstanding group of musicians and to continue to serve the Indiana Wind Symphony in bringing amazing music experiences to the community," Pote said.

As board president, Pote will lead the volunteer board of directors and work with Executive Director Tim Cox in advancing the Indiana Wind Symphony's mission and supporting the organization's continued growth. She has served as an Indiana Wind Symphony board member since 2025.

Pote

Bowman

B o w m a n joins the board following a distinguished career at Eli Lilly and Company, where he served as a senior research fellow and associate vice president, leading global research and strategic initiatives.

A lifelong musician and arts advocate, Bowman and his wife Mary, who performs in the ensemble, are long-time supporters of Central Indiana's arts community. He brings to the Indiana Wind Symphony both executive leadership experience and a deep appreciation for the

power of music to enrich lives and strengthen communities.

"Gretta and Lee each bring exceptional leadership, deep professional expertise and a passion for strengthening our community through music," Cox said. "Gretta's lifelong commitment to music education and Lee's strategic leadership and experience as a musician and arts advocate will be tremendous assets as we continue to grow the Indiana Wind Symphony's impact."

The Indiana Wind Symphony's 2026-2027 season will begin Sunday, Oct. 4, in the Payne & Mencias Palladium at the Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel, and you can learn more about the upcoming season at indianawindsymphony.org/events.

Letter to the Editor

Inflation is a tax no matter the location

Dear Editor:

Inflation is a tax.

We are paying 27 percent more today for consumer goods than they cost in 2011. At the same time, Carmel's property tax burden on its citizens increased from \$200 million to \$510 million.

Governments love inflation since they pay off debt with dollars' worth much less than when the borrowing began.

In Carmel's case, that's a \$1.5 billion debt burden. The burden may be less in other cities, but the inflation "tax" is the same.

Bill Shaffer
Carmel

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Westfield Washington Public Library to open Read & Roam Garden

Community invited to ribbon cutting & grand opening

The REPORTER

The Westfield Washington Public Library (WWPL) and Westfield Washington Township (WWT) invite the community to celebrate the completion of the Read & Roam Garden with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday, Aug. 18.

The celebration will begin with a special story time in the Read & Roam Garden at 10:30 a.m., followed by the official ribbon cutting at 11:30 a.m. Guests will be among the first to explore the completed garden and enjoy light refreshments.

The Read & Roam Garden was envisioned as part of the original plan for WWPL, which opened in 2024. It transforms the library's outdoor space into a welcoming park and open-air classroom designed for reading, learning, play, and

community gathering.

"It's been so exciting to watch this space come to life," WWPL Executive Director Sheryl Sollars said. "We imagined the Read & Roam Garden as an extension of the library – a place where our community can read, learn, play, and gather outdoors. We can't wait to welcome everyone."

The new space features shaded pergolas, reading nooks, fresh landscaping, and areas for outdoor programs and events.

"This project has truly been a team effort, and it's wonderful to see this part of the original vision ready for the community to enjoy," WWT Trustee Jamie Goetz Mills said. "We're grateful



Sollars



Goetz Mills

to everyone who helped make this project possible and look forward to seeing families, children, and community members make lasting memories here for years to come."

The Westfield Washington Public Library and Township extend their sincere appreciation to K.D. Landscaping for bringing the landscape design to life and Smart Pergola for providing the custom pergola structures that serve as focal points throughout the garden.

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Letter to the Editor

County Recorder encourages you to vote for Beth Sheller for Clerk

Letter to the Editor:
When I hear the name Beth Sheller, the words that immediately come to mind are honest, exceptional, and driven.
I have had the pleasure of being Beth's close friend and colleague for the past eight years while working together at Hamilton County, and I am excited to share my perspective on the qualities and experiences that make Beth an exceptional candidate for Hamilton County Clerk.
We need someone leading the Clerk's Office who will oversee an election office that does the right thing and upholds the highest standards of integrity. Beth is that person.
When Beth takes on a task, she doesn't simply complete it, she does it well. She is organized, provides strong leadership, and makes sure that work is completed accurately and effectively. Above all, she is diligent and driven. She is a forward thinker who continually looks for ways to improve processes, work more efficiently, and make things better.
Although Beth and I had been workplace acquaintances, I really got to know her while we attended a leadership course together at Ivy Tech. I was especially impressed by her clear communication, high level of integrity, and strong sense of accountability. Her positive energy was inspiring to me, and I am confident that same energy will inspire her team to do their best work.
It will be an honor to serve alongside my friend and colleague over the next four years. I wholeheartedly encourage you to vote for Beth Sheller for Hamilton County Clerk.
Trini Beaver
Hamilton County Recorder

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Driveway approaches set to be replaced in 116th & Allisonville area

The REPORTER

As part of the ongoing **116th Street and Allisonville Road Improvement Project**, crews are expected to begin replacing several driveway approaches at businesses surrounding the intersection this week, weather permitting.
During construction, access may be temporarily limited while individual driveway approaches are being replaced. The contractor is working directly with affected businesses to coordinate the work and minimize impacts. If your property has only one driveway access, please email Chief Infrastructure



Graphic provided by City of Fishers

This map marks the driveway approaches scheduled for replacement.

Inspector Rod Pizarro at pizarror@fishersin.gov as soon as possible so he can coordinate the timing of the replacement and

help minimize disruptions to your business operations. Your patience is appreciated as these improve-

ments are completed. If you have any questions regarding the project, please email drivefishers@fishersin.gov.

AG Rokita's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit named national unit of the year by HHS

Submitted by Office of AG Todd Rokita

On Tuesday, Aug. 11, Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita announced his Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) was named the MFCU Unit of the Year by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General. Deputy Inspector General Ann Maxwell traveled to the Indiana Statehouse to recognize the team in person.

"This well-deserved honor recognizes the exceptional skill, tireless dedication, and unwavering commitment of every investigator, attorney, and staff member on our outstanding MFCU team," AG Rokita said. "Day in and day out, they fight to uphold the law, hold fraudsters and abusers accountable, and ensure that every Medicaid dollar goes to Hoosiers who truly need care."

Maxwell, who leads the Office of Evaluation and Inspections and oversees the State Medicaid Fraud Control Units, praised MFCU's exceptional work.

"The Indiana MFCU is not just doing vital work; you are achieving extraordinarily high-impact results that are making a real difference," Maxwell said. "Your work is making sure that taxpayer dollars are protect-

ed, that fraud schemes are stopped, that the vulnerable are safer, and that the Medicaid program becomes stronger, more resilient, and more worthy of the trust that we place in it."

Since January 2017, MFCU has recovered \$109 million in Medicaid welfare provider fraud. In addition to fraud, MFCU also investigates drug diversion and the abuse and neglect of patients at Medicaid-supported facilities.

AG Rokita thanked Director and Chief Counsel of MFCU Matthew Whitmire for his strong and effective leadership.

"This recognition belongs to every member of our team whose daily commitment to fighting fraud, abuse and neglect has held wrongdoers accountable," Whitmire said. "We remain focused on protecting vulnerable Hoosiers and ensuring Medicaid resources reach those who need them most."

In the past 12 months alone, the unit secured more than 50 indictments or charges and more than 40 convictions. It referred 60 individuals for exclusion from the Medicaid program. The licensing team resolved more than 50 administrative complaints, resulting in 12 license revocations and 10 suspensions.



Rokita

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OneZone Chamber launches NextGen to create tomorrow’s leaders

Submitted
OneZone Chamber of Commerce has announced the launch of NextGen, a new initiative designed to build connections, develop leadership skills and create opportunities for the next generation of leaders across Hamilton County.

With the tagline “Creating Tomorrow’s Leaders,” NextGen will bring together emerging leaders who are looking to grow professionally, build meaningful relationships and become more engaged in the business community.

“NextGen is about investing in the people who will shape what our communities and workplaces look like in the years ahead,” OneZone President & CEO Jack Russell said. “We want to create a place where people can build genuine connections, learn from established leaders and have opportunities to step up and make an impact.”

Rather than focusing solely on networking, NextGen will provide a mix of professional development, relationship-building, and leadership experiences. Programming will include opportunities to connect with CEOs and community leaders, develop practical leadership skills, expand professional networks, and become more involved throughout Hamilton County.

NextGen will also serve as a resource for employers seeking to attract, engage and retain emerging talent. By connecting individuals with the broader business community, OneZone hopes to strengthen the pipeline of leaders who will drive the region’s continued growth.

“Talent development isn’t just an individual issue – it’s a business and eco-



nomics development issue,” Russell said. “When people feel connected to their community, see opportunities to grow and have a pathway to leadership, they are more likely to build their careers and their lives here.”

Additional information about NextGen programming, events, and opportunities to participate will be announced in the coming months.

About OneZone Chamber
OneZone Chamber of Commerce serves businesses throughout Carmel, Fishers, and Northern Hamilton County. Through advocacy, connections, leadership development and business resources, OneZone works to advance business and strengthen the communities it serves.



Russell



Photo provided by Office of U.S. Rep. Victoria Spartz

Rep. Victoria Spartz announces long-overdue Presidential Unit citation for Indiana Rangers

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

U.S. Representative Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05) has announced that Company D (Ranger), 151st Infantry Regiment of the Indiana Army National Guard – the legendary “Indiana Rangers” – will receive the Presidential Unit Citation for their extraordinary heroism during the Vietnam War.

The recognition comes more than 50 years after the Indiana Rangers returned home from Vietnam in 1969. The unit was the only Army National Guard ground maneuver unit to serve in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War and became one of the most decorated units of the war, earning hundreds of individual awards for valor and service.

“It has been a tremendous honor to help recognize these incredible Hoosier heroes,” Rep. Spartz said. “The Indiana Rangers demonstrated extraordinary courage under some of the most dangerous conditions imaginable. While their individual heroism was recognized many times over,

recognition of the unit as a whole has been overdue since the Nixon era. More than half a century later, our nation is finally honoring what these brave men accomplished together.”

The Presidential Unit Citation is the highest military decoration awarded to a unit for extraordinary heroism in combat. For the Indiana Rangers, the award recognizes not only individual acts of valor, but the extraordinary courage, teamwork, and sacrifice of the entire company.

“The Indiana Rangers of the 151st Infantry Regiment set a standard of excellence that continues to inspire our force today,” said Maj. Gen. Larry Muenich, Adjutant General of the Indiana National Guard. “They lived the Warrior Ethos in the most unforgiving conditions, demonstrating a fierce loyalty to their brothers in arms and an unwavering commitment to the mission. We could not be prouder of this historic heroism. The Presidential Unit Citation is a testament to their grit, their sacrifice, and a legacy that will never

be forgotten.”

Company D deployed to Vietnam in December 1968 and conducted hundreds of dangerous long-range reconnaissance missions, often operating deep in enemy-controlled territory. The Rangers returned to Indiana in November 1969, but for decades surviving members continued their efforts to secure appropriate recognition for the unit as a whole.

“Many of these heroes waited more than five decades for this day, and sadly, some did not live long enough to see it,” Spartz said. “I am grateful to President Trump, Secretary Hegseth, Maj. Gen. Muenich, and everyone at the Indiana National Guard and Department of War who worked with us to finally make this long-overdue recognition a reality. Our nation must never forget the courage and sacrifice of these Hoosier heroes.”

The award will be given to the Indiana Rangers at the National Guard Association of the United States Conference & Exhibition in Indianapolis during the opening ceremony on Aug. 29.

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Meijer Grocery store set to open Sept. 30 in Fishers

The REPORTER
Meijer has announced it will open a new 75,000 square-foot grocery format store on Sept. 30 at 15700 Southeastern Pkwy., Fishers. The new location will bring a food-focused shopping experience to the area, offering convenient access to fresh, high-quality groceries and everyday low prices.

This will be the second Meijer Grocery format store in Indiana and the retailer's 45th store in the state. "We're excited to open our second Meijer Grocery location in Indiana, continuing to bring this convenient format to more communities to help customers quickly find fresh foods and everyday essentials at consistently low prices," said Jess Murray, Vice President of the Indiana Region for Meijer. "These stores are designed to provide customers with a great shopping experience, right in the communities where they live and work each day." The Meijer Grocery format brings together all the essentials that customers need for a weekly shopping trip in a smaller layout than the retailer's supercenter format. Shoppers can find a wide assortment of fresh produce and grocery staples at an exceptional value, along with full-service bakery, meat, seafood, and deli departments, a floral and greeting card section, pharmacy, health and beauty care, and pet supplies. A Meijer Express fuel station will open adjacent to the store on Sept. 2 for



Rendering provided by Meijer

quick stops, beverages and snacks or prepared food on the go. Meijer customers enjoy earning rewards through the retailer's mPerks loyalty program, which can be used to save on groceries or to earn up to a \$1 off per gallon of gas at Meijer Express stations. Signing up is free and easy at meijer.com/mperks or through the free Meijer app. In addition to mPerks, the new store will also feature the retailer's popular digital shopping tools, including Shop & Scan, Meijer Home Delivery and Pickup, giving customers the flexibility to shop when and how it's most convenient for them. The Fishers Meijer Grocery store will offer Meijer customers' favorite brands, including Frederik's by Meijer and True Goodness. These exclusive labels offer store brand value combined with high-quality product offerings unique to the retailer. Frederik's by Meijer, the retailer's premium brand, delivers authentic and innovative flavors in the spirit of its namesake, Fred Meijer, across dozens of product lines. True Goodness offers consciously crafted products free from more than 100 ingredients, making good choices more affordable and accessible. There are still hourly, part-time, and full-time job opportunities available for the Fishers location. Ideal candidates should possess a desire to grow as part of the Meijer team and provide outstanding customer service. Those interested can apply online at jobs.meijer.com/stores.



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Lions Clubs vision screening underway for school children



Photo provided by Lisa Dick, Noblesville Lions Club

As the school year begins, so does Lions Club vision screening. Noblesville and Zionsville Lions screened students at White River Elementary School in Noblesville on Monday, Aug. 10. Lions will continue to screen students through the end of September. According to Lions Club International, 80 percent of all visual impairment can be prevented or cured. The first step to prevention is awareness. The second is early detection through vision screening. Lions partner with local schools to screen children to identify those at risk for vision loss. (From left) Dan Dumbauld, Walt Scheid, Vicki Neddenriep, Lisa Rhoe, Andy Luckey, Steve Shaw, Ron Sinicki, and Paula Wright.

Meijer's upcoming double match days will support food pantries

Submitted
Meijer has announced two upcoming double match days for its Simply Give hunger relief program. Customers who add a Simply Give donation card to their shopping cart on Aug. 15 and Sept. 12 will make an even bigger impact within their communities, as Meijer turns its \$10 contribution into \$30 for that store's local pantry partner to help keep their shelves stocked for families in need. The year-round hunger relief program offers six double-match days per year that support nearly 600 food pantries across the Midwest. "Simply Give continues to make a meaningful difference for our pantry partners and the Midwest families they serve," said Melissa Conway, Director of Community Partnerships and Giving at Meijer. "Because every donation stays local, this program helps food pantries respond to

the specific needs of their communities while giving our customers an easy way to support our neighbors facing food insecurity. With our double match days, their donation goes even further." Through the Meijer Simply Give hunger relief program, customers can add a \$10 donation card at checkout at any time of year, and each contribution is converted into a Meijer food-only gift card that goes directly to a local food pantry partner selected by that store. The program gives pantry partners the flexibility to purchase the food, including fresh produce, dairy, meat, and other essentials their clients need most, such as baby supplies like food, formula, and diapers. Because Simply Give donations stay in the com-

munities where they are made, customers can feel confident their support is helping a local organization serve neighbors close to home. Since the program launched in 2008, Simply Give has generated more than \$100 million in donations and helped provide more than 940 million meals to support hunger relief efforts across the Midwest. *One meal equates to 25 cents. Meal calculation is based on the approximate average cost of a meal from select food pantry partners across the Meijer footprint.* Simply Give hunger relief donation cards can be found in any Meijer store near the checkout area, on Meijer.com and via the Meijer mobile app.



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From Indiana to the Universe

Noblesville woman crowned Mrs. United Universe 2026

Submitted

An Indiana woman has officially earned an international title that brings a remarkable journey from the Hoosier State to the national stage and now to the universe.

Jessica Marie Hopper-Landrum of Noblesville has been crowned Mrs. United Universe 2026. After first making history as the first woman from Indiana to win the Mrs. United USA title, Hopper-Landrum went on to represent the USA and has now been crowned the international titleholder, Mrs. United Universe 2026.

For Hopper-Landrum, the achievement is about far more than a crown.

"I've always believed that it's not the crown that matters, it's the woman wearing it," Hopper-Landrum said. "A title gives you a platform and a microphone, but what matters is what you choose to do with them. My goal has always been to leave people better than I found them."

Hopper-Landrum's journey began in Indiana, where she built her career as a pageant competitor, coach, model, and advocate.

Her historic Mrs. United USA victory made her the first woman from Indiana to hold the national title, giving her the opportunity to represent the state she calls home on a national platform.

That experience eventually led her to represent the United States before earning the Mrs. United Universe title.

For Hopper-Landrum, however, the significance of the journey has never been measured solely by titles.

Hopper-Landrum's pageant career has also taken her beyond the United States. In 2021, she was crowned Miss Ireland Supranational, representing Ireland on the international stage. In 2023, she was crowned Mrs. Ireland World, where she went on to place in the Top 15 internationally and win the International Fitness/Swimsuit Award.

These experiences have given Hopper-Landrum a unique perspective on what it means to represent not only yourself, but an entire state, country, and community on a global platform.

At the heart of Hopper-Landrum's work is Safe Homes, an initiative she founded with a mission to help end child abuse and create safer environments for children.

Her commitment to child advocacy is one of the most meaningful parts of her platform, and she hopes her new international title will allow her to bring greater awareness to child safety and encourage more adults to recognize their role in protecting children.

"Children deserve to grow up feeling safe, protected, and loved," Hopper-Landrum said. "If this title gives me a larger platform to have conversations that could help protect even one child, then it has a purpose far beyond the crown."

Through Safe Homes, Hopper-Landrum hopes to help create a culture where children are protected, survivors are heard, and adults understand that preventing abuse is a responsibility shared by an entire community.

Hopper-Landrum's belief that a title should be used for something greater than the competition also carries into her professional work.

She is the founder of JM Pageant Coaching, where she works with women and girls preparing for pageants, leadership opportunities, and life beyond the competition stage.

"I don't want women to simply learn how to win a crown," Hopper-Landrum said. "I want them to know who they are, understand how they show up in the world, and recognize the influence they have once the crown is on their head. For me, the crown is not the finish line. It's an opportunity. An opportunity to serve, to connect with people, to open doors, and hopefully to leave people better than I found them."

From an Indiana woman making history on the national stage to becoming an international titleholder, Hopper-Landrum's journey is a reminder that the most important part of a crown isn't the crown itself.

It's the woman wearing it – and what she chooses to do with it.



Meeting Notices

The Fall Creek Township Board will hold a public hearing to discuss the 2027 Budget at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2026, at the Fall Creek Township Trustee's Office, 11595 Brooks School Road, Fishers.

The Noblesville Firefighter Merit Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2026, has been canceled.

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

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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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Williams Creek Management named to Inc. 5000 list for fifth time

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Highlighting over two decades marked by sustained performance, Williams Creek Management announced on Tuesday, Aug. 11, its fifth appearance on the Inc. 5000 list, the definitive ranking of America's fastest-growing private companies.

The Plainfield-headquartered firm lands on the 2026 national list at No. 1,946, building upon a legacy of growth previously recognized in 2016, 2017, 2024, and 2025.

In addition to its national placement, Williams Creek secured top spots across several key industry, state, and regional leaderboards:

- No. 15 in the Indianapolis-Carmel-Greenwood area
- No. 21 in Indiana
- No. 111 in Construction Nationwide



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Additionally, Williams Creek ranked No. 46 on the Inc. Regionals Midwest list.

"Making the Inc. 5000 list five times isn't just about rapid growth; it's about consistency, resilience, and the trust our clients place in us year after year," said Neil Myers, President and CEO of Williams Creek. "This honor reflects the exceptional talent and work ethic of our entire team. I am

deeply proud of how all of us show up every day, continuously pushing boundaries while staying grounded in our mission to develop people, strengthen communities, and deliver restorative excellence."

Williams Creek specializes in bridging the gap between built infrastructure and the natural world. By providing expert services across four core divisions – construction, compliance,

installation, and preservation – the company safely delivers tailored solutions that balance economic development with environmental stewardship, creating a lasting positive impact across the Midwest and beyond.

[Click here](#) to learn more about Williams Creek Management. You can see the Inc. 5000 list of the fastest-growing companies at [this link](#).



Photo provided by IU Health

IU Health's Mobile Lung Unit coming to Noblesville

The REPORTER

The IU Health Mobile Lung Unit is traveling across Indiana, offering low-dose CT scans to individuals at high risk for lung cancer.

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the United States, claiming more lives each year than breast, prostate, and colon cancers combined. Yet, what many people don't realize is that lung cancer is often preventable, and highly treatable, when detected early. Unfortunately, most cases are diagnosed at an advanced stage when treatment options are limited and survival rates are low.

IU Health's mission is to promote early detection, which can significantly improve treatment outcomes and save lives. This initiative is not only about providing access to care; it's about giving Hoosiers a fighting chance.

Watch [this short video](#) to see how easy lung screening on the mobile really is.

Details

Low-Dose CT Lung Screenings for eligible individuals ages 50 to 77 who are current or former smokers

of 20 years. (Former smokers who have quit in the past 15 years may also be eligible.)

The screening is covered by most insurance plans, including Medicare and Medicaid. IU Health will cover the cost for those without insurance.

Date & Time

- Thursday, Aug. 20 from 4 to 6 p.m. at Ignite Center 4 Community, 698 N. 10th St., Noblesville.

Why it matters

Early screening saves lives. Early-stage lung cancer often has no symptoms, which means people at risk may feel healthy while the disease silently progresses. A low-dose CT (LDCT) scan is a quick, painless screening tool that can detect lung cancer before symptoms appear. Studies show that LDCT screening can reduce lung cancer deaths by up to 20 percent among high-risk individuals.

That's not just a statistic, it's lives saved, families kept whole, and futures preserved.

Learn more at iuhealth.org/mobile-lung-screening.

ON-LINE ONLY PUBLIC AUCTION the Estates of ROBERT N. & VIRGINIA L. SMITH and C. RAY LAMB and Other Personal Property

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SOFT CLOSE BEGINS: Saturday, August 15th @ 6pm
PREVIEW DATES: Thursday, August 13th from Noon - 6pm
PICK-UP DAYS: Monday, August 17th and
Tuesday, August 18th from Noon - 6pm

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See the best of Broadway at The Tarkington in Carmel

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Prepare to be inspired and transported by the music you love.

Experience an unforgettable evening of Broadway's most iconic music as internationally acclaimed countertenor Terry Barber breathes new life into show-stopping hits by Andrew Lloyd Webber and beyond.

See Terry Barber & Johanna Ballou: Best of Broadway at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4 at The Tarkington at the Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. [Click here](#) to buy tickets.

From *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Evita*, *Cats*, and *Jesus Christ Superstar* to beloved favorites from *Les Misérables*, *Hamilton*, and more, you'll be reacquainted

with many of Broadway's most memorable characters.

A former member of the multiple Grammy-winning ensemble Chanticleer, Barber has performed at many of the world's most prestigious venues, including the Metropolitan Opera, Carnegie Hall, London's Queen Elizabeth Hall, and Moscow's Svetlanov Hall. Renowned for his remarkable vocal range and expressive artistry, Barber continues to captivate audiences worldwide. As the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* declared, "Barber has star quality."

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Graham Alexander Bond**December 21, 1941 – August 9, 2026**

Graham Alexander Bond, a resident of Cicero, passed away peacefully on August 9, 2026, at the age of 84. Born in England during the turmoil of World War II on December 21, 1941, Graham's life was characterized by his creative spirit, funny disposition, generous heart, and courageous strength.

Graham dedicated 30 years of his professional life to Chrysler in the field of automotive manufacturing until his retirement in 1994. He was a hardworking individual, and his dedication to his work was reflective of his overall character – driven, reliable, and meticulous. Despite his commitment to his work, Graham knew the importance of a balanced life. He was an avid reader with a particular affection for old sailing ship novels, a nod to his early years traveling back and forth from England on various ships. His love for woodworking and gardening was a testament to his creative side, making beautiful things for his home and family. His courageous spirit was evident in his love for his country, becoming a citizen on November 3, 2005, after moving to the United States from England when he was six years old.

Graham was united in marriage with his beloved wife, Gloria Bond, on February 24, 1989. Their love story was one of mutual respect, deep affection, and shared adventures. They loved to travel together, creating endless memories. But what mattered most to Graham was his family and his dogs. He is survived by and was the proud and loving father to Bret (Samantha) Bond, Heather Siegel, and Chad (Mary Kay) Whitaker. He also leaves behind his brother, Steve (Sue) Morris. Graham's generous spirit and funny nature will be carried on by his seven grandchildren, one great-grandchild, brothers and sisters-in-law, and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation for Graham will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday, August 17, 2026, at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, 410 Pearl St., Cicero. The funeral mass will follow at 11 a.m. at the same location with Father Sean Pogue officiating. Burial will follow in Oaklawn Memorial Gardens. Services are under the direction of Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Homes – Cicero.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, or please plant a tree in Graham's honor.

In memory of our beloved Graham, we invite you to leave your memories and upload photos on his memorial page. He will be deeply missed, but his spirit will continue to live on in the hearts of those who were fortunate enough to know him.

Condolences: hartleyfuneralhomes.com

Donna Jennette Gipson**November 10, 1956 – August 8, 2026**

Donna Jennette Gipson was born on November 10, 1956, in Lebanon, Ind. With a spirit as bright as the day she was born, she inspired everyone around her with her compassion, creativity, humor, and intelligence. Donna had an innate ability to make those around her feel welcome and cherished, always ready with a helping hand or a comforting word. She was a beacon of love and warmth to her family, friends, and community in Sheridan.

Donna passed away on August 8, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of kindness and selflessness that will continue to inspire those who were fortunate to have known her.

In her professional life, Donna was a smart and successful accountant, always bringing her creative problem-solving skills to the fore. But it was outside of work where her passions truly shone. She had a profound love for her family, and her grandkids held a special place in her heart. Donna's love for life was infectious, and she found joy in the simple pleasures of everyday activities. Cooking, reading, traveling, and engaging in puzzles kept her active and curious. An accomplished musician in her youth, she played in the band during her high school years, a testament to her creativity and talent. Her commitment to her faith was reflected in her role as a Secretary and fill-in minister at times, further demonstrating her compassionate heart and love for our Lord.

Donna is survived by her loving mother, Alice Gipson; her daughter, Paula Gipson; her sister, Karen (Rodger) Hammack; her brothers, Allan (Valorie) Gipson, Danny (Shari) Gipson, and Donald (Lisa) Gipson; and her grandchildren, Aaron, Sean, Manuel, and Beverley Gipson. She is preceded in death by her father, Donald Gipson.

Visitation will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Friday, August 14, 2026, at Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Home, 209 W. Jackson St., Cicero. A funeral service will follow at 1 p.m. at the same location with pastor Markus Dennis officiating. The service will also be live-streamed for those who cannot attend in person at my.gather.app/remember/donna-gipson.

In celebrating Donna's life, we invite you to share your precious memories, anecdotes, and photographs of Donna on her memorial page. Your tributes will serve as a beautiful testament to Donna's life, showcasing the unique and captivating individual she was. As we remember Donna, we hold on to the love, warmth, and laughter she brought into our lives, cherishing her memory in our hearts forever. Services are under the direction of Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Homes – Cicero.

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING**REBELLION AGAINST THE LORD**

But you were unwilling to go up; you rebelled against the command of the Lord your God. You grumbled in your tents and said, "The Lord hates us; so he brought us out of Egypt to deliver us into the hands of the Amorites to destroy us. Where can we go? Our brothers have made our hearts melt in fear. They say, 'The people are stronger and taller than we are; the cities are large, with walls up to the sky. We even saw the Anakites there.'"

Then I said to you, "Do not be terrified; do not be afraid of them. The Lord your God, who is going before you, will fight for you, as he did for you in Egypt, before your very eyes, and in the wilderness. There you saw how the Lord your God carried you, as a father carries his son, all the way you went until you reached this place."

In spite of this, you did not trust in the Lord your God, who went ahead of you on your journey, in fire by night and in a cloud by day, to search out places for you to camp and to show you the way you should go.

Deuteronomy 1:26-33 (NIV)

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