

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 19, 2026

ARCADIA | ATLANTA | CICERO | SHERIDAN | TIPTON
CARMEL | FISHERS | NOBLESVILLE | WESTFIELD



TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Periods of showers and storms, especially in the afternoon.
Tonight: Periods of showers and storms.

HIGH: 79 LOW: 63



Flood-damaged property may qualify for future tax relief

Assessor's Office encourages property owners to file State Form 137R

The REPORTER

Hamilton County property owners whose homes or properties were significantly damaged by recent flooding may be eligible for property tax relief through the State of Indiana's disaster relief process. Property owners must complete State Form 137R and submit it to the Hamilton County Assessor's Office no later than Dec. 31, 2027. Any

adjustment would apply to the Jan. 1, 2026 assessment date, payable in 2027. "We know many property owners are dealing with significant damage, and we want to make sure they understand what options may be available to them," Hamilton County As-



Poore

essor Kevin Poore said. "Each property will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, so we encourage anyone who believes they may qualify to contact our office with questions and submit the required form." Properties with severe damage will require a site in-

spection as part of the review process. State law does not provide relief for current-year property taxes unless a parcel has been permanently cut off and is no longer accessible by land due to a river changing course. Property owners with questions about Form 137R should call the Hamilton County Assessor's Office at (317) 776-9617.

Summer nostalgia

I am not sure if it is because I am addicted to nostalgia, or my disease robbing me of abilities that I am not ready to release, but I do not give up easily and let things go.

My stubbornness serves me well some of the time, but at other times it causes me great distress and gets me in a little bit of trouble. When I was 11, my family moved from our house in town to a house in the country. One difference at our new house was that we had a larger yard, so we got a riding lawn mower. Mowing the lawn was a chore I liked because I got to drive something long before I got my driver's license.

Mowing is something that my younger son took over many years ago at our home that we built behind my parents. There is a lot of grass to mow! Just like me, he found a chore he enjoys. We have been spoiled for many summers with him mowing our lawn. He was out of town this weekend, and the lawn needed to be mowed, along with a long to do list before our trip to Australia for the marathon. My husband is buried with endless tasks, and I wanted to help ease his burden.

I had not mowed the grass in quite some time but felt confident that if he could get me on and off the riding lawn mower, that I could indeed check that task off our list. Anyone else love the feeling of putting a check mark beside a completed task?

He reluctantly agreed to "let" me do it. He never wants me to overdo it and is always looking out for my best interest. He also knows I sometimes take on things I should not, so that I feel like I am pulling my weight around the house.

It was not easy to get me on and off the lawnmower, but we did. It was like riding a bike, sort of. My lines were not as straight and neat as my son's, but I gave it my best effort. It felt good to take on something that I used to enjoy.

After mowing, I convinced my husband we needed a break, so we took a dip in my parent's pool. For a while now, I have been thinking back on how active I used to be around that pool. One of my favorite

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Dr. Atha to deliver Westfield State of the Schools Address

The REPORTER

The Westfield Chamber of Commerce invites business leaders, community members, and guests to attend the 2026 State of the Schools Address, set for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, at Shamrock Station, 333 W. Hoover St.

Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) Superintendent Dr. John Atha will explain how one of Indiana's fastest-growing school districts is partnering with the community and preparing students for the future.

This presentation will highlight a year of transition, including the opening of two new elementary schools, districtwide operational changes, continued investments in student learning and school safety, and the work required to meet the needs of a growing community.

More than an update on the school district, this is a conversation about why Excellent Schools create an Excellent Community. Learn how WWS is investing in people, strengthening partnerships, and preparing every student to be Life Ready, because strong public schools are essential to economic vitality and quality of life in Westfield.

Whether you're a business leader, parent, community member, or simply invested in the city's future, you'll leave with a deeper understanding of how local schools and the community grow stronger together.

Partner and Non-Partner tickets are available, along with Corporate Reserved Tables (seating for eight), perfect for bringing your team, hosting clients, or investing in local organizations.

[Click here](#) for tickets.



AMY SHINNEMAN
Disability in the City

Martin Marietta quarry continues to fill with water from White River

Submitted by City of Carmel

Carmel emergency personnel, utility crews, and regional partners remain on site around the clock to manage severe erosion and high-velocity floodwaters along the White River and Blue Woods Creek.

As response efforts continue, the city's highest priority remains protecting human life and securing critical infrastructure.

Following days of extreme conditions, crews have successfully temporarily stabilized riverbanks to redirect fast-moving water, slowing further channel cutting. This rapid progress has been made possible through essential community partnerships, including material support from Martin Marietta and heavy equipment operations provided by Grdex and Thieneman Construction. Carmel Police, Fire, and Utility teams continue to monitor the bridge and the surrounding site 24/7, using advanced flow alarms to detect any sudden changes such as a pipe rupture.

City officials reassure community members that Carmel's drinking water system remains 100 percent safe and fully operational, with no boil water advisory in effect. To safeguard long-term service, crews are actively reinforcing a vulnerable 30-inch utility line and nearby force mains while constructing secondary bypass infrastructure as a precaution.

While utility systems remain secure, the Hazel Dell Parkway bridge has suffered catastrophic structural failure and is considered a total loss. Although the adjoining roadway is maintained by the city, the bridge itself is a Hamilton County asset. While City and



Photos provided by City of Carmel

(ABOVE) Water continues to flow into the Martin Marietta quarry between 96th and 106t Streets along Hazel Dell Parkway. This photo is oriented west-southwest, with Indianapolis in the background. (BELOW) Crews constructed a temporary dam to prevent further erosion in the area where the Hazel Dell Parkway bridge collapsed.

County leadership are working closely to utilize state emergency provisions, allowing design and reconstruction contracts to be fast-tracked as quickly as possible, it is estimated by the county it could take up to two years to complete.

To ensure public safety and allow emergency crews and heavy machinery the space needed to work without interruption, members of the public are strictly advised to avoid the 106th Street and Hazel Dell Parkway corridor. Please respect all barricades and road closures.

Further official updates will be shared as stabilization and recovery efforts move forward.



Sheridan Elementary School celebrates outstanding 94.4% IREAD passing rate

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

Sheridan Elementary School (SES) announces its outstanding IREAD scores, with 94.4 percent of Sheridan third graders passing the statewide assessment in 2026.

The IREAD test is an assessment of literacy. It examines students' ability to understand the material and answer questions based on the provided reading. The impressive 94.4 percent passing rate is especially incredible because it marks SES as having the largest gain in Hamilton County.

SES students' performance also places them above the

Indiana state average, which is sitting at 88.7 percent. SES Principal Valerie Roberts credits the success to the dedication of the teachers.

"We are incredibly fortunate to have such an outstanding group of educators who work tirelessly each day to support and inspire our students," Roberts said. "As a school, we have made early literacy a priority, recognizing that strong literacy skills set the foundation for success in every other area of learning."

The IREAD success was truly a team effort, especially at the elementary level. In the past few years, the school has

been building opportunities for families to become more involved in their students' literacy. Through events like Literacy Night and even literacy newsletters, SES has been encouraging reading at home so that literacy is extending beyond the classroom.

Sheridan parent Nikki McGlothlin, who has children in second and sixth grade at Sheridan, shared her pride in the school and its educators.

"I am so proud of Sheridan Community Schools," McGlothlin said. "I am so happy that my kids get to be a part of the education here. I know it will only get better as the

growth continues. Educators here are doing great work!"

While SCS is incredibly proud of the 94.4 percent IREAD passing rate, it truly is more than a number. It represents the students putting in the work, the teachers providing the path, and the families helping at home. It truly takes a community investing in its community.

SES thanks its teachers, staff, students, families, and the entire Sheridan community for helping make this achievement possible. Strong readers build strong learners, and Sheridan is proud to see its Blackhawks continuing to grow.



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How to help & stay informed

Road closures: View the latest updates on the [Hamilton County website](#).

Volunteer: Sign up to help through [SERVE Village](#).

Donate cash: Contributions can be made to the [Hamilton County Community Foundation](#) (select “Hamilton County Relief Fund” after clicking next).

Donate items: Physical items can be donated to the [Good Samaritan Network](#).

Help for Fishers residents: Call (317) 595-3211.

Take what you need, give what you can

The REPORTER

If you or someone you know is a victim of the flood, food is available right now at any of The Feeding Team pantries listed below. *Please take only what you need.* Anyone who can is en-

couraged to donate non-perishable food items by leaving them at any of these pantries as well. Some pantries were water-logged during the flood, but Feeding Team volunteers sprang into action, re-

moving damaged food items and bleaching and drying the affected food pantries to get them back into service as quickly as possible. If you’d like to volunteer your time or donate money, go to [FeedingTeam.org](#).

Feeding Team Food Pantries

Here is a list of all the yellow Feeding Team food pantries across Hamilton County. For more information, go to [FeedingTeam.org](#).

ARCADIA

Arcadia Brethren Church, 8989 E. 266th St.
Hamilton Heights School Administration Building, 410 W. Main St.

ATLANTA

Wesleyan Church, 330 S. Walnut St.

CARMEL

Carmel Lions Club, 141 E. Main St.
St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, 10655 Haverstick Road

CICERO

Cicero Christian Church, 1715 Stringtown Pike
Harbour Shores Church, 8011 E. 216th St.
Koteewi Park – Taylor Center, 12308 Strawtown Ave.
Laura Hayden’s School of Dance, 7830 E. 236th St.
Roundabout at SR 37 & Strawtown Ave. (23297 Lafayette St.)
The Indiana Academy, 24815 State Road 19
The Pizza House, 11 N. Main St.

FISHERS

Christ the Savior Lutheran Church, 10500 E. 126th St.
Christ’s Community Church, 13097 Allisonville Road
Cyntheanne Christian Church, 13151 Cyntheanne Road
G5 Auto Sales, 11544 Allisonville Road
Life Church Fishers, 9820 E. 141st St.

SHERIDAN

Issachar Church, 501 E. Main St.
Sheridan Church of God, 705 W. 2nd St.
Sheridan Elementary School, 24795 N. Hinesley Road

WESTFIELD

CrossRoads Church, 19201 Grassy Branch Road
Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 4283 E. 191st St.
Radiant Life Church, 16162 Carey Road
The Old Playhouse, 1836 State Road 32 (Eagletown)
Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn St.

NOBLESVILLE

American Eagle/Miller Auto Body, 16100 Allisonville Road
American Leigon, 273 S. 8th St.
Chapel Church, 675 Walnut St.
Christ Lutheran Church, 10055 E. 186th St.
Clarksville Christian Church, 16600 Lehr St.
Deer Path HOA Community Building, 12109 Wolf Run Road
Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 16000 Cumberland Road
Family Promise of Hamilton County, 1051 N. 10th St.
Feeding Team Headquarters, 485 Sheridan Road (State Road 38)
First Christian Church, 16377 Herriman Blvd.
First Presbyterian Church, 1194 Maple Ave.
First United Methodist Church, 2051 Monument St.
Freedom Church, 1361 Christian Ave.
Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St.
Hamilton County Fire Fighters Local 4416, 399 S. 14th St.
Hamilton County Health Department, 18030 Foundation Drive
Hinkle Creek Friends Church, 21617 Hinkle Road
IDES (International Disaster Emergency Service), 355 Park 32 West Drive
Ignite Transform, 698 N. 10th St.
Legacy Christian School, 470 Lakeview Drive
Life Church, 2200 Sheridan Road (State Road 38)
Moose Lodge, 950 Field Drive
Morse Beach FOP Lodge, 7201 E. 196th St.
Mystic Images Tattoo, 164 N. 10th St.
Noblesville Schools Admin Building, 18025 River Road
Open Door Church, 20545 Riverwood Ave.
Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 E. 191st St.
Promise Road Elementary School, 14975 Promise Road
Suburban Estates, 3288 Cicero Road
Union United Methodist Church, 19090 Deshane Ave.
Victory Baptist Church, 2021 Cicero Road (State Road 19)
Wayne Township Volunteer Fire, 18441 E. Durbin Road
White Rock Fellowship Church, 21070 Schulley Road



Hamilton County prohibits travel on White River

The REPORTER

Hamilton County is prohibiting all recreational travel on the White River. Residents should not kayak, canoe, swim, tube, wade, or otherwise enter the river until further notice. “We are very concerned that people will be tempted to access the river after it continues to recede,” County Commissioner Christine Altman said. “We have already seen a jet-ski pulling a skier. People need to understand that the conditions are extremely dangerous. This is a life-or-death situation we’re currently in.” Conditions are particularly dangerous near Hazel Dell Parkway and 106th Street in Carmel, where flooding washed

out the bridge and caused significant erosion. The flooding also altered the course of the White River, which is now flowing into the Martin Marietta quarry, a large open limestone quarry with multiple shelves and a steep drop-off. “If you get past 116th Street, you could be diverted into Blue Woods Creek, pulled underwater, slammed into the collapsed bridge, or swept directly into the quarry,” Altman said. “The current is powerful and unpredictable, and once it takes control, there may be no way out. Stay



Altman

out of the White River!” The Hamilton County Commissioners issued a Local Emergency Proclamation on Tuesday, Aug. 18, that prohibits travel on the White River, except for emergency management personnel and first responders. The order also authorizes law enforcement to close access to the river on County-owned property. Anyone who sees a person in the White River or attempting to enter the river should call 911 immediately. The Local Emergency Proclamation remains in effect through Aug. 25 unless amended or rescinded.

Central Indiana professional teams donate \$250K to aid flood victims

By KENDALL PIERSON

WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](#)

On Sunday, the Indiana Fever, the Indiana Pacers, the Noblesville Boom and the Indianapolis Colts announced a combined \$250,000 donation to the American Red Cross to support central Indiana families impacted by historic flooding and severe weather. The donation – \$125,000 from the Fever, Pacers and Boom and \$125,000 from the Colts – will support the American Red Cross’ ongoing response and recovery efforts. “The financial cost for families, businesses and others is enormous, but the emotional stress can be equally daunting and heavy,” Kalen Jackson, Colts Owner and Chief Brand Officer & President of the Colts Foundation, said in a release. “It’s times like these when it’s so important for people and communities to come together to take care of each other.” This story was origi-



Photo provided

(From left) CEO of the American Red Cross Indiana Region Terry Stigdon, Colts Owner, Chief Brand Officer and President of the Colts Foundation Kalen Jackson and Chair of the Pacers Foundation Rachel Simon announce a combined \$250,000 donation to support Central Indiana families impacted by historic flooding and severe weather at Colts training camp at Grand Park in Westfield on Sunday, Aug. 16. The donation from the Indiana Fever, Indiana Pacers, Noblesville Boom, and Indianapolis Colts will support the American Red Cross’ flood relief efforts.

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NOSTALGIA

“tricks” was my back dive. I did it repeatedly until I was exhausted when I was younger. The pool has always been a very freeing place for me to be and is one of the reasons my parents took on that “fixer upper” in the country. I voiced my sense of wonder to my family while we were there. “I wonder if I can still do my back dive?” Immediately they all said, “That is not a good idea,” which made me want to try it more. I had my husband walk with me to the edge of the pool and I held onto him as I turned around. Instantly, it was clear to me they were right, not a good idea. They were all relieved. I turned around and dove forwards into the pool. I had not done that in a long time either. It felt good to do it again. My disability almost disappears when I am in the water, which explains why I spent countless hours in that pool growing up.

My parents called me a little fish, and my mom told me I would turn into a raisin if I did not get out. Then, when I became a mom, the pool was a place where I could hold my boys on my hip and spin them around doing a lot of things with them that I could not do on land. This weekend was another reminder to me that some things of the past are still possible, even if only for a day. Until next time ... Amy Shinneman is a former National Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, disability blogger, freelance writer, wife, and mom of two boys. She is the recipient of The Reporter’s Winter 2025 Ink-Stained Wretch award. You can find her blog at [humblycourageous.org](#) and reach her on Instagram @ashinneman.



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Gov. Braun moves to protect storm victims from losing insurance coverage, expands emergency housing assistance

Submitted by Office of Gov. Mike Braun

Governor Mike Braun has taken additional action on Monday, Aug. 17, to protect Hoosier homeowners as the state of Indiana responds to historic flooding and storm damage.

At Gov. Braun's direction, the Commissioner of Insurance has **issued a bulletin** calling on insurance companies to protect Hoosiers from unforeseen drops in coverage. The bulletin calls on insurance companies to implement a 60-day moratorium on the cancellation of any insurance policy in effect for any policyholder directly affected by the disaster events outlined in the governor's statewide disaster emergency declaration. It also calls for a suspension of any penalties Hoosiers may face for late payments.

"Hoosiers who have had their lives turned upside down by these storms should not have to worry about their insurance being canceled while they're trying to get back on their feet," Gov. Braun said. "I urge insurance companies to protect coverage for impacted Hoosiers for the next 60 days and suspend penalties for late payments. This will give families much-needed breathing room to recover."

Gov. Braun also announced on Monday that emergency housing assistance will be available for Hoosiers displaced from their homes as a direct result of the disaster. The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) will provide the assistance in the form of emergency hotel vouchers and disaster rental assistance.

Emergency hotel vouchers are direct payments to hotels and motels for a period not to exceed 30 days to provide interim housing. Disaster rental assistance provides direct payments to landlords for application fees, security deposits, and short-term rental assistance for affected persons who need to move into a new rental unit.

A referral must be made to IHCDA to receive this assistance. Households in need of assistance should call Indiana 2-1-1 or 1-800-RED-CROSS. Both organizations will refer assistance requests to IHCDA.

In addition to these actions, the Governor shared several helpful pieces of information for homeowners who have storm damage.



Braun

Gov. Braun urged Hoosier homeowners to follow these key guidelines from the Indiana Department of Insurance:

- Once it's safe, document damages and make a list of losses.
- Contact your insurance agent and share information on the state of your property.
- Avoid water in your home as it can be contaminated and dangerous to your health.
- If you must engage with standing water in your home, shut off all electricity beforehand.

He also provided Hoosiers with a list of questions for homeowners to ask their insurance companies, as well as tips on what to do about flooding and what to know about flood insurance. That list can be found [here](#).

Homeowners may also be at risk of falling prey to scammers taking advantage of the disaster emergency.

The Indiana Department of Insurance is working with the Office of the Attorney General to provide Hoosiers with information about what is covered by their insurance, what to do if they don't have insurance,

and how to avoid scammers. Attorney General Rokita offers the following tips to help Hoosiers stay vigilant and avoid storm-related scams:

- Be skeptical of anyone offering immediate cleanup or repair services without proper vetting.
- Know the facts: FEMA does not charge application fees. If someone demands payment to help you access FEMA funds, it's likely a scam.
- Research contractors: Check reputations through references, online reviews, or the Better Business Bureau before hiring.
- Verify credentials: Ask for IDs, licenses, and proof that the contractor is bonded and insured.
- Get multiple estimates: Compare offers to ensure fair pricing and scope of work.
- Insist on written agreements: Don't trust verbal promises. Get everything in writing.
- Avoid risky payments: Never pay with wire transfers, gift cards, cryptocurrency, or cash, and never pay the full amount upfront.

If you suspect a scam, Attorney General Rokita encourages you to file a complaint at [indianaconsumer.com](#) or call his office at 1-800-382-5516.

Community News

CANCELED: "Light Up the Night" at Potter's Bridge Park

In the interest of public safety, "Light Up the Night" at Potter's Bridge Park that was scheduled for Friday evening, Aug. 21, has been canceled.

Please check [MyHamiltonCountyParks.com](#) for updates and information on future events.

Learn how not to fall victim to scams

The REPORTER

Westfield Police Lt. Charles Hollowell will be the guest speaker at the Rotary Club of Westfield's Sept. 8 meeting, set for 7:30 a.m. at The Bridgewater Club in Westfield.

All are invited to listen to Lt. Hollowell on "Fraud, Scams & Cons."

Many people get solicitation for money via the mail and by telephone. Come learn how you can avoid becoming a victim of such illegal acts.



Hollowell

Indiana officials warn consumers about flooded vehicles being sold

By KARA KENNEY

WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](#)

The Indiana Attorney General's Office and Carfax are warning Indiana consumers that flooded vehicles may soon be for sale.

"They may come back into the market many weeks, many months later, and it's not just Indiana," said Em Nguyen, a spokesperson at the vehicle history company Carfax. "You see the images of those vehicles submerged in those high waters. Those are the type of cars that may get sold cheaply to those potential scammers, who then clean it up and sell it elsewhere."

Buying a flooded vehicle can cost you money in repairs and also be dangerous, said Nguyen.

"While it may look showroom fresh, it is literally rotting from the inside out," Nguyen said.

Typically, water-damaged cars are sent to auto recyclers for dismantling. However, they can be fixed up and legally sold on the market.

If a vehicle is flood-damaged, that should show up on a vehicle's title in Indiana.

However, some sellers may withhold that information or deliberately hide it through a process called **"title washing."**

Typically, you see flooded vehicles hit the market after hurricanes.

An estimated half a million flooded vehicles are already back in use on U.S. roads, according to Carfax.

"That really means that those cars that are on roads today could be potentially unsafe, and they're driving around you, and you don't want to be someone who buys one of those vehicles," Nguyen said. "At the last check, when we looked at the data, Carfax data shows that Indiana had thousands of vehicles that were flooded cars on the roads already, and that's not even to count the most recent flooding as well."

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita says you should always take a used car to a mechanic before buying.

"Any reputable car salesman is going to allow you to do that, especially on the used car market. If they're not going to do that,

just walk away," Rokita said.

Do your own VIN check, such as through **Carfax**, Autocheck, or the **Indiana Secretary of State**.

It should reveal whether a vehicle has been in a flood.

"Flood damage is the worst damage because it gets into your electronics and everything else," Rokita said.

Tips from Attorney General Rokita

1. Check the vehicle's history report to see if there are any reported title brands on the vehicle, such as "salvage," "rebuilt," "junk" or "flood damage." Also note on the report the state or geographic area where the vehicle was last titled or registered to determine if the vehicle was recently located in an area affected by flooding.

2. Ask to see the vehicle's title, or a copy of the title, and check to see if the title includes any title brands, including "salvage," "rebuilt," "junk" or "flood damage."

3. Inspect the vehicle closely for any signs of flood damage by checking to ensure all electronic components, including the heat and air conditioning, are operational. Check for any signs of mud or rust anywhere on or in the vehicle, including the engine compartment. Check for discolored or mildewed carpeting. Note whether the vehicle has any odd smells. Be suspicious of a vehicle that smells like mildew. The aroma of heavy disinfectants and cleaners may also be an indicator that someone has tried to mask a mold or odor problem.

4. Take the vehicle for a test drive.

5. Have an independent mechanic of your choosing inspect the vehicle prior to purchase. Specifically ask the mechanic to check for any signs of flood damage.

6. If a consumer suspects a recently purchased vehicle was flood-damaged, and such damage was not disclosed prior to sale, the consumer should file a consumer complaint at [in.gov/attorneygeneral](#).

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Legislators encourage residents impacted by storms & flooding to seek assistance

The REPORTER

Local lawmakers are encouraging Hamilton County residents affected by historic flooding in central Indiana to seek assistance by applying for **state emergency resources** or utilizing the Hamilton County assistance hub for local support.

Hamilton County has set up an emergency assistance hub for local residents affected by flooding. Anyone in need of help should call (317) 645-3261. Room A of the Exhibition Hall at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant St., Noblesville, is serving as the central assistance hub.

"I'm so grateful for all the state and local officials and amazing volunteers helping flood victims in Hamilton County. Seeing the impact firsthand has been heartbreaking," Speaker Todd Huston said. "If you or someone you know has been impacted by the floods, call (317) 645-3261 to connect with a one-stop resource."

Huston said the state is also deploying additional resources for storm victims. The Indiana Department of Homeland Security is authorized to provide up to \$5,000 in emergency aid grants to eligible Hoosiers in need of assistance. The grants will enable families to get the basics like clothing and food while they are displaced from their homes. To apply, call 2-1-1 or visit [on.in.gov/August2026Disaster](#).

The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority is also providing temporary housing grants to help eligible displaced Hoosiers transition from emergency shelters into hotels, apartments, and other temporary accommodations. Hoosiers in need can call 2-1-1 or visit [IN211.communityos.org](#).

Additionally, Indiana has activated emergency SNAP benefit replacements



Huston

for eligible SNAP recipients who lost food due to the storm or power outages. Affected Hoosiers can submit an affidavit for replacement benefits within 10 days of the event at [fssabenefits.in.gov](#).

Hamilton County legislators are working closely with local officials across the county to coordinate available resources, and to help our neighbors and communities recover.

"We know this flooding has been difficult for families, businesses and communities across Hamilton County," State Rep. Chris Jeter said. "Our priority now is making sure Hoosiers have access to the resources they need as we recover. I'm grateful to the first responders, emergency personnel and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to keep our communities safe and help those affected."

Additional resources

Residents who need assistance or need to report flood related issues can utilize the following resources, in addition to the central assistance hub:

- **Emergency assistance:** Call 911 if you are experiencing an immediate emergency or life-threatening situation.
- **Report storm damage:** Homeowners who suffered storm damage are encouraged to call 2-1-1 or visit the **Indiana 211 website** to report damages and get help with assessments.
- **Flood safety:** Residents should avoid walking or driving through floodwa-



Jeter

ters. Even when water appears shallow, floodwaters can conceal hazards and rapidly changing conditions. Hamilton County Road Closures can be found [here](#).

- **Insurance:** Hoosiers can contact the **Indiana Department of Insurance Consumer Services** whose team is available to talk to residents and provide guidance on insurance issues, navigating claims and next steps for uninsured losses. The Commissioner of Insurance has **issued a bulletin** calling on insurance companies to protect Hoosiers from unforeseen drops in coverage.
- **Avoid scams:** Residents should remain vigilant and aware of disaster-related scams. Consumer complaints can be filed with the Attorney General's Office at [indianaconsumer.com](#). Find tips and guidance [here](#).

"Hoosiers are resilient, and this is a time for us to look out for one another," State Rep. Danny Lopez said. "Please stay safe, stay aware of changing conditions and follow guidance from local emergency officials. As the water recedes, I encourage those who are able to safely lend a hand to their neighbors and help our communities begin the cleanup and recovery process."

State Rep. Alaina Shonkwiler said residents are also encouraged to visit [on.in.gov/August2026Disaster](#) to see all state and federal resources.

"During a flooding event, knowing where to



Lopez

turn for accurate information and assistance can make a difficult situation a little easier," Rep. Shonkwiler said. "We want residents to have access to the resources they need, whether that means finding shelter, reporting damage, getting assistance or simply knowing what steps to take next."

Community members looking to lend a hand and support their neighbors in need can consider the below volunteer and donation opportunities:

- Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank and the Hamilton County Trustee Association are collecting cleaning supplies for individuals and families impacted by floodwaters. You can drop cleaning supplies off at township offices throughout the county. Learn more [here](#).
- **Donate** to the Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank Emergency Relief Fund to help put food on the table for neighbors who have been suddenly displaced.
- **Donate** to the Hamilton County Relief Fund [here](#).
- **Sign up** to get notified about volunteer opportunities at the Hamilton County assistance hub at the fairgrounds, which is being coordinated by SERVE Village.

For additional information and assistance, residents should continue to monitor updates from local emergency management officials, their city government, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, and FEMA.



Shonkwiler

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A and E Marine comes to Fishers Fire’s rescue

Submitted by Fishers Fire Department

Last week’s storms brought catastrophic flooding to many parts of Indiana, including Fishers, creating dangerous conditions for residents and first responders. Communities came together, and first responders across the state took decisive action to help those in need.

In the middle of the chaos and destruction, Fishers firefighters encountered an equipment issue that, under normal circumstances, could have significantly delayed their ability to conduct water rescues and evacuations.

Fortunately, **A and E Marine** stepped up when they were most needed.

When one of Fishers’ rescue boats required a motor replacement, the A and E team moved quickly to get them back in service. Their responsiveness, expertise, and commitment to supporting public safety minimized downtime and allowed crews to quickly return to water rescue operations.

That quick turnaround made a difference. Once back on the water, firefighters were able to continue



Photos provided by Fishers Fire Department

responding into flooded areas along the White River, reaching stranded residents, and assisting with addition-

al evacuations, helping get people and their animals to safety when they needed it most.

This is what community partnership looks like. Local businesses supporting first responders ultimately

help those first responders better serve the community. Thank you to A and E technician, Ryan Seitz, for

going above and beyond and helping Fishers firefighters stay ready to respond.

Letter to the Editor

Reader says Beth Sheller will be a dedicated public servant as County Clerk

Dear Editor:

I am pleased to offer my strong support for Beth Sheller for County Clerk.

The County Clerk’s office is an important part of our local government. It requires someone who is trustworthy, organized, responsible, accessible, and committed to serving the public. I believe Beth Sheller possesses these qualities and would bring dedication and professionalism to the position.

Beth understands the importance of treating every citizen with respect and ensuring that county services are provided efficiently and fairly. She is someone who listens, works hard, and takes her responsibilities seriously. Those qualities are especially important in an office that serves the public every day and handles matters that directly affect our community.

I believe Beth Sheller would provide strong leadership while maintaining the integrity, accountability, and professionalism that residents expect from their County Clerk. She has my confidence and my full support.

I encourage voters to consider Beth Sheller for County Clerk. I believe she would be a dedicated public servant and an excellent choice for our community.

Michael Colby, Major
U.S. Army (Ret.)
Fishers

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Teter Organic Farm invites community to annual Farm to Table Dinner supporting local food security

Submitted

A delicious evening with a meaningful mission is in store this September as Teter Retreat & Organic Farm hosts its annual Farm to Table Dinner on Friday, Sept. 18, at the Harbour Trees Main Clubhouse.

Tickets and sponsorships are now available for the event, which raises funds to support Teter’s year-round mission of providing healthy, organic food to our most vulnerable neighbors. At Teter Organic Farm, we believe food and community have the power to heal.

“The Farm to Table Dinner is our cornerstone fundraising event,” said Katy Rogers, Director of Operations at Teter. “It sustains our year-round food security mission, and with rising demand, programs like Fueled for School and the local pantries we serve through the Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank need our support more than ever.”

Tickets are \$100 per person and include appetizers and a locally inspired three-course dinner with a choice of chicken or vegetarian entrée. Sponsorship opportunities begin at \$500 for individuals and \$1,000

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Teter Volunteer &
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for organizations, offering supporters the opportunity to make an even greater impact.

Presented with the support of Sustainer Partner IDI Composites International and Mission Partners Hamilton County Community Foundation and Jackie and Dave Cox, this year’s dinner will feature an elegant, locally sourced menu highlighting fresh vegetables grown at Teter Organic Farm.

Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen will once again serve as the emcee for the evening. Special guests Tracey Horth Krueger, leader of the Hamilton County Food Resource Coalition; Tom Bayer, CPA, member of the Hamilton County Community Foundation Board of

Directors and a Teter volunteer; and Katy Rogers, Director of Operations at Teter Retreat & Organic Farm, will share stories about the growing need for food assistance and the life-changing impact of Teter’s food security mission.

Teter Organic Farm donated more than 65,000 servings of fresh produce in 2025 through partnerships with the Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank and dozens of local food pantries and community meal programs. In 2026, the farm is working toward an ambitious goal of donating more than 70,000 servings of fresh, organically grown food to neighbors in need.

Tickets and sponsorships are available at [Tet-](https://teterorganicfarm.com)

[erOrganicFarm.com](https://teterorganicfarm.com) or directly through the **2026 Farm to Table Tickets site**. Ticket sales will remain open until the event sells out or through Sept. 1, 2026, whichever comes first.

About Teter Retreat & Organic Farm

Located on 117 acres along the White River in Noblesville, Teter Retreat & Organic Farm grows organic produce, welcomes guests for retreats and events, and stewards more than 80 acres of natural areas. Teter believes everyone deserves healthy food and a life-giving community. Every donation, sponsorship, and volunteer hour helps increase the amount of fresh produce donated to local meal programs and food pantries.

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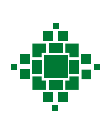
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Who won the cornhole tournament? The kids!

The Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville thanks everyone who made the 11th Annual Cornhole Tournament on Aug. 7 such a success, including title sponsor McGowan Insurance Group and West Bend. All the support and generosity helped raise \$21,350 to support meaningful, affordable programs for local kids. The Club couldn't do it without your generosity and willingness to support the community. Since Aug. 10, the Club's doors have been open, providing a safe, welcoming environment for more than 300 Club Kids. Thank you for investing in BGCN's mission and the next generation of leaders. Thank you also to RWJ Media for capturing these great photos from the day. Mark your calendar for Saturday, Oct. 3 for the Halloween-themed team trivia night, Trick or Trivia, at the Noblesville Moose Lodge. (Photos courtesy RWJ Media)



Reflections on mini-Red Geranium Artisan Market

By Sherry Minton
FPC Mission Team Member

As the congregation sang “Amazing Grace” during worship on Sunday morning, Aug. 16, the words carried special meaning. After a weekend marked by historic rainfall, flooding, uncertainty, and countless last-minute decisions, we were reminded once again that God’s grace often shines brightest in the midst of life’s unexpected challenges.

The 11th Annual Red Geranium Artisan Market was shaping up to be another wonderful community event. As always, preparations by our Mission Team had been months in the making. By Friday afternoon, 16 indoor artisans were beautifully set up throughout Fellowship Hall, the balcony, and the parlor. Several outdoor vendors had already erected their tents in the parking lot, and the sunshine suggested we were headed for another successful market day.

Then Mother Nature had other plans.

By Friday evening, weather forecasters were predicting heavy storms and significant flooding throughout Hamilton County. Almost immediately, our planning team, led by Jennie Auble and supported by Kristin Roe, Debbie Wilson, Sherry Minton, Ann Crispin, and Kelly Wuerch, shifted into full-scale “Plan B” mode.

Vendors were notified of the changing forecast and encouraged to make decisions that prioritized their safety and protected their handcrafted products. Throughout the evening, cancellations began coming in as artisans weighed the risks posed by the worsening weather. Before dawn on Saturday morning, the difficult decision was made to cancel all outdoor market activities while continuing with an indoor-only event.

What could have been a disappointing cancellation became a powerful example of resilience, teamwork, and faith.



Photos provided by First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville

Despite being a scaled-down version of our traditional event, the “Mini Red Geranium” was a tremendous success. The Mission Team raised \$3,350 through booth rentals, while the Presbyterian Women Bake Sale generated an additional \$1,700-plus. Several vendors reported some of their strongest sales ever, and shoppers enjoyed a warm, welcoming indoor

experience while the rain continued outside. Many visitors also took advantage of an impromptu tour of First Presbyterian Church led by Brian Wuerch, learning more about our church and its ministries. Most importantly, this success would not have been possible without the dedication of nearly 50 church volunteers. Your flexibility, servant hearts,

and willingness to adapt to rapidly changing circumstances reflected the very best of our church family. While the storms created challenges for our event, they also brought hardship to many throughout Hamilton County. As our community begins recovery efforts, we are grateful for opportunities to support neighbors in need and share Christ’s

love in meaningful ways. A portion of the proceeds from this year’s event will support local mission efforts assisting individuals and families affected by the flooding in Noblesville, providing a tangible way for our church and community to come together in care and compassion. The story of this year’s Red Geranium Artisan Market is not really about

bad weather. It is a story of faithful volunteers, supportive vendors, creative problem-solving, and a church community that refused to let difficult circumstances overshadow its mission. Through uncertainty and change, God provided exactly what was needed. Indeed, amid historic flooding and a weekend full of surprises, we found Amazing Grace.

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Franciscan Physician Network Family Medicine Clay Township now open

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Franciscan Physician Network Family Medicine Clay Township is now open and accepting new patients in Carmel. The practice is conveniently located just inside the Franciscan Health Orthopedic Hospital/Forte Sports Medicine Physicians' Offices at 10767 Illinois St., Suite 1300.

The practice currently has a team of four physicians and a nurse practitioner, with a second nurse practitioner starting in January 2027.

• **Akxay Patel, DO**, is board-certified in family medicine and a graduate of the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine in Long Island. He completed residency training at St. Barnabas Hospital in the Bronx.

• **Rina Patel, MD**, is board-certified in family medicine and a graduate of



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(From left) Angela Yang, NP, Dr. Akxay Patel, Dr. Justin Rice, Dr. Rina Patel, Dr. Katelyn Smiley, and Sara Brainerd, NP.



Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Medical College in India. She completed residency training at St. Clare's Hospital in Schenectady, N.Y.

• **Justin Rice, MD**, is board-certified in family medicine and a graduate of the Indiana University School of Medicine. He completed residency training at Ascension St. Vin-

cent in Indianapolis.

• **Katelyn Smiley, DO**, is board-certified in family medicine and a graduate of the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Indianapolis. She completed residency training at Ascension St. Vincent in Indianapolis and will begin seeing patients in September.

• **Sara Brainerd, NP**, has a master's degree in adult/gerontology primary care nursing from Indiana University.

• **Angela Yang, NP**, has a master's degree in family practice nursing from Indiana University and will start in January of 2027.

To schedule an appointment, call (317) 528-2298.

Carmel Arts & Design District and Midtown to host 19th annual Artomobilia

Submitted by City of Carmel

The City of Carmel invites community members and visitors to attend the 19th annual Artomobilia from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29, an extraordinary event celebrating automotive design. Bringing together collector cars and enthusiasts, the signature event transforms the streets of the Carmel Arts & Design District and Monon Boulevard through Midtown.

This year's showcase features nearly 500 original, period-correct, and enthusiast-owned automobiles, spanning historic classics, competition legends, modern exotics, and supercars. Spread across more than a mile of downtown streets, the event is designed to be explored on foot, with cars displayed the way they were meant to be seen. More than a traditional car show, Artomobilia highlights the craftsmanship,

engineering, and creative vision behind world-class automotive design.

Among this year's highlights is a special guest display from Lane Motor Museum of Nashville, Tenn., home to the largest collection of European automobiles in America. Museum founder Jeff Lane will bring a selection of rare and unusual vehicles, including the one-of-a-kind 1932 Helicron, a propeller-driven French car that remains road-legal today. The morning begins with a low-speed parade as these machines drive into their display area along Range Line Road, offering a rare chance to see them in motion.

The event also features marque-specific gatherings for Porsche, BMW, Lotus, and Mercedes-Benz, each hosted alongside its local enthusiast club, as well as select vehicles from the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum.



Photo provided by City of Carmel

Attendees can explore the expansive collection while enjoying Carmel's local galleries, boutique shopping and dining options. Designed for serious collectors and design appreciators alike, Artomobilia offers an immersive community experience where motor vehicles are celebrated as true works of art.

This year Artomobilia takes place alongside Carmel on Canvas merging the vibrant world of plein air painting with the sleek

beauty of an array of cars. It will be an epic weekend that brings together art lovers and automobile enthusiasts for an unforgettable experience in Carmel.

For additional event details, go to artomobilia.org.



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Hamilton County Parks and Recreation (HCPR) celebrated a major milestone in the development of its new Indoor Archery Facility at Strawtown Koteewi Park, 11909 Koteewi Drive, with a beam signing ceremony on Wednesday, Aug. 12, bringing community partners, elected officials, archery leaders, and project supporters together to mark the next step in the facility’s construction.

The beam signing represents an important moment in a project more than a decade in the making. The new facility will provide a year-round destination for archers of all ages and skill levels while expanding Hamilton County’s ability to host regional, national, and international competitions.

“This project started as an idea 12 years ago, when we recognized that Indiana needed quality archery facilities that could provide a place for people to learn, practice, and compete,” said Tony Girt, a longtime leader in Indiana archery and HCPR’s private-sector partner for the facility. “This new facility is going to give our competitive archers a place to practice year-round and continue developing their skills. Indiana has always produced great archers, and this is going to advance that even more.”

The project is supported in part through a grant from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. HCPR Director Chris Stice recognized the continued support of the DNR and its role in making the project possible.

The facility is also the result of a broad network of public and private partnerships. Stice recognized the support of the Hamilton County Commissioners, Hamilton County Council, Hamilton County Park Board, Indiana DNR, project

engineers and contractors, Hamilton County Sports Authority, Hamilton County Tourism, and HCPR staff.

“Projects like this don’t happen without strong partnerships,” Stice said. “The public-private partnership is a key part of what makes this possible. We are fortunate to have partners who believe in Hamilton County, believe in parks and recreation, and are willing to help us create opportunities that benefit our community.”

Girt noted that more than 100,000 people have participated in archery opportunities through the partnership over the past 12 years, including individuals who were picking up a bow for the first time or returning to a sport they enjoyed as children.

The new facility will also strengthen Hamilton County’s position as a destination for sports tourism. Strawtown Koteewi Park already attracts archery tournaments that draw competitors from across the United States and internationally. Recent tournaments have brought hundreds of visitors to the area, and the addition of the indoor facility will increase the park’s capacity to host larger tournaments and provide opportunities for year-round competitions, bringing more athletes, families, and visitors to Hamilton County.

“This is another example of the diversity of recreation that Hamilton County has to offer,” Stice said. “From elementary school students and recreational archers to high school competitors, national-level athletes and Olympic sports, Hamilton County continues to build a reputation as a place where people can come to participate and compete at a very high level.”

The facility will provide Indiana archers with something they have long needed: a dedicated, year-round



Photos provided by Hamilton County Parks & Recreation

(TOP) Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Director Chris Stice speaks at the beam signing ceremony for the indoor archery facility. (ABOVE LEFT) USA Archery member Mandy Boggs of Noblesville signs the indoor archery facility beam. (ABOVE RIGHT, from left) HCPR Director Chris Stice, Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt, Tony Girt, Commissioner Christine Altman, and Commissioner Steven Dillinger stand by the signed beam.

indoor training and competition space. During the winter months, when shorter days and unpredictable weather can limit outdoor training, athletes will be able to maintain consistent practice and continue developing their skills.

The facility’s competitive opportunities are already reflected in the accomplishments of local archers. Mandy Boggs, a member of Team USA, is preparing to represent the United States and Hamilton County at the Reinhart World 3D Championships in Yankton, S.D. This will be her second opportunity to compete as a member of Team USA.

“This is a worldwide sport,” Girt said. “We have people coming here from across the country and from other countries to compete. We are excited that they will no longer have to search for a building that is large enough to accommodate these events. This facility was designed with those tournaments in mind.”

Stice added, “When you walk in, we want it to feel like a place where professionals and champions are made. It would be like going into Lucas Oil Stadium, where the facility has banners around it with iconic statements that represent our community, inspiring words, championship aspirations and gold medals. We want to see gold medals show up here, and we want to provide a space for that training – not only for the body, but for the mind and the spirit to grow.”

The Indoor Archery Facility will add another year-round recreational and competitive opportunity to Strawtown Koteewi Park, complementing the park’s existing archery range, equestrian center, aerial course, seasonal tubing hill, and educational offerings.

As construction continues, Stice said the facility represents an opportunity to create something that will inspire generations of archers. He concluded the ceremony with a quote that will adorn one of the central beams in the facility:

“May every arrow launched here carry forward the spirit of conservation, sportsmanship, and community.”

Construction of the facility is underway, with completion anticipated by the end of 2026. Strawtown Koteewi Range is located at 11909 Koteewi Drive northeast Noblesville as part of the Adventure Area of the park.

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Noblesville Elks rake in the green for cancer research

Submitted By **TERRI SIGMAN-KENNEDY**
Noblesville Elks Lodge #576

The Noblesville Elks #576 held their 39th annual Golf Outing to Support Cancer Research on Saturday, Aug. 8, at Fox Prairie Golf Course. A total of 148 golfers filled the course, ready to start the day at 8 a.m.

The Elks Golf Committee worked months putting this event together under the leadership of Steve Vallier, PER, District President, and Jerry Wides, ER. Last year's efforts raised nearly \$38,000 for cancer research.

Registration for the outing opened on May 4, and golfers were lined up to be part of this event when the doors opened. Each team must have at least one Elk member on the team.

Money raised by this event supports Indiana University and Purdue University Cancer Research. Representatives from each were in attendance to kick off the outing and thank the Elks for their continued support.

Purdue University was represented by Brant Patz, Executive Director of Development for Purdue University Institute for Cancer Research, and Mitchell Gauger, Senior Development Officer for PICR and One Health Initiative.

Indiana University was represented by Zainul S. Hasanali, MD, PhD, the Daniel and Lori Efroymsen Scholar in Oncology, and Lauren Stutsman, Assistant Director of Development at the Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center.

Funds raised at the outing go toward the Indiana Elks Endowment, which supports cancer research.

Following 18 holes of golf and fun, players re-



(ABOVE LEFT) The Community First Bank of Indiana team, who served as Title Sponsors. (ABOVE CENTER) Brandt Patz, Executive Director of Development for PU Institute for Cancer Research; and Mitchell Gauger, Senior Development Officer for PICR and One Health Initiative. (ABOVE RIGHT) Zainul S. Hasanali, MD, PhD, Danie and Lori Efroymsen Scholar in Oncology; and Lauren Stutsman, Assistant Director of Development at the Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center.

turned to the Elks Lodge for lunch, sponsored by Gaylor Electric.

Community Bank of Indiana was the proud Title Sponsor of the Elks outing. In addition, more than 50 local businesses participated as Hole Sponsors, Beverage Cart Sponsors, and Silent Auction donors.

Silent Auction bidding is open to the public, and items can be viewed at 32auctions.com/Elks576. The auction will conclude at 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22.

All funds raised help fight cancer research. You are required to create an account with 32auctions, but if you want notifications via text or email when you are outbid, you will need an account. The Elks will not collect any funds online. All auctions will be settled at the Lodge itself and must be paid within seven days of the end of the auction.

Any questions about items please reach out to Jesse Shawver (jesse.shawver@gmail.com) or Nick Hammond (nick-hammond@yahoo.com).

This event is made even better each year by the volunteers and sponsors. Thank you to all who support our efforts to fight cancer



(ABOVE LEFT) Pete Smith, PER, Geoff Robinson, PSP, Gary Michner, and Jerry Wides, ER. (ABOVE CENTER) Hannah Osborn shows off her commemorative can koozie. (ABOVE RIGHT) Golf Committee Co-Chairmen: Steve Vallier PER and current West Central District President Jerry Wides, ER.



A charity golf outing is the perfect chance for a group of friends to hit the course.

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Tipton Schools’ Blue Future Awards



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During the Tipton School Board meeting on Aug. 11, several members of the school community were presented with Blue Future Awards. (ABOVE LEFT) TES Principal Brian Johnson, along with TES AP Sara Wiggington, recognized Wyatt Mendenhall for his perfect IREAD score of 650 during the summer. Shout-out to the teachers who supported his journey to this accomplishment. (ABOVE CENTER) TMS Principal John Ayars recognized Tanner Scott, 7th-grade social studies teacher, and Megan Pax, art teacher, for their outstanding growth, student-centered classroom practices, extracurricular leadership, and their contributions to building a positive school culture. Scott, now in his fifth year at TMS, also serves as the Student Council sponsor. Pax, beginning her third year, leads the Art Club and continues to enrich the school's creative community. (ABOVE RIGHT) THS Teacher Fred Henderson recognized THS Principal Craig Leach for going above and beyond with offering encouragement and support when he needed it most. His contributions to this situation brought unprecedented exposure to the Indiana Donor network. The next school board meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Sept. 8 at the Tipton Community School Corporation Administrative Offices, 1051 S. Main St.

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- 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 Ply 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:**
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- VEHICLES & TRAILERS:**
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- PLANTERS & DRILLS:**
2022 John Deere DB60 Bean Planter (36-Row, 20” Spacing), 2023 PUK/

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- 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 Swings-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:**
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- HEAVY EQUIPMENT:**
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- MISC:**
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Braden Smith signs two-way contract with Indiana Pacers

The REPORTER

The Indiana Pacers announced on Monday, Aug. 17, that the team has signed guard Braden Smith to a two-way contract. The Pacers acquired the draft rights to Smith, the 38th overall pick in the 2026 NBA Draft, from the Chicago Bulls this past June. The Westfield native and 2022 Indiana Mr. Basketball recipient now begins his professional career in his home state following one of the most decorated collegiate careers by a point guard in NCAA history. During his four-year career at Purdue, Smith appeared in 149 games (all starts), averaging 13.0 points, 4.5 rebounds and 7.4 assists while shooting 43.6 percent from the field. In that span, he solidified himself as one of the top point guards in the nation and in Boilermaker program history. Smith collected numerous accolades during his career, including three First-Team All-Big Ten selections (2024, 2025, 2026), two consensus First-Team All-America honors (2025, 2026), Big Ten Player of the Year honors (2025) and the Bob Cousy Award (2025), presented annually to the nation’s top point guard. Smith also set countless records during his time at Purdue, highlighted by becoming the NCAA Division I all-time assists leader with 1,103 career assists. He also became the only player in NCAA history to record at least 1,500 points, 1,000 assists and 500 rebounds in a career, and the only player to post three seasons with at least 450 points, 250 assists and 125 rebounds.

World Fitness Project Community Race coming to Westfield Aug. 29

The REPORTER

Join the World Fitness Project (WFP) at Drop-light Grand Park Sports Campus on Saturday, Aug. 29 for a free, chip-timed 10K or 5K Community Race. The action starts at 7 a.m., when WFP’s professional athletes take on the 10K as part of the Pro Tour competition. Come down early to spectate, then follow them onto the same closed-road, mixed-terrain course for the Community Race at 9 a.m., giving you the opportunity to experience the pro route and benchmark your time against some of the fittest athletes in the world. Check-in and registration will be open from 7 to 8:30 a.m. Entry is free and includes a race bag and access to the WFP Vendor Village and wider public event areas, with prizes available for the leading male and female finishers. [Click here](#) to register for free.

Meeting Notices
The Noblesville Common Council will attend two city briefings concerning the recent natural disaster and the City’s response to the emergency. The first will be an emergency meeting at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2026, at the Noblesville Public Safety Building, Fire Station 71 Fire Bay. The second meeting will be at 9 a.m. Friday, Aug. 21, 2026, also at the Noblesville Public Safety Building.
The Noblesville Common Council will attend a listening and resource session concerning the recent natural disaster and the city’s response to the emergency. The listening and resource session will be held at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 21, 2026, at Southside Park, 396 Washington St., Noblesville. A list of each appointed officer’s name, their appointing authority, and term dates is available at noblesville.in.gov/447/Boards-Commissions .
The Carmel Fire Pension Board will meet in an executive session at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 21, 2026, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5) and (7) for the discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute. An open meeting will follow at 10:45 a.m. or immediately after the executive session (whichever is later) in the Conference Room at the Carmel Fire Department, 210 Veterans Way.
The Jackson Township Board meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2026, has been re-scheduled to 5:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 24, 2026, at the Trustee’s Office, 506 W. Main St., Arca-dia.
The Westfield Plat Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, Aug. 24, 2026, has been canceled due to no business items for consideration.

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.

Attention artists: apply for New Works by Sept. 4

The REPORTER

Proposals are rolling in for the 2027 New Works arts commissions. Applications are due Friday, Sept. 4, so there's plenty of time left to submit.

New Works is an initiative by Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts to promote and sustain central Indiana's working artists and arts communities in an inclusive way by supporting the creation of new performing and visual arts pieces. The selected proposals will be awarded \$2,500 each to create and premiere the works during a livestreamed public event.

Performing Arts awards

Commissions will be awarded for projects to be developed and presented onstage in a joint performance at the Tarkington on



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June 5, 2027. Each winner will receive a \$2,500 award, full technical support for the performance, and a professional-quality video of the performance for future use by the artist. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Visual Arts award

A commission award of \$2,500 will be grant-

ed to the selected artist for the creation of one or more pieces of art for display in the main lobby of the Payne & Mencias Palladium. The themes and subject matter of the work must align with the performing arts and Allied Solutions Center's mission and core values. [Click](#)

[here](#) to learn more.

- Application deadline: Sept. 4
- Awards announced: February 2027
- Performance date/Visual Art reveal: June 5, 2027

Learn more and apply at thecenterpresents.org/newworks.

New international investment option aims to protect Hoosiers' retirements from China

Submitted by
Office of Comptroller
Elisa Nieshalla

Indiana State Comptroller Elise Nieshalla, chair of the Indiana Deferred Compensation Committee (IDCC) that governs the \$2.6 billion Hoosier START plan, has announced the Committee's approval to switch to a new international investment option that has no exposure to China (including Hong Kong). This further protects participants and advances efforts to align on this matter with state law that governs pensions.



Nieshalla

"Removing exposure to highrisk foreign markets like communist China, while maintaining a global diversification option, is a prudent step to safeguard the longterm interests of the State of Indiana's employees and retirees. The development of this customized opportunity required patience as we sought an option that would not increase fees," said Comptroller Nieshalla, who is part of a coalition of state financial officers that has [urged](#) the Securities and Exchange Commission to investigate the delisting of Chinese companies from U.S. exchanges.

The newly created Fidelity Institutional Asset Management (FIAM) Diversified International ex-China Class D replaced Fidelity Diversified International Pool Class C at the end of July and maintains the same 0.52 percent fee and investment strategy.

"Indiana's commitment to divest from China resulted in Fidelity creating a new fund to meet our goals, paving the way for more investment managers to offer this international portfolio option," Comptroller Nieshalla said.

In addition, the Committee voted this week to issue a public search for an ex-China Target Date Fund suite as the latest step in a series of decisive actions that Comptroller Nieshalla and the IDCC have taken to strengthen the Plan's investment protections. Other steps taken include [eliminating](#) the American Funds EUPAC from the Plan due to its exposure to China, [ending](#) thirdparty ESGdriven proxy voting on target date funds in favor of votes committed to traditional shareholder capitalism, and [amending](#) the Hoosier START Investment Policy Statement to prioritize strictly financial factors.

The State Comptroller's Office has recently championed the following participant-focused improvements:

A 12.5 percent reduction in record-keeping fees for Hoosier START participants as a result of a renegotiated contract with the Plan's recordkeeper, Nationwide.

The passage of [SEA 14](#) during the latest legislative session – approved with unanimous, bipartisan support – which updates the value of the state match amount established in 1999 in a budget-neutral manner. Beginning in summer 2027, the match will increase from up to \$15 per paycheck to up to \$28 per paycheck, pending annual State Budget Committee approval.

With the coming insolvency of Social Security in the 2030s, saving for retirement is of increased importance, and the State Comptroller's Office is at the service of state employees as the Hoosier START administrator.

For more information about the Hoosier START Plan, visit HoosierSTART-Nationwide.com.

Riley Children's Health offers expanded orthopedic & sports medicine services in Fishers

The REPORTER

Families in Fishers and surrounding communities now have greater access to expert pediatric orthopedic care close to home. Riley Children's Health has opened a new Orthopedics and Sports Medicine suite at IU Health Fishers, offering expanded services, including convenient same-day care for orthopedic injuries through new walk-in hours.

The new space provides walk-in care from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, for patients up to age 18. No appointment or call ahead is required. Services available during walk-in hours include:

- Same-day evaluation of orthopedic injuries that have occurred within the previous seven to 10 days, including: fractures and suspected fractures, sprains, strains, sports-related injuries, and other acute injuries
- Onsite treatment options, including braces, splints, and casts

In addition to walk-in hours, the new suite also expands access to special-

ty orthopedic services. Six providers will now see patients at the location, which offers pediatric nonsurgical and surgical orthopedic consultations as well as specialized nonsurgical care for skeletal malformations and congenital conditions, spine conditions, as well as sports medicine and injury care. Lab, radiology, and pharmacy services are also available onsite.

"We recognize that orthopedic injuries often happen unexpectedly, especially among children and teens," said Dr. Christine Caltoun, division chief of Orthopedics and Sports Medicine at Riley Children's Health and a provider at the new location. "When a child is injured, timely access to expert care can make all the difference. With walk-in availability, expanded services and additional providers in this new space, families in Fishers and the surrounding communities can receive specialized Riley Children's orthopedic care close to home without unnecessary delays."



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With the opening of the new space in Fishers and existing orthopedic walk-in care at [IU Health North](#), Riley Children's now offers two locations in Hamilton County for same-day pediatric orthopedic care. [Riley Children's Health Orthopedics & Sports Medicine – Fishers](#) is located in Suite 1300 of the IU Health Fishers Medical Office Building and is now welcoming patients.

Riley Children's has continued to grow access to pediatric care in Hamilton County through expanded Emergency Medicine, Orthopedic and Sports Medicine, Primary Care, and other specialty care services. In addition to the

launch of [Riley Children's Emergency Medicine at IU Health Fishers](#) last fall, families can access 24/7 pediatric emergency care, as well as a variety of pediatric specialty care and inpatient services, at [IU Health North Hospital](#). Riley Children's also offers [primary care services in Fishers](#). This new location builds on that commitment, providing families with another convenient option to access expert pediatric care close to home.

Devon Wellington to hold Kids Town Hall in Noblesville on Aug. 22

Submitted

Devon Wellington, Democratic candidate for Indiana House District 29, will play host to a Kids Town Hall from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 22 at Noblesville East Middle School, 1625 Field Drive.

[Click here](#) to register for the Kids Town Hall.

Wellington works hard to be a good friend to all her neighbors. As a representative, she knows that includes even the neighbors who can't yet vote.

This town hall is an opportunity for the kids of Noblesville, Fishers, and surrounding areas to ask questions and get answers from the person who, even if they aren't old enough to vote, will represent them in the statehouse.

"Kids have a way of simplifying the issues adults tend to overcomplicate," Wellington said. "They see what's going on in the community: in their classrooms, their neighborhoods, and everywhere else. They just don't usually get asked what they think about it. I want to ask them directly: what's working, what's not, and what they need from the

people making decisions that impact them. I want every kid in this community to know their voice matters, and I'm genuinely looking forward to learning from them."



Wellington

The Kids Town Hall will be centered around the ideals of being a good friend and neighbor to all. It will include local businesses, craft stations, sensory areas, and a time for kids and adults of all ages to come and have their voice heard.

Wellington's platform is centered on the immediate, practical needs of Indiana families, like:

- **Education First:** Implementing legislation that supports evidence-based solutions and fully funded schools. This includes being a supporter of the upcoming referendum vote, also on the November ballot.
- **Every Family Can Afford to Stay:** Addressing the rising costs of living with common-sense policies that support working families and local small

businesses.

- **Opportunity through Community Engagement:** Devon's campaign is centered on being a good neighbor and an active part of our community. She will bring that same visibility, transparency, and community-embracing spirit to her role in the statehouse, because opportunity starts with someone who actually listens.

Learn more about the candidate at VoteDevon.com.



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WANDERINGS IN THE WILDERNESS

Then we turned back and set out toward the wilderness along the route to the Red Sea, as the Lord had directed me. For a long time we made our way around the hill country of Seir.

Then the Lord said to me, "You have made your way around this hill country long enough; now turn north. Give the people these orders: 'You are about to pass through the territory of your relatives the descendants of Esau, who live in Seir. They will be afraid of you, but be very careful. Do not provoke them to war, for I will not give you any of their land, not even enough to put your foot on. I have given Esau the hill country of Seir as his own. You are to pay them in silver for the food you eat and the water you drink.'"

The Lord your God has blessed you in all the work of your hands. He has watched over your journey through this vast wilderness. These forty years the Lord your God has been with you, and you have not lacked anything.

Deuteronomy 2:1-7 (NIV)

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AES Indiana files motion asking IURC to pause decision in pending case

By KARA KENNEY
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AES Indiana filed a motion Wednesday, Aug. 12, asking the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) to pause any decisions related to its rate case.

The motion is in direct response to former IURC Commissioner Andy Zay's lawsuit against Governor Braun **alleging he was unlawfully removed from the IURC** and accusing the Governor's office of trying to influence the IURC's vote in the AES rate case.

"This is unprecedented," said Kerwin Olson, executive director at the Citizens Action Coalition, a consumer advocacy group. "The motion is implying that should the commission further penalize AES or adjust downward that rate case, they imply strongly that they intend to litigate."

The IURC is the state panel that regulates utilities including electric, water, and natural gas.

Former IURC Commissioner Andy Zay's lawsuit asks for Zay to be reinstated and for newly appointed commissioner Josh Bain to be removed from the IURC. On July 7, the Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC) and Citizens Action Coalition filed petitions for reconsideration and rehearing in the AES Indiana rate case.

The reconsideration petitions are still pending before the IURC.

In its motion filed last Wednesday, AES Indiana is asking the IURC not to take any action on the case if Bain participates as a member of the Commission and Zay does not.

"AES is correct in saying this process appears to be a little funky, pointing to the pleading from former Commissioner Zay, and should the commission act with this new commission that was put in place specifically to issue a new order in this case, that's problematic and probably not fair, and brings the whole process into question," said Olson.

In June 2026, the IURC approved a \$71 million rate increase for AES Indiana in a 3-1 vote. The decision splits the residential bill increase into two phases: a minor change of under \$1 per month starting in July 2026, followed by an estimated \$8.50 per month increase in January 2027. Olson said this entire situation could mean delayed relief for ratepayers.

"The you know the chaos right now before the commission may unfortunately impact ratepayers in a negative fashion," said Olson. "It's ratepayers, it's taxpayers that are sort of stuck in the middle here, and potentially might face a worse outcome as a result of this."

Indiana's I-Team reached out to AES Indiana for comment on its motion.

"AES Indiana will continue to follow the estab-

lished regulatory framework, including all pending litigation, and participate in that process as we remain focused on delivering safe, reliable, and affordable service for our more than 530,000 customers across Central Indiana," read a statement from AES Indiana.

AES Indiana also points out in its motion that the IURC should be an impartial fact-finding body.

Olson said the legislature needs to reevaluate how IURC commissioners are currently appointed by the Governor in Indiana.

"It's time we really try to create a process that is more fair to customers, more transparent to customers, and one that the public has some confidence in right now," said Olson. "Because I think right now, public confidence in the regulatory process is at an all-time low."

He's calling on the Indiana legislature to act. "We're one of only four states where either those who regulate our utilities are not directly elected by the public or confirmed by one or both chambers of the General Assembly," said Olson.

Olson said the legislature also needs to look at laws impacting affordability and utility rates.

Rep. Carey Hamilton, D-Indianapolis, agrees.

"There's a false narrative being perpetrated that the IURC can dictate utility policy, and they can't," said

Hamilton. "They are just there to be the judge of the laws we put in place as a legislature."

Hamilton is calling on the Governor to put pressure on the legislature to change laws related to utilities.

"It is up to him to be a leader and say to his party that's in control, it's time for us to reverse some of those policies we've put in place that are leading to skyrocketing rates across Indiana," said Hamilton. "Voters need to understand what their legislators support when it comes to utility policy, because that's where the rubber hits the road. It's not with the IURC."

Hamilton also says the allegations in Zay's lawsuit against the Governor could help AES increase rates.

"If the Governor is putting political pressure on this judicial body, that will give the ability of an entity like AES, an investor-owned utility, to go to the courts and say this isn't acceptable," said Hamilton. "There can't be political pressure on this process. That's illegal, which could result ultimately in a higher utility rate for ratepayers, that's very dangerous territory that the governor is in right now."

The IURC has not yet responded to requests for comment.

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