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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Partly to mostly sunny.

Tonight: Mostly clear.

HIGH: 80 LOW: 60



Two temporary dams built to slow waterflow into quarry

Local & state partners work to shore-up flood zone in Carmel along Hazel Dell Parkway and into Martin Marietta quarry

Submitted by
City of Carmel

On Thursday, Aug. 19, City of Carmel leadership, emergency management officials, and county and state partners convened at the Hazel Dell Parkway staging area to update the community on ongoing response and stabilization efforts following the historic flooding of the White River and its impact on Hazel Dell Parkway south of 106th Street.

Mayor Sue Finkam opened the briefing by emphasizing community collaboration and rapid multi-agency coordination.

“There is nothing like Hoosier ingenuity,” Mayor Finkam said. “We are in a much better position today than we were earlier in the week, and that is directly due to the amazing work of our internal teams and swift coordination of our federal, state and local partners.”

On-site emergency operations led by Carmel Fire Chief Joel Thacker continue, supported by Indiana National Guard personnel who are providing tactical assistance, sandbag transport, and heavy equipment operations. City Engineer Bradley Pease outlined the engineering strategy, detailing the continuous sandbag deployment along the flood zone to stabilize the roadway. In total, 73 sandbags weighing 2,000 pounds each were placed to form the temporary dam.

Earlier Thursday morning, Street Department Commissioner Matt Higginbotham and Carmel Street team members, in conjunction with other internal and external partners, finalized a concrete and aggregate dam that required more than 400 truckloads of materials. This effort reduced more than 90 percent of the waterflow into the Martin Marietta quarry and provided the opportunity to protect the pipe and allow the Indiana National Guard to begin construction of the secondary dam.

Carmel Utilities Director Lane Young confirmed that critical utility infrastructure and



Photos provided by City of Carmel

In addition to all the manpower that went into construction the two temporary dams, the Indiana National Guard deployed two UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter crews to move 73 sandbags weighing 2,000 pounds each to build the secondary dam.

water lines remain secure and fully operational under routine monitoring.

The work to protect these assets is ongoing. City officials will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as developments occur.

The city’s emergency response operations were supported by key state, federal, and local partners. State and federal assistance included coordination with Governor Mike Braun’s office, the Indiana National Guard, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, and the offices of U.S. Senators Todd Young and Jim Banks and Congresswoman Victoria Spartz.

Additionally, local emergency operations were supplemented through mutual aid agreements with Hamilton County, the Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency, the City of Indianapolis, the City of Fishers, the City of Westfield, and the Town of Rocky Ripple.

For the most up-to-date information on flood recovery efforts, follow the City of Carmel’s official social media pages



at the links below:

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Stressed, bored, or challenged?

One of my good friends is currently job hunting. Her company treats her well and she likes her co-workers, but she’s unfortunately quite bored most of the time.

Last month, I kept teasing her saying I’d love to change places with her. I worked on the biggest grant application of my life in July. When I fell ill a couple of weeks ahead of the deadline, I had to hand over the reins to another teammate on the project. I felt enormous stress and disappointment, which didn’t help my healing.

Thankfully, the teammate soared as the leader. I helped her as much as I could, and she submitted the application packet a couple of days before the deadline. I was so grateful and relieved, I sent her a thank you card and treats.

Ever since the submission, I’ve gradually returned to what I consider my “normal” workday. And I’ve never been so thankful. My experience and my friend’s situation made me think about what an ideal career should be. I concluded it should fall somewhere in the middle, where we’re not stressed or bored, but challenged.

I know it’s not possible to completely avoid boredom or stress in our careers. Even though I’m someone who constantly proclaims, “I love my job!”, I face stress at times as the owner of a fundraising consultancy. But most days, I wake up eager to get to my desk to see what challenges are ahead of me. I realize I’m quite fortunate to be in this situation.

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‘Success Sequence’ bill seeks to make better citizens & reduce child poverty

The recently passed “Success Sequence” bill, requiring school instruction on being married before having children and other required topics, is geared towards implementing scientific discoveries on methods of reduction of child poverty.

Indiana now requires public schools to incorporate in its instruction the importance of 1) obtaining at least a high school diploma and acquiring additional training in preparation for the work force; 2) securing full time employment; and 3) waiting until marriage to begin having children.

Indiana law previously required other good citizenship instruction. Good citizenship instruction is defined to mean integrating instruction into the current school curriculum and it stresses the nature and importance of various items:

1. Being honest and truthful.
2. Respecting authority.
3. Respecting the property rights of others.
4. Always doing the student’s personal best.
5. Not stealing.
6. Possessing the skills, including methods of conflict resolution, necessary to live peaceably in society and not resorting to violence to settle disputes.
7. Taking personal responsibility for obligations to family and community.
8. Taking personal responsibility for earning a livelihood.
9. Treating others the way the student would want to be treated.
10. Respecting the national flag and the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Indiana.
11. Respecting the student’s parents and home.
12. Respecting the student’s self.
13. Respecting the rights of others to have their own views and religious beliefs.

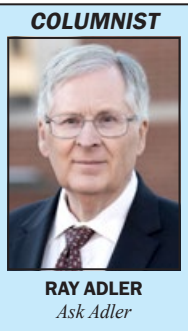
The Department of Education is directed to make models of conflict resolution

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RAY ADLER
Ask Adler

Noblesville School Board commits to lower, incremental referendum rates

Submitted by
Noblesville Schools

The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees has formally committed to a lower than projected referendum rate for 2027, and a slow progression of increases, should the current referendum proposal be supported by voters this fall.

The board signed an official resolution at their meeting Tuesday night committing to a 38.5-cent rate for 2027 and a slow progression of no more than 4-cent annual increases during the referendum period.

Under this model, the average annual monthly increase over eight years (for a \$350,000 median home) is **\$1.88 more per month** than what residents are paying currently.

“We wanted to clarify our commitment to the public in writing,” said Christi Crosser, president of the No-

blesville Schools Board of Trustees. “If the referendum is approved, we will not use more than what we need and do not believe we will need the maximum 57 cents at any time during the referendum period.

The referendum rate would increase by 1.5 cents in 2027, and after that would not increase by more than 4 cents in any given year. This ensures we continue to adequately fund our schools without any big jumps in costs for our taxpayers.”

The state requires school districts to list a maximum referendum rate on the ballot and for Noblesville Schools it will show 57 cents as the maximum rate.

“That number was really a worst-case scenario we had to go with months ago based



Crosser

on the information we had at that time,” Crosser said. “We’re pleased to have been able to lower our projected rates based on the latest assessed value information that we received earlier this month.”

The district is seeking an increased rate due to recent SEA1 property tax legislation that reduced funding for schools. The district must increase the referendum rate to continue to receive a comparable amount of money. But, thanks to SEA1 property tax deductions for homeowners, this does not mean a large increase for taxpayers.

“The ballot language is misleading in a sense because it implies there will be a big increase for taxpayers,” Crosser said. “Since we’re not using the full 57-cent amount,

the actual increase over what people have been paying already is very small.”

The district recently introduced a calculator for residents to learn exactly what this means for them.

The calculator shows taxpayers how 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.

Residents can also attend community information meetings and open office hours in the coming weeks to learn more about the referendum and get answers to their questions.

The calculator, meeting list, board commitment and answers to frequently asked questions can all be found on the district’s website at [noblesvilleschools.org/referendum](https://www.noblesvilleschools.org/referendum).



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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.

Record-breaking White River crests

Information provided by Paul Poteet & the National Weather Service

At Noblesville

Rank	Crest Height	Date
1.....	24.60.....	8/15/2026
2.....	23.80.....	3/25/1913
3.....	21.86.....	7/10/2003
4.....	21.31.....	4/22/1964
5.....	21.29.....	12/31/1990

At Anderson

Rank	Crest Height	Date
1.....	24.93.....	8/14/2026
2.....	23.60.....	3/25/1913
3.....	20.30.....	3/23/1904
4.....	19.96.....	6/14/1958
5.....	19.48.....	9/3/2003

At Nora

Rank	Crest Height	Date
1.....	22.40.....	3/26/1913
2.....	21.18.....	8/15/2026
3.....	19.19.....	1/1/1991
4.....	18.65.....	4/23/1964
5.....	18.56.....	1/14/2005

SUCCESS

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instruction to school corporations.

Beginning with the 2026/2027 school year, the civics education course must include:

1. Instruction on the roles and responsibilities of federal, state, and local governments.
2. The structures, powers, and functions of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government.
3. The meaning and significance of historical documents including the Ten Commandments, Magna Carta, Mayflower Compact, Declaration of Independence, Articles of Confederation, Constitution of the United States Bill of Rights, and the Federalist Papers.
4. The principles of federalism, separation of powers, checks and balances, consent of the governed, ordered liberty, justice, the rule of law, limited government, natural rights, republican

ism, and the equal dignity of all human beings.

5. Individual rights and responsibilities under the Constitution of the United States including the express, implied, concurrent, and reserve powers.

6. The electoral process and democratic participation.

7. A comparative discussion of political ideologies including communism and totalitarianism that conflict with the principles of freedom and democracy that are essential to the founding principles of the United States.

Sounds like Hoosier kids need to understand the rules that God laid out for human behavior and our wonderful Constitution.

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CHALLENGED

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For example, this month has been the opposite of July. We’re in the home stretch of a crowdfunding campaign for a new farm-themed playground for Cicero’s Community Park. The campaign ends Sept. 3, and we’re making great progress towards our goal of \$50,000 (shameless plug – check it out here: patronicity.com/cicero-playground). If we reach our goal, the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority will match it with another \$50,000 for a total of \$100,000.

I’ve been working with the Town of Cicero and their incredible volunteers to help us reach \$50,000. Dozens of businesses, nonprofits, community members, and others have stepped up to help us reach the finish line. Every new “yes” – from \$25 to \$10,000 – has made me do a happy dance in my desk chair.

Yes, it’s taken count-

less letters, emails, phone calls, and meetings to get us to where we are now. But it’s been a truly joyous challenge, just like when I worked with the Town of Arcadia on their 2020 and 2022 campaigns.

It’s my sincere hope every one of my readers are doing challenging vs. stressful/boring work in their lives. We spend so much of our time in our careers. Whether it’s having a respectful meeting with a supervisor to discuss changes, looking for a new opportunity, or starting your own company, I hope readers can make a change if needed to enjoy wonderful, challenging careers!

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Hamilton County Emergency Management teams begin flood damage assessments

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Emergency Management (HCEM) staff and volunteers are in the field assessing damage caused by last week’s flooding, the first step in a three-step process that could ultimately help determine whether federal assistance is available.



Peterson

to talk with our teams when they see us in their neighborhood,” says Monica Peterson, Community Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator for HCEM. “The more complete picture we can provide of what happened here, the stronger the case we can make as we move through the state and federal assessment process.”

The local damage assessments are the first of three levels of review. Once the County completes its initial assessments, it will conduct a second assessment with the State of Indiana and a third with the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Residents should not wait for an assessment team



Photo provided

Teams began conducting initial assessments Tuesday and are working neighborhood by neighborhood to document damage to homes and property. Volunteers were in the Riverwood neighborhood Wednesday and will be working each day until they are done.

“We really need residents to take a few minutes

to begin documenting their damage or contacting their insurance company. They are encouraged to keep photos and other records showing the extent of flooding and damage to their property.

Riverwood neighborhood begins cleanup

By MELEA VanOSTRAND
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Residents and volunteers in the Riverwood neighborhood northeast of Noblesville began clearing debris Tuesday after flooding submerged homes and blocked roads. While some families returned to their properties, others remain displaced.

The work marks the first day of recovery in Riverwood, though floodwaters have not fully receded. As residents address the damage, volunteers are distributing supplies and hauling ruined belongings to dumpsters.

“This is the first day I haven’t had fish swimming in

my driveway,” homeowner Angie Walker said.

Neighbors said that while they are familiar with seasonal high water, this flooding is the worst they have seen. Many homeowners are assessing the damage for the first time since the water arrived.

“I’m numb. We have a lot to do, a lot to figure out. I don’t have time. I cried the first day. I’m out of tears,” Walker said. She noted that most of the debris in her yard floated onto her property from elsewhere.

“This year, it was over waist deep in my house and we lost everything,” she said.

Roads remain closed in parts of the neighborhood,

preventing some residents from reaching their homes.

Volunteers from VFW Post 6246, Davis Dirtworks LLC, Hawn’s Lawns, Hoosier Hardscape, and Sherco Snow are clearing debris and hauling unsalvageable items to the dump. They are also collecting and distributing donated clothes, water, food, trash bags, and cleaning supplies.

“We’ve dropped off as much food and stuff that Riverwood could take and then we took the rest of it to Chesterfield because they were really low on supplies as well. All of this has been donated probably in the past three days,” volunteer Kala Morris-Schult of Hoosier Hardscape said.

Walker said the community support has made the process easier.

“These are great people out here,” Walker said. “We work together, we’re taking care of each other, and we’re doing the best we can. We’ve got a lot of great volunteers that’s helped. We appreciate everything and are just grateful we’re still here.”

VFW Post 6246 in Noblesville will host a breakfast and dinner Aug. 20 for those affected by the floods.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/weather/weather-stories/riverwood-neighbors-begin-cleanup-after-devastating-floods-submerge-homes-and-roads.



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Our columnist has enjoyed the challenge of raising money for Cicero’s new farm-themed Community Park playground.

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Lakefront at Keystone collecting donations for flood victims



This week, the people of **Lakefront at Keystone**, and office located just east of Keystone Avenue between I-465 and 96th Street, is collecting donations for flood victims across the state. Lakefront General Manager Stephanie Schroeder says they have collected so many great items in a short amount of time. The public can make donations through the end of the business on Friday, Aug. 21, Lakefront at Keystone, 9345 Delegates Row, Indianapolis. Needed items include water, pre-packaged snacks, clothing, hygiene products, diapers, wipes, baby formula, towels, kids' toys and activities, phone chargers, tarps, and a variety of cleaning supplies. Donations will go to the Washington Township Adult Center, 8401 Westfield Blvd., Indianapolis. Lakefront is also working with The Indianapolis Foundation.

Photos courtesy Lakefront at Keystone

Northview Church mobilizes 100 staff members to serve flood-impacted communities across Central Indiana

Submitted
Northview Church deployed 100 staff members into flood-impacted neighborhoods across Central Indiana to walk the streets and bring essential supplies directly to families in need. Staff members fanned out across several communities, including Ravenswood in Indianapolis, Riverwood and Claire Avenue in Noblesville, and Northwood Hills, South 122nd Street, and Hoster Road in Carmel. Teams walked door to door, distributing hygiene kits, cleaning kits, bottled water, and meal kits to families still recovering from the devastation left behind by recent flooding. A significant portion of those supplies came through a generous partnership with Convoy of Hope, who donated:

- 57 meal kits
- 378 hygiene kits
- 124 cleaning kits
- 96 packs of 40-count bottled water

Beyond the physical supplies, staff stopped to pray with families as they handed out resources, offering encouragement and hope to those carrying a heavy load. One moment that stood out came when a family shared that they were in desperate need of a dehumidifier. A Northview staff

member personally made the delivery, meeting that family exactly where they were. Northview is also actively partnering with other local church communities to multiply the impact of this work. Because when churches come together, more families get served, more streets get walked, and more neighbors get loved. There is more ground to cover, and we believe the best way to cover it is together. Any remaining supplies from today's outreach will be directed to Northview's Anderson Campus, where on Saturday, August 15, Northview partnered with Convoy of Hope to serve families hit hard by the flooding in that area. Nothing will go to waste, and every resource will find its way to someone who needs it. "There are so many stories from today," said a Northview team member. "Lives were touched in ways that are hard to put into words. Handing out supplies was the least we could do, but we know this is a long road ahead. Northview is committed to walking alongside these families not just today, but in the months of rebuilding that are still to come."



Photos provided by Northview Church

How you can help
The need is ongoing, and Northview is actively restocking supplies to head back out into the communities. On Aug. 29 and 30, Northview will hold packing parties at selected campuses to assemble cleaning kits. You can also contribute by purchasing items directly

from the **Amazon Wish List**. Every item donated helps Northview replenish stock and continue serving the communities that need it most. To learn more about Northview Church's flood relief efforts or to get involved, visit **northview-church.us**.

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Sheridan didn't let rain stop the annual Jeep Invasion

The REPORTER

On Aug. 1, the Sheridan Education Foundation, Inc. (SEFI) held its annual Jeep Invasion, the main fundraiser for the educator grants SEFI distributes. Despite the rain and bad weather, 134 Jeeps along with many Sheridan community members attended the event.

All afternoon and evening long, the Jeep Invasion held strong. With enthusiasts playing Jeep trivia, Jeep owners were then honored with awards such as the oldest Jeep, the Jeep that traveled the farthest, and best set of wheels.

The local vendors also braved the weather. Attendees were able to enjoy food, shopping, and community while the Bishops Band took the stage and provided live entertainment. A total of \$29,000 was made in profit for SEFI.

The profits made from the fundraiser go directly toward the educator grants for Sheridan Community School educators. These grants help provide supplies, services, and enhanced learning opportunities for students at SCS.

The Jeep Invasion could not have happened without

the help and support from the Sheridan Police, Fire, and Street departments, the Sheridan Town Board, Sheridan Community Schools, and the multiple businesses and community members. The event also could not have happened without this year's Platinum sponsors. They included:

- AVS&R
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 - Sheridan American Legion
 - Sugar Boo Properties
 - Waitt's
 - WKRP Indy
- Next year's Jeep Invasion is scheduled for Aug.



Photos provided

7, 2027. The event will once again feature the Bishops Band along with old and new activities, vendors, awards, and, as always, community spirit. Since the grants began in January

2024, the SEFI has been able to award more than \$60,000 to SCS educators. These funds have helped provide science equipment, reading materials, agricultural education supplies,

audio and video equipment, iPads, whiteboards, calculators, art supplies, and so much more.

The 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that is the Sheridan Education

Foundation, Inc., helps educators promote student engagement and learning. So please, come out in 2027 for another day of Jeeps and helping support Sheridan educators and students.

Westfield launches Age-Friendly Community Survey

Submitted by City of Westfield

Westfield city officials ask residents to share their experiences and priorities through a new Age-Friendly Community Survey. The survey is open now through Dec. 31, 2026.

The survey will help the city better understand how well Westfield supports residents as they age and

identify opportunities to improve the community's overall livability. Residents of all ages are encouraged to participate, especially older adults, caregivers and family members who help make decisions on behalf of an older resident.

"Westfield is growing, and the needs of our residents are changing along with it," Mayor Scott Willis

said. "This survey gives residents an opportunity to tell us what is working well, where challenges remain and how we can continue building a community where people can live, stay connected and succeed at every stage of life."



Willis

According to Westfield's recently completed special census, the percentage of residents aged 55 and older has continued to increase. Residents aged 55 and older represented 19.5 percent of the city's population in 2010 and has grown

to 28.6 percent based on the 2025 Special Census.

The Age-Friendly Community Survey asks residents to provide feedback on several areas that affect quality of life, including:

- Housing options and accessibility
- Parks, sidewalks, public spaces, and community buildings

- Transportation, walkability, and parking
- Health care, wellness programs, and community support services
- Social activities, volunteer opportunities, and civic participation
- Access to local news, programs, and community information

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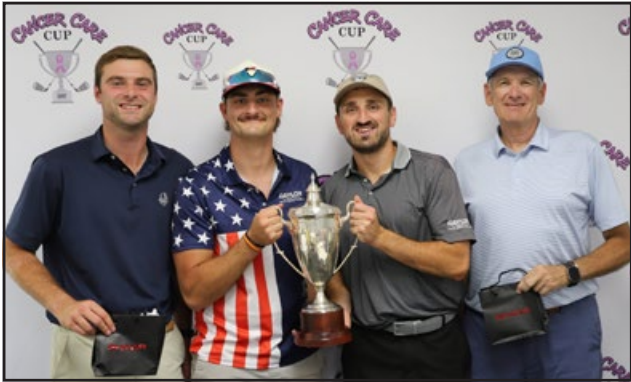


Cancer Care Cup raises \$35,628 at 10th Golf Outing

The REPORTER

Cancer Care Cup celebrated its 10th annual Golf Outing on July 30, raising \$35,628 to support oncology patients across Indiana. The annual event brought together golfers, sponsors, volunteers, and community supporters for a day focused on making a meaningful difference for individuals and families facing cancer. Funds raised through Cancer Care Cup will provide financial assistance to Indiana oncology patients experiencing financial hardship during treatment, as identified and referred by their oncology social workers.

“We are incredibly grateful to everyone who helped make our 10th Annual Golf Outing such a success,” Cancer Care Cup President Branden Voegerl said. “Raising \$35,628 means we can provide much-needed support to oncology patients during some of the most challenging moments of their lives. Our sponsors, golfers, volunteers, and donors continue to show what is possible when a community comes together with a



Photos provided by Cancer Care Cup
(ABOVE) The Gaylor Electric team won this year's Cancer Car Cup. **(RIGHT)** Cancer Care Cup Volunteer Board members celebrate the \$35,628 raised for Indiana oncology patients at the 10th Annual Golf Outing. (From left) Thomas McLean, Branden Voegerl, Karen Keinsley, Ric Cabrera, Brian Smith, Shallon Vandervort, Danny Terril, and Gina Terril.

common purpose.”

For the patients who receive assistance, that support can provide much-needed relief when unexpected expenses become overwhelming.

“Cancer Care Cup was able to support me when I was unable to cover my rent after my surgery. I’ve been on FMLA and my check was not enough to cover, and they helped make sure I did not fall behind. It was a huge relief to not have to

stress about how I was going to get caught up with late fees.” – Oncology Patient

Cancer Care Cup is grateful to the sponsors, golfers, volunteers, donors, and supporters who helped make this year’s event possible. Their generosity directly contributes to providing assistance to Indiana oncology patients when they need it most.

About Cancer Care Cup
Based in Westfield, Can-



cer Care Cup is a nonprofit organization committed to helping ease the financial burden of cancer for oncology patients in Indiana. Through donations and community fundraising events, Cancer Care Cup provides financial assistance to eligible patients facing expenses during their cancer journey.

Since its founding, Cancer Care Cup has provided assistance to oncology patients in more than 42 Indiana counties. In 2026 alone, the organization has already helped more than 43 oncology patients with financial assistance during their cancer treatment.

The support provided by Cancer Care Cup can help patients and their families manage essential expenses during a time when their focus should be on treatment and recovery.

For more information about Cancer Care Cup or to make a donation, visit cancercarecup.com.

A more perfect union

The adult “We the People 101” course I took in 2023 was an eye-opener. I gained a more thorough knowledge and a much deeper appreciation for our U.S. Constitution. The Preamble to the Constitution, I believe, gives us some guidelines for preserving a civil society. So who are WE as Americans?

“We the people of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity...”

The Preamble of the U.S. Constitution begins with “We the people of the United States.” WE are the agents of democracy. “In Order to form a more perfect Union,” Though we are a pluralistic society in 50 different states, WE are meant to be ONE nation – united not divided. We can try to solve our nation’s problems by respecting those with opposing views and not labeling them “enemies” – instead finding “common ground” where we can agree and work together as Americans.

This government is to “form a more perfect Union.” How? We are to “establish Justice” in our laws and courts. We are to “insure domestic Tranquility” calmly conducting our domestic affairs. We are



to “provide for the common defence” supporting our military.

Pennsylvania, Virginia, Kentucky, and Massachusetts are “Commonwealths” suggesting that the resources of the state are to benefit all. We see this ideal pragmatically in action these days in Indiana with the tremendous outpouring of support by law enforcement, emergency personnel, and elected officials for those who have lost homes and businesses due to flooding. We are grateful for the tireless efforts of those seeking the missing persons in the floods. Our hearts ache for the family and friends of those tragically lost in recent days. Our empathy nourishes civility as well.

We are to “secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our posterity.” We have the civic obligation to preserve these principles enshrined in the Preamble of the U.S. Constitution.

Likewise, the Preamble to the Constitution of the State of Indiana reiterates some of the same ideals espoused in the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution:

“TO THE END, that justice be established, public order be maintained, and liberty perpetuated; *We, the People of the State of Indiana*, grateful to *ALMIGHTY GOD* for the free exercise of the right to choose our own form of government, do ordain this *Constitution*.”

The Preamble to the

State of Indiana Constitution indicates that we value **public order** and **justice** and **faith** and **freedom** and we want to pass these values on to our **posterity**.

The recent “Hoosier Hospitality March” in Fishers emphasized the welcoming trait of Hoosiers. Approximately 1,000 people rallied in support of immigrants. Mayor Scott Fadness issued a statement to set the parameters for the marchers “asking protestors to follow the law and exemplifying civil discourse.” (*The Indianapolis Star*, Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2026) The discussion of a serious subject in speech or writing, “civil discourse,” is necessary for us to get along and function as a community and as a country.

The Hoosier Hospitality March participants chanted as they walked through Fishers. The final line of the chant was “Immigrants are welcome here.”

We might add “Civility is practiced here.” Acknowledging the dignity of each individual and respectfully disagreeing promotes democracy.

“We the people” must continue the efforts “to form a more perfect Union.”

Let’s commit to achieving this goal, individually and together.

The UNITED States of America depends on it.

Nancy Kelly Smith is a retired English professor and published author. She is also an Ambassador for the national civility organization Civic Renaissance. Learn more at civic-renaissance.com.

MO Strategies named to 2026 Inc. 5000 List of fastest-growing companies in America

Submitted

MO Strategies, a corporate consulting firm bridging the Indiana and Washington business communities, has been named to the 2026 Inc. 5000 list of the fastest-growing private companies in America, in recognition of its 70 percent growth over the past three years.

Now in its fourth decade, the Inc. 5000 is a distinguished editorial award that ranks companies by revenue growth over a three-year period, placing MO Strategies among an elite group of American businesses recognized for sustained, measurable growth.

“Making the Inc. 5000 list is a reflection of something simple: we built this firm to help clients see where Washington is headed before it gets there,” said Marty Obst, founder and president of MO Strategies. “This growth belongs to our team and to the clients who’ve trusted us with the problems that matter most to them. We don’t take that trust lightly, and this recognition is proof that the approach we’ve built this firm around is resonating.”

For MO Strategies’ clients, the recognition reinforces the firm’s standing as a trusted partner for Fortune 500 companies and growth-stage businesses navigating federal policy across AI, defense, energy, and critical minerals, sectors increasingly shaping Washington’s economic agenda. As more companies look for a partner who can anticipate policy shifts rather than react to them, MO Strategies’ inclusion on this year’s list stands as third-party validation of

that approach, and a signal to current and prospective clients that the firm’s growth is being driven by real results, not simply reputation.

The Inc. 5000 recognition comes at a moment of continued expansion for MO Strategies, as the firm deepens its work and takes on new clients across an expanding range of industries. MO Strategies looks forward to continuing to grow, deepening its client relationships, and building on this momentum in the years ahead.

For more information, visit mostrat.com.

SURVEY

Survey results will help the city establish a baseline for how well Westfield currently meets the needs of older residents. The information will also help identify service gaps, prioritize future programs and investments, support funding decisions, and measure progress over time.

The survey is based on principles developed through the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities, which encourages communities to plan for residents of all ages and abilities. Age-friendly

planning can include improvements such as safer crossings, accessible public spaces, housing choices, transportation options, health and wellness resources, and opportunities for residents to remain active and connected. Individual responses will remain anonymous, and survey results will be reviewed in summary form.

Residents can complete the survey online at westfieldin.gov/aarpsurvey.

The deadline to complete the survey is Dec. 31, 2026.

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Letter to the Editor

Heirbrandt: Beth Sheller has proven track record to serve as County Clerk

Dear Editor:

As a Hamilton County Commissioner, one of my top priorities is ensuring that our county government runs efficiently, transparently, and with the utmost integrity.

When it comes to managing our local elections and overseeing the vital operations of the Clerk's Office, experience and proven leadership aren't just preferred – they are essential. That is why I am proud to give my full endorsement to Beth Sheller for Hamilton County Clerk.

Over her nearly 16 years of dedicated service in election administration, Beth has demonstrated an unparalleled understanding of what it takes to run secure, accurate, and seamless elections. In her current role as Election Administrator, she already carries out the core responsibilities of managing Hamilton County's election process day in and day out. She has proven herself to be a forward-thinking leader who constantly seeks ways to modernize processes, protect taxpayer resources, and ensure voters can trust the outcome of every ballot cast.

Beyond her technical experience, Beth brings a deep commitment to our community. Whether through her leadership as Secretary of the Hamilton County Republican Party and the Hamilton County Women's Republican Club, or her service on the Hamilton East Public Library Board, Beth's heart for service is evident in everything she does. As a longtime Noblesville resident, mother, and grandmother, her roots in Hamilton County run deep, and her dedication to preserving what makes our community great is unwavering.

We need a Clerk who can hit the ground running on day one with a proven track record of honesty, strong fiscal stewardship, and strong leadership. Beth Sheller is that person.

I encourage my fellow neighbors and voters across Hamilton County to join me in supporting Beth Sheller for Hamilton County Clerk on Election Day, November 3, 2026!

Mark Heirbrandt
Hamilton County Commissioner

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Eleven Noblesville artists invite you to new Ninth Street Art Hop

Submitted

Want to experience an art show in a whole new way? Eleven well-known Noblesville artists who just happen to live or work close to each other are joining forces to put on a neighborhood "Art Hop" scheduled for 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19 along Ninth Street.

This family-friendly event is free and attendees will be given a map at their first stop of choice so they can visit some or all of the locations, which are either the homes or studios of the artists. Those who visit all 11 locations will be entered in a drawing to receive a free framed print or original artwork donated by each artist.

The artists participating are: J. Rodney Reveal, H. Ward Miles, Randall Scott Harden, Jamie Harden, Beth Forst, Clive Jachnik, Amanda Russo, Patty Mac Innis, Dan Howell, Marissa Hulvey, and Joanie Drizin. Parking will be available on the street or in the City-County Parking Garage on North 9th Street.

Noble Coffee & Tea will offer a special art-themed drink during the Art Hop. Want to know more about the artists? Below is a short bit about each of them.

Meet the Artists

Stop #1:
Marissa Hulvey
901 N. 10th St.

Marissa Hulvey is the photographer behind Furtography Studio, where her passion for art and animals comes together in bright, colorful pet portraits. Specializing in capturing the unique personalities that make every pet special, Marissa creates vibrant works of art that become a lasting celebration of the bond between people & their beloved pets.

Stop #2: Beth Forst
895 Center Drive

"I am a painter of oils and acrylics. I am inspired by an impulse to play with an idea, a thought. Sometimes it's an energetic morsel of a feeling. The process of making art is rewarding as I design, block in the shapes, push and pull the paint about. I frivolously layer and re-layer, then contemplate the outcome until it sings sweetly. The result is a luxurious conversation that usually generates a feel-good emotion from within me. You can feel the joie de vivre in my palette, showing clarity in design and energy in loose, impressionistic brushstrokes."

Stop #2: Clive Jachnik
895 Center Drive
(Forst & Jachnik are sharing a location)

A British artist, now a U.S. citizen, Clive is a follower of the 'Scottish Colourist' tradition, using bold color and free brush strokes in an impression-



Photo provided

(From left) Beth Forst, H. Ward Miles, and Joanie Drizin are three of the artists you can meet at the upcoming Ninth Street Art Hop in Noblesville.

istic style. A veteran of the UK Royal Navy, Clive's peace-keeping services as a diplomat features regularly in his paintings. Therefore, as well as decorative landscapes and still life paintings, Clive's artwork also shows the journey of countries, communities, and individuals recovering from war. Clive received the Best in Show awards at Penrod in Indianapolis in 2023 and at Ethos in Franklin in 2026.

Stop #3:
Randall Scott Harden
895 N. 10th St.

Through expressive brushstrokes and rich color, Randall Harden creates impressionist paintings that invite the viewers to slow down and enjoy the beauty around them. He is passionate about inspiring others through both his artwork and his teaching.

Stop #3: Jamie Harden
895 N. 10th St
(The Hardens are sharing a location)

Retired after 36 years as an elementary teacher, Jamie Harden turned to painting to keep her mind active and engaged. Guided by her husband, acclaimed artist Randall Scott Harden, what began as a personal pursuit has become a passion for painting beauty, joy, and everyday life. This exhibition marks Jamie's debut and the start of an exciting new chapter.

Stop #4: H. Ward Miles
707 N. 9th St.

Heather is an American and contemporary painter based in Indiana whose work is shaped by her ability to connect to the human experience. Heavily influenced by traditional abstract expressionism, Miles' paintings rely on less tangible forms of communication, evoking joy and sometimes sorrow through organic shapes, unexpected colors, and translucent layers. Her personal mark making and scribbled notes create a visual language that lets her audience in on her secrets and connects the past to the present, while tapping into a universal portrayal of what it means to be human.

Stop #5:
Patty Mac Innis
647 N. 9th St.

Patty and her husband Dan owned and operated Mac Innis Construction &

Design Corp. in Noblesville for 44 years where Patty was the senior interior designer and Dan ran the building side. During that time, Patty always painted in watercolor and oil and has been a member of the Hamilton County Artists' Association for over 50 years, now an emeritus member. She's also a signature member of the Hoosier Salon and is grateful for all of the amazing artists and clients she's gotten to know over the years.

Stop #6:
J. Rodney Reveal
569 N. 9th St.

J. Rodney Reveal has been a creator of fine art for more than 50 years. His paintings are represented in public and private collections throughout the United States, Europe, and Brazil. He has been in more than a dozen national and international shows.

Stop #7: Amanda Russo
540 N. 9th St.

Amanda Russo creates expressive portraits, figures, florals, and landscapes unified by a distinctive sense of mood and atmosphere. Working primarily in pastel, charcoal, and graphite, with occasional explorations in oil, she balances realism with atmosphere, using dramatic contrasts of light and shadow to capture not only the appearance of a subject, but also the emotion and story held within a fleeting moment in time. Drawing from 20 years of experience as an art educator, Amanda brings a deep appreciation for creativity, observation, self-expression, and artistic exploration to both her studio practice and her teaching.

Stop #8: Dan Howell
303 Parkview Place

Dan Howell graduated from Ball State University with an art teaching degree. He started teaching art at Huntington North High School in 1970, took a year's leave to study and work in Paris, France in 1972. He retired from North Central High School in Indianapolis in 2013 where he taught ceramics and sculpture. He opened his own studio in Noblesville where he creates functional and sculptural ceramics. He also spends time traveling, gardening, and creating stone sculptures.

Stop #9: Noble Coffee & Tea
933 Logan St.

Although not an official "Art Hop" stop, they are offering a special Art Hop beverage. Stop in.

Stop #10: Rodney Reveal Art Gallery & Frame Shop
942 Maple Ave.

See more of J. Rodney Reveal's artwork at his own gallery and framing shop. He features several other local artists, including the bronze sculpture of "Illumination" (a dancer) in front of his shop by Kenneth Ryden, pottery by Darlene Patterson, and wood carvings by Debbie Wofford.

Stop #11: Girly Steel Studio
336 S. 8th St.

Girly Steel with Joanie, and later joined by Josh, was started more than 20 years ago. The mother/son team now combine their backgrounds in art and botany to create steel sculptures for the landscape.



Fishers & HSE high schools earn top state & national rankings

Submitted by
HSE Schools

Fishers High School (FHS) and Hamilton Southeastern High School (HHS) are once again among the top high schools in Indiana and the nation, according to the newly released 2026-27 U.S. News & World Report Best High Schools Rankings.

FHS and HHS rank No. 8 and No. 12 in Indiana, respectively, and No. 428 and No. 736 nationally. Each was also recognized among the top public high schools in the Indianapolis metropolitan area.

The national rankings mark improvements from 2023, when FHS ranked No. 740 and HHS ranked No. 893.

"These rankings reflect the high expectations our students and educators bring to the classroom each day," Superintendent Dr. Matt Kegley said. "What is especially meaningful is that more students are choosing challenging courses and succeeding at record levels. That speaks to the dedication of our students and staff and our commitment to preparing every student for what comes next."

The rankings consider state assessment performance, graduation rates, and college readiness, including AP and IB exam results. They do not fully account for dual-credit and concurrent enrollment courses, which allow many

HSE students to earn college credit.

The rankings come as AP participation and achievement continue to grow across the district. During the 2025-26 school year, 2,801 students completed more than 5,600 AP exams. Of those students, 2,448 earned at least one qualifying score of 3 or higher.

At Fishers, a school-record of 1,539 students participated in AP coursework, and 3,253 AP exams were administered. A total of 1,321 students earned qualifying scores. Among graduating seniors, 58 percent earned at least one AP score of 3 or higher, the highest level in school and district history.

Since 2022, AP participation at FHS has grown by 21 percent, the number of exams taken by 49 percent, and the number of students earning qualifying scores by 40 percent.

Over the same period, Hamilton Southeastern has increased AP participation by 38 percent, the number of exams taken by 67 percent, and the number of students earning qualifying scores by 59 percent.

For 2025-26, 56 percent of HHS graduating seniors earned at least one AP score of 3 or higher, the highest graduating cohort achievement in school history. HHS students also achieved an 89.3 percent AP success rate, the highest in district history.



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Four candidates for Secretary of State speak at OneZone luncheon



Reporter photo

The OneZone Chamber of Commerce held its Voices of Leadership Luncheon on Tuesday, Aug. 18 at the FORUM Events Center in Fishers. The luncheon featured four candidates for Indiana Secretary of State: Republican Max Engling, Democrat Beau Bayh, Libertarian Lauri Shillings, and Independent Greg Ballard, who is running on the Lincoln Party ticket. (From left) Ballard, Bayh, OneZone President & CEO Jack Russell, Shillings, and Engling.

Indiana Senate Republicans offer paid spring internships

The REPORTER

The Indiana Senate Republican Caucus is offering paid spring-semester internships in its communications, information technology, legal, legislative, page, and policy offices during the 2027 session of the Indiana General Assembly.

Qualified candidates may be of any major and must be at least a college sophomore. Recent college graduates, as well as graduate and law school students, are also encouraged to apply.

“The Senate internship program offers students several opportunities to see how state government works, interact with state agencies, and expand their professional network,” State Senator Kyle Walker (R-Lawrence) said. “I encourage all eligible students to apply, as the work interns do in the Sen-

ate not only helps staff and senators, but also hones transferable skills that expand their professional toolbox.”

Interns earn a \$900 biweekly stipend and benefit from scholarship and academic credit opportunities, professional development, community involvement and networking.

Senate internships are full-time positions at the Statehouse in downtown Indianapolis that typically begin with a mandatory orientation in late December or early January. The incoming intern class will conclude their work at the end of the 2027 legislative



Walker



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session, which by law must end by April 29.

“The Senate internship is great opportunity for students to build their network, boost their resumes and bolster real-world skills to help them stand out in the workforce,” State Senator Scott Baldwin (R-Noblesville) said. “No matter your level of government experience, we welcome all applicants, and I encourage anyone eligible to apply for one of our immersive internships.”

For more information and to apply, visit IndianaSenateRepublicans.com/Intern.

American Structurepoint receives 2026 Indiana Governor’s Half Century Business Award

The REPORTER

American Structurepoint has been selected as a recipient of the 2026 Indiana Governor’s Half Century Business Award, recognizing Indiana companies that have operated for at least 50 years and have demonstrated a commitment to serving their communities.

The award is presented by the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) and the State of Indiana.

Founded in Indianapolis in 1966, American Structurepoint has grown from a local engineering firm into a national multidisciplinary architecture and engineering consulting firm. Today, the company remains headquartered in Indiana, with more than 800 professionals across 18 design centers in seven states.

“We are honored to receive the Indiana Governor’s Half Century Business Award,” American Structurepoint President Cash Canfield said. “This recognition reflects the people who have shaped American Structurepoint over the past 60 years, the trust our clients have placed in us, and the values that continue to



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guide our work.”

American Structurepoint continues to support communities across Indiana and the nation through projects that improve transportation networks, public infrastructure, educational facilities, commercial developments, and the quality of life.

“Indiana has been our home since the beginning, and we are proud of the impact we’ve been able to make alongside our partners,” American Structurepoint CEO Rick Conner said. “This award is both a reflection of our history and a reminder of our responsibility to continue serving Indiana communities for generations to come.”

American Structurepoint was formally recognized by Governor Mike Braun during the 2026 Governor’s Century and Half Century Business Awards ceremony at the Indiana Statehouse.

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Govenor Braun alleges former State Senator Andy Zay used campaign funds for gifts at state utility agency

By NIKI KELLY
Indiana Capital Chronicle

Andy Zay used thousands of dollars in campaign funds to give gifts to staffers at the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, new court filings by Gov. Mike Braun allege.

Braun’s legal team **submitted a response** to Zay’s lawsuit late Sunday that was made public Monday. In addition to new details on why he fired Zay, the document argues case law doesn’t allow a preliminary injunction sought by the former state senator.

“Simply put, as set forth in the following exhibits, Governor Braun had cause for removal,” the filing said.

Zay **filed a lawsuit Aug. 10** to regain his seat on the powerful IURC before his former colleagues – and a replacement – vote on whether to reconsider a contentious \$71 million rate hike for AES Indiana customers.

A hearing for the requested preliminary injunction is set for Aug. 27.

Zay’s lawsuit claimed the governor’s office repeatedly infringed on the commission’s statutory duty as an “impartial fact-finding body.”

The IURC plays a key role in determining how much Hoosiers pay for electricity, natural gas, water, and other utility services.

Braun appointed Zay as chairman in January but demoted him in June after Zay supported a rate hike for AES Indiana. He was then fired Aug. 3.

The State Personnel Department has accused Zay of several “potential violations” of state policy, but he contends the firing is really about his vote to support the rate increase and for control over what happens next.

The new legal response says the governor’s office learned Zay used campaign funds for impermissible purposes – namely the purchase

of ties and scarves emblazoned with his initials, plus images of utility-themed objects such as a power plant and electrical station. The tag read “Designed exclusively for Andy Zay by Candor Threads.”

A campaign expenditure report shows a \$3,091 purchase from Candor Threads on Feb. 1. Zay, a Republican from Huntington, resigned from the state Senate seat he held since 2016 on Jan. 8 and began work at the IURC on Jan. 12.

Indiana Election Division staff told the governor’s office the expenditure didn’t appear to be legitimate, according to Braun’s response.

Steve Carter, deputy counsel for appointments for

the Braun administration, filed an affidavit saying he initially had concerns about Zay’s appointment.

“I was concerned that he thoroughly understood his obligations to leave politics and partisan activities behind if he was appointed to, and accepted, the role,” Carter said.

Carter, a former state attorney general, spoke with Zay by phone to make sure he understood his obligations before Braun appointed Zay to the IURC.

On July 26, Carter was made aware of the ties and scarves.

“Mr. Zay’s use of campaign contributions was concerning because the purchases did not appear to be for a legitimate cam-

paign-related purpose. And if they were for a campaign-related purpose, then may have been in violation of the prohibition of a Commissioner engaging in political activity,” Carter’s affidavit said.

The campaign report also shows a \$1,900 meal at St. Elmo’s on Feb. 1 and a \$147 charge to Hyatt Place on the same day.

Additionally, the filing says Zay improperly awarded bonuses to IURC employees. The Capital Chronicle reported Zay gave \$900 “spot bonuses” to the entire staff on May 9. Zay in his lawsuit said those bonuses went through the State Personnel Department.

Carter said Zay failed to follow state procedure in the identification of bonus recipients as well as exceeding the allowable amount of bonus payments.

The last reason for cause, according to Braun, is Zay didn’t file a financial disclosure form. As chairman he

was an appointing authority and in that role is required to file the form within 30 days of leaving the position.

“When I went to meet with Mr. Zay on August 3, 2026, I intended to elicit his explanation for the matters identified above,” Carter said. “I did not contemplate that he would refuse to explain his actions.”

That led to his removal, Carter said.

Zay said when Carter came to his office he refused to speak without an attorney.

The latest filings also dispute the granting of a preliminary injunction by Zay, who wants his job back. Braun has already replaced him with Josh Bain.

“The Indiana Supreme Court has long and consistently held that injunctive relief only protects those currently holding an office and shall not be used to eject the current occupant. As discussed below, foremost

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Aspire’s Kids Talk resumes services after Anderson floods

The REPORTER

Kids Talk, a child advocacy center serving Madison County, resumed services on Wednesday, Aug. 19, as a safe place where children can report abuse or neglect.

The center’s office at 814 Central Ave., Anderson, is closed until further notice due to the historic floods, and the staff would welcome any assistance.

In the meantime, Kids Talk has received the help of several Madison County agencies with space where its staff can conduct supportive interviews with children who have experienced or witnessed abuse: Alexan-

dria Police Department, Anderson Police Department, Elwood Police Department, and Pendleton Police Department.

Kids Talk, a program of nonprofit healthcare provider Aspire Indiana Health, has long enjoyed close collaboration with Madison County law enforcement and justice agencies. Every attempt will be made to make the interview location as convenient as possible for families.

“The Madison County community has come together again in a time of adversity, as we always do. We’re so grateful to these police departments for their

generous offer of space and support,” Kids Talk Director Denise Valdez said. “The floods may have temporarily closed our dedicated space, but the mission of protecting the young and vulnerable goes on uninterrupted.”

Reports of abuse/neglect can be made to the Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) hotline at (800) 800-5556. Kids Talk can be contacted directly at (765) 641-8202.

Kids Talk staff were able to save some of their essential work equipment, though all the furniture in their office was lost as water levels reached approximately 2½ feet indoors.

Donations of essential items to help keep Kids Talk operating are welcome, and include individually wrapped snacks for kids, small bottles of water or juice, fidget toys, flip charts, washable markers, rewritable DVDs and sleeves, coloring books and crayons/markers, external hard drives, and flash drives. Please call (765) 641-8202 to coordinate. Please visit the [Amazon Wish List](#) and consider purchasing an item to help keep Kids Talk operating.

Monetary donations can be made directly to Kids Talk at [this link](#).

Kids Talk/Aspire also encourages those who are



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able to support the many families and organizations in Madison County struggling with the impact of the floods. The Salvation Army, Heart of Indiana United Way, and other local orga-

nizations are helping with relief efforts.

For more information about Kids Talk, please visit aspireindiana.org/community-programs/kids-talk.



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State Board of Finance approves second gas tax holiday reimbursement to local governments

**Submitted by
Office of Comptroller
Elise Nieshalla**

On Tuesday, Aug. 18, the State Board of Finance approved the second round of reimbursements related to Governor Mike Braun’s temporary Gas Tax Holiday. Following the Board’s action, the Indiana State Comptroller’s Office began processing payments immediately to counties, cities, and towns, restoring roadway funding revenues for the additional days included in this reimbursement window. A total of \$130,450,219.59 for the suspension period between June 1 through June 30 will be reimbursed to the Motor Vehicle Highway Fund (MVH), the Local Road

and Street Fund (LRS), and the Local Road and Bridge Matching Fund. Of this amount, local units of government will receive \$43,805,267.02. The distribution amount broken out for each local unit is available as direct-download Microsoft Excel spreadsheet at [this link](#). “Our office is committed to processing these reimbursements quickly and with accuracy,” Comptroller Elise Nieshalla said. “This second distribution reflects the additional days included in the reimbursement window, providing local governments with the full roadway funding they would have collected during that time.”

What local governments can expect

- Local government partners will receive reimbursements within two to three days of processing.
 - Additional reimbursement requests will be presented at future State Board of Finance meetings.
 - Other statutory MVH and LRS revenue streams continue on normal schedules.
- Reimbursement amounts for each local unit



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follow the same statutory formulas used for regular monthly MVH and LRS distributions. “The Board remains committed to good fiscal stewardship and is focused on providing careful oversight as each transfer request is brought forward,” State Budget Director Chad Ranney said. “Our approval today ensures local road funding for this specific period will be distributed to local units of government both accurately and promptly.”

State Treasurer Daniel Elliott added, “These reimbursements continue to ensure that counties, cities and towns remain financially whole under the temporary suspension. Indiana’s sound fiscal footing allows us to maintain consistent support for local infrastructure while taxpayers receive relief at the pump.” **Understanding the revenue impact & distribution process** Indiana’s local governments receive roadway funding each month through two primary statutory accounts: the MVH account and the LRS account. These distributions rely heavily on fuel-related tax collections remitted monthly to the Department of Revenue.

Two taxes make up this roadway revenue: **Gasoline Excise Tax (GET)** – Distributed according to state law and shared among MVH, LRS, the State Highway Fund, counties, cities, and towns. **Gas Use Tax (GUT)** – Distributed across several transportation-related funds, including MVH, the Local Road and Bridge Grant Fund that both state and local entities share. During the Gas Tax Holiday, monthly GET and GUT collections have been temporarily suspended, affecting the portion of revenue that flows into both MVH and LRS. In collaboration with the State Budget Agency, the Comptroller’s Office calculated the statewide impact using the Department of Revenue data and the Board of Finance authorized the reimbursements to ensure local governments remain whole. The Comptroller’s Office is responsible for issuing the reimbursements and delivering restored funding to counties, cities, and towns.

Where to find distribution amounts & additional information

- To see how much your local unit is receiving, [click here](#).
- For more information, including MVH/LRS context, statutory references, distribution formulas, and gas tax holiday FAQs, [click here](#).

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is the concept that injunctive relief should not interfere with the operation of public business,” Braun’s response said. “All injunctive relief is extraordinary, but the extraordinary remedy requested here is contrary to a century’s worth of cases saying injunctive relief will not be used to oust an office holder.” The parties in the case also cannot agree on the scope of discovery, according to the new documents. Braun’s legal team said Zay has proposed discovery that goes far beyond cause for removal. Zay’s lawsuit points to numerous examples of Braun saying he was unhappy with Zay voting for an AES Indiana rate hike. “Whatever the other issues may be, the only issue for the Court, as presented by Plaintiff, is whether there was cause for removal,” the response said.

It claims expedited discovery should be limited, noting tens of thousands of emails and other communication would potentially be responsive to Zay’s requests. Instead, the governor’s office has proposed a list of limited discovery items. And if the court determines preliminary relief is appropriate, the governor’s team says that should be narrowly tailored. “Plaintiff is not entitled to shut down the State’s utility regulatory body while he seeks post-deprivation relief,” the response said. Braun recommends any relief should be limited to Bain not agreeing or requesting to be assigned cases at the IURC through Aug. 31 and Braun not appointing any other person to that seat. *This story was published on Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2026, at [indianacapitalchronicle.com](#).*

HAMILTON COUNTY

HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSION ON PUBLIC RECORDS
Meeting date: Thursday, August 20th, 2026, 10:00 a.m.
Location: Hamilton County Clerk’s Office
One Hamilton County Square Suite 106
Noblesville, IN 46060
PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE
The Hamilton County Commission on Public Records will meet Thursday, August 20th, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the PR-1 forms that were submitted by various agencies requesting destruction of specified records. This meeting will be held in the Hamilton County Clerk’s Conference Room, Suite 106, in the Hamilton County Judicial Center, Noblesville, Indiana.
/s/ Kathy Williams, Hamilton Co. Clerk and Secretary to the Commission
R8390 8/20/26, 8/24/26

FISHERS

NOTICE OF APPROVED ORDINANCE
AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN REAL ESTATE TO THE CITY OF FISHERS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA
NOTICE IS HEREBY PROVIDED that on August 17, 2026, the Common Council for the City of Fishers, Hamilton, Indiana (“City”), meeting in a duly noticed public meeting, and in accordance with Ind. Code §36-4-3-5.1, passed Ordinance No. 072026G, annexing approximately 11.54 acres located outside of but contiguous to the City, generally known as the Buckhaven (the “Annexed Territory”). This Annexation Ordinance is available for review at Fishers Municipal Center, One Municipal Drive, Fishers, Indiana 46038. If you have specific questions please contact:
City of Fishers Community and Economic Development Department
planning@fishersin.gov
(317) 595-3155
R8510 8/20/26, 8/24/26

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R8511 8/20/26, 8/24/26

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RETIREMENT AUCTION
for JOHN & JUDY HUSSEY
True Legends of the Land and our Community

After 6+ decades, John & Judy Hussey are officially hanging up the work gloves at John’s incredible age of 82. We are honored to offer at auction, their Equipment, Implements, & Tools of the Trade. Think about what this auction means. John and Judy have been farming for decades, weathering countless unpredictable seasons, navigating shifting markets, and putting in more sun-up to sun-down hours than most of us can fathom. They haven’t just grown crops and raised livestock, John and Judy have grown a legacy! Over 6 decades, they have seen a lot of changes. The tractors got bigger, technology got faster, and the world shifted beneath our feet. But the heart of farming never changed. It’s still about faith, family, and taking care of the land that feeds us.

ON-LINE ONLY PUBLIC AUCTION
SATURDAY, AUGUST 22nd, 2026
In Tipton County @ 2187 North – 600 East, Windfall, IN 46076
BIDDING OPENS: Thursday, August 6th 2026 @ Noon
SOFT CLOSE BEGINS: Saturday, August 22nd 2026 @ Noon
PREVIEW DATES: Tuesday, August 11th - Thursday, August 13th from Noon - 4pm
NOTE: This is a sale notice only. All Items Sold As-Is, Where-Is. To View the Complete Sale Bill Including Pictures, Descriptions, Terms of Sale, Payment Options, and to Register & Start Bidding: Click the Calendar Link @ [www.cripesauction.com](#)
Absentee Bidding is Still Available

COMBINE, HEADS & CARTS:
2022 John Deere S780 STS Combine (ONE OWNER, 4-WD, 1540 Eng & 1227 Sep. hrs), 2018 John Deere 645FD Hydra-Flex Grain Head, J&M 4WS17 Head Cart, 2016 John Deere 612 FC 12-Row Folding Cornhead, Unverferth HT 30 Head Cart
TRACTORS:
2020 John Deere 8RT 370 (1228 Hrs), John Deere 8335R (3419 hrs), John Deere 8335R (2900 hrs), John Deere 9530T (3806 hrs), John Deere 7410 (4418 hrs), John Deere 5303 (2060 hrs), John Deere 6125R (2246 hrs), John Deere 7320 (hour meter broken), FarmAll B
SPRAYER, TANKS & APPLICATORS:
2021 John Deere R4038 Sprayer (889 hrs), Snyder 300-Gallon 3-pt Sprayer w/ 10’ Boom, 60’ Fast 8224 28% Applicator (24-Row, 2400-Gallon), Case IH 5300 NH3 Pull-Type Toolbar (21 Knives, Raven NH3 Super Cooler), DMI 4250 NH3 Pull-Type Toolbar (15 Knives, Continental), (2) AG Systems 1250 1200-Gallon Nurse Trailers, Tru-Kleen UTV/ATV 100-Gallon Sprayer, (2) 4000-Gallon 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 Kongskilde Grain Vac (1000 PTO)
SEMI’S & TRAILERS:
2014 Freightliner Cascade (399436 Miles, ISX 15 Cummins, 10-sp. Manual Trans.), 2015 Freightliner Cascade (484041 Miles, Detroit DD13, 10-sp Manual Trans.), 2015 Freightliner Cascade (480057 miles, Detroit DD13, 10-sp Manual Trans.), 2017 Freightliner Cascade (284046 miles, CAT DD13, DT-12 Automatic Trans), 2002 International 9100 (532055 Miles, CAT C-12 10-sp. Manual Trans.), 2020 Wilson DWH-600 Hopper Bottom (34’x72’x96”, Elect. Tarp, Air-Ride, AG Hoppers), 2020 Wilson DWH-600 Hopper Bottom (34’x72’x96”, Elect. Tarp, Spring Ride, AG Hoppers), 2007 Wilson DWH-500 Hopper Bottom (34’x72’x96”, Elect. Tarp, Spring Ride, AG Hoppers), 2012 Wilson DWH-500 Hopper Bottom (34’x72’x96”, Elect. Tarp, Spring Ride, AG Hoppers), 2012 Hudson HTD20A 20-Ton Tilt-Top Trailer (24’x96”, Air Brakes), 2005 Witzco Challenger RG50 46’ Detach
VEHICLES & TRAILERS:
2008 Chevrolet Silverado 3500HD SRW 4x4 Service Truck w/ Warner Utility Bed (Duramax Diesel, Automatic, Regular Cab, 79761 Miles), 2004 GMC 2500HD SLE Truck (Duramax Diesel, Automatic, 4x4, Regular Cab, 163552 Miles), 1991 GMC Topkick Dump Truck (104567 Miles, V-8 Gas, Automatic Trans.), 2012 Thunder Creek ADT990UB Fuel Trailer
PLANTERS & DRILLS:
2022 John Deere DB60 Bean Planter (36-Row, 20” Spacing), 2023 PUK/

2013 John Deere DB60 Corn Planter (24-Row, 30” Spacing), 24 ProMax 40 Units & Parts off JD DB60 Planter, JD Refuge Plus Tank off JD DB60 Planter, Spike Closing Wheels, Misc. Planter Plates
SEED CONVEYORS/AUGERS:
KSI 120832 Conveyor, Brandt Drive-Over Graindeck, Brandt 1537LP+ 10-lp Grain Belt, 2021 Westfield MKX 100-83 Auger (540 PTO), Westfield 100-31 Auger, 2020 Westfield MKX-73 Swing-Away Auger (540 PTO, Hyd. Lift), Westfield 100-51 Swing-Away Auger (540 PTO, Hyd. Lift), Westfield 8” Hydraulic Transfer Auger
GPS EQUIPMENT:
(3) GS2630 Displays, (1) GEN4 4640 Display, (1) GreenStar-2 1800 Display, (2) StarFire 3000 Receivers on RTK450 Radios, (2) StarFire 6000 Receivers with RTK Radios, Misc. StarFire Globes & Parts
TILLAGE:
John Deere 2680H 35’ Hi-Speed Disk, John Deere 2720X 27’6” 11-Shank Disk Chisel, John Deere 2210 34’ 6” Fld Cult (5-Bar Spike Harrow, Rear Hitch, Rear Hyd), Sunflower 1435-33 Disk, J&M T215 37” Rolling Basket, 35’ Unverferth 220 Rolling Harrow, DMI ET5 7-Sh, 3-pt Ripper, John Deere 2810 5-Bottom Plow, 12’ John Deere 1100 3-pt. Fld. Cult), 13’ Pull-Type Packer, John Deere 12-Shank 3-pt Chisel, Int’l 531 3-Bottom 3-pt. Plow, Bush Hog 245 12’ Off-Set Disk, 23’ Case IH 3900 DH Disk (Rock Flex, 7-1/2” Spacing), 7” King Kutter TG-84-YK Gear-Drive 3-pt Tiller
HEAVY EQUIPMENT:
2007 CAT 420E Backhoe 4x4 Extendahoe w/ 4-1 Front Bucket (4141 hrs), 2014 CAT 303.5E Mini Excavator (1649 hrs), 2007 CAT 320DLH Excavator (5328 hrs, 48” Bucket, Hyd. Thumb), 2002 CAT D5G Dozer (291 hrs), Case 1845C Uni-Loader Skid Steer (3632 hrs), 24” CAT 320B Bucket, 72” AIM 320DL Root Rake, Skid Steer Post Hole Auger, Skid Steer Bale Spear, Skid Steer Pallet Forks, John Deere Work Site Pro R84 80” Rock Bucket (Skid Steer Mount), Mitsubishi FG25 Forklift (6583 hrs, LP, 3-Stage Mast, 5000hp), 7” Soil-Max Shaper Pro 3-pt Trench Filler
MISC:
JD 855D Gator (940 hrs), JD 855D Gator (1654 hrs), 1978 Bolinger Tilt-Trailer, (2) Bolinger Tilt-Trailers, Fork Truck LP Tank, Planter Parts, Inductor System w/ Honda GX240 Engine & 3” John Blue Pump, Auger Jack Wheel & 2 Skids of Westfield Auger Parts, John Deere MX7 3-pt. Rotary Cutter (540 PTO), 3-pt. Hay Forks, John Deere HX15 Batwing Rotary Cutter (1000 PTO), 6” Bush Hog 5072 3-pt. Rotary Cutter, 9’ 3-pt. Grader Blade, Honda Engine & 3” Pump, 6’ Pallet Fork Extensions, Skid of 15 Chisel Points, 18’ Spray Boom (11-Nozzle on 20”), Sullair 1850 Air Compressor (Diesel Engine), John Deere Quick Hitches, Hay Wagons on JD Gears, Steel Bed Wagon on DMI Gear, JD Gear w/ Hoist, Utility Cart w/ Toolbox, 1000 & 2000-Gallon Diesel Fuel Tanks w/ Pumps, Tires & Wheels,

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TODAY'S BIBLE READING

WANDERINGS IN THE WILDERNESS

So we went on past our relatives the descendants of Esau, who live in Seir. We turned from the Arabah road, which comes up from Elath and Ezion Geber, and traveled along the desert road of Moab.

Then the Lord said to me, "Do not harass the Moabites or provoke them to war, for I will not give you any part of their land. I have given Ar to the descendants of Lot as a possession."

(The Emmites used to live there—a people strong and numerous, and as tall as the Anakites. Like the Anakites, they too were considered Rephaites, but the Moabites called them Emmites. Horites used to live in Seir, but the descendants of Esau drove them out. They destroyed the Horites from before them and settled in their place, just as Israel did in the land the Lord gave them as their possession.)

And the Lord said, "Now get up and cross the Zered Valley." So we crossed the valley.

Deuteronomy 2:8-13 (NIV)

Joy Ann Mills

April 2, 1942 – August 18, 2026

Joy Ann Mills, 84, Noblesville, passed away peacefully into the arms of her Savior on Tuesday, August 18, 2026. She was born on April 2, 1942, to Everett and Ruby (Lundy) Ely in Pennington Gap, Va.

Joy retired from Best Lock Corp. She and her husband spent their time at their farm in Pennington Gap where they raised cattle, made hay, and enjoyed the company of numerous friends. Joy was a member of the former Beech Grove Church of the Brethren.

She is survived by her loving husband, James H. Mills; daughters, Lisa Phifer, Kathy Young, and Suzanne Mills; daughter-in-law, Robin Mills; sons, Timothy Young, and Mark (Jane) Mills; brother, Larry (Vickie) Ely; sisters, Mary (Bruce) Brooks, and Brenda (Bill) Iles; grandchildren, Evan Myers, Ashley Myers, Clayton Young, Kennedy Young, Jason (Katie) Mills, Molly (Ross) Hammonds, Jared (Caroline) Mills, Shelby (Daniel) Clayton, LJ (Ashley) Young, and Daniel (Bailey) Young; 11 great-grandchildren and one on the way next month; as well as many loving nieces, nephews, and sisters-in-law.

In addition to her parents, Joy was preceded in death by her son, James Mills; daughter-in-law, Rhonda Louise Young; sisters, Marjorie Ruth McElroy and Linda Kay Parker; and her brothers, EJ Ely, Harold Ely, Wayne Ely, and Kenneth Ely.

The family would like to thank Anchor of Hope Hospice for their loving care of Joy.

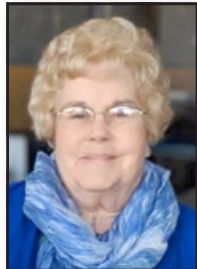
Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon, with services at noon, on Saturday, August 22, 2026, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Pastor Hack McPhee will officiate. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Gospel Grace Church, 9064 W. Grandview Blvd., Pendleton, IN 46064 (mygospelgrace.com).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Arnola Jean Boyer Pickett

February 10, 1935 – August 17, 2026



Our Mother, Nani, Great Nani, and Aunt Jeanie went to heaven peacefully on August 17, 2026, to join her husband, Richard Pickett.

Born as Arnola Jean Fosnight to Reva Fosnight, after her mother and grandmother's passing, she was lovingly adopted by Willie and Carrie (Purdy) Boyer. Arnola was a lifelong resident of Sheridan and attended Sheridan High School where she participated in many class activities. She served as class vice-president, played in the orchestra and band, was a member of several service clubs and cheered for four years for the dear old SHS. Arnola was a member of the local Job's Daughters and moved through the ranks to serve as their Honored Queen.

After graduation in 1953, Arnola worked at Indiana Bell in downtown Indianapolis. While there, she met her future sister-in-law, Donna Eccles. When Richard Pickett was discharged from service with the U.S. Coast Guard, he courted and dated Arnola and they were wed at the Sheridan First United Methodist Church on November 21, 1954.

Arnola and Richard settled in a small house on 8th Street in Sheridan and lived in one of two homes along that quaint street for the rest of their lives.

Arnola, or Jeanie to her husband and family, loved to cook, clean, shop, and travel. She and her husband (often with other family members) visited Alaska, Hawaii, Las Vegas (several times), the Caribbean, Mexico, and most of the U.S. states.

Sheridan First United Methodist Church was her home church as a child as well as with her growing family. She was a member of the Koinonia Circle. As a founding member of the Sheridan chapter of Phi Beta Psi service sorority, she served her community for over 50 years.

After caring for her ailing parents, Arnola wanted to become a nurse. While most women start to settle in at age 49, she attended J. Everett Light Career Center and graduated as a Licensed Practical Nurse in 1984. She worked at the local doctor's office and our community nursing home for many years.

Richard and Arnola owned and operated Pickett's Whirlpool Appliances in Sheridan. Arnola answered the phones, relayed messages, kept the books, coordinated the service calls and deliveries, and often diagnosed a faulty appliance over the phone so parts could be ordered. On

many occasions, she drove the truck to supply houses to pick up loads of refrigerators, freezers, washers, and dryers to restock their inventory.

All in all, they were lifetime partners. Richard and Arnola spent their last days at Wellbrooke of Westfield. If you were lucky, you could catch them going down the hallway to the dining hall, each in their wheelchair, holding hands.

Arnola Pickett is survived by her four children: Kathy (Greg) Bray of Sheridan, Karen

(Randy) Pence of Noblesville, Keith (Mary) Pickett of Sheridan, and Kevin (Dan) Pickett of Forney, Texas; 10 grandchildren: Russell (Juli) Bray of Grand Rapids, Mich., Carrie (Nate) Byerly of Kokomo, Ind., Robert (Aly) Bray of Zionsville, Ind., Richard (Andi) Bray of Columbus, Ohio, Desi (Andrew) Pauley of Noblesville, Orey Pence of Fortville, Ind., Allie (Aaron) Deal of Fishers, Courtney (Mike) Twyford of Sheridan, Andy (Heather) Pickett of Sheridan, and Richard (Jordan) Pickett of Deale, Md.; 26 great-grandchildren: Ruthie, Josiah, Keren, Zander, Warren, Clara, Joe, Zeke, Olivia, Logan, Cora, Lincoln, Leo, Luca, Livi, Kordell, Rylee, Quincy, Raegan, Kaelin, Cooper, Caleb, Brody, Madelyn, Kingsley, and Harleigh; and sisters-in-law: Ruth Pickett Sanders and Winona (Hoover) Moss.

Arnola is preceded in death by her loving husband of 71 years, Richard A Pickett; her birth mother, Reva Fosnight; grandparents, Ellis and Ida Dean; her parents, Willie and Carrie (Purdy) Boyer; her brother, Clair Dean; her sister, Dorothy Brattain; and brothers and sisters-in-law: Bryce Pickett and wives Betty Jo and Mary Grace, Donald Pickett, James Pickett and wife Donna, John Smith, and Wiley "Bud" Sanders.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, August 22, 2026, at Sheridan First United Methodist Church, 207 E. 2nd St. Family and friends are invited to gather from noon till time of services. Burial will follow at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Sheridan First Methodist Church or Phi Beta Psi Donna Pickett Memorial Fund.

Everyone is invited to sign the online guestbook, leave a condolence, or share a memory at fisherfamilyfunerals.com. Fisher Family Funeral Services is honored to serve the Pickett Family.

Meeting Notices

The Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District Board will meet at noon on Monday, Aug. 24, 2026, in the Commissioners' Courtroom at the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville.

The Hamilton County Commissioners will meet in an executive session at 12:15 p.m. Monday, Aug. 24, 2026.

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

The Hamilton County Council will meet in an executive session at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2026, for discussion concerning Attorney-Client Privilege pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1.

A special meeting of the Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 21, 2026, in the Council Chamber at Noblesville City Hall, 16 S. 10th St.

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

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

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