

FRIDAY, AUG. 21, 2026

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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today: Mostly to partly sunny.
Tonight: Partly cloudy.
Spotty showers and storms overnight.

HIGH: 82 LOW: 64



Health Department offers safety tips for flood cleanup

Residents encouraged to wear PPE & discard exposed foods

The REPORTER

As residents begin returning to homes impacted by recent flooding, the Hamilton County Health Department is reminding residents to take extra safety precautions to reduce the risk of injury, illness, and exposure to mold.

Protect yourself during cleanup

Residents should wear appropriate personal protective equipment when entering and cleaning flood-damaged areas. Recommended items include:

N95 masks, particularly when working around drywall, insulation, mold, or other materials that may create airborne particles.

Protective gloves to prevent contact with contaminants and reduce the risk of cuts and puncture wounds.*

Heavy-duty trash bags for damaged materials and household items.

*Cuts and puncture wounds can increase the risk of infection, including tetanus. Residents should make sure their



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tetanus vaccination is current and contact a healthcare provider if they are injured during cleanup.

Furnaces & water heaters

Furnaces, water heaters, and other equipment exposed to floodwater should be professionally inspected before being used. Heating and ventilation systems should be properly cleaned, and any mold addressed before circulating air throughout the home.

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The power of showing up: where belonging begins

What if belonging doesn't begin with an invitation? What if it begins with simply showing up?

This year, as I begin another year as a Compass mentor with Noblesville Schools, our theme is *The Power of Showing Up*. The more I thought about those four words, the more I realized how deeply they connect to something I have come to believe through my own journey: belonging begins when someone chooses to be present.

You don't have to be perfect to be present.

Sometimes, a student doesn't need another adult with all the answers. They need one more adult who will sit beside them, listen without judgment, notice when something feels different, and remind them, "You can count on me."

That is the heart of Compass mentoring.

Our training brought together mentors with a wide range of experiences – from first-time volunteers to mentors who have been part of the program for five years. We may have different stories, professions, and life experiences, but we shared something important: a genuine passion to show up for students when they need another person in their corner.

And showing up is more than physically being there.

We learned about the difference between simply listening, focused listening, and global listening. Focused listening asks us to pay attention to the words. Global listening asks us to notice everything around those words – the body language, facial expressions, pauses, energy and tone.

Sometimes the most important part of a conversation is what isn't being said.

A student's "I'm fine" might mean many different things. Instead of assuming, global listening encourages us to pause, observe and gently ask.

We also explored the LASER-LIGHT approach: Listen deeply. Ask wisely. Speak empathetically. Establish common ground. Respond rather than react.

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The most undervalued job I've ever witnessed

I spend my days as an attorney in Hamilton and Madison Counties with Adler Attorneys. Most weeks I work 50 hours or more by choice. My work is demanding – family law, Department of Child Services cases, criminal defense, civil litigation, contested estates, trusts, and property disputes. The stakes are high, the decisions matter, and the mental load is significant.

For a long time, I believed that my career was one of the most demanding jobs a person could have. Then our daughter was born.

Over the past several days, I've been home helping my wife recover while caring for our newborn and our almost two-year-old son. Those few days have completely changed my perspective on one of the most overlooked jobs in our society: being a stay-at-home parent.

Every morning seems to begin with a race against the clock. Before lunch I've already run multiple errands, swept and mopped the house, washed load after load of laundry, cleaned dishes more times than I can count, completed farm chores, helped care for our son, and tried to support my wife as she recovers from childbirth only a few days before.

And then the afternoon begins. There is always another diaper to change. Another meal to prepare. Another mess to clean. Another crying child to calm. Another bedtime routine to navigate. Another night interrupted by a crying newborn. There are no coffee breaks. No lunch hour. No quiet office. No clocking out at five o'clock. The work simply continues.

As I've experienced this firsthand, I've come to appreciate something I don't think our culture recognizes nearly enough: stay-at-home parents are performing work that is physically exhausting, emotionally demanding, mentally draining, and incredibly valuable.

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COLUMNIST

POOJA THAKKAR

Taste of Community

Reports show Hazel Dell bridge was in 'very good condition' before partial collapse

By MICHAELA SPRINGER
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Recent inspection reports reveal the Hazel Dell Parkway bridge in Carmel was rated as "good" or "very good" condition before its partial collapse on Aug. 15.

Record rainfall and surging water caused severe damage to the Hazel Dell Parkway Bridge, south of 106th Street near Blue Woods Creek.

Indiana's I-Team obtained bridge inspection reports from 2023 and 2025.

Most bridges in the country are required to be inspected at least every two years.

The 2023 inspection, conducted by United Consulting, noted the bridge deck and wearing surface (top layer) were in "good" condition.

Inspectors noted some "longitudinal and transverse cracks" in the concrete deck and surface.

Inspectors noted the bridge's substructure or supports were in "very good" condition in 2023, noting only minor cracks.

The inspection also looked at how the creek flows underneath the bridge. Inspectors noted it was in "very good" condition, noting it was well vegetated.

In 2023, inspectors did not note any proposed improvements, writing "no major work needed."

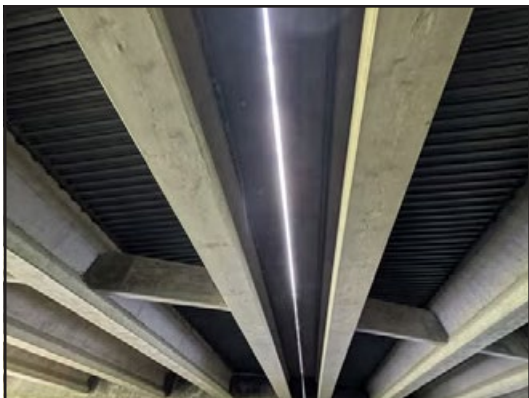
The 2025 inspection, authored by USI Consultants, also noted that the bridge was in "good," "very good," or "excellent condition."

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Photo by Circle City Broadcasting

The Hazel Dell Road bridge in Carmel on Aug. 19.



Photos provided by USI Consultants

Images from inspection reports showing key points of the Hazel Dell Parkway bridge in 2025, a year before the bridge's complete collapse due to floodwaters on Aug. 15. The left photo shows the bottom of the beams and decks, and the right photo shows the first abutment.

transverse cracking, honeycombing on beams, and minor cracks in concrete abutments.

Inspectors recommended Hamilton County, which maintains the bridge, remove brush and trees from near the bridge.

The bridge, built in 1998, will need a total replacement because of the recent water damage.

While the area remains off-limits to the public, city officials said the work to stabilize the infrastructure is complete.

The project began when Carmel crews and local engineering partners built a temporary dam across the water flow. Officials said the barrier calmed the water around the pipes and eased structural concerns.

The Indiana National Guard provided a second layer of protection. Two Black Hawk helicopter crews dropped 2,000-pound sandbags to create a backup barrier in case water breaches the first dam.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/i-team/hazel-dell-parkway-bridge-collapse.

Marching Huskies have strongest showing of the year at Indiana State Fair Band Day

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corp.

The Hamilton Heights Marching Huskies wrapped up their 2026 competitive season with a proud and memorable performance at the Indiana State Fair Band Day Competition.

Performing first out of 35 bands, the ensemble delivered what many felt was their strongest show of the year. Although they did not advance to finals, the students left the field knowing they had performed at their absolute best.

This season's success reflects the dedication of an exceptional group of students, the leadership of a remarkable senior class, and the hard work of returning and first-year members alike. The instructional staff, parents, and volunteers played an essential

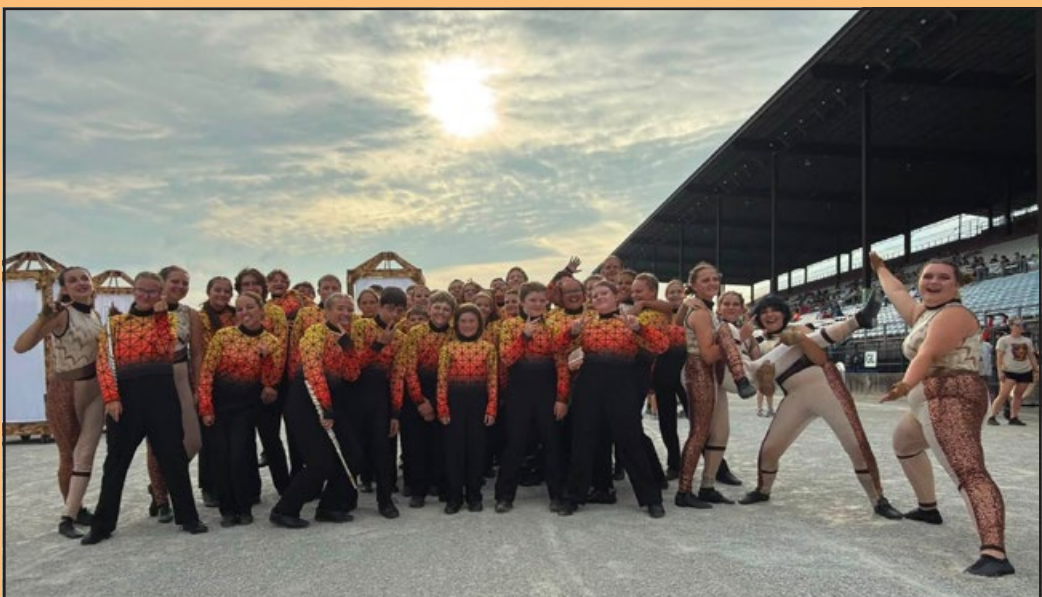


Photo provided by Hamilton Heights School Corporation

The Hamilton Heights Marching Huskies capped off their fourth consecutive and memorable competitive season with a proud showing at the Indiana State Fair Band Day Competition.

role – from rehearsals and logistics to props, equipment, and unwavering support.

The Marching Huskies will present one final performance of "Like a Moth to a

Flame" at halftime of the varsity football game on Friday, Aug. 28.



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Letter to the Editor

Gov. Braun should listen to the science on bobcat hunting quota

Dear Editor:

Indiana DNR wants to raise the annual bobcat kill quota from 250 to 400 – a 60 percent jump – and they’re doing it without any real data on how last year’s first-ever trapping season actually affected the population. Trappers already killed 253 bobcats last season, blowing past the original 250 cap. If the quota goes to 400, there’s no telling how many will actually be taken.

There’s no science backing a jump this big. In fact, DNR’s own population model shows that killing 400 bobcats a year could push the species toward local extinction in Indiana within a decade. That’s not wildlife management – that’s a gamble with a species we only recently got back. Bobcats are the only native wildcat Indiana has left. They do real work keeping rodent and rabbit populations in check, which benefits farmers and ecosystems across the state. A species that was nearly wiped out in the mid-1900s deserves better than a quota decision made without solid data behind it.

Governor Braun and the Natural Resources Commission need to listen to the science, as well as the voices of the public, and reject this proposal.

If you care about this, please show up: the public hearing is Aug. 27, 2 to 4 p.m., at the Fort Harrison Inn in Indianapolis (or join online). Tell DNR and the Natural Resources Commission to reject the 400-bobcat quota and the expansion of hunting.

Grace Johnston
Carmel

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CLEANUP

Residents should not attempt to operate flood-damaged appliances until they have been determined safe by a qualified professional.

Food safety

Residents should use extra caution with food stored in refrigerators or freezers following flooding or power outages. Food that came into contact with floodwater should be thrown away. Refrigerated perishable food that has been above 41°F should also be discarded. When in doubt, the safest option is to throw food away.

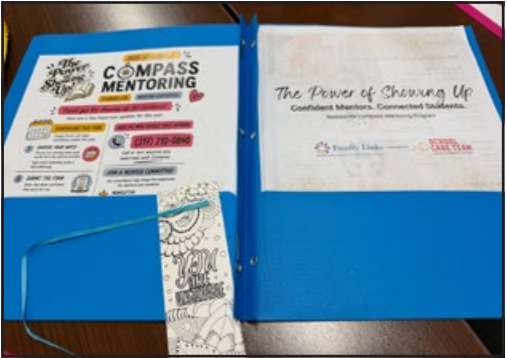
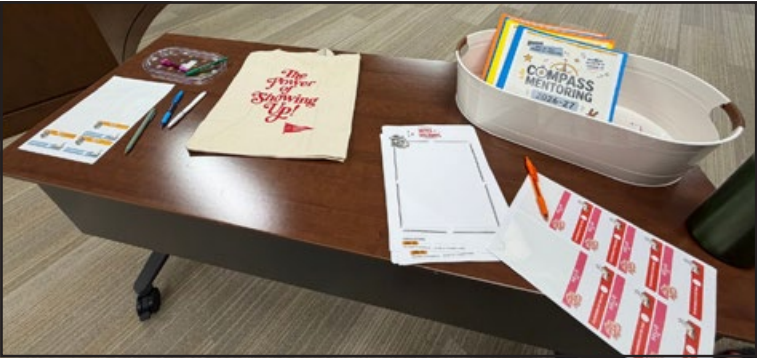
Intact commercially canned foods may be salvageable if labels are removed, and the cans are properly cleaned and sanitized. Damaged, swollen, leaking, or rusted cans should be discarded.

Supplies & assistance available

Residents who need food, cleanup supplies, or other resources can call (317) 645-3261 for assistance or visit the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds for available resources.

Anyone with questions about flood-related health and safety concerns should contact the Hamilton County Health Department for additional guidance.

SHOWING UP



Those are more than mentoring techniques. They are tools for building trust.

We talked about empathy versus sympathy, fight-or-flight responses, constructive feedback and even the “sandwich method” – begin with something positive, offer constructive feedback, and close with encouragement. The lesson isn’t about finding the perfect formula for every conversation. It is about remembering that how we communicate can determine whether someone feels corrected or cared for.

And sometimes, showing up means meeting someone exactly where they are.

Maybe the student walks into a meeting having had a difficult day. Maybe they are quiet. Maybe their energy is completely different from the last time you met.

Our job isn’t always to bring them to where we are. Sometimes, our job is to meet them where they are.

That idea reminds me of *Taste of Community*. Community isn’t built because everyone arrives with the same story, the same culture, or the same perspective. It is built because people keep making room for one another.

Showing up says: *I see you.*

Listening says: *I want to understand you.*

Consistency says: *You can count on me.*

And together, those things create something powerful: belonging.

As I look forward to another year of mentoring, I am excited about the big moments and the small ones: the conversations, the questions, the challenges, the laughter, and even the moments when I may not know exactly what to say.

Because perhaps that is the most important lesson of all:

We don’t have to show up perfectly.

We just have to show up genuinely.

One conversation. One listening moment. One encouraging word. One student at a time.

Because sometimes, the person who changes someone’s day isn’t the person who has the perfect answer. It’s simply the person who showed up.

And that is the power of showing up.

Belonging begins there.

Pooja Thakkar is working to build cultural connections. You can read her column each week in the pages of The Reporter.

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Studies have attempted to assign a dollar value to this work: \$150,000 a year or more. I honestly believe that misses the point. You simply cannot place a price tag on raising children, nurturing them, comforting them, teaching them, and giving them the consistency they need during their earliest years.

What struck me even more wasn’t just the workload. It was the sacrifice. The morning before writing this, I realized my wife had been awake feeding our daughter at 1 a.m., 3:30 a.m., and again at 5:30 a.m.

while I slept through the night. She wasn’t complaining. She was simply doing what mothers do every single day. She is only days removed from giving birth, yet she continues putting the needs of our children ahead of her own comfort and rest.

That kind of sacrifice deserves recognition.

Another realization I’ve had during this time is how much children simply want your presence. When our son was born a couple of years ago, I only had three days at home before returning to work. This time, thanks to the support of Adler Attorneys, I’ve been able to take additional time away from the office. I am deeply grateful for that opportunity.

I’ve watched my son light up simply because Dad is home. I’ve seen how naturally he turns to his mother throughout the day – for comfort, for guidance, for reassurance. I’ve witnessed the bond that develops when a parent is consistently present during the ordinary moments of life. Those moments matter.

None of this is intended as criticism of families where both parents work. For many households, that’s not a choice – it’s a necessity. Working parents love their children just as deeply and make extraordinary sacrifices of their own.

But I do believe we should stop undervaluing those who devote themselves full-time to raising children. Being a stay-at-home parent isn’t “not working.” It’s working all day. It’s sacrificing sleep, personal time, career advancement, and often adult conversation. And it’s doing all of that because you believe your children are worth it.

The longer I’ve been home, the more convinced I’ve become that one of the greatest gifts we can give children is our time. Whether that’s a mother staying home, a father staying home, flexible work schedules, or simply making intentional choices to be present, children benefit when loving adults invest deeply in their lives.

So today I’d simply ask you to do one thing. If your spouse is a stay-at-home parent, tell them thank you. Give them a hug. Recognize the countless things they do that often go unseen.

Because after just a few days of walking in those shoes, I can say with complete confidence that stay-at-home parents aren’t underworked. They’re undervalued. And in my opinion, they are among the true heroes of everyday life.

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Paul Poteet...

Your Hometown Weatherman!



From the desk of Hamilton Heights Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood

Update No. 177

In the midst of last week's flooding, we once again witnessed the very best of Northern Hamilton County. The compassion shown by our neighbors, the willingness to do whatever is needed, and the overwhelming generosity of time, resources, and support have been remarkable.

I want to recognize the extraordinary response we have seen across our county, from Hamilton County Emergency Management, first responders, county and township officials, volunteers, community organizations, and our Hamilton



DR. DEREK ARROWOOD
Heights Superintendent

Heights staff members who stepped forward without hesitation to help others. Their actions reflect a community that does not wait to be asked but simply shows up. People from every corner

of our community have stepped forward to support those facing hardship, underscoring that our greatest strength lies in our collective care and the deep sense of responsibility we share for one another. Many families will continue to feel the effects of this flooding long after the water recedes, and we are deeply grateful for every act of service, kind-

ness, and care offered during these challenging days.

It's my pleasure to introduce the Hamilton Heights Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2026. This year's honorees include 1975 Boys Basketball Team, Beth (Hoch) Sperry ('88), James Duncan ('91), Maria (Mitchell) St. John ('21), and Coach Chuck Reeves. These outstanding Huskies have made a lasting impact on our athletic legacy, and we're excited to celebrate their achievements.

A special luncheon and induction ceremony will be held at noon on Saturday, Oct. 3 at Hamilton Heights High School, 25802 State Road 19, Arcadia. Each inductee will receive a commemorative metal display,

and their names and photos will be proudly featured in our Athletic Hall of Fame located in the Athletic Center.

Tickets for the luncheon and ceremony are \$10. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Mitch Street at mstreet@hhschuskies.org or call (317) 984-3551, ext. 1092.

Our friends at HOPE Family Care Center in Cicero are hosting its 3rd annual HOPE 5K Walk/Run on Sunday, Oct. 4. The event begins at 2:30 p.m. on the Hamilton Heights Cross Country course in Arcadia and is open to all ages and paces. Registration is \$35 and includes a T-shirt, with awards for top finishers; sponsorship opportunities

are also available.

HOPE Family Care Center is a faith-based nonprofit offering free medical, dental, counseling, women's health, mammograms, and diabetes education services to uninsured and under-served patients across Hamilton, Tipton, Madison, and Boone counties. [Click here](#) to register or learn more.

Our partners as the Indiana Association of School Business Officials (IASBO) and the Indiana School Public Relations Association (INDSPRA) have created a brief, easy-to-follow video that explains how Indiana public schools receive funding and how districts manage resources to support student success.

Understanding how schools are funded is an important part of supporting our students and our community. School finance can feel complex, but having a clear picture of how dollars flow to districts and how those dollars are invested helps all of us stay informed and engaged. I encourage you to take a few minutes to watch it and learn more about the financial structure that helps make our work possible. Watch the video [here](#).

In a week marked by challenge, your compassion and service have been a steady source of strength. Thank you for all you do to support our students, our families, and this remarkable community.

#WeAreHuskies

STAR Financial Bank makes \$100K commitment to flood relief efforts

The REPORTER

STAR Financial Bank announced on Thursday, Aug. 20, a \$100,000 commitment to support flood relief and recovery efforts across five Indiana counties affected by recent flooding.

The contribution will support relief organizations serving Hamilton, Marion, Delaware, Madison, and Henry counties. These funds will help provide resources to individuals, families, and communities as they recover from the damage and disruption caused by the flooding.

"Many of the communities impacted by these floods are places our customers, employees and neighbors call home," said Jim Marcuccilli, Chairman & CEO of STAR Financial Bank. "We know recovery takes time, and we want those affected to know STAR is here to support them. Being a community bank means showing up when people need help most, and we are grateful to work alongside

trusted local organizations that are helping families move forward."

STAR will distribute the contribution evenly among the organizations, with \$20,000 directed to each fund:

- **Hamilton County:** Hamilton County Flood Relief Fund through the Hamilton County Community Foundation
- **Marion County:** Indianapolis Flood Relief Fund through the Indianapolis Foundation/Central Indiana Community Foundation
- **Delaware County:** Heart of Indiana United Way Long-Term Flood Recovery Fund
- **Madison County:** Heart of Indiana United Way Long-Term Flood Recovery Fund
- **Henry County:** Henry County Disaster Relief Fund through the Henry County Community Foundation

Each fund is focused on addressing local recovery needs and connecting as-



sistance with residents and communities affected by the flooding.

STAR has a long-standing commitment to strengthening the communities it serves throughout central and northeast Indiana. The flood relief contribution reflects the bank's continued focus on responding to local needs and partnering with organizations positioned to make a meaningful difference.

"Our communities are at the heart of who we are as an organization," added Kevin Wright, President of STAR Financial Bank. "In difficult moments, we believe our responsibility extends beyond banking. It means being present, supporting recovery and helping strengthen the places we

are proud to serve."

Learn more about STAR Financial Bank at starfinancial.com.

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.

Thanks for reading!

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.

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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



Lane & ramp closures planned for paving in Hamilton & Tipton counties

The REPORTER

The Indiana Department of Transportation has planned lane and ramp closures on U.S. 31 in Hamilton and Tipton counties for paving.

The following closures are planned next week between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m., weather permitting:

Wednesday, Aug. 26

- One lane closed on U.S. 31 southbound between 236th Street and 216th Street in Hamilton County
- 236th Street ramp to U.S. 31 southbound closed

Thursday, Aug. 27

- One lane closed on U.S. 31 northbound and



southbound between 236th Street and 226th Street in Hamilton County

- U.S. 31 northbound ramp to 236th Street closed
- One lane closed on State Road 19 between State Road 28 and Hickory Drive in Tipton County.

On-site flaggers will direct traffic.

INDOT reminds drivers to slow down, avoid distractions, and use extra caution while traveling in and around work zones. All work is weather-dependent, and schedules are subject to change.

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Water

“Nothing is softer or more flexible than water, yet nothing can resist it.”
— Lao Tzu

I’m going to keep this one short. Because to be honest, I’m exhausted.

The Irish and the Scots called their whiskey “uisge beatha,” or water of life. That’s how important it was to them. Water is key to making great whiskeys. Most distilleries, including Buffalo Trace (which I’m still procrastinating on) sit on major rivers or aquifers. Kentucky is especially rich in pure, lovely, limestone filtered, water. That’s why it’s perfect for bourbon.

Water is also key to life. Sixty percent of our bodies are made of it. Watson and Crick, and ALL other scientists believe that it is the key to life on Earth. In fact, they believe it is the key to life EVERYWHERE.

Water is beautiful. Think of the awesome lakes that we love to visit and play in, the vast beautiful oceans that mesmerize us with their inviting beaches, the awe-inspiring water falls that we love to frequent. The awe-inspiring canyons that it has carved. You get the idea.

Water is also the most destructive force on Earth.

We’ve learned that the hard way in central Indiana over the past week. The state and federal governments have both declared much of Indiana disaster areas. Hamilton and Marion counties were both hit especially hard. You all know this.

I have family who live in the small community of Ravenswood on the north side of Indianapolis. Ravenswood floods quite often; it’s right by White River. Never has it flooded like this. My family’s home (which usually is unaffected by the frequent flooding) had two feet of water in the house. Needless to say; most is lost and the house needs major repairs.

So, I want to take the time this week to acknowledge the devastation that



JON SMYRNIS
Bourbon Psychosis

has occurred to our communities. Because in the grand scheme of things, bourbon isn’t important.

Life, family, home, country, friends – those are some of the things that are really important.

Community is also important. It’s always amazed me how Americans and especially Hoosiers come together in a time of crisis. Much of the time we’re bickering over politics, or sports, or horrible driving. Yet when things get tough, we are there for each other. It’s truly amazing and uplifting. This crisis is no different.

The outpouring of pure raw muscle, time, energy, food, water, supplies, and just plain hard work has been wonderful. This isn’t just happening with my family. It’s happening all across the Hoosier state. And I thank you. Thank you for your care, your compassion, your hard work, and your donations. YOU are heroes.

My family’s needs are being fulfilled, but MANY, MANY, others still need help. If you feel that you would like to help out, please do a Google search of Indiana flood relief. Here’s a short list: Indianapolis Flood Relief Fund, American Red Cross, The Salvation Army, Convoy of Hope.

Or ... if you have neighbors in need, make them a lasagna, bring them some cleaning supplies, hand them a 20 spot, pat them on the back, and give them a hug. Every little bit helps.

Tonight, I’m raising my Glencairn to you, Indiana. Cheers! We’ll get through this together. We’re Hoosiers, that’s what we do.

And now, seriously, I’m off to bed. Back at the recovery and restoration tomorrow.

Jon Smyrnis is a lifelong Indianapolis area resident. He enjoys traveling, hiking, biking, kayaking, dining out, and, of course, fine cocktails and great bourbons.

Gov. Braun expects federal disaster aid request will be completed soon

By GARRETT BERGQUIST
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Indiana expects to finish its request for federal disaster aid within the next few days, Gov. Mike Braun said Thursday.

State officials are gathering details from areas hit by the storms across Indiana before they submit the formal application. The Republican governor also revealed Indiana has spent \$5 million so far on flood recovery efforts.

“The state activated its emergency response, which is \$5,000 per family for temporary housing, food and clothing. Whatever’s not being done locally, you’ve got that to call on as well,” Braun said. “The federal response, so far, has been to just replace the funds we’ve spent across

our state, which has far exceeded \$5 million.

“Today and tomorrow, we should be getting enough together to give that to them (the federal government) to see if we get a major declaration. It has taken that long to get the information they’ll need, which they’ll look to see if it reaches the threshold, and we’ll be very attentive, making sure if it’s close we’ll get the benefit of the doubt. We’ve got a good relationship with the administration.”

He provided an update from the Noblesville Public Safety Building after he toured damage from last week’s storms and flooding in Hamilton County.



Braun

Last week’s floods hit Noblesville especially hard. Republican Mayor Chris Jensen said the city alone has suffered at least \$10 million in damage. While the floods displaced 14 families, Jensen said no one will face eviction from the hotels where they are staying.

The governor said several state aid programs are open to residents, though he did not have a total for how many people have already applied.

He also discussed what he expects to happen regarding the federal government’s approval of a disaster declaration. He thinks the state has a very strong case for the federal govern-

ment to step in, based on the scale of what happened in Noblesville and other parts of the state.

The food pantry at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds remained open Thursday for residents affected by the flooding. Over the next few days, however, officials plan to move those services back to the permanent food pantry system.

Jensen said local officials will carefully document every expense to track how state and federal aid dollars are spent.

Gregg Montgomery with Circle City Broadcasting contributed to this request. This story was originally published by WISH-TV at wishtv.com/news/politics/gov-braun-expects-federal-disaster-aid-request-will-be-completed-soon.

Indiana seeking federal storm assistance at time when Trump wants to scale it back

By TOM DAVIES
[Indiana Capital Chronicle](http://IndianaCapitalChronicle)

While state officials continue compiling details about recent **storm damage across Indiana**, Gov. Mike Braun said he is confident that the state can help pay recovery costs regardless of whether additional federal assistance is approved.

Flooding in central Indiana counties and severe wind damage in the state’s northwestern corner has caused many millions of dollars in damage at a time when President Donald Trump has said he wants states to **assume more responsibility for natural disaster response**.

Braun said Wednesday that he expected the state’s request for a major federal disaster declaration would be submitted in the coming days to the Trump administration, with the aim of making residents eligible for federal aid.

That submission will happen after state officials gather enough information on damages to homes, businesses, roads, and bridges.

“We’re trying to figure out how many homes have been impacted,” Braun told the Indiana Capital Chronicle. “It’s going to be probably in the thousands.”

Governor says state has money for aid

The emergency declaration Trump approved Saturday for Indiana is intended to supplement state and local response efforts in 53 listed counties.

The federal aid will help cover some state and local response costs, such as evacuations, shelters, and water rescues. But that federal assistance is capped at \$5 million.

The recent storms and flooding displaced more than 1,000 families and contributed to at least seven deaths around the state, according to officials.

Braun said he is certain the state has the money available to help with recovery work regardless of the level of federal aid granted.

Trump has repeatedly complained about how the federal government prepares for and responds to natural disasters, saying he believes much of the responsibility should be moved to states.

Braun expressed some agreement with Trump on that argument.

“We would be a state that would be in the best shape of almost any to be able to do it – and he’s got a point there because any of

the help we’re getting, 100 percent of it is borrowed money,” Braun said.

New Federal Emergency Management Agency **Administrator Cameron Hamilton** recently said he wanted to “downsize the agency” and reduce “wasteful spending” but that he opposed talk of eliminating it.

Transfer boosts state disaster fund

The State Disaster Relief **Fund** is providing emergency aid grants of up to \$5,000 – accessible by calling 211 or going **online** – for food, clothing and other basics to those displaced from their homes.

Braun said Wednesday that the disaster fund had been bolstered to \$5 million after payouts earlier this year had lowered it to about \$2 million.

Officials can draw on money from the state government’s cash reserves, which stood at **nearly \$4 billion** as of the end of June, the governor said.

The disaster fund began this summer with a balance of about \$5 million, according to the state’s transparency portal. The fund had about \$10 million before payouts from storms and flooding in March 2025.

Money for the fund

comes from a share of the state’s tax on fireworks sales, which amounted to about \$1 million during the 2025 fiscal year, according to a Legislative Services Agency report.

“We did bump it up with our own reserves to make sure that was at the \$5 million [level] that we keep in it,” Braun said. “That’s \$5,000 per family impacted, and that is mostly just to get to the point where their own insurance kicks in, figure out how they’re going to go back to a home that is usable.”

State Senate Democrats have called for the governor to immediately provide emergency state funding directly to local governments and provide cleanup and housing assistance to displaced families.

“Hoosiers should not be left staring at ruined homes and mountains of debris while billions of their tax dollars remain untouched,” Democratic senators said in a statement. “Families need more than sympathy. Communities need more than promises. They need equipment, manpower, housing, and direct assistance, and they need it now.”

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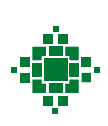
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Read & Roam Garden opens at Westfield Washington Public Library

New outdoor space offers opportunities for reading, learning & community

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The Westfield Washington Public Library (WWPL) and Westfield Washington Township opened the new Read & Roam Garden on Tuesday, Aug. 18, with a ribbon cutting for the new outdoor space.

The morning celebration began with a special story time, followed by an official ribbon-cutting ceremony. Westfield Mayor Scott Willis joined WWPL Executive Director Sheryl Sollars, and Township Trustee Jamie Goetz Mills to cut the ribbon, explore the garden, and enjoy light refreshments.

The Read & Roam Garden was envisioned as part of the original plan for the new WWPL, which opened in 2024. The completed garden transforms the library's outdoor space into a welcoming park and open-air classroom that features shaded pergolas, reading nooks, and flexible spaces that will allow the library to expand its programming outdoors and host a variety of community events and activities.

"Today was a wonderful reminder of why we created the Read & Roam Garden," Sollars said. "Seeing families and community members together in this space



Photo provided (From left) Westfield City Councilman Victor McCarty, Westfield Chamber of Commerce President Courtney Albright, Westfield Mayor Scott Willis, Westfield Washington Public Library Executive Director Sheryl Sollars, Westfield Washington Township Trustee Jamie Goetz Mills, Westfield Washington Public Library Board Treasurer Justin Wiley, and Westfield Library Foundation Director Erin Downey.

brought our vision to life. We're excited for this to become a place people return to again and again."

Goetz Mills added, "The Read & Roam Garden is a

great example of what we can accomplish through partnership and a shared commitment to our community. A lot of planning and collaboration went into making this

space possible, and it was rewarding to celebrate its completion with the community. I'm excited to see how people make this space their own in the years ahead."

Public invited to meetings about Noblesville Schools funding referendum

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Noblesville Schools Superintendent Dr. Dan Hile invites the community to any of the eight upcoming community meetings to discuss the school funding referendum that will be on the Nov. 3 general election ballot.

• Aug. 24 at 6 p.m. at Noblesville High School
• Aug. 27 at 6 p.m. at Forest Park

• Sept. 2 at 10 a.m. at Hamilton East Public Library



Hile

• Sept. 3 at 6 p.m. at Hamilton East Public Library

• Sept. 17 at 6 p.m. at Noblesville High School

• Sept. 28 at 1 p.m. at Noblesville City Hall

• Oct. 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Chapter Book Lounge

• Oct. 13 from 2 to 4 p.m. at The Gathering House



NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS Board Highlights

August 2026 Meeting

Submitted by Noblesville Schools

The school board has responsibility for major district functions including school district governance and oversight, setting school policies, approving funding, strategic planning, and hiring and evaluating the superintendent.

• Noblesville East Middle School presented on its counselor/social work program that includes things like suicide and bullying prevention, homelessness support, career exploration, and life skill development like motivation and behavior management.

• The board heard a strategic plan update from Dr. Heather Hendrich on exceptional staffing that highlighted the district's significant improvement in attracting and retaining teachers. The district has reduced teacher turnover by 50 percent and now has a 93 percent teacher retention rate (compared to the national average of 78 percent). The improvement is the result of funding for teacher salaries and mentoring programs, as well as the district's workplace enhancement efforts.

• The school board adopted a resolution that commits to a lower than originally projected referendum rate and slow, incremental increases should the 2026 referendum proposal be approved. The resolution, tax calculator and other referendum info can be found at noblesvilleschools.org/referendum.

Go to noblesvilleschools.org/leadership/school-board for meeting agendas, minutes, videos, and more.

Meijer partners with SERVE Village



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As a proud Midwest retailer and long-standing business in Indiana, Meijer has stepped in to support Central Indiana. The retailer has partnered with SERVE Village in Noblesville to provide food as part of local relief efforts following the historic flood.

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60 works selected for HCAA's Midwest Juried Art Exhibit

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More than 200 works of art. Seventy-six artists. Just 60 pieces selected.
The Hamilton County Artists' Association (HCAA) announces the artists selected for its fifth annual Midwest Juried Art Exhibit, on view Sept. 4 through Oct. 31, at the HCAA Birdie Gallery in Noblesville.
This year's juried competition drew more than 200 submissions from 76 artists, presenting the exhibit's juror, Ball State Professor of Art David Hannon, with the challenging task of narrowing an impressive field of work to just 60 pieces for the final exhibition.
The result will bring together an exceptional collection of artwork representing the creativity, craftsmanship and perspectives of artists participating in this year's Midwest competition.
"This year's response

demonstrates just how much extraordinary artistic talent exists throughout our region," HCAA President Jennifer Wolfe said. "With more than 200 pieces submitted, selecting only 60 for the exhibition was no easy task for the juror. We congratulate every artist whose work was selected and look forward to sharing this remarkable collection with the community."
Meet the Selected Artists
Artists accepted into the fifth annual Midwest Juried Art Exhibit include:
Carla Allgeier, Melissa Bledsoe, Michael Bocock, Heather Ray Boelke, Margot Bogue, Roy Boswell, Michele Childs, Susan Cook, John Dierdorf, Carrie Dodd, Juli Dorton, Caitlin Downey, Brad Fields, Caroline Goldsmith, Tatjana Gordon, Jessica Green, Jessica Hancock, Jeannie Hiltfiker, Samuel Hoffman, Caroli-



na Jaramillo, Sharon Jiska Brooks, Benny Kenworthy, Michael Levine, Tim Lewis, Patty Mac Innis, A. Cassia Margolis, Laura McCormick, Scott Miller, Joni Morris, Karen Naber, Cathy Orosz, Sandra Pedrick, Kyle Ragsdale, Donna Roberts, Amy Ruddy, Amanda Russo, Donna Short, Deborah Smith, Jenny Spires, Denese Stachowiak, Tresa Steenberg, Brittany Stump, Dana Telsrow, Mark Timmis, Kate Uranek, Angela Walthour, Gayle Williams, Victoria Winemiller, Gina Wolfum, Abbey Wuestafeld, and Sabrina Zhou.
The public will have its first opportunity to experi-

ence the completed exhibition during an Opening Reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, at the HCAA Birdie Gallery, 195 S. 5th St., Noblesville. The reception offers guests an opportunity to see the selected works together and celebrate the artists whose work earned a place in this year's exhibition.
The exhibition will remain on view through Oct. 24 at the HCAA Birdie Gallery on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The opening reception is free and open to the public.
[Click here](#) for additional information about the exhibition, participating artists, and HCAA.

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VAU auction & Fallen Heroes Memorial Wall returning to Cyntheanne Christian Church

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Cyntheanne Christian Church, 13151 Cyntheanne Road, Fishers, will host the 17th annual Veterans & Athletes United (VAU) Auction starting at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7. It's a free, family-friendly event raising funds and awareness for veterans with disabilities.
Every dollar raised at the auction – 100 percent of proceeds – goes directly to Veterans & Athletes United, an organization dedicated to supporting those who have served. Items at the auction will include baked goods,

crafts, jewelry, Amish items, unique items, and handmade wood items.
The day's centerpiece is the Fallen Heroes Memorial Wall, on public display in the church parking lot and bearing the names of service members who gave their lives in defense of the country. Visitors are invited to view the wall and read the names before or after the auction. It's a striking, visual moment of remembrance.
"This auction is one way we can help these heroes regain some aspect of their normal lives," Senior Minister Larry Renihan said.
This event is free and open to the public. Lunch will be available.
Veterans & Athletes United is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit run by veterans. The organiza-



tion was founded in 2013 with a focus on providing much-needed support to disabled veterans and their family members through accessible retreats and adaptive sports and recreation. Learn more at vetsau.org.

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New this week at Sheridan Public Library

Submitted by Sheridan Public Library
Here are some of the new items that can be found at the Sheridan Public Library:
Fiction
• Ransom – Leslie Wolfe
• Secrets We Hide – Karin Slaughter
• Spy Who Loved Tea – Leighann Dobbs
• Sunlight Finds You – Laura Moriarty
• True Meaning of Love – Danielle Steel
• Where Her Secrets Lie – Katie Tallo
Non-Fiction
• Dogs, Boys, and Other

Things I've Cried About
• Ghost Girl – Eva Bene-field
• Hike Indiana State Parks – Don Gulbrandsen
• Proving a Miracle – Joshua W. Brown
Children's
• A is for Apple. B is for Bum Bum – Brendyn Zachary
• Ariel – Disney Babies
• Don't Trust Fish – Neil Sharpson
• Gigantic – Rob Bid-dulph
• Hazy the Cloud Dragon – Tracey West
• Heart of the Ruby Dragon – Tracey West

• Little Bunny: Fall is Here – Deborah Marcero
• Llama Llama Meets the Babysitter – Anna Dewdney
• Nat the Cat Finds a Map – Jarrett Lerner
• Pizza With Everything On It – Kyle Scheele
• Untold Story of the Binky Fairy – Diane Alber
• Untold Story of the Halloween Fairy – Diane Alber
• You're My Little Bookworm – Natalie Marshall
Inspirational Fiction
• Autumn at the Cat Café – Kathleen Fuller

• Dangerous Montana Inheritance – Jenna Night
• Double Protection Duty – Sharon Dunn
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State Bank names Jerome Davis as Treasury Management Sales Officer

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State Bank announces that Jerome Davis has joined the organization as Treasury Management Sales Officer, serving business clients throughout central Indiana.
In this role, Davis will work closely with commercial customers to identify treasury management opportunities, deliver tailored cash management solutions, and help businesses improve operational efficiency and cash flow.
Davis brings more than five years of financial services experience and over four years of treasury management expertise to State Bank. His background includes treasury management sales, client relationship management, product implementation, and business development, giving him a well-rounded perspective on helping businesses optimize their banking operations.
"We are excited to welcome Jerome to the State Bank team," Market President Andy Pinegar said. "His extensive treasury management experience, commitment to client service, and ability to understand the

unique needs of businesses make him an outstanding addition to our organization. Jerome's expertise will help our clients manage their financial operations more efficiently."
In his new role, Davis will focus on developing and growing relationships with commercial clients through consultative conversations, customized treasury solutions, and strategic business development efforts. He will also collaborate with business customers to enhance liquidity management, improve payment workflows, strengthen fraud prevention practices, and support long-term growth objectives.
About State Bank
State Bank is an \$850 million community bank dedicated to serving the financial needs of individuals, families, and businesses across central Indiana. The bank operates 10 full-service locations and participates in the AllPoint™ network, providing customers with convenient access to more

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offices in Avon, Brownsburg, Plainfield, Lizton, and Pittsboro in Hendricks County; two locations in Lebanon and one in Zionsville in Boone County; Carmel in Hamilton County; Lafayette in Tippecanoe County; with a new location opening later this year in Lapel, Madison County. To learn more, visit StateBank1910.bank.

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Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference celebrates 30 years

Carmel High School to host Student Leadership Workshop

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The Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference (MIC) is launching a 30th Anniversary Campaign as a collaborative effort between school leadership to celebrate and reflect on three decades of student achievements and successes, while looking ahead to the future of the conference.

The anniversary campaign kicks off with the start of the 2026 school year, and incorporates all eight high schools in the conference: Ben Davis, Carmel, Center Grove, Lawrence Central, Lawrence North, North Central, Pike, and Warren Central.

On Monday, Aug. 24, each of the eight schools will send 10 students and a staff member to Carmel Educational Services Center for an interactive Student

Leadership Workshop. These students will learn leadership skills, form bonds with fellow students at MIC schools and become ambassadors for their respective schools. Students and school leaders will be available for interviews.

The Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference (MIC) was formed in 1996-97 to provide a model for interscholastic excellence across academics, athletics, fine arts, and leadership. It was first formed as a “football conference” when some of the biggest high schools in Central Indiana struggled to find teams to play them due to their program size.



Nearly three decades later, the conference remains the winningest in Indiana, with the most state championships of any conference, a long history of nationally ranked teams, and facilities that rival the best in the country.

Today, the MIC is home to more than 28,000 students across eight high schools that are located on all sides of the I-465 loop. The competitive nature of the MIC conference is credited with building strong programs where students practice, prepare and compete at some of the highest levels in the state of Indiana. The MIC schools are

responsible for training and preparing numerous students for collegiate and professional-level play and performance.

Through extensive data collection efforts by communications leaders at each of the public schools, in the last 30 years, the MIC is home to more than 317 state championship wins, a long-standing history of nationally-ranked teams in various activities, and has trained numerous collegiate, professional, and even Olympic athletes for the next level.

The 30th Anniversary campaign will consist of joint marketing and public relations efforts, a shared website landing page, a video sizzle reel, a community tailgate kickoff, and leadership training opportunities for students.

Gov. Braun honors two area businesses with Half Century awards

The REPORTER

On Monday, Aug. 17, Indiana Governor Mike Braun welcomed representatives of Indiana’s entrepreneurial and business community to the Indiana Statehouse, awarding the Governor’s Century and Half Century Business Award to 34 Hoosier businesses that have been supporting the state’s economy and communities for more than 100 and 50 years, respectively.

Two area businesses were recognized with Half Century Business Awards:

Engineering Concepts Unlimited Inc.
Hamilton County; founded in 1975

Engineering Concepts Unlimited, Inc. designs and manufactures industrial control systems for the electric power industry, with a focus on portable electric power systems. All operations are based in central Indiana, where its products are designed, manufactured, calibrated, tested, and supported.

Star Photo Digital Arts
Madison County; founded in 1934

Star Photo Digital Arts got its start in Anderson as

Star China & Housewares, providing quality dishes and related gifts. When the family-owned business transitioned to the second generation, it incorporated the family’s favorite hobby, photography, into the business, adding film processing, enlargements, passport photos and wide-format printing. The company has continued to evolve, now operating as Star Photo Digital Arts and offering more lab services, a digital press and a professional photography studio.

“Thanks to the Governor’s leadership, Indiana is a place where all founders and businesses can grow and thrive,” Secretary of Commerce Chuck Goodrich said. “This year’s Century and Half Century Award winners include anchors of Indiana Main Streets, growing innovators and nationally recognized corporations, demonstrating the success and longevity of Hoosier businesses and their impact on the state.”

To learn more about the many resources available to Indiana entrepreneurs and small businesses, visit iedc.in.gov/entrepreneurship.

Letter to the Editor

As a physical therapist, I know the SAFE Act is key for preventing falls

Dear Editor:

Did you know that falls are the leading cause of injury and injury-related deaths in adults over 65? Somewhere across America, a fall occurs more than once every second. This growing epidemic isn’t only endangering older Americans, but it’s costing our healthcare system \$50 billion each year. One solution that can help prevent falls is physical therapy.

As we get older, physical therapy can help us stay strong, mobile, and independent. Physical therapists are falls experts and have the knowledge and tools to assess patients. They can develop tailored treatment plans and help prevent falls from occurring in the first place.

That’s why I’m grateful to Senator Todd Young for sending staff to visit my clinic in Carmel. Seeing firsthand how legislation impacts everyday lives drives effective advocacy forward. Last year, Congress introduced the bipartisan Stopping Addiction and Falls for the Elderly (SAFE) Act (S. 2612/H.R. 1171), which would enable Medicare beneficiaries to access a no-cost falls risk assessment by physical therapists during their annual wellness visit. Now, it’s time for Congress to pass this essential legislation.

Thank you, Senator Young, and I hope after seeing the value of physical therapy in reducing falls, you will co-sponsor this bill.

Aaron Gegg
PT, DPT, OCS, CMTPT
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Public invited to tour new shared county offices

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A community open house will take place from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, at the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District, 1721 Pleasant St., Noblesville.

The open house will give residents a chance to explore the new shared facility and meet staff from the Hamilton County Soil & Water Conservation District, Hamilton County Household Hazardous Waste Center, and Hamilton County Weights & Measures.

The event will feature

interactive activities and displays for all ages, including:

- Tours and opportunities to learn about county programs and services
- Touch-a-tractor & equipment displays
- The Soil & Water Conservation District’s new “Conservation Starts Here” mural and conservation landscaping
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4.

We have a Community Study on Ephesians every 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 2:30 PM and another study on Ephesians every 2nd and 4th Thursday at 4 PM. Both at the Hamilton East Public Library.

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Beef & Boards welcomes multi-talented cast for *Ring of Fire*, opening Aug. 27

Opening next week: *Emergency the Musical*

The REPORTER

Celebrating the legend that is Johnny Cash, Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre welcomes six new talented performers who will join a few veterans of its stage for *Ring of Fire*, opening Aug. 27.

Indiana University and Lawrence Central High School graduate Devin McDuffy will make his Beef & Boards debut in this unique musical that features a multi-talented cast that celebrates – but never impersonates – the Man in Black.

Joining him are New Jersey native Luke Darnell, Iowa native Tyler Breeding, Northern California native Alex Crossland, Mississippi native Mary Catherine Fehrenbacher, and Sarah Colt, who was born in Milwaukee, Wis., but grew up in Los Angeles.

Sarah Hund, who is appearing in her 33rd production at Beef & Boards, is not only in the cast, but serves

as assistant director. Rounding out the cast are Matt Smolko (*Waitress*, *Heartbreak Hotel*), a native of Pennsylvania, and Danville, Ind., native J Vance (*Cinderella*, *Heartbreak Hotel*).

Ring of Fire is directed by Jeff Stockberger and choreographed by Sally Mitchell. Kristy Templet is the musical director.

An icon of American music history, Johnny Cash’s remarkable story is told through his music, featuring more than two dozen of his hits, from “I Walk the Line,” to “A Boy Named Sue,” to “Folsom Prison Blues,” and the famous title tune.

Tickets are currently on sale exclusively through Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre at BeefAndBoards.com or by calling the box office at (317) 872-9664. Patrons are advised that tickets purchased from third-party sellers may not be valid for performances and may include additional fees.



Graphic provided by Beef & Boards Dinner Theater

Ring of Fire burns for 48 performances through Oct. 4. Beef & Boards’ freshly-prepared dinner buffet, featuring the theatre’s signature slow-roasted roast beef – is included, along with coffee, tea, or lemonade. Gourmet desserts and bar beverages are available for purchase.

Beef & Boards Din-

ner Theatre, Indiana’s only year-round professional dinner theatre, has been serving up exceptional entertainment since 1973.

The REPORTER

After a sold-out New York City engagement, father-son writing team Dr. Jeff Foy (a real-life ER physician) and Jacob Foy are thrilled to bring *Emergency* back home to Indiana.

The show opens Aug. 27 and runs through Aug. 30 at The Tarkington at Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. [Click here](#) for tickets.

Synopsis

Dr. Justin Marks has one night to save his career.

After being passed over by every ER residency program, he’s been given one last shot: a 12-hour shift to prove he deserves the only open spot in the country. The catch? He must outperform his conniving med school rival, Kyle.

Packed with humor, heart, and high stakes, this new musical places the audience inside one unforgettable night in the ER, filled with laughter, love, tears, hope and the patients who change us forever.



Long-term capital keeps choosing Indiana. Let’s keep it that way.

There is a simple way to judge whether a region is getting economic development right: is long-term capital showing up, and is it creating durable work for the people who live there?

In central Indiana, all signs point to yes.

This spring, Governor Braun announced a **\$1 billion initiative** to strengthen Indiana’s leadership in human therapeutics, animal health, aggrotech, biotechnology, and environmental innovation. The goal is ambitious – 100,000 new high-wage jobs over the next decade – but it builds on momentum that is already transforming our economy. Companies like Eli Lilly, Novartis, Corteva, and others continue to expand their footprint here because they see Indiana as a place where they can grow for the long haul.

Public investments matter, but they are only part of the story. The strongest vote of confidence comes from private investors willing to commit billions of dollars to Indiana’s future and Hoosier workers are skilling up to meet the moment.

To be sure, Meta recent announcement of a new \$10 billion data center campus in Lebanon is a catalyst for growth in our entire region,



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but so is the union construction industry spending over \$63 million to train workers. These investments don’t happen without confidence that the region has the workforce, infrastructure, and business climate to support them.

Now, another major investment is reinforcing that confidence. Global Infrastructure Partners and EQT have agreed to invest in AES Indiana’s parent company through a **\$33.4 billion transaction**. Together, these long-horizon investment firms manage more than half a trillion dollars in infrastructure assets around the world. Their decision to invest in Indiana reflects confidence in the long-term growth of our entire region.

Importantly, AES’ Indianapolis headquarters will be maintained, its workforce preserved, and its community partnerships and economic development initiatives supported. Investors are excited and confident in this deal – this June, **nearly 98 percent** of AES shareholders voted to approve the transaction.

For the roughly 80,000 skilled construction workers across central Indiana, this sustained investment means stability. A single project can keep someone busy

for a year or two. Multiple projects spanning pharmaceuticals, advanced manufacturing, data centers, and energy infrastructure create careers that can last decades and support countless families across the state.

Yet every piece of this growth and every one of these investments ultimately depends on a skilled workforce to execute. Every manufacturing facility, transmission line, and utility upgrade depends on electricians, pipefitters, ironworkers, operating engineers, laborers, and other skilled professionals who build the infrastructure our economy relies on. Through registered apprenticeship programs, the building trades are training that workforce today so we’re ready to meet tomorrow’s demand.

In a market that structurally needs more skilled workers than it can produce, being located in one of the most active construction regions in the country is not a minor advantage. The construction industry nationally faces a **shortage** of 349,000 workers in 2026, climbing to 456,000 in 2027, driven in part by an aging workforce that is retiring faster than apprenticeship programs can replace it. Electrician employment is projected to **grow 9.5 percent**

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The REPORTER

This fall, you can see one of the most powerful, well-known original voices of the rock when Lou Gramm plays the Payne & Mencias Palladium.

See Lou Gramm: The Original Voice of Foreigner at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26. [Click here](#) for tickets.

As the front man for Foreigner, Gramm became one of top rock voices of the late 1970s and 1980s, delivering a long string of hits including “Feels Like the First Time,” “Cold as Ice,” “Hot Blooded,” “Double Vision,” “Dirty White Boy,” and “Juke Box Hero.” He



co-wrote most songs for the band, which scored two of its biggest hits with the ballads “Waiting for a Girl Like You” and “I Want to Know

What Love Is,” an international chart-topper.

Gramm’s solo career has included the Top 5 single “Midnight Blue.” His new

album, *Released*, is available now.

This show is part of the Katz, Sapper & Miller Pop/Rock Series.

The REPORTER

Actors Theatre of Indiana (ATI) is back with the first show of its 2026-2027 season.

Coming up Sept. 4 and running through Sept. 20 is *Never Can Say Goodbye: The '70s Beehive Musical*. The sequel to last year’s hit show, *Beehive*, this marks the regional premiere of a celebration of the women of 1970s music and culture.

If you enjoyed last year’s *Beehive* featuring music from the '60s, or if you grew up with the mellow and exciting sounds of the '70s, this is a must-see. The music is the soundtrack of a generation, and the songs are classics that everyone knows and loves, representing artists including Linda Ronstadt, Donna Summer, Gloria Gaynor, Heart, Debbie Harry, Pat Benatar, and other '70s legends.

Never Can Say Goodbye: The '70s Beehive Musical is an electrifying jukebox musical written by Fred Stuart, with musical arrangements by George Luton. The show features a powerhouse cast of six women celebrating the bold fashion, empowerment, and iconic hits of the 1970s.

Bringing the energy, style, and spirit of the '70s to life is director and choreographer Carol Worcel. A longtime creative force at ATI, she has directed and



choreographed audience favorites including *A Grand Night for Singing*, *Gypsy*, and *Beehive*, in addition to choreographing *Cole*, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, *Lucky Stiff*, *9 to 5*, *Route 66*, *Young Frankenstein*, and many others. Now, she returns to lead this powerhouse cast in a dazzling celebration of the music, fashion, and unforgettable women of the 1970s.

Stay after the Sept. 13 performance for the Second Sunday Talkback. The traditional ATI Talkback is an informal conversation with members of the cast and creative team. Ask questions, hear about the process, and get a behind-the-scenes look at the production. Complimentary beer will be available at the bar, provided by Bier Brewery.

For more information about *Never Can Say Goodbye* and ATI’s entire 2026-2027 season, or to purchase tickets, visit [atistage.org](#). Tickets are also available through Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts’ website or by calling the Fifth Third Bank Box Office at (317) 843-3800.

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through 2034. Regions that can supply skilled labor will continue to attract investment, while those that cannot will watch opportunity go elsewhere.

The infrastructure implications are also notable. Modernizing our electric grid will be essential as Indiana continues to attract new manufacturing facilities, data centers, and advanced industries. Upgrading trans-

mission capacity and improving system reliability won’t just benefit large employers. It will strengthen service for families, small businesses, and communities across central Indiana.

The unprecedented level of private investment flowing into our region reflects years of smart policy, growing infrastructure capacity, and a skilled workforce that has earned the confidence

of employers and investors alike. More importantly, it signals that central Indiana is well positioned to lead the next era of American manufacturing and infrastructure investment in an increasingly AI-driven economy.

The building trades are committed to doing our part. We’ll continue training the next generation of skilled workers, delivering projects safely and efficiently, and making sure Indiana remains a place where investment creates opportunity and companies continue choosing to invest for the long term. That’s how we build an economy that is built here, by Hoosiers, and strong enough to last for generations.

Jon Hooker is the President and Executive Director of Central Indiana Building Trades.

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USA Archery brings Olympic Team Trials & Target Nationals to Droplight Grand Park in 2027

Submitted by City of Westfield

USA Archery, in partnership with Hamilton County Sports Authority, has confirmed that Droplight Grand Park Sports Campus in Westfield will hold an historic 143rd USA Archery Target Nationals and 2027 U.S. Open from Aug. 11 to 15.

Next year's Target Nationals will also include the Stage 1 2028 Olympic Team Trials Qualification event which, for the first time, will include a compound archery competition. The Stage 2 2028 Olympic Team Trials Qualification event will be held following the U.S. Open event.

Since archery returned to the Olympic Games in 1972 only recurve has been included. For LA 2028 compound will be included in the form of a mixed team event. As a result, Grand Park will host both recurve and compound archers chasing their dream of representing the United States

at a home Games.

"We are delighted to be heading to Westfield for an archery first," USA Archery's Interim CEO Mary Emmons said. "The Stage 1 2028 Olympic Trials Qualification event will allow for open registration, providing recurve and compound archers with a unique chance to make the USA Archery team for 2028."

Emmons continued, "Our Target Nationals and U.S. Open are among the biggest events on the calendar. In addition, the second-ever United States Archery Team (USAT) Series Final boasting \$50,000 in prize money – the first of which was a huge success this year will also take place – and only adds to what promises to be a memorable event at a world-class venue."

Westfield Mayor Scott Willis said, "Westfield has built a national reputation as a premier destination for sports, and hosting USA Archery marks an exciting

new chapter for our community. For the first time, athletes will compete in Westfield for the opportunity to represent Team USA at the LA28 Olympic Games. We are proud to welcome these world-class competitors, their families, and archery fans from across the country next August."

Karen Radcliff, President and CEO of Hamilton County Tourism, Inc., said, "Hosting the opening stages of the archery 2028 Olympic Team Trials Qualification events for the first time is a defining moment for Hamilton County. We're proud to partner with USA Archery, Droplight Grand Park Sports Campus and the City of Westfield to welcome the best archers from across the country as they compete in the U.S. Team Trials, National Target Championships, USAT Series Final and U.S. Open. Hamilton County is built for championship competition and ready to showcase its state-of-the-art facilities,



Photo provided by City of Westfield

ties, hospitality and passion for sport on this national stage."

Greg Stremlaw, Co-Chief Executive Officer of Grand Park Sports and Entertainment, said, "Hosting the 143rd USA Archery Target Nationals, the U.S. Open and the opening stages of the U.S. Olympic Team Trials is a defining moment for Droplight Grand Park. Every great sports venue aspires to host

events that inspire athletes and create unforgettable memories. Welcoming the nation's best archers as they pursue the dream of representing the United States on the Olympic stage reflects exactly what Grand Park was built to do. We are honored by USA Archery's confidence in our team and look forward to delivering an exceptional championship experience for every athlete, coach, family, and fan who visits Westfield."

One archer who has already confirmed he plans to be at the Stage 1 2028 Olympic Trials Qualification event is Matt Stutzman, who is also known as "The Armless Archer," and the gold medalist at the 2024 Paralympic Games in Paris. Stutzman will aim to earn a place on the compound team, with the ultimate goal of becoming the first Paralympic gold medalist to win an Olympic gold medal in archery.

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

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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

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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

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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 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, Detroit DD13, DT-12 Automatic Trans), 2002 International 9100 (532055 Miles, CAT C-12 10-sp. Manual Trans.), 2020 Wilson DWH-600 Hopper Bottom (34"x72"x96", Elect. Tarp, Air-Ride, AG Hoppers), 2020 Wilson DWH-600 Hopper Bottom (34"x72"x96", Elect. Tarp, Air-Ride, AG Hoppers), 2012 Wilson DWH-500 Hopper Bottom (34"x72"x96", Elect. Tarp, Spring Ride, AG Hoppers), 2007 Wilson DWH-500 Hopper Bottom (34"x72"x96", Elect. Tarp, Spring Ride, AG Hoppers), 2012 Hudson HTD20A 20-Ton Tilt-Top Trailer (24"x96", Air Brakes), 2005 Witzco Challenger RG50 46' Detach

VEHICLES & TRAILERS:

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

PLANTERS & DRILLS:

2022 John Deere DB60 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 StarFire MKX 100-83 Auger (540 PTO), Westfield 100-31 Auger, 2020 Westfield MKX-73 Swing-Away Auger (540 PTO, Hyd. Lift), Westfield 100-51 Swing-Away Auger (540 PTO, Hyd. Lift), Westfield 8" Hydraulic Transfer Auger

GPS EQUIPMENT:

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

TILLAGE:

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

HEAVY EQUIPMENT:

2007 CAT 420E Backhoe 4x4 Extendahoe w/ 4-1 Front Bucket (4141 hrs), 2014 CAT 303.5E Mini Excavator (1649 hrs), 2007 CAT 320DLH Excavator (5328 hrs, 48" Bucket, Hyd. Thumb), 2002 CAT D5G Dozer (291 hrs), Case 1845C Uni-Loader Skid Steer (3632 hrs), 24" CAT 320B Bucket, 72" AIM 320DL Root Rake, Skid Steer Post Hole Auger, Skid Steer Bale Spear, Skid Steer Pallet Forks, John Deere Work Site Pro R84 80" Rock Bucket (Skid Steer Mount), Mitsubishi FG25 Forklift (6583 hrs, LP, 3-Stage Mast, 5000#), 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 Pulling Rotary Cutter (1000 PTO), 6' Bush Hog 5072 3-pt. Rotary Cutter, 9' 3-pt. Grader Blade, Honda Engine & 3" Pump, 6' Pallet Fork Extensions, Skid of 15 Chisel Points, 18' Spray Boom (11-Nozzle on 20"), Sullair 1850 Air Compressor (Diesel Engine), John Deere Quick Hitches, Hay Wagons on JD Gears, Steel Bed Wagon on DMI Gear, JD Gear w/ Hoist, Utility Cart w/ Toolbox, 1000 & 2000-Gallon Diesel Fuel Tanks w/ Pumps, Tires & Wheels,

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

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Meeting Notices

The Westfield Washington Schools will meet in an executive session at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2026, for the following purposes: To train school board members with an outside consultant about the performance of the role of the members as public officials. IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(11); To receive information about and interview prospective employees. IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(5); For discussion of the assessment, design, and implementation of school safety and security measures, plans, and systems. IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(3). A work session will follow at 6:45 p.m. in the Community Room at the Westfield Washington Schools Administration Center, 19500 Tomlinson Road, Suite B.

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.

— TIPTON COUNTY —

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TIPTON COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION CO-DP-21-26 Tipton Energy Storage, LLC

Notice is hereby given that the Tipton County Plan Commission, on the 3rd day of September, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Tipton County Courthouse, 1st Floor Meeting Room, 101 East Jefferson Street, Tipton, Indiana, will hold a public hearing to consider the following:

CO-DP-21-26: Tipton Energy Storage, LLC, petitioner and Campbell Family Limited Partnership II, owner, requests approval of a development plan in order to construct a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) in the AG Agricultural zoning district.

The property is more fully described as:

The Southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section Eight (8), Township Twenty-one (21) North, Range 4 East, EXCEPT 56.16 acres off of the whole North end thereof, containing less said exception One Hundred and Six (106) acres, more or less; in Tipton County, Indiana;

ALSO EXCEPT: Part of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section Eight (8), Township Twenty-one (21) North, Range Four (4) East, Tipton County, Indiana and more specifically described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 8, Township 21 North, Range 4 East marked by an iron pin; thence East on and along the South Section line of said Section, One Thousand One Hundred Thirty-three point Zero (1133.0) feet to the point of beginning marked by an iron pin; thence East on and along said South Section line, Two Hundred Twenty-seven point Zero (227.0) feet to a point marked by an iron pin; thence North 1°4'0" West, Three Hundred Seventy-seven point Zero (377.0) feet to a point marked by an iron pin; thence, West parallel to said South Section line, Two Hundred Twenty-eight and Twenty-two Hundredths (228.22) feet to a point marked by an iron pin; thence South 1°15'20" East, Three Hundred Seventy-seven and Three Hundredths (377.03) feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.97 acres;

ALSO EXCEPT: part of the Southeast Quarter (1/4) of Section 8, Township 21 North, Range 4 East, Tipton County, Indiana, described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of said Quarter; thence South 89°58'54" East 1133.00 feet along the South line of said Quarter; thence North 01°15'20" West 377.03 feet; thence South 89°48'20" West 180.62 feet; thence North 00°31'47" West 324.23 feet; thence South 01°42'18" West 698.22 feet to the point of beginning, containing 16.57 acres, more or less.

Containing, after said exceptions, 87.46 acres, more or less.

ALSO: Part of Section 17, Township 21 North, Range 4 East, cicero Township, Tipton County, Indiana described as follows:

Commencing at the North Quarter corner of said Section marked by an iron rod in concrete in the center of S.R. 28; thence North 89°36'15" East (assumed bearing) 70.00 feet along the North line of said Section to the Northeast corner of a parcel described in Deed Record 155, page 449 and the point of beginning; thence North 89°36'15" East 2258.86 feet along said North line to the Northeast corner of said Section marked by an iron rod in concrete; thence South 00°19'04" West 2644.10 feet along the East line of said Section to the East Quarter corner thereof marked by a 1 inch diameter rebar; thence South 00°25'57" West 2643.52 feet along the East line of said Section to the Southeast corner thereof marked by a 1 inch diameter rebar; thence South 89°25'54" West 663.42 feet along the South line of said Section to the Southwest corner of the East Half of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of said Section; thence North 00°40'40" East 1319.81 feet along the West line of said East Half to the Northwest corner thereof; thence North 89°27'20" East 521.33 feet along said North line to the West line of a parcel described in Deed Record 125, page 532; thence North 02°17'06" East 164.29 feet along said West line; thence North 11°54'57" East 122.76 feet along said West line; thence North 31°53'22" West 175.56 feet along said West line; thence North 44°35'40" West 96.12 feet along said West line; thence North 81°56'24" West 44.21 feet along said West line; thence North 60°33'48" West 83.87 feet along said West line; thence North 16°07'10" East 64.92 feet along said West line; thence North 59°36'47" West 50.94 feet along said West line; thence North 83°45'58" West 70.85 feet along said West line; thence North 30°27'14" West 25.44 feet along said West line; thence North 22°19'24" West 108.10 feet along said West line; thence North 29°53'46" East 89.82 feet along said West line; thence North 12°57'09" West 305.68 feet along said West line; thence North 72°27'18" West 93.24 feet along said West line; thence North 36°50'57" West 54.02 feet to the North line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section; thence North 89°25'47" East 1059.79 feet along the North line of said Quarter to the center of said Section; thence North 00°42'11" East 1318.01 feet along the West line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section to the Southeast corner of the North Half of the Northwest Quarter of said Section; thence South 89°30'08" West 1107.76 feet along the South line of said Half; thence North 00°18'15" West 1319.16 feet to the North line of said Section; thence North 89°34'30" Est 775.92 feet along said North line to the Northwest corner of a parcel described in Deed Record 155, page 449; thence South 00°35'36" West 283.02 feet along the West line of said parcel to the Southwest corner thereof marked by a 5/8 inch diameter rebar; thence North 89°34'30" East 425.00 feet along the South line of said parcel to the Southeast corner thereof marked by a 5/8 inch diameter rebar with yellow cap stamped "Wyatt Johnson"; thence North 00°35'36" East 282.98 feet along the East line of said parcel to the point of beginning, containing 385.15 acres, more or less.

The property is located on or near the Northwest corner of the intersection of Old State Rd. 28 and C.R. 400 West, Tipton, Indiana.

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

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

Tipton County Plan Commission

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— WESTFIELD —

NOTICE OF EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT

Pursuant to IC 36-7-14.5-24, notice is hereby provided that on August 4, 2026, the City of Westfield, Indiana Redevelopment Authority (the "Authority") and Robert W. Baird & Co., Incorporated (the "Underwriter") executed and delivered a Bond Purchase Agreement whereby the Authority agreed to sell and the Underwriter agreed to purchase all of the Authority's (i) Lease Rental Revenue Bonds, Series 2026A, in the aggregate principal amount of \$26,665,000, with a final maturity date of January 15, 2051 and (ii) Lease Rental Revenue Bonds, Series 2026B (Federally Taxable), in the aggregate principal amount of \$13,335,000, with a final maturity date of January 15, 2036 (collectively, the "Bonds"). No action to contest the validity of the Bonds may be brought after the fifteenth day following the publication of this notice.

CITY OF WESTFIELD, INDIANA REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
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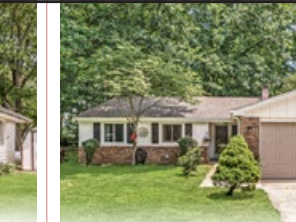
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Attention investors and homeowners! Hard-to-find country ranch on .39 acres. Featuring 2BR, 1BA, spacious family room, kitchen with appliances, and attached garage. Updates include 2022 roof, plumbing, and 2023 AC.
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SOLD!
2513 SHERIDAN COURT
CICERO

This desirable 3BR, 2BA Cicero ranch on .44 acres features a remodeled kitchen with quartz counters, wood-burning fireplace, spacious primary suite, and private, wooded backyard with two storage sheds. Lake access and boat docks.
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