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Conservation open house draws more than 200 visitors

The REPORTER

More than 200 community members gathered Tuesday evening, Aug. 25, for an open house at Hamilton County's new Pleasant Street offices, getting a hands-on look at local conservation programs, environmental services, and the agencies serving Hamilton County residents.

The Aug. 25 event brought together the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), Hamilton County Household Hazardous Waste, and Hamilton County Weights and Measures, along with community partners, elected officials, and families from across the county.

Visitors explored the new facilities while completing an event "passport" that encouraged them to stop at educational stations throughout the site. Activities introduced guests to topics including soil health, water quality, invasive species, native plants, household hazardous waste, conservation tools and other local programs and services.



(ABOVE LEFT) Jamie Davenport, Resident Indiana Technician with Hamilton County SWCD, speaks to attendees at the conservation open house. (ABOVE RIGHT) No kid can resist climbing into a big piece of farm equipment!



Photos provided

The Soil Health Trailer was especially popular, giving visitors an interactive look below the surface at how soils function. Families also enjoyed hands-on activities throughout the evening, with Touch-a-Tractor and free snow cones among the biggest hits with younger guests.

"We knew the snow cones and tractors would bring people

in, but what was really exciting was seeing families stay, ask questions and work their way through the educational stations," Urban Conservationist Claire Lane said.

The open house also gave visitors an opportunity to see the SWCD's new native landscaping, raised-bed gardens and Conservation Starts Here mural

while learning more about the resources available to Hamilton County residents.

The Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District provides education, technical assistance and programs that help residents and communities conserve soil, water, and other natural resources. More information is available at hamiltonswcd.org.

Slow your roll

I was thrilled a few weeks ago to spend an entire Sunday afternoon typing away for my next book. Long blocks of uninterrupted writing time are precious – and rare – for most writers.

By Monday morning, however, my wrists were killing me. Thankfully they felt better by Wednesday. I realized – once again – I had been going too fast.

Longtime readers are probably sensing a theme to my column this year, as this is the third time I've addressed the topic about how we need to slow down in life. But the typing incident made me think.

Society tends to reward us for going fast. I remember the days of typing classes back in high school. The faster we typed (with accuracy, of course) the better our grade. I remember receiving an A+ in my summer typing class with an average of 120 words per minute.

Fast forward – pun intended – to my early 40s. I noticed increasing pain and tingling in my left wrist and arm, which worsened after spending a day at work typing. I tried to follow all the ergonomic guidelines, but eventually I had to have carpal tunnel surgery. Thankfully it erased my pain entirely.

Did I slow down my typing? Nope. But as my recent story indicates, I probably should start, especially since I make my living as a writer. My goal is cutting my speed in half, which is still a good 60 words per minute. My new motto is "slow your roll."

COLUMNIST



AMY SHANKLAND
Perfectly Imperfect

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The teacher in Room 102

Editor's note: The Sheridan Student Column is brought to readers by Sheridan High School's Accelerated English 9 class, taught by Ellie Arrowood.

Mr. Alcock is a walking inspiration to many students at the Middle and High School. He has been teaching at Sheridan High School for two years. He graduated from Zionsville High School and later earned his degree in Secondary Education in Social Studies from Indiana University in Bloomington.

Teaching wasn't always his intended plan, but several family members who teach at school inspired him. It was working as a camp counselor at summer camps that made him realize how much he loves working with kids and helping them grow every day.

He teaches Principles of Human Services and Fundamentals of Human Services, along with Exploring Business and 7th grade Social Studies. He also helps coach 8th, 7th, and 6th grade basketball.

As a resident of Sheridan, you should appreciate Mr. Alcock for his persistence when times get tough. He doesn't give up on his class when they are being disrespectful, he treats everyone with the kindness and respect that they treat him, and he is really nice and kind to everyone, no matter what.

I appreciate him because he is detailed with his lectures and assignments, he keeps class entertaining, and he walks around the class to ensure we students understand the material. He also makes the students feel welcome and ensures everyone feels like they have a place to fit in.

A quote that represents him is "Be the reason someone smiles. Be the reason someone feels loved and believes in the goodness in people." (Roy T. Bennett)

I chose this quote because he believes that there is goodness in everyone's hearts and makes people feel happy. Mr. Alcock genuinely cares and appreciates his students, and we are very fortunate to have such an awesome person like him.

COLUMNIST



DANAE GARRETT
Sheridan High School Student

"It takes a village": telling the stories of Sheridan Community Schools

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

Over the past year, Sheridan Community Schools (SCS) has been hard at work highlighting people who sometimes go unnoticed.

At small schools like SCS, it is even more prevalent. Sheridan strives to share the stories of student success, staff dedication, athletic accomplishments, classroom renewal, and the community that supports SCS every day.

Now, the Blackhawk Sports Report and Black-

hawk Alumni Newsletter have been born.

Blackhawk Sports Report

Chuck Godby has led the return of sports coverage for SCS. A longtime local sports journalist, as well as a Sheridan alumnus, he wanted to create something that he was passionate about, but also showed the grit of SCS student-athletes.

"It takes a village," Godby said. "That's how the Blackhawk Sports Report came about."

The report is issued on the Sheridan Community Schools website under the Athletics tab, as well as shared on Facebook and ParentSquare.

For the fall athletic season, it is released every Wednesday and Saturday. The Blackhawk Sports Report highlights the accomplishments not only of the Sheridan teams, but also of the individual athletes.



Read the Blackhawk Sports Report at tinyurl.com/BlackhawkSportsReport.

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Big Tech gets put on notice by Rokita & others

Meta to pay up to \$419M to Indiana & implement sweeping child-safety reforms

Submitted by Office of AG Todd Rokita

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita and his team actively participated in a multi-state lawsuit that will deliver a guaranteed \$296 million – and up to \$419.4 million – to Indiana as part of a landmark \$17.1 billion settlement with Meta Platforms, Inc.

The settlement resolves allegations that the company knowingly designed and deployed harmful features on its social media platforms intended to addict children and teens, as well as claims by 47 states and four territories. [Click here to read the settlement.](#)

On Wednesday, Aug. 27, AG Rokita submitted the settlement agreement in Indiana's joint lawsuit against Meta in the Northern District of California. Subject to the Court's approval, a consent judgment will be entered, delivering this historic result.



Rokita

"This settlement is a milestone victory for Hoosier families," AG Rokita said. "For years, Meta prioritized engagement and profits over the mental health and well-being of our children. Today, we are securing both meaningful accountability and concrete changes that will help protect the next generation. Parents will finally have stronger tools, including opting their teens out of algorithm-driven scrolling designed to keep them hooked."

This marks one of the largest state consumer protection settlements in history outside the Big Tobacco settlements of the 1990s. In addition to the payment, Meta must implement a sweeping set of safety features designed to protect children on Instagram and Facebook.

Beginning in 2021, nearly every attorney general in the country cooperated to investi-

Key provisions of the settlement

- Hard cap daily time limits and "Productive Pauses" for children: For its two platforms, Instagram and Facebook, a combined two-hour daily time limit with mandatory pauses after 15 minutes of continuous use and again at 60 and 90 minutes to interrupt endless scrolling. These limits remain in effect for five years. If Snapchat, TikTok, and YouTube adopt comparable terms, the daily limit on each platform will drop to 60 minutes for 10 years;
- "Nighttime blocks" restricting children's access from midnight to 6 a.m.;
- Limited school-time access for children, eliminating push notifications on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the school year;
- Robust age assurance measures to more effectively verify the age of young users;
- Safer, age-appropriate content controls, including stronger safeguards against bullying, content promoting eating disorders, and content related to suicide and self-harm;
- Stronger, more user-friendly parental controls;
- Limits on social comparison features, including beauty filters and visible "like" counts, that have been linked to poor mental health outcomes in kids and teens; and
- Both the implementation and efficacy of the features will be regularly assessed by an independent auditor and the settling states.

gate the social media industry for designing and promoting platforms to children and teens despite known harms. After a bipartisan nationwide investigation found that Meta designed Instagram's features to addict children – while internally documenting the resulting men-

tal health harms and failing to warn parents – attorneys general across the country sued the company. At that time, Meta falsely assured the public that these features were safe and suitable for young users.

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Trump administration OKs major disaster declaration for 21 Indiana counties

By GREGG MONTGOMERY
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The Trump administration has approved a major disaster declaration to provide federal aid to 21 Indiana counties damaged in storms and flooding in mid-August. Gov. Mike Braun announced Tuesday night in [a news release](#).

The release did not say how much money would be available, only that it was “millions.”

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will oversee the distribution of funds. Braun on Thursday asked for the aid to be fast-tracked to help residents and local governments rebuild.

In the release, the Republican governor thanked President Donald Trump for the approval, noting that the federal support is a critical partnership that will help residents get back on their feet and help communities rebuild after the historic flooding.

The approval includes both individual assistance for households and public assistance for infrastructure repairs in these counties: Carroll, Dearborn, Decatur, Delaware, Fayette, Franklin, Hamilton, Hancock, Henry, Lake, LaPorte, Madison, Marion, Morgan,

Porter, Pulaski, Randolph, Rush, Tipton, Union, and Wayne counties.

The approval also includes assistance for emergency work and the repair or replacement of disaster-damaged facilities in these counties: Delaware, Fayette, Franklin, Hamilton, Henry, Lake, LaPorte, Madison, Porter, Tipton, and Wayne counties.

Other counties may be added as state and federal officials continue to review damage data.

FEMA said in a news release issued Tuesday night that individuals and families who sustained losses in the designated areas should first file claims with their insurance providers and then apply for assistance at [disasterassistance.gov](#), by calling 800-621-3362, or by using the [FEMA app](#). People who use a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service, or others, can provide FEMA the number for that service.

FEMA named Darrin C. Ricketts as the lead official for federal recovery efforts.

The Trump administration has issued more than 70 major disaster declarations during his second term as president. More than two dozen have been denied.

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Statements from public officials

“I am pleased to share that my request for a major disaster declaration has been approved for multiple counties. Thank you, President Trump. This critical support will help Hoosiers recovering from historic storms and flooding. We’re grateful for this partnership as we work to rebuild, recover, and help communities get back on their feet.”

– Governor Mike Braun



Braun

“This federal assistance is much needed and will strengthen ongoing local and state efforts. I want to thank President Trump for approving Governor Braun’s request and providing additional support to Hoosiers. I am also grateful to the first responders, law enforcement, state and local officials, utility crews, linemen, and so many others who continue working to help communities recover and rebuild.”

– U.S. Senator Todd Young



Young

“When I spoke to President Trump on Monday, he was eager to do anything he could to help Indiana rebuild. I am extremely grateful to President Trump for his swift approval of Indiana’s request for a disaster declaration. This will allow communities and families across our state to apply for much-needed federal assistance as they seek to rebuild.”

– U.S. Senator Jim Banks



Banks

Tickets on sale now for ISO’s 2026 AES Indiana Yuletide Celebration featuring host Curtis Bannister

The REPORTER

Tickets are on sale now for one of Central Indiana’s most beloved holiday traditions.

The 40th anniversary of AES Indiana *Yuletide Celebration* returns to the Hilbert Circle Theatre in Indianapolis Dec. 4 to 23, featuring powerhouse vocalist Curtis Bannister as host, Principal Pops Conductor Jack Everly, and the talented musicians of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. With spectacular music, dazzling choreography, breathtaking visuals, and treasured holiday traditions, the milestone production promises unforgettable memories for audiences of all ages.

Get your tickets now at [this link](#).

Following his acclaimed debut as featured soloist in the 2024 production and his memorable

turn as co-host alongside Ashley Brown in 2025, Bannister returns to lead the celebration in its landmark 40th season. Known for his commanding stage presence and remarkable versatility across Broadway, opera, and concert performance, Bannister has quickly become a *Yuletide* audience favorite.

“From making my *Yuletide* debut in 2024 as the featured soloist beside the singular Sandi Patty, to last year’s incredible celebration co-hosting with the incredible (and my new friend) Ashley Brown, I’m earnestly honored and eager to take the reins on my own as the 2026 AES Indiana *Yuletide Celebration* host,” Bannister said. “This Indianapolis and Midwest tradition has become a highlight of my performance schedule and holiday season. I’m thank-

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ful to Jack Everly, the fantastic musicians of the ISO, the production and tech team of the Hilbert Circle Theatre, and the people of Indianapolis for their warm enthusiasm and welcoming generosity. I’m excited to make this year’s *Yuletide* celebration an unforgettable experience.”

Under the direction of Maestro Everly, the 2026 production will once again feature a full orchestra, outstanding vocalists, cirque artists, dazzling choreography, and stunning costumes, along with beloved traditions audiences return for year after year. Experience the heartwarming story of ‘Twas the Night Before Christmas, cheer for the

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crowd-favorite tap-dancing Santas, and discover new surprises that make every *Yuletide Celebration* unique.

The holiday magic begins before the performance in the historic Hilbert Circle Theatre lobby, where guests can enjoy festive décor, seasonal treats, photo opportunities with holiday characters, and music from the historic Wurlitzer organ that sets the stage for an unforgettable evening.

As the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra celebrates 40 years of AES Indiana *Yuletide Celebration*, audiences are invited to continue a cherished holiday tradition while creating new memories with family and friends.

Letter to the Editor

Duke Energy Indiana president thanks customers for their patience during recent widespread outages

Dear Editor:

While many communities in our Indiana service territory are still recovering from recent severe weather and historic flooding, we wanted to pause to say thank you.

Thank you to our customers for their patience during storm-related outages. Thank you to our lineworkers and support personnel in the field who immediately traveled to the hardest hit areas of our service territory and navigated challenging conditions to ensure that power was restored as quickly as possible. Thank you to the first responders and local leaders for assisting in communicating effectively with our customers.

These storms came in waves beginning Aug. 11, affecting more than 100,000 customers. We restored power to the vast majority who could receive service by Aug. 15 – before another round of severe weather hit the next day. We restored flooded substations in Connersville, Hagerstown, and Cambridge City within 24 hours of the water receding.

Looking back, we learned that the investments we’ve been making in something called self-healing technology had a significant impact on reducing our outage numbers. This innovative technology – which quickly and remotely reroutes power to where it’s needed – prevented more than 8,800 interruptions to customers’ power, saving them about 17,000 hours of outage time.

Again, thank you to everyone impacted. We know this storm damage has caused hardship for many Hoosiers. To help our communities begin to recover, we’ve so far distributed a total of more than \$50,000 in emergency funding. And we’ll continue to show up when we are needed most.

Stan Pinegar

President, Duke Energy Indiana

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Kroger Symphony on the Prairie enters final stretch with five tribute concerts

The REPORTER

The summer may be winding down, but there are still five chances to experience live music under the stars as Kroger *Symphony on the Prairie* heads into the final weeks of its 2026 season at Conner Prairie.

The season continues Friday, Aug. 28, with *The Boy Band Night*, a high-energy tribute to the boy bands that defined a generation. Featuring three frontmen and a full live band, the show brings the hits, choreography, and nostalgia of groups including Backstreet Boys, NSYNC, One Direction, and the Jonas Brothers to the Prairie. Before the concert, guests can also take part in a Speed Friending event in partnership with Find Fun Indy beginning at 6:45 p.m., offering an opportunity to meet new people and make connections before the show.

On Saturday, Aug. 29, Private Eyes: The Premier Daryl Hall & John Oates Tribute takes the stage, delivering the iconic duo’s biggest hits, including “You Make My Dreams,” “Maneater,” “Rich Girl,” “Sara Smile,” and “Out of Touch.” The performance is also a Hoosier Lottery Night, featuring an activation highlighting the Hoosier Lottery’s Keep Play Positive initiative.

The following weekend brings three more opportunities to enjoy live music outdoors. Free Fallin’: The Tom Petty Concert Experience returns Friday, Sept. 4, recreating the sound and energy of a Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers concert with the legendary songwriter’s greatest hits. On Saturday, Sept. 5, The Phil Collins Experience brings

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Riley Children’s Health opens Medical-Behavioral Unit, Indiana’s first pediatric med-psych unit

The REPORTER

Riley Children’s Health will soon open the doors to its Medical-Behavioral Health Unit, Indiana’s first pediatric medical-psychiatric unit and among the first in the nation. The new unit was supported by generous donors to Riley Children’s Foundation through the *Every Child Deserves Riley* campaign, which has identified behavioral health as one of its highest priorities.

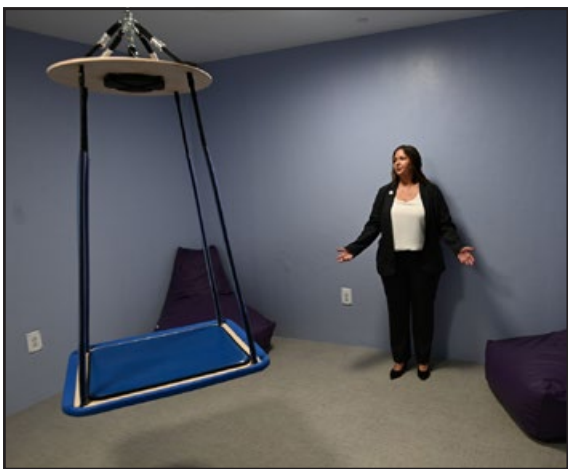
“Every child deserves access to the specialized, compassionate care they need to heal and thrive,” Riley Children’s Health President David Biggerstaff said. “This innovative space expands access to comprehensive behavioral health services for youth across Indiana, ensuring more young people with complex medical and mental health needs can receive coordinated, expert care close to home.”

Expanding access to specialized care for children, the 11-bed unit is expected to serve approximately 325 patients each year, providing nutritional rehabilitation for severe eating disorders, medical stabilization, and support for patients with conditions that require both medical and behavioral health care. Designed



to promote healing beyond clinical treatment, the unit includes dedicated spaces such as a classroom, sensory room, recreation room, and Scheumann Commons for arts therapy, helping create a more comprehensive patient experience.

Generous donor support through Riley Children’s Foundation has made many of these spaces possible, reflecting the community’s strong commitment to advancing pediatric behavioral health care as a key priority for Riley. This physical facility complements Riley’s existing Pediatric Integrated Behavioral Health program, which reaches more than 80,000 children and adolescents across 81 primary care practices across Indiana.



(ABOVE LEFT) Administrative Director Rachael Fisher. (ABOVE RIGHT) Physician Leslie Hulvershorn and Department Chair Doug Graham.

“This unit is a powerful reflection of what our community can make possible,” Riley Children’s Foundation President Courtney Roberts said. “We are incredibly proud that donor support is helping provide children a safe, welcoming place to receive comprehensive care.”

According to a NAMI study, 74,000 Indiana adolescents have serious thoughts of suicide each year, and 114,000 Indiana adolescents experience a major depressive episode each year. Riley’s new Behavioral Health Unit will provide timely resources and access to care, while simultaneously curbing emergency department visits for mental health crises and providing wraparound services to patients and their families.

Documentary on Coach Knight’s first five IU recruits to preview 35th Heartland Film Festival

Submitted

Heartland Film announces that the documentary, *First Five*, about Coach Bob Knight’s first recruiting class at Indiana University, will have its World Premiere at the 35th Heartland Film Festival.

The Heartland Film Festival, presented by Alamo Drafthouse Cinema at The Square, is scheduled to run from Oct. 8 to 18. *First Five* will play as a Festival Preview Screening on Wednesday, Oct. 7, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, 650 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Team Green Law and Craig Culver are the presenting sponsors of this special screening, and all five IU seniors from the 1975 team will participate in a Q&A following the screening.

[Click here](#) to watch the trailer on YouTube.

This Indiana Spotlight documentary offers an intimate look at the five Midwestern young men who served as Coach Knight’s first recruiting class at IU. Molded by Knight’s legendary “iron will,” this core group of players put everything on the line to revive a struggling Hoosier bas-



Coach Bob Knight’s first five recruits are the subject of the upcoming documentary to premiere at the 35th Heartland Film Festival in October.

ketball program, ultimately laying the cornerstone for one of the most dominant dynasties in college basketball history.

Featuring rare footage and deeply personal insights, the film chronicles how these five athletes embraced a grueling standard of excellence to cement a lasting basketball empire.

IU Basketball players expected to attend screening on Oct. 7:

- Steve Ahlfeld, IU: 1971-1975 #24
- Doug Allen, IU: 1971-1975 #25
- Steve Green, IU: 1971-1975 #34
- John Kamstra, IU: 1971-1975, #30
- John Laskowski, IU: 1971-1975, #31

“The historic success of Indiana University Basketball is filled with incredible stories,” Heartland Film Vice President Adam Howell said. “We are thrilled to share another chapter celebrating remarkable Hoosiers and their lasting legacy in Indiana sports. A story about Hoosier Basketball is the perfect way to commemorate the festival’s 35th anniversary.”

Tickets for the *First Five* screening and the Opening Night screening of the Jimmy Stewart biopic, *JIMMY*, are on sale at [HeartlandFilm.org](#). The full festival schedule and tickets will be available on Thursday, Sept. 17.

PRAIRIE

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a 12-piece ensemble and multimedia production to the Prairie for a celebration of Collins’ iconic solo and Genesis catalog, including “In the Air Tonight,” “Against All Odds,” and “Sussudio.” The season concludes Sunday, Sept. 6, with EagleMania: World’s Greatest Tribute to the Eagles, featuring the Eagles’ greatest hits and solo favorites from Don Henley, Glenn Frey, and Joe Walsh.

Together, the final five concerts offer a lineup built for singing along, dancing, and enjoying the last nights of summer with friends and family. With music spanning pop, rock, soul, and classic singer-songwriters, Kroger *Symphony on the Prairie* provides a unique outdoor concert experience at Conner Prairie.

All concerts begin at 8 p.m., with gates opening at 6 p.m. at Conner Prairie in

Fishers. Guests are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy an evening of live music, food, beverages, and summer fun.

Tickets for all remaining concerts are available at [indianapolissymphony.org](#).

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This time, the witch hunt is trending

Submitted

This fall, see a new gothic ballet featuring all new, original music composed by Seager, and an expanded cast with an exciting collaboration of Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre (GHDT) and The Indianapolis Ballet Professional Training Program dancers.

The world premiere of *Salem: This Time, the Witch Hunt is Trending*, features a new collaboration of Gregory Hancock and Sound Design by emerging artist, Seager.

Performances will take place at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, and 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24. Tickets cost \$60 for adults and \$30 for students; get them now at theatercenterpresents.org or by calling (317) 843-3800.

This all-new one-act story ballet premieres an original score by Seager and a storyline that not only ac-

knowledges Salem, Mass., in its 400th Anniversary, but what could possibly lie in wait under dark dystopian, futuristic autumn skies. *Salem* takes place in a gothic American future, where a rigid order watches every move and hunts the last embers of human connection, where conformity is rewarded, and whispers of 'bewitchment' take the place of individuality and free thought, often leading to execution. In a world that is dominated by control, society has turned into a tightly monitored culture that rewards obedience, punishes individuality, encourages citizen informants, and isolates humans from nature, one another, and even their true selves.

Yet, small acts of resistance endure. One young woman has the courage to raise her head and stare domination in the face. When all

of the power, resources, and control lies in too few hands, can anyone ever *truly* live? *Salem* is a cautionary tale of over-regulation and unchecked power, stocked with stark visuals and amazing dancing.

Also on the bill is the world premiere of *Ophelia*. Based on the doomed character from Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, *Ophelia* takes the audience on a journey of madness and beauty that possesses this tragic character in a tour de force of stunning dance. This world premiere will pair the choreographic story-telling talents of Hancock and a haunting score by Composer Cory Gabel.

Also, add the sumptuous return of *La Llorona*, a visually stunning and opulent work that explores the eerie Mexican folklore story of a doomed spirit, "The Weeping Woman," who spends

eternity waiting for her lost children after a fit of mad jealousy, rage, and impossible choices ends their lives.

Rounding out the bill is *Salome*, Hancock's acclaimed piece on the beheading of John the Baptist and the psychological warfare and passions that occurred in one family leading to his demise.

An incomparable story-weaver, Hancock brings these tales to life with specially commissioned scores, incredible dancing, unforgettable stories, and lush costuming and theatrical visuals that only the creative team at GHDT can create. This will be an experience like no other – an evening of eerie tales where all of the pieces fit together to create the perfect topper to dark autumn nights.

Salem Concert Partners:
Dr. Anita Joshi and Dr. Arun Jain.

16 area IU Kokomo summer students earn chancellor's list & dean's list honors

The REPORTER

Indiana University Kokomo has released its list of full-time students who earned chancellor's list or dean's list honors for the summer 2026 semester.

Locally, 16 students from Hamilton County and surrounding areas received honors. They include:

Carmel

- Julia Cherubini
- Jonathan Ostrander

Cicero

- Madelyn Dutcher

Fishers

- Abigail Sherfick

Noblesville

- Jennifer Dewitt
- Ashley J. Jones
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- Joelle Amber Bolen

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Zionsville

Chancellor's list students earned a 4.0 grade-point average (GPA), while dean's list students earned a minimum 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale, while carrying at least 12 credit hours throughout the grading period.

Noblesville Boom announces multi-year jersey patch partnership with Royal United Mortgage

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Boom, the NBA G League affiliate of the Indiana Pacers, and Royal United Mortgage announced on Wednesday, Aug. 26, a new multi-year partnership naming Royal United as the team's official marquee jersey patch partner beginning with the 2026-27 season.

The Royal United patch will be featured on the front of the jerseys, below the player number, on both the team's home and away uniforms. The partnership will also include premier customizable LED signage throughout Riverview Health Arena at Innovation Mile, sponsored fan giveaways and an exclusive Royal United Mortgage promotion through which Boom fans will receive a deeply discounted loan origination fee along with exclusive private client pricing.

"As we enter our second year in Noblesville, we're rethinking how we approach partnerships to deliver greater impact for the businesses we work with," said Chris Defendis, President of Business Operations for the

Noblesville Boom. "We're moving beyond traditional logo placements and becoming consultative partners, using our unique IP and experiences to meet each partner's needs. Royal United shares that same vision, and we're excited to bring this partnership to life together as the Boom continues to establish itself in Noblesville and Hamilton County."

"Royal United Mortgage is proud to announce its new partnership with the Noblesville Boom," said Chris Doepke, President of Royal United Mortgage. "This collaboration brings together two organizations that share a deep commitment to competition, people development and making a positive impact in the communities we serve. We believe success is built through a culture of coaching, teamwork, accountability and helping people reach their full potential. Each of these values strongly aligns with the Boom's mission both on and off the court. We're excited to support the growth of the organization, its athletes and its community initiatives while



Photo illustration provided by Noblesville Boom

creating new opportunities to connect with fans across Indiana and beyond."

Royal United will serve as the presenting partner of a Boom home game during the 2026-27 season, with additional details to be announced at a later date. As

part of the partnership, both organizations will work together to create a meaningful impact through community engagement initiatives, employee recognition programs and fan engagement opportunities throughout Central Indiana.

Highly anticipated return of Nathan Chester & The Old Souls Motown Revival this September

The REPORTER

Soulful powerhouse Nathan Chester blends throwback soul and modern hits, delivering cinematic vocals that make you feel ... and dance. Chester and The Old Souls Motown Revival return to the Feinstein's stage in Carmel on Saturday, Sept. 12. [Click here](#) to get your tickets now.

Chester is committed to creating moving soul music that reaches everyone. A Chicago native, he is not just a professional cruise ship singer but a multifaceted artist and entrepreneur. Presently residing in Nashville, his journey into the spotlight began on NBC's *The Voice* Season 25, where his soulful rendition of Al Green's "Take Me to the River" captured the

attention of John Legend and Dan + Shay, ultimately leading him to join Team Legend.

What a soulful, powerful voice," Legend has said of Chester. "I love that he's so committed to this throwback, soulful style. You can just tell he's not afraid of the moment. I think Nathan's gonna go far."

Throughout the competition, Chester's performances were marked by their cinematic quality and powerful delivery, earning him accolades and a strong fan following. He showcased his vocal prowess with covers ranging from Soul classics "Try a Little Tenderness," "When a Man Loves a Woman," and "It's Your Thing" to contemporary hits like Adele's

"Rolling in the Deep." His journey culminated in a top-four finish, cementing his place as a standout artist in Season 25.

Beyond his musical achievements, Chester is rooted in his hometown of Chicago, where he attended Oak Park and River Forest High School before pursuing a musical theater degree at Waldorf University. His dedication to his craft and entrepreneurial spirit are evident in his aspirations as a singer-songwriter and actor.

Alongside his girlfriend, Emily Viancourt, he co-founded Em & N Productions, where they organize performances for various venues including

cruises and private events. Their ambition extends beyond performance, aiming to expand their production company and support fellow artists' post-show.

Offstage, Chester has enjoyed connecting with his community in Nashville, as well as Chicago, following *The Voice*. His story is one of perseverance and passion, driven by a love for music that continues to inspire audiences worldwide.

Doors for this show open at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 12 for dinner and drinks with the performance starting at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at FeinsteinsHC.com or by calling the Box Office at (317) 688-1947.

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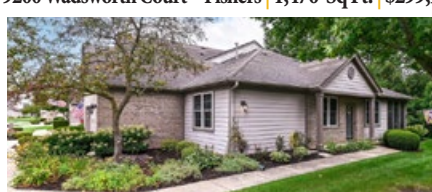
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Altrusa Club of Hamilton County shares latest updates



At the August meeting of Altrusa Club of Hamilton County, members were delighted to have District Six Governor Jill Deege visit the local club. She initiated two new members, Gloria White and Debbie Pontecorvo. (LEFT, from left) Gloria White (new member), Pam Wesley (her sponsor), Gloria DelGreco (sponsor to Debbie), District Six Governor Jill Deege, and Debbie Pontecorvo (new member, seated). (RIGHT) Pam Wesley visited Hamilton County Head Start and delivered staff treat bags filled with munchies and bottled water. Anyone with a serving heart who would like more information about Altrusa may contact Sharon by email at sharon@justnoteworthyevents.com.

Koola Logistics doubles down on Carmel with new 38,000 square-foot corporate headquarters

The REPORTER

Koola Logistics, a rapidly growing, family-owned freight brokerage headquartered in Carmel, is doubling down on its investment in the city with the opening of a new approximately 38,000 square-foot corporate headquarters at Hamilton Crossing VI.

The company's new headquarters is located at 13085 Hamilton Crossing Blvd., where Koola Logistics occupies the fifth floor of the building.

The move represents another major milestone for Koola Logistics, which was founded in Carmel in 2019 with just three employees and has since grown into an approximately 100-person organization serving customers throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

"Our roots are here in Carmel, and as we looked at what the next chapter of Koola Logistics should look like, we wanted to continue investing right here in this community," said Steve Paliska, Founder and President of Koola Logistics. "We've been fortunate to experience tremendous growth, but we still believe we are just getting started. This headquarters gives us the ability to continue building our team, creating jobs, and growing Koola Logistics in Carmel for years to come."

The new headquarters provides Koola Logistics with significantly greater capacity for future growth, including more than 300 workstations, executive and private offices, conference and collaboration spaces, and expansive natural light throughout the fifth floor. Employees also have

access to building amenities including a fitness center with shower facilities, deli café, tenant lounge, structured parking, and common conference facilities.

The expansion comes during another period of significant growth for Koola Logistics. The company has grown from three employees at its founding to approximately 100 today while remaining family-owned, privately held, and debt-free.

Paliska said the company intends to maintain that independence as it continues expanding.

"We've built this company differently," Paliska said. "There is no private equity behind us and no outside ownership driving our decisions. We're building Koola for the long term. Our investment in this headquarters is an investment in our people, our culture and the City of Carmel."

Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting

Koola Logistics will celebrate its new headquarters with a Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28.

The ribbon cutting is scheduled for 5:15 p.m. on the fifth floor at Koola Logistics, Hamilton Crossing VI, 13085 Hamilton Crossing Blvd., Carmel.

The celebration will include food and drinks, entertainment, activities for children, door prizes and tours of the new headquarters.

Learn more at koola.logistics.com.



New 211 natural disaster recovery service delivers cascading menus via text

The REPORTER

Indiana Governor Mike Braun announced on Wednesday, Aug. 26, a new texting tool that he says will make it easier for Hoosiers impacted by the severe storms and flooding to find disaster recovery resources available in their communities.



Braun

Through Indiana 211, residents can now text IN211HELP to 898-211 to get started. The 24/7 service will prompt users to select the type of assistance they need and will provide a list of disaster-specific resources based on their en-

tered ZIP code.

"Hoosiers impacted by these storms are focused on taking care of their families, their homes and their communities, and they shouldn't have to spend hours searching for the help they need," Gov. Braun said. "This new Indiana 211 disaster resources texting service puts disaster resources directly in the hands of Hoosiers and makes it easier to connect with available assistance as Indiana continues its recovery."

If you'd rather speak to

How to use the 211 Disaster Texting Service*

1. Text IN211HELP to 898-211 and follow the prompts.
2. You will be prompted to enter your zip code.
3. Reply with the type of disaster resources you are seeking from the provided menu. An additional prompt with sub-resource categories may be provided.
4. Once all prompts have been answered, Indiana 211 will text each resource available in your ZIP code, based on the need category you selected, directly to you.
5. For more resources, you can text IN211HELP again to start over.

**Standard message and data rates may apply. Text STOP to opt-out or HELP for help. For end-user privacy and terms and conditions of texting with 898211, go to educationalmessageservices.com/policies.*

a human, you can call 2-1-1. You can also go to IN211.org to search for community disaster resources, submit a Disaster Damage Reporting Form, submit an applica-

tion for State Disaster Relief Funds or Military Family Relief Funds and connect with the Indiana Department of Homeland Security's Disaster Recovery Hub.

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Noblesville Lions welcome Superintendent Dan Hile



Photo provided by Lisa Dick, Noblesville Lions Club

On Wednesday, Aug. 12, Noblesville Schools Superintendent Dr. Dan Hile spoke to the Noblesville Lions about the proposed referendum on the November ballot. According to Hile, school district expenses are rising. Hile mentioned the costs of new buses, employee health insurance, and building and vehicle insurance as examples. Dr. Hile answered Lions' questions and encouraged everyone to check their voter registration at indianavoters.in.gov before the Monday, Oct. 5 deadline. Hile encouraged community members to visit the Noblesville Schools referendum page at noblesvilleschools.org/referendum. There is a referendum levy calculator on that page that estimates what you will pay each year if voters approve the referendum in the November election. (ABOVE) Noblesville Lions First Vice President Josh Kozicki presents a certificate of appreciation to Noblesville Schools Superintendent Dr. Dan Hile for speaking at their Aug. 12 meeting.

Noblesville Schools reduces teacher turnover by 50%, announces 93% teacher retention rate

Submitted by Noblesville Schools

Noblesville Schools recently announced that the district has reduced the teacher turnover rate by 50 percent over the last five years, bringing the overall teacher retention rate to more than 93 percent. The national average for teacher retention is 78 percent.

Dr. Heather Hendrich, Assistant Superintendent of HR and Safety, presented the findings to the school board as part of a strategic plan update on exceptional staffing.

"Quality teachers are the number one factor in student learning so being able to increase teacher retention is a strong priority for us," Hendrich said.

The district attributes the significant increase to several factors including:

- Competitive salaries funded through referendum dollars
- Professional learning



Photo provided by Noblesville Schools

Noblesville High School math teacher Amanda Giordano working with her students.

time on late start Wednesdays and teacher learning days

- Appropriate class sizes/workloads
- New teacher mentoring program
- Employee mental health and wellness support
- Regular employee check-ins to ensure staff

feel valued and supported

"High retention isn't an accident," Hendrich said. "It's a direct reflection of the supportive, innovative and collaborative community our staff builds together. We are immensely proud of the educators who make Noblesville Schools exceptional."

Register now for Strut 2 Save Lives

The REPORTER

Hundreds of organ donor supporters, their four-legged friends and local vendors will join Indiana Donor Network for its annual Strut 2 Save Lives Sunday, Sept. 20, in Noblesville.

The event is a family friendly, one-mile dog walk through scenic Dr. James A. Dillon Park, 6001 Edenshall Lane, Noblesville, that honors organ and tissue donors and celebrates lifesaving gifts that transplant recipients have received.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. Cost is \$30 for adults and \$15 for children ages 2 to 12. Teams are welcome to participate. You can also register online at this link.

All proceeds from Strut 2 Save Lives support the Bryan Clauson Leg-



Indiana

acy Fund of Indiana Donor Network Foundation, which provides financial assistance – including hotel stays, gas, food, and other necessities – to families of organ and tissue donors prior to, during and after the donation process.

Each year, Strut 2 Save Lives shares the legacy of former Noblesville resident Bryan Clauson, an IndyCar and USAC driver who died in 2016 from injuries sustained in an on-track accident in Kansas. As an organ and tissue do-

nor, Clauson's gifts saved the lives of five people and helped heal countless others. His parents, Diana and Tim Clauson of Noblesville, created the event in 2017 to honor their son and raise critical financial support for families of Hoosier donors during their times of need.

More than 104,000 Americans are waiting for a lifesaving organ transplant, including 1,400 Hoosiers. Signing up to be an organ donor saves lives at DonateLifeIndiana.org.

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Upcoming Broadcasts

Thurs Aug 27 - Boys Soccer and Volleyball

5:30 pm Brebeuf vs Noblesville | Boys Soccer | JV Black
6:30 pm Western Boone vs Covenant Christian | Volleyball | Indiana SRN
7:00 pm Brebeuf vs Noblesville | Boys Soccer | Varsity

Fri Aug 28 - Football

6:45 pm Sheridan vs Alexandria | IHSAA Football | Bragg Sports Media
6:50 pm Brebeuf vs Mt Vernon | IHSAA Football | Indiana SRN
6:50 pm Shortridge vs Covenant Christian | IHSAA Football | Indiana SRN
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6:50 pm Indian Creek vs Heritage Christian | IHSAA Football | Indiana SRN
7:00 pm Lawrence North vs Fishers | IHSAA Football | Fishers Sports Network
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Sat Aug 29 - Front Porch Music Festival

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Tues Sept 1 - Boys Soccer

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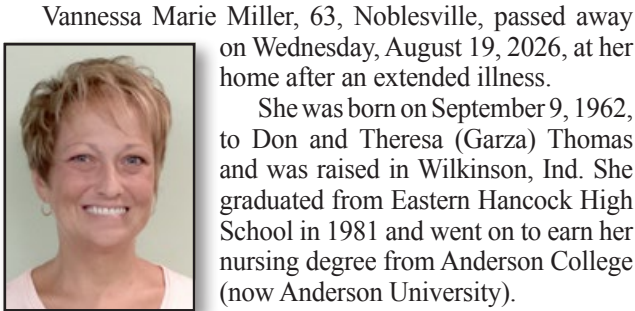


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Vannessa Marie Miller

September 9, 1962 – August 19, 2026



Vannessa Marie Miller, 63, Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, at her home after an extended illness.

She was born on September 9, 1962, to Don and Theresa (Garza) Thomas and was raised in Wilkinson, Ind. She graduated from Eastern Hancock High School in 1981 and went on to earn her nursing degree from Anderson College (now Anderson University).

Vannessa was a nurse for her entire adult life, maintaining her license long after retirement, and never stopped admiring a good vein. She worked for many years at St. John's Medical Center in Anderson, where she eventually managed the OB floor. She also loved working for Dr. Ross Egger at Middletown Family Practice and, most proudly, taught aspiring nurses at Harrison College in Anderson.

She had expertly perfected no-bake cookies early in motherhood and always showed her kind spirit in the way she "accidentally" left plenty of drippings for kids and grandkids on the wax paper. She enjoyed going on cruises and spending time with her grandchildren.

Most meaningful of all were her final years, when her faith in her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ became the center of her life. She devoted herself to studying His Word, serving Him, and growing in a faith that brought purpose and meaning to her final chapter. She was a faithful member of Northview Church, where she rededicated herself through baptism alongside her husband and two of her grandchildren in 2024. She dearly loved her Northview Noblesville campus family and SOAP Bible study group.

Vannessa is survived by her protector, best friend, and loving husband of 16 years, Charles Miller; sons, Steven (Rachelle) Thompson, Adam Thompson, Andrew Thompson, and Charles (Rebecca) Miller; daughter, Natasha Miller; sister, Debra (Greg) Meiring; and 13 grandchildren.

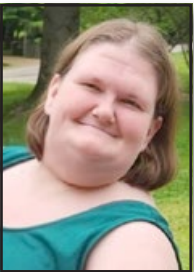
In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Glenn Miller; and her sister, Rebecca Thomas.

A celebration of Vannessa's life will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2026, at Northview Church's Westfield campus, with Pastor Joseph Antley officiating. Family and friends are invited to gather beginning at 1 p.m., with the celebration of life service beginning at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her honor toward flood relief at Northview Church (northviewchurch.us/dollarclub) or to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (pancan.org).

Condolences: kudoboard.com/boards/dTnLA2x1

Ashley Clark
January 19, 1992 – August 23, 2026



Ashley Clark, 34, Indianapolis, passed away at her home on Sunday, August 23, 2026. She was born on January 19, 1992, in Kokomo, Ind., and graduated from Westfield High School in 2011.

Family was everything to Ashley. No matter the challenges she faced, she never missed an opportunity to be with the people she loved. She especially treasured being an aunt and cherished every moment she spent with her nieces and nephews.

Ashley shared an extraordinary bond with her mother, Diane. Diane had a special gift for understanding Ashley, encouraging her, and helping her navigate life's challenges while always making her feel deeply loved. Ashley loved being with her mom and worked incredibly hard to remain healthy, become more independent, and experience life as fully as possible. Their love and devotion to one another were defining parts of Ashley's life.

May 19, 2002, was her spiritual birthday when Ashley gave her whole heart and life to Jesus.

Ashley enjoyed working puzzles, watching *Days of Our Lives*, fishing, swimming, and spending time with animals. Anyone who knew her will remember her infectious laugh – especially those wonderful moments when something struck her just right and she simply could not stop laughing.

Throughout her life, Ashley faced significant health challenges with remarkable strength and perseverance. She rarely complained and never allowed those challenges to keep her from bringing warmth and happiness to the people around her. Her determination, loving spirit, and unforgettable laughter touched everyone fortunate enough to know her.

Ashley is survived by her mother, Diane Clark; her father, Jeffrey (Dayna) Clark; her sisters, Amber (Jesse) Winn and Alyssa Holsten (Nate Robbins); and her beloved nieces and nephews, Wyatt and Lylah Winn, and Addi, Riley, and Benny Holsten. Among those who will especially miss Ashley is Kevin Davis, a close family friend who shared a special bond with her.

Visitation will be at noon with a service following at 1 p.m. Friday, August 28, at Randall and Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made in Ashley's memory to the Prader-Willi Syndrome Association USA (pwsausa.org/get-involved/donate).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Public invited to meetings about Noblesville Schools funding referendum

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

• Aug. 27 at 6 p.m. at Forest Park
• Sept. 2 at 10 a.m. at Hamilton East Public Library
• 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



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Community News

F.C. Tucker makes it easy to donate to flood victims

Taking part in the ongoing recovery effort after historic flooding, F.C. Tucker Company is accepting donations at all offices through Friday, Sept. 4.

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Deuteronomy 2:32-37 (NIV)

Meeting Notices

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners Highway Department meeting scheduled for Friday, Sept. 4, 2026, has been canceled.

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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PUBLIC NOTICE

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2609-VS-09, 4509 E 169th Street, Robert Bahler requests multiple Variances of Development Standard in order to accommodate an Accessory Building on 2.0 acres +/- in the SF2, Single-family Low-Density District (Articles 4.5(E)(2)(b), 6.1(B)(2), 6.1(D)(2)(a), 6.1(F)); and
2609-VS-10, 1415 E 191st Street, Collect Towers II, LLC & AT&T Mobility by Church, Church, Hittle + Antrim requests a Special Exception to permit a Wireless Communication Service Facility in the AG-SF1 zoning district and Variances of Development Standard to permit the Facility to be located in the US 31 Overlay and closer to the west lot line than Article 6.20(E)(2) requires.
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— CICERO —

NOTICE

On September 1, 2026, at 6:00 PM Cicero Town Council will hold an Executive Session at Cicero Town Hall, 70 N Byron Street, Cicero, IN according to Indiana Code IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(4)(l) Interviews and negotiations with industrial or commercial prospects or agents of industrial or commercial prospects by a governing body of a political subdivision.
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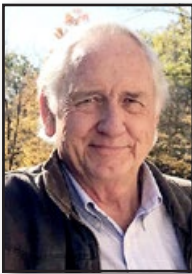
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David Franklin Prough

January 4, 1945 – August 20, 2026



David Franklin Prough, 81, Noblesville, died and entered into eternal rest with the Lord Jesus on August 20, 2026, following complications from multiple myeloma. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and uncle who will be missed every day.
David was born January 4, 1945, in Anderson, Ind., to Dale and Marjorie Prough, the identical twin of his brother Dan. The youngest of five children, they grew up on a farm in Alexandria, where they loved shooting basketballs in the barn.
David first met the love of his life, Charlotte (Urban) Prough, in second grade, and they became high school sweethearts. At Alexandria High School, David excelled in football, basketball, and baseball. As seniors, David and Dan helped lead the Tigers basketball team to a 21-4 record, the 1963 Madison County sectional championship, and the Indiana state regionals at Butler Field House.
David and Charlotte married May 23, 1964, at the United Methodist Church in Alexandria. Their three children, Becky, Todd, and Rosalynn, meant the world to them. David prioritized family togetherness through vacations, camping trips, summer baseball, day trips, and county fairs.
David earned a bachelor's degree in business from Indiana University, where he and Dan received athletic scholarships to play baseball. After graduating in 1967, he began a management career in the rental car industry, working in Louisville, Cleveland, and for 20 years at major airports in Northern California. He returned to Indiana in 1989 and eventually retired from the Indianapolis Airport.
David was an active member of Harbour Shores Church, where he often helped with Sunday morning coffee service. He loved sports, a good game of cards, discovering a great diner, and especially spending time with his grandchildren. He frequently traveled to California for vacations, graduations, and weddings. During visits to Indiana, he taught his grandchildren card games and fishing and took those interested to the Indy 500 or Brickyard 400.
David was preceded in death by his cherished daughter, Rosalynn Prough, and his parents. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte; daughter Becky Furtado (John); son Todd Prough (Julie); grandchildren Joshua, Rachel, Mark, Emily, Andrew, Sara, and Katie; great-grandchildren Hayden, Riley, and Giovanna; and siblings Nancy Johnson (Bob), John Prough (Karen), Richard Prough, and Dan Prough (Kathy).
Services honoring David's life, legacy, and faith will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, at Harbour Shores Church, 8011 E. 216th St., Cicero. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Rosalynn Prough Memorial Fund at First Love International Ministries, P.O. Box 15836, Loves Park, IL 61132 (firstloveinternational.org).
Arrangements are entrusted to Keller Mortuary Services. Online condolences may be offered at KellerMortuary.com.

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Michael Thomas Noneman

June 9, 1979 – August 21, 2026



Michael Thomas Noneman passed away on August 21, 2026, at the age of 47. He was born on June 9, 1979.
Michael was a 1997 graduate of Pendleton Heights High School and later continued his education at Mesa Community College. He spent much of his career in medical equipment sales and installation and also worked in the electrical and logistics fields. Most recently, he worked for Amazon.
Throughout his career, he enjoyed working with his hands, solving problems, and taking on new challenges.
Michael was loyal, loving, creative, and deeply devoted to the people he cared about. He had a strong sense of integrity, a deep faith, and an infectious love of laughter. Music was part of him from an early age, and as a young boy he would often welcome the morning by singing. That love of music remained with him throughout his life.
He loved playing and listening to music, watching his favorite sports teams and events, including the Indianapolis Colts, Arizona Cardinals, Indiana Pacers, and the Indianapolis 500, and spending time with Alisa and Kaylie. He had a particular talent for finding a great deal on the latest electronic gadget and appreciated the quiet beauty of a sunrise.
Michael's greatest source of pride was being a father to his two daughters, Alisa Marie and Kaylie Anne. He loved them deeply, and being their dad was among the most important parts of his life. A talented musician, he was also proud of winning multiple Battle of the Bands competitions in Anderson, Ind.
Some of his family's favorite memories are among the simplest and most meaningful: walking to the park hand-in-hand, Michael making Mother's Day breakfast in bed with varying degrees of success, and the many projects he worked on alongside his dad and Grandpa Jack. Michael also had a generous heart. For three consecutive years, he organized a neighborhood parade to raise money for Riley Children's Hospital and to help children facing serious illnesses.
Michael will be remembered most for the depth of his love for his daughters and family, his loyalty to those he cared about, his music and creativity, his sense of humor, and a faith that remained steadfast even through life's most difficult moments.
He is survived by his beloved daughters, Alisa Marie Noneman and Kaylie Anne Noneman, who were the center of his life and his greatest joy. He is also survived by his parents, Judy and Tom Noneman, and by his brother, Jesse Noneman. He will be deeply missed by his family and by all who knew and loved him.
A memorial service will be held from 11 a.m. to noon on Thursday, August 27, 2026, at Menke Funeral & Cremation Center, 12420 N. 103rd Ave., Sun City, Ariz. A livestream of the service will be available at together.oneroom-streaming.com/EA9E6Q.
Condolences: menkefuneralhome.com

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