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Carmel hosts Indiana Jewish festival featuring arts, music & food

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The Indiana Jewish Festival returns for its second year on Sunday, Aug 30. It will be at the Carmel City Hall Lawn from noon to 2:30 pm.

“We were so humbled with the response last year,” said Rabbi David Grossbaum on WISH-TV’s Day-break Wednesday morning, Aug. 26. “We kind of took a shot in the dark, not knowing how people would react. We had around 1,000 people come out. It might have been one of the largest Jewish events of the year and we’re hoping to grow from there.”

Grossbaum says it is more of a cultural event with arts, music, and food.

“So open to all people from all backgrounds, and it’s really an opportunity for us to get to know our neighbors,” Grossbaum said. “It’s also an opportunity for the neighbors, right? That idea of being able to come in and learn a little bit and see Jewish people in their place of comfort and what they have going on.”

He reiterated that it is important for Jewish people to have a festival like this.

“I think it’s huge, especially with the climate of politics and geopolitics and international stuff and local stuff,” he said. “Sometimes you put down all your microphones, no one comes with any agendas, and you just share good food, good music, and good art with people.”

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wishtv.com/news/carmel-hosts-indiana-jewish-festival-featuring-arts-music-and-food](https://www.wishtv.com/news/carmel-hosts-indiana-jewish-festival-featuring-arts-music-and-food).

TAKIWATANGA

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While people are finding their own way forward, our community can remain present – not just for the outcome, but for the process.

That is where belonging becomes action.

It looks like the neighbor who checks in again tomorrow, not just today.

It looks like someone saying, “What do you need right now?” rather than assuming what someone needs.

It looks like volunteers showing up, local organizations coordinating resources, businesses opening their doors, neighbors sharing what they have, and people making sure those who are most vulnerable aren’t forgotten.

It means understanding that progress doesn’t always look dramatic.

Sometimes progress is one cleaned room. One phone call. One meal. One safe night. One conversation. One person finally feeling strong enough to ask for help.

Sometimes progress is simply knowing that someone is standing beside you while you figure out the next step.

This is also what inclusive communities can learn from *Takiwatanga*.

We often expect people to move at the pace of the majority ... to speak quickly, respond immediately, participate visibly, and recover according to a timeline we create for them.

But people are not timelines. People are journeys.

The child who needs more time to participate. The neighbor who needs more time to process. The family that needs more time to rebuild. The person who is ready to help today and the person who needs help today.

All of them belong.

Perhaps the most powerful question we can ask isn’t, “Why aren’t you there yet?” It is, “Where are you right now, and how can I meet you there?”



Photos provided by Pooja Thakkar

As Noblesville moves through this difficult time, may we continue to be a community that doesn’t rush people through their experiences.

May we give people the time and space to find solutions, one step at a time, while also making sure they never have to take those steps alone.

Because community isn’t just about showing up when everything is put back together.

Community is showing up while people are putting the pieces back together.

Takiwatanga teaches us that there can be dignity in moving at our own pace.

Belonging teaches us something more:

Whatever your pace, there should always be a community willing to walk beside you.

And perhaps that is how we grow – not just as individuals, but together.

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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Triumph bringing Rock & Roll Machine Reloaded tour to Fishers this November

The REPORTER

Triumph, one of Canada’s most revered and influential rock bands, returns with Leg 2 of the Rock & Roll Machine Reloaded Tour, continuing the band’s 50th year Anniversary in music.

Following a resonant return to form, the first leg of the tour met with fan exuberance at every stop and resonated across social media, prompting the addition of 16 new shows across the United States due to popular demand, including a stop at the Fishers Event Center on Friday, Nov. 27, featuring special guest April Wine.

Tickets are on sale now at [Ticketmaster.com](#).

Triumph has partnered with PLUS1 so that \$1 from every ticket sold will support the SoundsUnite Charity – providing free music learning resources, music wellness, and collaboration tools to marginalized and at-risk youth.

Formed in Mississauga in 1975, Triumph – Rik Emmett (guitar, vocals), Mike Levine (bass, keyboards), and Gil Moore (drums, vocals) – rose from playing high school auditoriums and rock n’ roll bars to selling out iconic arenas,



Photos provided by Live Nation

Time has been kind to these rock legends, and they still have no problem blowing the roof off the joint. Editor’s note: Having seen them near St. Louis in May, don’t wait to get your tickets if you’re a fan.

nas, from Toronto’s famed Maple Leaf Gardens to Reunion Arena in Dallas, Texas. Their virtuosic musicianship, soaring vocals, and dazzling, high-production live shows were at the forefront of the definitive spectacle of arena rock.

Blending hard rock metal power with progressive intricacies, Triumph sold more than 15 million albums worldwide and earned 27 gold and platinum certi-

fications, building a global following through headline tours and landmark festival performances, including the 1983 U.S. Festival before 500,000 fans. With hits like “Lay It on the Line,” “Allied Forces,” “Magic Power,” “Fight the Good Fight,” and “Follow Your Heart” – combined with pioneering stage productions that set the bar for rock spectacles featuring pyrotechnics, laser lighting, and theatrical

flair – Triumph became arena rock legends, securing a permanent place in Canadian and international rock history.

The band’s return to the road follows a defining year honoring Triumph’s impact across generations. In June 2025, the band was celebrated with *Magic Power: All-Star Tribute to Triumph* (Round Hill Records, June 6, 2025), a 15-track tribute album featuring rock



luminaries such as Phil X, Sebastian Bach, Slash, Nancy Wilson, Joey Belladonna, Dee Snider, Lawrence Gowan, Deen Castronovo, Alex Lifeson, Jeff Keith, Mickey Thomas, and produced by the world-renowned Mike Clink (Guns N’ Roses, Mötley Crüe, Whitesnake).

Further solidifying their celebrated status, Triumph was inducted into the Canadian Songwriters Hall of

Fame in October 2025, a prestigious honor recognizing their enduring influence, masterful songwriting, and contributions to Canada’s cultural legacy. This induction adds to their long list of accolades, which includes membership in the Canadian Music Industry Hall of Fame (2007), the Canadian Music Hall of Fame (2008), Canada’s Walk of Fame (2019), and Metal Hall of Fame (2021).

Letter to the Editor

Dolly Parton: America’s modern Columbia

Dear Editor:	Dolly personally paid 900 families \$1,000 a month for six months from her own pocket to help them rebuild and recover.	our modern Columbia personified.
The United States has always been a place where you can start from the poorest of the poor, climb out of poverty, and find success. Dolly Parton was such a case.	Dolly embodied the deepest principles of American Exceptionalism. She never forgot her values, her home, God, and love of America despite being at the peak of wealth and success. Perpetually positive and kind, she never forgot the little guy.	It is truly rare in modern society to see a singular person have nearly everyone in agreement that they had a positive impact on the world around them, and it’s that positivity that harkens back to the founding of our nation that hope springs eternal for the future with Columbia lighting the way forward – that we are endowed by our Creator with certain unalienable rights. Dolly embodied those rights of Life, Liberty, and Pursuit of Happiness through her music, her philanthropy, and how she lived her life. She became the shining beacon in the dark that you can be yourself, do your best, and find that America will always love you back.
Born into abject poverty in Sevier County, Tenn., in 1946, Dolly clawed her way out of poverty with her God-given talent. Most know her for her over the top outfits studded in rhinestones alongside her country hit “Jolene” and “I Will Always Love You,” but there was more to the Queen of Country Music than that.	She funded the LeConte Medical Center in Pigeon Forge and ensured that it had a birthing unit and women’s center. Dolly believed education was the strongest tool a person could obtain and her Imagination Library program helps give children that opportunity through free books monthly from birth to age 5.	Dolly truly was and is our rhinestone Lady Liberty in A Coat of Many Colors.
She constantly gave back to her community. She single-handedly drove down the dropout rate in Sevier County in 1988 by having all the seventh- and eighth-grade students pick a buddy and sign a contract that if both of them graduate they would both get \$500. The dropout rate fell from 35 percent to 6 percent.	As we witness the outpouring of support from every walk of life, it confirms that Dolly truly was a figure of Americana, beyond petty fights and partisan bickering, just pure kindness and love. That transcendence demonstrates that she was	Rest in Peace Dolly Parton. You will forever be missed.
That is not all.		Nickolas Freeman
When the city of Gatlinburg was devastated in 2016 from wildfires,		<i>Anderson, Ind.</i>

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Noblesville Lions assist in flood cleanup



After their business meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 26, the Noblesville Lions put together cleaning buckets for flood-impacted members of our community. Lions filled 40 buckets with gloves, paper towels, sponges, and cleaning supplies. These supplies were be delivered to the Hamilton County Fairgrounds for SERVE Village to distribute.

Photos provided by Lisa Dick, Noblesville Lions Club

Last call for artists to apply for New Works by Sept. 4

The REPORTER

The application period for the 2027 New Works arts commissions has nearly ended. Apply by Friday, Sept. 4, to bring your story to life next spring at Allied Solutions Center in Carmel.

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



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Performing Arts awards

Commissions will be awarded for projects to be developed and presented

onstage in a joint performance at the Tarkington on June 5, 2027. Each winner will receive a \$2,500 award, full technical sup-

port for the performance, and a professional-quality video of the performance for future use by the artist.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

Visual Arts award

A commission award of \$2,500 will be granted to the selected artist for the creation of one or more pieces of art for display in the main lobby of the Payne & Mencias Palladium. The themes and subject matter of the work must align with the performing arts and Allied Solutions Center’s mission and core values.

[Click here](#) to learn more.

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

Learn more and apply at thecenterpresents.org/newworks.



CIRTA’s ‘Commuter Challenge’ encourages residents to try transportation alternatives

Submitted

There are many options for getting around besides driving, and with the average price of a gallon of unleaded gas at \$3.56 in Indiana, there’s never been a better time to explore them.

Enter the Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority’s Commuter Challenge.

Every day in September when you log an eligible commute to work, you’ll be entered to win a \$500 VISA gift card.

Eligible commutes

- Carpooling
- Vanpooling
- Riding a bus
- Riding a Workforce Connector
- Working from home
- Biking
- Walking

Benefits of participating include saving money on gas and parking, reducing wear and tear on your vehicle, lowering your carbon footprint, supporting cleaner air in Central Indiana, and building smarter commuter habits.

Who can participate?

Anyone who lives or works in one of these 10 Central Indiana counties: Boone, Delaware, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Madison, Marion, Monroe, Morgan, or Shelby.

How to participate

To log commutes, if you’re not already registered for a free CIRTA membership, you can register at commuterconnect.us/register-now or via the CIRTA app, which you can download from Apple or Google Play.

Once you’re registered, every time you log a commute, you’ll get another entry for the \$500 VISA gift card prize. Plus, you’ll see your daily cost savings and your positive environmental impact.

CIRTA’s free carpool matching service

One of the quickest and easiest ways to save money commuting is to carpool. CIRTA’s free matching service will help you find others whose schedule and home/work locations are similar to yours.

• Sign up at commuterconnect.us/employees/carpool.

- Get a carpool match list in 24 to 72 hours.
- Contact the people on the list and determine how often you’d like to carpool.
- Make arrangements and start carpooling.

CIRTA also matches cyclists, operates Workforce Connectors to job sites in Plainfield and

Whitestown, provides bus schedule help, forms vanpools, and more.

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Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield donates \$50,000 to expand access to Boys & Girls Clubs across Central Indiana

The REPORTER

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Indiana recently announced it has made a \$50,000 contribution to support Boys & Girls Clubs serving young people across Central Indiana. The donation will help these clubs expand access to critical after-school programs for families facing financial barriers.

“We recognize that access to safe, supportive environments after school plays a vital role in a young person’s overall health and well-being,” said Neil Steffens, President of Government Business for Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Indiana. “This investment helps ensure more young people in Central Indiana will benefit from programs that support academic success, healthy lifestyles, and personal growth.”



The funding supports clubs in Marion, Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Johnson, Morgan, and Shelby counties and is made available to offset membership fees for middle and high school students. All funds will be utilized from now through the end of 2026.

Boys & Girls Clubs provide a wide range of programs focused on education, leadership development, and wellness, offering safe and engaging spaces for young people during critical out-of-school hours.

“We appreciate Anthem’s investment in Indiana’s youth,” said Lana Taylor, Executive Director of the Indiana Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs. “This

partnership allows Boys & Girls Clubs to expand access to high-quality programs that build essential life skills and create pathways to future opportunities. Together, we are helping more young people reach their full potential.”

Through this collaboration, local clubs will be better equipped to reach students who may otherwise be unable to participate due to cost, strengthening communities and supporting families across Central Indiana.

Letter to the Editor

Sue Maki praises Beth Sheller’s integrity & record in her bid for County Clerk

Dear Editor:

I am proud to support Beth Sheller for Hamilton County Clerk.

My support for Beth comes from years of first-hand experience working with her in more than one capacity. I have worked at the polls during many elections in Hamilton County and have seen firsthand the care, preparation, and professionalism Beth brings to administering our elections.

In addition, in my role as Hamilton County Councilor, I have had the opportunity to work with Beth and observe how she manages the Election Office. I have consistently been impressed by the professionalism,

integrity, and attention to detail with which she runs her department. Beth understands the tremendous responsibility that comes with overseeing our elections, and she has carried out that responsibility with competence and integrity.

Elections require careful preparation, long hours, and the ability to handle unexpected issues calmly and fairly. Beth has consistently risen to that challenge. Under her leadership, I have found the Hamilton County Election Office to be well organized, responsive, and above reproach.

Beth’s commitment to public service extends well beyond her work in the Election Office. She has been

an active community volunteer and also served as the Hamilton County Council’s appointment to the Hamilton East Public Library Board. That service is another example of the trust placed in Beth and her willingness to devote her time and talents to our community.

The office of County Clerk is an important one, and experience matters. Beth Sheller has the knowledge, integrity, temperament, and proven record to serve Hamilton County extremely well. I am pleased to support her for Hamilton County Clerk and encourage others to do the same.

Sue Maki
Hamilton County Council At-Large

Don’t get soaked as flooded cars hit the used car market

Given all the flooding in the Midwest, there are fleets of cars and trucks that met their fates in feet of water. Soon, as insurance companies work through claims, many will be scrapped.

However, there will be a flood of previously soaked automobiles hitting the used car trade with buyers unaware of their prior aquatic. Fear not, though, as there are ways to discern the merely moist from the truly sodden.

Start in the trunk. Look for signs of water or debris. Check under the carpet and the spare tire as both can hint at prior submersion. Next, check carpeting lining the trunk and inside the cabin. Inspect for fading or obvious signs of being wet. If you can lift flooring in the trunk, check for rust beneath.

Next, move up front and open the hood. Inspect all of the crooks and crevices for mud and debris. Be especially vigilant near the starter motor, power steering pump and around wiring harnesses – all of which can suffer from intense moisture.

Then, move inside and take a big whiff. If there’s an air of musty or foul odors, there’s also a chance fish swam nearby. Search seat belts and upholstery for stains or discoloration. While you’re in there, peek under seats and the dashboard for mold, mildew, or water marks. If there’s any

where to lift the carpet, check under there, too.

Stepping back outside, take a visual inspection of paint, tires, and trim for indicators of water stains or premature rust.

Look closely at headlights and taillamps, both of which can be swamped with water. Rust or internally stained brown lenses are telltale signs. Set the parking brake and chock the wheels first, but slide yourself underneath the car to inspect bolts, screws, wheels, brake discs, and other parts for caked debris, metal flaking or rust – all unusual on newer cars.

Now, click the starter. If there’s hesitation, walk away. If it fires right up, test all of the electrical switches to make sure they work. Windshield wipers and power window switches are telltale signs if they don’t function. Absolutely turn on the air conditioning to see if it works properly, but strong musty odors can also be a concern.

One last thing: run the VIN.

Even if everything checks out, there’s one more step that’s a good idea for all pre-owned vehicles: run the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) for damage reports. Insurance companies report salvage titles as they pay owners for total losses. Companies like CarFax and Experian’s AutoCheck channel data from Departments of

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GUEST COLUMNIST
CASEY WILLIAMS

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Volunteers needed in Noblesville for United Way of Central Indiana’s ReadUP program

Literacy initiative has helped Hamilton County third graders for over a decade

The REPORTER

United Way of Central Indiana is looking for volunteers in Noblesville for its signature ReadUP program, a literacy initiative that sends volunteers into elementary schools across the region to read with third graders to help them get on track with grade-level literacy.

Registration is open for those interested in volunteering, and the program will run from September through May.

In Hamilton County, United Way is looking for 35 volunteers to read with students at two schools: Stony Creek Elementary School and White River Elementary School in Noblesville.

United Way is celebrating the 20th year of ReadUP

this year, having launched in Indianapolis in 2007. In Hamilton County, United Way has partnered for the ReadUP program for more than a decade.

ReadUP focuses on the third grade, a critical time when students shift from learning to read to reading to learn.

Across the region last year, 308 ReadUP volunteers worked with 266 students at 23 schools in seven Central Indiana counties.

Last year, 80% of students who participated in ReadUP demonstrated measurable growth in their literacy skills, according to reported data.

“Every student deserves the opportunity to build a



bright and successful future, and strong literacy skills are an important part of that foundation,” said Kiera Hall, United Way’s senior manager of literacy initiatives. “ReadUP helps students strengthen the reading skills they need to stay on track in school, open doors to future opportunities, and reach their full potential.”

Volunteers spend one hour a week reading with two students throughout the

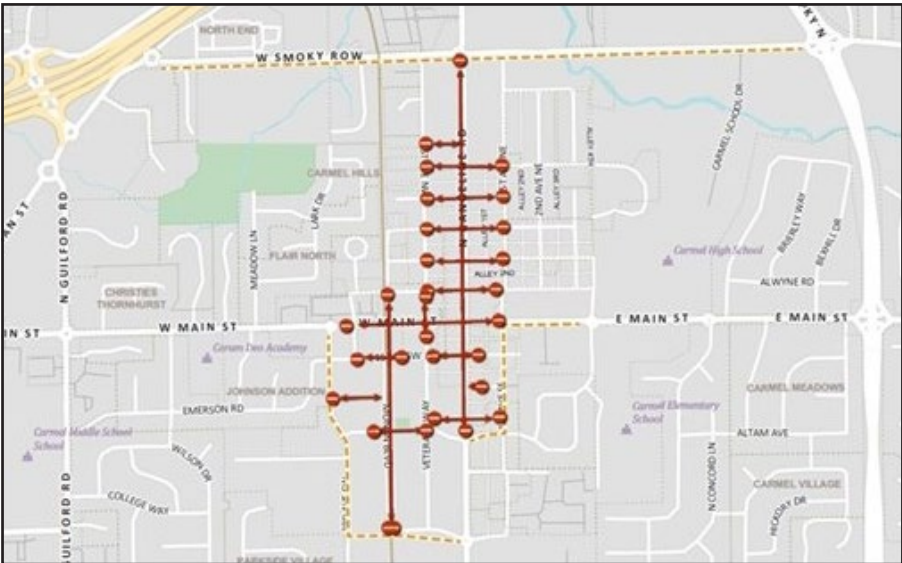
school year. Some volunteers choose to join the program with a partner, splitting the time commitment.

Volunteers must complete a background check and a self-paced online training course. No teaching experience is required.

Registration closes at a school when all spots are filled or on Jan. 31, 2027, whichever comes first.

To learn more or sign up, visit uwci.org/readup.

Artomobilia road closure map



Graphic provided by City of Carmel

Artomobilia will, once again, bring beautiful cars and thousands of visitors to the Carmel Arts & Design District on Saturday, Aug. 29. Please review this map for access to and around Artomobilia. Road closures take effect Saturday from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. for the event that takes place 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. If traveling in this area that day, be sure to exercise caution and have patience for pedestrians and visitors unfamiliar with the roads. Closures indicated in red include Main Street in the Arts & District, Monon Boulevard between the Arts & Design District and Walnut Street and Range Line Road from Smoky Row to Elm Street.



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That “court notice” text you received is a scam, experts say

By KARA KENNEY
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

The Identity Theft Resource Center (ITRC), a national nonprofit, issued a warning this week about fake court notices claiming you have unpaid traffic fines or unpaid tolls.

Typically, you receive a text message with an attachment that contains a case number, a deadline to pay and a QR code to scan.

In this week's Tip of the Week, Indiana's I-Team has learned that scanning that QR code is designed to steal:

- **Your money:** They want you to pay “fines” immediately via untraceable methods or credit cards.

- **Financial access:** Clicking links or scanning QR codes can lead to “spoofed” websites designed to capture your banking or credit card login credentials.

- **Personal data:** They may ask for your **driver's license number** or other identifiers to “verify” your case, which is then used for identity theft.

Indiana's I-Team checked with county courts and clerks and we learned they will not text you about a traffic related offense.

ITRC CEO Eva Velasquez says the messages are very believable.

“With the inclusion of a lot of the surveillance cameras, we’ve all heard the media coverage about the Flock cameras, so people are on high alert for some of these incidents that maybe they didn’t know about,” Velasquez said. “They might think they didn’t know that something happened, and I think that is feeding into this as well.”

ITRC tips to protect yourself from traffic fine scams

- **Verify the source:** Remember that the District Court, Sheriff's Office, and District Attorney's Office do not send court notices or fine demands by text.

- **Don't scan or click:** Never scan a QR code or click a link in an unsolicited text. These can install malware on your device or take you to a fraudulent payment site.



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- **Check the official way:** If you are worried you might actually have an outstanding ticket, look up the official phone number for your local clerk of court or Department of Motor Vehicles and call them directly.

- **Act fast if you paid:** If you have already sent mon-

ey or shared your bank details, contact your financial institution immediately to report the fraud.

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State Rep. Danny Lopez named 2026 Legislative Champion by Indiana Technology & Innovation Association

Submitted by Office of State Rep. Danny Lopez

On Thursday, Aug. 27, State Representative Danny Lopez (R-Carmel) was recognized by the Indiana Technology & Innovation Association (ITIA) with the 2026 *Legislative Champion Award* at their annual statewide summit in Fishers.

The ITIA said Lopez was named its 2026 legislative champion for his ongoing efforts expand access to capital for Hoosier entrepreneurs, increase wages across the industry and skill up Indiana's tech talent pipeline, and keep Indiana the country's best state to start, grow, and scale a business.

“Businesses of every size in every industry are leveraging technology to grow, and Indiana is now competing globally for investment that ensures those innovations mean better jobs at higher wages in every corner of the state,” Lopez said. “Indiana seeded this work two decades ago under Gov. Daniels and it exploded under Gov. Holcomb's leadership, but it is the hard work of the ITIA, its staff, and its members that is making sure those gains are sustained into the future. I'm honored to receive this recognition from ITIA and am grateful for their partnership in advancing Indiana's innovation economy.”

During the 2026 legis-

lative session, Lopez championed policies to grow opportunity for Hoosiers by bringing **new capital investment to communities**, expanding **investment in Indiana businesses and emerging industries**, and strengthening **workforce development through Ivy Tech**. Lopez said new Re-development Tax Credits will spark statewide investment and inject much-needed capital, specifically for smaller communities. His legislation to establish the Small Town Opportunity Tax Credit and drive \$50 million in new investments for projects of regional significance were combined into **House Enrolled Act 1406** and will help continue Indiana's momentum for capital investment and higher wage job growth.

“Rep. Lopez has worked tirelessly on a host of issues impacting Indiana's innovation economy during his time in the General Assembly. During the 2026 session, he was instrumental in passing legislation that expanded access to the Venture Capital Investment Tax Credit, ensuring more Hoosier companies and funds are eligible for the credit,” ITIA Executive Director Jennifer Hallowell said. “Rep. Lopez has also been a champion of continued robust investment into the 21st Century Research & Technology Fund, which



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State Rep. Danny Lopez receives the 2026 Legislative Champion Award from ITIA Executive Director Jennifer Hallowell at the ITIA annual statewide summit in Fishers.

supports startup investment into Indiana companies along with programs and funding for entrepreneurial support initiatives and grants that provide greater STEM educational opportunities for Hoosier students. We are incredibly grateful for his continued leadership on initiatives that grow the Indiana innovation ecosystem and Hoosier economy.”

Lopez was named **Champion Freshman Legislator** by the **Indiana Chamber of Commerce** in 2025 for his support of pro-economy, pro-jobs legislation during that year's legislative session. In his first term, his other legislative efforts have in-

cluded boosting economic development, reforming Indiana's courts, constraining the growth of Medicaid, supporting Hoosier youth in the foster care system, and strengthening public safety in Hamilton County. To learn more, visit iga.in.gov.

ITIA is the statewide association representing technology and innovation-driven enterprises and partners working together to accelerate the innovation economy. For more information about ITIA, visit **IndianaTechnology.org**.

State Rep. Danny Lopez (R-Carmel) represents House District 39, which includes a portion of Hamilton County.

Westfield Band Concert Season Passes now on sale

The REPORTER

Westfield Band Concert Season Passes are now available for 2026-27.

Season passes include admission to in-class band performances, along with advance seating reservations for the Holiday Festival*. Season tickets cost \$40 each. **Purchase a pass** to save time and money throughout the concert season.

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Casey Williams is an Indianapolis automotive journalist. Send comments to Casey at AutoCasey@aol.com; follow him on YouTube @AutoCasey.

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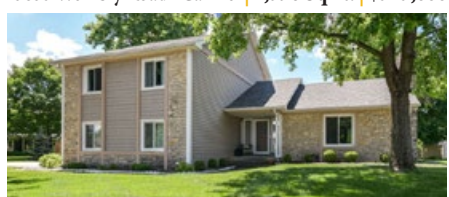
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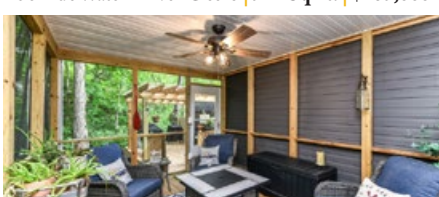
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Secretary of State candidates face off in first debate in Indianapolis

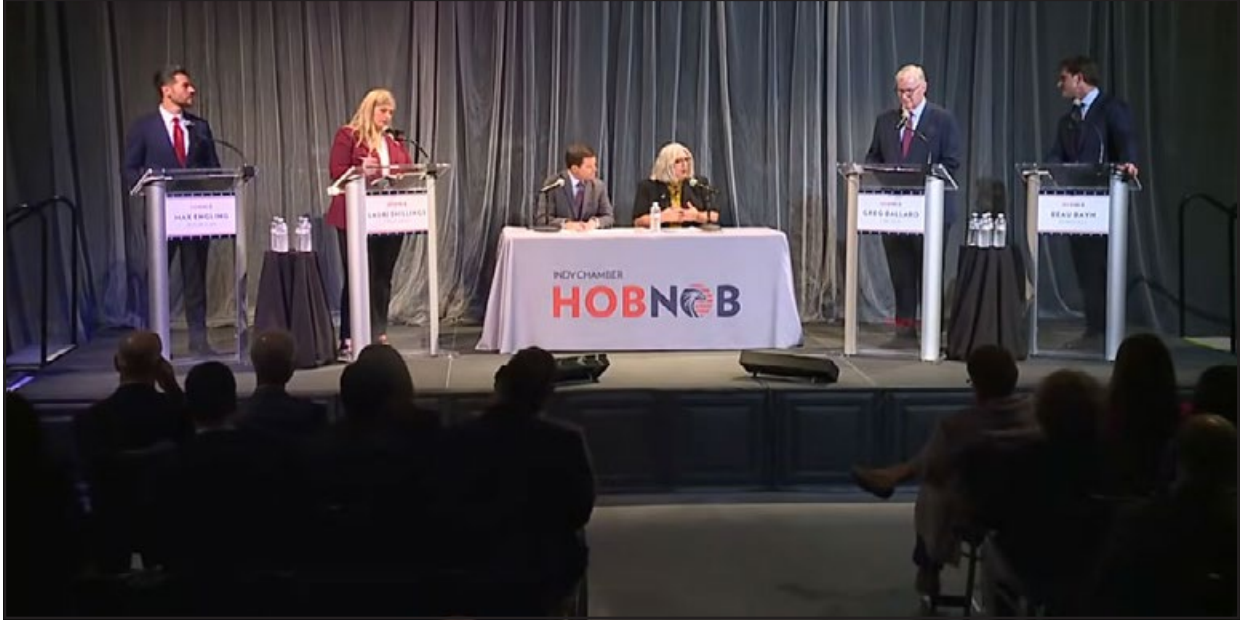


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The first debate between the four candidates for Indiana Secretary of State took place Wednesday evening, Aug. 26, at The Crane Bay Events Center, 551 W. Merrill St., Indianapolis. The debate took place as part of the Indy Chamber’s HobNob legislative forum and was hosted by FOX59, CBS4, and IBJ Media. You can watch the debate on YouTube at [this link](#). Early voting begins Oct. 6. Election Day is Nov. 3. The deadline to register to vote is Oct. 5. (From left) Republican candidate Max Engling, Libertarian candidate Lauri Shillings, moderators Dan Spehler and Lesley Weidenbener, Lincoln Party candidate Greg Ballard, and Democrat Beau Bayh.



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Fall arrives early at in form of Harvest Pumpkin ice cream at Graeter's

The REPORTER

Who says you have to wait for cooler temperatures to enjoy the signature flavor of fall?

On Friday, Aug. 28, Graeter's Ice Cream, America's oldest family-owned and operated craft ice cream maker, is bringing back its popular Harvest Pumpkin ice cream early to jumpstart autumn.

Graeter's Harvest Pumpkin ice cream is made with real pumpkin spiced with cinnamon, nutmeg, clove, and ginger, delivering the warm, sweet flavor of pumpkin pie filling – hold the crust.

Additionally, Graeter's is offering the following featured menu items for fall:

- **Pumpkin Spice Sundae:** Harvest Pumpkin ice cream on a spice cake, topped with butterscotch, whipped cream and pecans.
- **Pumpkin Spice Milkshake:** Harvest Pumpkin ice cream blended with espres-

so and white chocolate, topped with whipped cream and fall sprinkles.

- **Pumpkin Chai Chiller:** Harvest Pumpkin ice cream and chai blend topped with whipped cream and pumpkin spice.

There's no reason to wait for sweater weather to enjoy this rich, creamy, indulgent fall flavor made with Graeter's signature French Pot process, hand-crafted just 2.5 gallons at a time.

Don't dilly-dally – Harvest Pumpkin ice cream at Graeter's is available only while supplies last. This seasonal flavor will be available by the scoop and in pints at all **local Graeter's scoop shops**. Pints will also be available for local delivery through **order.graeters.com**, as well as online for nationwide shipping at **Graeters.com**. Harvest Pumpkin can also be found in most local grocery stores where Graeter's is sold.

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

- Caretaker – Marcus Kliever
- Daggermouth – H.M. Wolfe
- Delusional – James Patterson
- Fossil Feud – Maggie North
- Getting Away With Murder – Shari Lapena
- Girlfriend's Secret – Daniel Hurst
- Piece by Piece – Rachel Hanna
- Promise Me Never – Liv Constantine
- Secret Dinner – Raphael Montes
- Small Favors & Big Rewards – Hope Callaghan

- Summer Fun Massacre – Craig DiLouie
- Thanksgiving Dinner Death – Leighann Dobbs
- That Night – Gillian McAllister
- Words to Live By – Maggie Miller

Non-Fiction

- Better & Better – Eli Lilly
- Everyday Hallelujah – Phil Wickham
- No Prophets – Jared Huffman

Children's

- Gifts From Crows – Gideon Sterer
- Goodnight Soccer – Michael Dahl
- I Guess I'll Go Eat Worms – Henry Holt
- Little Blue Truck Lost and Found – Alice Schertle
- Little Red: Autumn on the Farm – Will Hillenbrand



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- Spaced Out – Stuart Gibbs
- That's Not My Frog – Fiona Watt
- That's Not My Hippo – Fiona Watt
- There's a Pony in My Apartment – Jennifer Harney
- This Book is Seriously Silly – Ben Clanton
- **Inspirational Fiction**
 - Amish Haven by the Sea – Kay M. Waldron
- Claiming His Family – Zoey Marie Jackson
- Fatal Finale – Nancy Mehl
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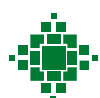
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Public invited to meetings about Noblesville Schools funding referendum

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.

- 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



Hile



Photo provided

The work is ongoing following historic flooding in Hamilton County. Here, you can see the area near the collapsed bridge and the Martin Marietta quarry in Carmel. This aerial photograph is oriented west at the intersection of Hazel Dell Parkway and 106th Street.

Carmel updates on recovery progress after historic flood

Submitted by City of Carmel

As recovery efforts continue after the severe flooding that impacted Carmel and Hamilton County earlier this month, city crews, county partners, and local organizations continue work to repair infrastructure, re-open parks, and support residents. Below is an update on where things stand.

Federal disaster declaration & relief funding

President Trump’s approval of a major disaster declaration secures direct federal funding for Carmel and Hamilton County. These federal dollars will directly aid municipal repair projects, offset cleanup costs, and open pathways for direct assistance for affected residents and local small businesses.

“This major disaster declaration and federal relief funding bring much-needed financial support and hope to our community as we navigate the road to recovery,” Mayor Sue Finkam said. “We extend our sincere thanks to President Trump, Governor Braun, and our federal delegation for standing with Carmel. Our focus remains entirely on getting our resi-

dents the help they need and restoring our city.”

Infrastructure & quarry operational plan

City officials are collaborating closely with state and federal agencies alongside Martin Marietta to develop a safe plan to remove the water from the flooded quarry, stabilizing ground conditions so operations can safely reopen.

The Hazel Dell Parkway bridge remains closed following its collapse. Hamilton County is expediting replacement plans and evaluating options to repair or realign Blue Woods Creek. The city is assisting county engineers on both fronts.

Carmel Utilities status

The damaged 30-inch raw water main and 12-inch finished water main remain out of service. Preliminary tests show the city’s three impacted wells are in good working order, and teams are designing a temporary bypass for the 30-inch main to bring these wells back online soon. Plans are also underway for a new line to supply finished water to the wastewater treatment plant and assessment of the integrity of the force mains is ongoing to determine next repair steps.

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation updates

- **White River Greenway:** Fully open.
- **River Heritage Park:** Cleanup is on track to re-open the park by or before this weekend.
- **Flowing Well Park:** Trails, restrooms and parking are open. The namesake well remains closed while crews perform a chlorinated flush after total coliform was detected; the well will reopen once two consecutive daily water tests come back clean.
- **Founders Park:** Open, except for the south pond paved trail, which is closed for installation of a new floating boardwalk (expected completion by late October).
- **Hazel Landing Park:** Closed indefinitely due to severe creek damage. City, park, and county officials met this week with engineering and Ball State University archaeology and geology teams to plan long-term park restoration alongside creek repairs.
- **Historic Moffitt House:** Water remediation continues in the crawlspace; the house sustained no structural damage. You can see a detailed FAQ at tinyurl.com/CarmelFloodFAQ.

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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

6:50 pm Leo vs Bishop Chatard | IHSAA Football | Indiana SRN

6:50 pm Indian Creek vs Heritage Christian | IHSAA Football | Indiana SRN

7:00 pm Lawrence North vs **Fishers** | IHSAA Football | Fishers Sports Network

7:00 pm London vs **Hamilton Heights** | IHSAA Football | Husky Sports (PPV)

Sat Aug 29 - Front Porch Music Festival

1:00 pm Noblesville's Front Porch Music Festival | Live Coverage - Through 6 pm

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The REPORTER
The Goddard School®, a nationally acclaimed early childhood education franchise, has opened a new location in Noblesville, expanding the inquiry-based learning experience to area families. **The Goddard School of West Noblesville** is the second location for Goddard School franchisees Denise and Mitch Manders, who have owned **The Goddard School of Carmel – West** since 2022.

Located at 4903 Castamere Drive, this 13,200 square-foot early childhood education center has 12 classrooms to provide care for and education for approximately 175 students

from six weeks to six years old. Additionally, the school adds 35 teaching jobs to the community.

“Having trusted The Goddard School with the education of our three children, we understand the lasting impact a strong early learning foundation can have,” Denise Manders said. “We look forward to partnering with families in Noblesville and Westfield as we deliver the trusted, high-quality early education experience The Goddard School is known for.”

The new school features a multi-purpose room, two outdoor classrooms, and multiple playgrounds. Additionally, it is equipped

with hospital-grade sanitation equipment to ensure a healthy environment.

The Goddard School’s exclusive inquiry-based education program, **Wonder of Learning®**, embraces how children learn best: through their innate curiosity. Research confirms that when wonder leads, learning follows. Wonder of Learning features a cutting-edge curriculum developed by a diversely skilled group of educators, researchers, physicians, and early childhood experts, as well as built-in assessment of academic and social-emotional progress and family communication via a proprietary app.

Inquiry-based learning,

which guides the Wonder of Learning curriculum, is a teaching and learning approach that focuses on the natural curiosity and sense of wonder children bring into the classroom. With teacher-guided inquiry topics, children learn about themselves and the world around them by exploring their interests, investigating concepts, and asking questions.

For families interested in learning more about The Goddard School and how to enroll in the new West Noblesville location, visit GoddardSchool.com or call (317) 678-9055. For school updates, follow @goddardwestnoblesville on [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/goddardwestnoblesville).



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Girl Scout Coalition of Indiana & Indiana Youth Institute release 2026 Indiana Girl Report

Submitted
On Wednesday, Aug. 26, the Girl Scout Coalition of Indiana and Indiana Youth Institute (IYI) released the 2026 *Indiana Girl Report*, the state’s most comprehensive, girl-centered collection of data regarding the health, education, emotional wellness, and social connection of girls in the State of Indiana.

Launched in 2023, the partnership between the Girl Scout Coalition of Indiana, Girl Scouts, and IYI, aims to understand girls’ realities in Indiana and the variances across regions.

“We know girls in our state have limitless potential when they are given the support they need to thrive, and this year’s report demonstrates important progress while highlighting what continues to be at stake,” Girl Scouts of Central Indiana CEO Deana Potterf said. “In order for girls to flourish, they need parents and caregivers, youth-serving

organizations, community leaders, and policy makers to create the right environment. The *Indiana Girl Report* offers critical data on the experiences of Hoosier girls, and it’s important to take the time to read this year’s report and do your part to help our girls succeed.”

The 2026 *Indiana Girl Report* focuses on four dimensions of wellness established by the Girl Scout Coalition of Indiana. The four dimensions studied include physical, academic, emotional, and social well-being, which are all critical factors in helping girls thrive.

While girls in Indiana are demonstrating many strengths across some of the dimensions of well-being in this year’s report, the data reveals a more complex story beneath these strengths that requires more attention.

- **Academic:** Indiana girls’ high school graduation rates reached 92.3 percent, the highest level in the last

decade. Yet fewer than one in four girls met state proficiency standards in mathematics, science, or social studies.

- **Physical:** While most Indiana girls have access to health insurance and regular checkups, affordability remains a concern and 13.5 percent of girls do not have health insurance which is higher than all the states bordering Indiana.
- **Emotional:** Indiana girls benefit from many protective factors that support emotional wellness such as trusted adults, supportive neighborhoods, and strong peer relationships. But girls report higher levels of sadness, hopelessness, suicide-related thoughts, body image concerns, and eating-related behaviors than their male peers. Additionally, 25.8 percent of girls aged 6 to 17 are very or somewhat concerned with their body image, size, or weight compared to 18.9 percent of boys the same age.
- **Social:** Indiana girls

are highly engaged in organized activities, volunteerism, and community organizations. But noticeable social risks still impact girls more than their male peers including adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), family conflict, dating violence, sexual violence, bullying, and substance-use-related risks.

“We believe in the power of data beyond its ability to inform, but also to inspire meaningful action. The evidence in this report tells part of a larger story, one that highlights the strengths of Indiana’s girls, the opportunities they deserve, and the barriers they continue to face,” IYI President and CEO Tami Silverman said. “The 2026 *Indiana Girl Report* reminds us that girls thrive when they have opportunities to build skills, develop meaningful connections, and participate in experiences that support their growth and well-being.”

The *Indiana Girl Report*

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includes girl-specific data by sub-groups, inclusive of race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, gender, age, mental, and physical ability. In addition to sub-groups, the report analyzes data by specific multi-year trends related to emotional health indicators, physical health indicators, academic performance, and social wellness, and data sourced from IYI’s Indiana KIDS COUNT Data Book. This report provides the most recent data and research from state partner agencies, peer-reviewed journals, national and state level surveys, as well as credible national entities, such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Census Bureau.

The Girl Scout Coalition of Indiana was founded and inspired by the six Girl Scout councils serving Indiana: Girl Scouts of Central Indiana, Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana, Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana, Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana-Michiana, Girl Scouts of Southwest Indiana, and Girl Scouts of Western Ohio. As one of the only coalitions of its kind across the country, the Girl Scout Coalition of Indiana is focused on its aligned vision to see every girl in Indiana live her best life physically, academically, emotionally, and socially.

A full copy of the 2026 *Indiana Girl Report* can be found at GirlCoalitionIndiana.org, along with a digital dashboard that additionally serves as an open data resource for the public.



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DEFEAT OF OG KING OF BASHAN

Next we turned and went up along the road toward Bashan, and Og king of Bashan with his whole army marched out to meet us in battle at Edrei. The Lord said to me, "Do not be afraid of him, for I have delivered him into your hands, along with his whole army and his land. Do to him what you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who reigned in Heshbon."

So the Lord our God also gave into our hands Og king of Bashan and all his army. We struck them down, leaving no survivors. At that time we took all his cities. There was not one of the sixty cities that we did not take from them—the whole region of Argob, Og's kingdom in Bashan. All these cities were fortified with high walls and with gates and bars, and there were also a great many unwallled villages. We completely destroyed them, as we had done with Sihon king of Heshbon, destroying every city—men, women and children. But all the livestock and the plunder from their cities we carried off for ourselves.

So at that time we took from these two kings of the Amorites the territory east of the Jordan, from the Arnon Gorge as far as Mount Hermon. (Hermon is called Sirion by the Sidonians; the Amorites call it Senir.) We took all the towns on the plateau, and all Gilead, and all Bashan as far as Salekah and Edrei, towns of Og's kingdom in Bashan. (Og king of Bashan was the last of the Rephaites. His bed was decorated with iron and was more than nine cubits long and four cubits wide. It is still in Rabbah of the Ammonites.)

Deuteronomy 3:1-11 (NIV)

Meeting Notice

The Noblesville Schools Board of Trustees will meet in an executive session at noon on Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2026, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b) (11) To train school board members with an outside consultant and the performance of the role of the members as public officials.

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Bierman Autism Centers of Westfield to hold sensory-friendly Touch-a-Truck event

The REPORTER

On Saturday, Aug. 29, the parking lot outside Bierman Autism Centers, 16414 Southpark Drive, Westfield, will look a little different. There will be a fire truck. A police car. Construction vehicles. And a whole lot of kids who have always wanted to climb in.

Bierman Autism Centers' Touch-a-Truck event, set for 10 a.m. to noon Aug. 29, is a free, sensory-friendly outdoor event designed specifically for children with autism and other developmental needs, while welcoming siblings, caregivers, and the broader community. Families can expect a calm, predictable morning with the flexibility many children need to feel at ease in new experiences.

What families can expect

• **Up-Close Truck Exploration:** Climb in, look around, and meet the community helpers who drive

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• **Activities and Games:** Hands-on fun designed for all ability levels.

• **Snacks:** Because no summer event is complete without them.

• **Center Tours:** Come see our space, meet our team, and learn more about what we do.

• **Sensory-Friendly Comfort Zone:** A quiet corner available all morning for anyone who needs a break.

This event is free and open to all families. While Touch-a-Truck is designed with children with autism and other developmental needs in mind, siblings, friends, and caregivers are all warmly welcome.

"These aren't just fun mornings; they are carefully designed experiences," said Elizabeth Henry, MS, BCBA, COBA, EVP of Service Delivery at Bierman Autism Centers. "Every element, from the vehicle lineup to the quiet corners to the pacing of



Photo provided by Bierman Autism Centers

Space is limited, so register now for Bierman Autism Center's Touch-a-Truck in Westfield.

the event, is built with the child in mind. The goal is a morning where every family leaves feeling like it was a win."

RSVP at biermanautism.com/events and select Westfield. Capacity is limited to protect the sensory environment.

Sheridan Public Library releases its September calendar

Submitted

The Sheridan Public Library, 103 W. 1st St., has all sorts of fun activities available for all ages. See the list below and visit sheridan.lib.in.us for more information. Support your local library!

Babies & Toddlers

Sept. 14, 21, 28 at 10:30 a.m. | Discovery Time

Preschool

Wednesdays at 10:30

a.m. | Little Learners

Sept. 1 at 6 p.m. | Pajama Story Time

Grades K-5

Sept. 15 at 3:30 p.m. | Babysitter's Club 40th Anniversary Party

Adults

Wednesdays at 11 a.m. | Needle Crafters

Sept. 2 at 3 p.m. | Adult Bingo (sponsored by Robert Owen)

Sept. 2 at 6 p.m. | Pinners

Sept. 16 at 5:30 p.m. | Sheridan Readers: *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver

All ages

Thursdays from 4 to 6:30 p.m. | Chess Club (hosted by William Oliver)

Sept. 3 at 10:30 a.m. | Homeschool Meetup

Sept. 3 at 3:30 p.m. | Library Card Q&A

Sept. 8 at 5 p.m. | Maker Cart Launch Party

Sept. 1 to 30 | Fall into Reading Challenge

Sept. 1 to 30 | Library Card Sign Up Month

The library will be closed on Monday, Sept. 7, for Labor Day. For more information on programming and services, please visit sheridan.lib.in.us. Thank you for your patience during the library's renovation.

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Beautiful 4BR, 2BA 2 half baths in Oakmont of Noblesville. Situated on over half an acre (.68) wooded lot featuring a screened porch and finished basement along with a three car tandem garage. This move-in ready property awaits you.

Listed at \$559,900



PENDING!

18149 ATLANTIC ROAD
NOBLESVILLE

Own this charming 1.5-acre country retreat! Features 2,000+ sq ft, 4BR, 2BA, and a new roof. Enjoy a cozy fireplace, spacious kitchen, and fenced yard. Perfectly located near Hamilton Town Center and I-69.

Won't last long!
Listed at \$274,900



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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