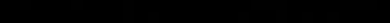


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For many of those children, that book is more than just something to read. It is an adventure. A mystery. A new favorite character. A reason to put down a screen and open a book. Perhaps, most importantly, it may be the

beginning of a lifelong love
of reading.

The funds that make Books for a Bright Future possible are raised largely through the Kiwanis Club of Cicero's annual Dinner and Silent Auction, and the community is invited to come together for an evening of good food, fellowship, and fun, all while making a difference in the lives of local children.

The Books for a Bright Future Dinner & Silent Auction will be held from 5:30 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, at the South Harbour Clubhouse, 1156 S. Harbour Drive, Noblesville.

Guests will enjoy dinner and have the opportunity to browse and bid on a variety of silent auction items, with proceeds helping put books directly into the hands of children in our community.

Tickets are \$55 per person or \$100 per couple, with dinner selections including Chicken Piccata or Pork Ribeye.

But the impact of the evening will extend far beyond one dinner or one auction.

Every ticket purchased, every auction item donated and every winning bid helps make sure that when a child walks into the book fair, they don't have to stand on the sidelines while others choose a book.

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They get to choose one, too.

And the Cicero Kiwanis Club is not stopping there.

Because of the success and importance of Books for a Bright Future, the club plans to expand the program into Hamilton Heights Middle School next year, giving even more students the opportunity to select and own books of their own.

Getting children excited about reading at a young age can make a lasting difference. A child who discovers the joy of reading may carry that love with them for the rest of their life. Sometimes all it takes is the right book finding its way into the right child's hands.

That is what Books for a Bright Future is all about.

The Cicero Kiwanis Club hopes the community will join them on Sept. 26 – not just for a wonderful meal or the opportunity to take home a great auction item, but for the chance to invest in the future of local children.

Because somewhere among those 850 students may be a child who discovers

their favorite author. A future teacher, writer, scientist, entrepreneur, or community leader who finds inspiration between the pages of a book.

And it all may begin with one book they otherwise would not have been able to purchase.

As the saying goes, “A book is a gift you can open again and again.”

On Sept. 26, the community has an opportunity to help give that gift to hundreds of local children – and soon, even more.

For ticket information or to purchase tickets online, visit the Cicero Kiwanis Books for a Bright Future Dinner & Silent Auction ticket page.

The Cicero Kiwanis Club invites everyone to bring a spouse, friend, neighbor, or fellow book lover and spend an evening helping ensure that every child has the opportunity to discover the joy that can be found between the covers of a book.

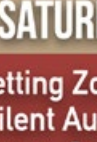
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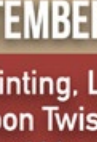
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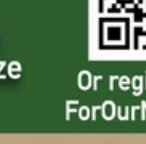
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COMMUNITIES

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In Northwest Indiana, local churches, schools, nonprofits, trustees, and businesses offered relief to many along with the United Way. Stacey said many individuals reached out to help one another, and Portage Mayor Austin Bonta (like our Mayor Chris Jensen) did an outstanding job for all.

I'm proud of our Indiana

communities. When disasters like this happen, I'm reminded of Mr. Rogers' wisdom:

"When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always see people that are helping.'"

Mr. Rogers is right. Our county, and the ones in the region, certainly united and

brought together the helpers. May we all continue to work together to strengthen our communities in the weeks and months ahead.

Amy Shankland is an empty-nester, writer, and fundraising professional living in Noblesville with her husband John and two dogs. You can reach her via email at amys@greenavenue.info.

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Floodwaters recede. Kindness doesn’t.

It’s next to impossible to put into words the devastation that hundreds of our neighbors experienced during the recent floods. Heck, so many will experience it for months and even years to come.

We were fortunate not to experience direct loss of life during this tragic event. There are countless stories to be told, heroes to be recognized and folks to be thanked.

No single person could do justice to the lengthy list of people worthy of being thanked, so rather than trying to do that and miss too many people, I’d like to share several things that struck me as profoundly Hamilton County. These are things that are part culture, part heart, and part DNA. I’ve worked on many disasters, with Katrina being worse by far, but never have I seen a community stand in the gap the way ours did this past month.

Here are points for the readers to consider.

- 1). The first line of assistance was our first responders, 911, EMS, Police, and Fire, often putting their own lives at risk to check on, serve, and even extricate people from impending tragedy. They did their jobs in a professional and unwavering manner. They deserve our thanks.
- 2). Immediate triage relief came from our neighbors, friends, family, and churches.
- 3). Egos, labels, and titles vanished. For days and days, we were all just Hoosiers helping people who



MARK HALL
The Feeding Team Feature

are hurting and in trouble. It was an immutable force of nature that no one would be able to stop. I’d like to think of it as our community.

4). Anything people needed, someone was there to step up, fill in, or help remedy the need.

5). Even before the waters began to recede, local and county governments entrenched and began the recovery. It was the best of local governments. Charitable groups both local and national appeared on the scene to aid in the recovery.

6). This is a long-term recovery that will impact us for years.

During all this, Feeding Team was not exempt from the flooding. We had five pantries impacted, with a large loss of food. One pantry was engulfed in flood waters to the pitch of its roof, yet wonderfully did not float away.

But as the water receded, kindness didn’t.

Almost immediately, donations began to arrive. Monetary donations from people around Central Indiana who just wanted to help our communities heal. Food donations jumped incredibly as people wanted to make sure that food would be available to anyone in need. One pantry near the White River at 206th Street was stocked and restocked four times in three days by kindhearted people who wanted zero recognition for what they were doing. They merely wanted to help those hurting in our midst.

It can’t go without being

said, we live in an incredibly special community. A place where help is just around the corner. In our case, volunteer brigades of people with bleach and lots of elbow grease got these pantries cleaned, refreshed, and back in service in a matter of a day or two after the water receded. The pantry maintenance team repaired what needed to be fixed almost immediately. We can’t thank people enough for their kindness to our neighbors or their kindness to the Feeding Team.

As a good friend of mine recently said, “We prepare for these rainy days and a few weeks ago, it rained! Well, someday (hopefully in another 113 years or more) it will rain again. I can’t imagine it, but I’m confident that our neck of the woods will step up whenever and however needed. I couldn’t be prouder of our communities, county, state, and neighbors.

From the front lines of fighting hunger, life is changing in real time. We see increases in gap families looking to get through a tough time. The floods made that worse. The numbers are changing as the economy ebbs and flows. People who have never experienced food insecurity are searching for a solution. Many find Feeding Team through our social media and through word of mouth. But others don’t know that these resources are available.

If you find your family in need, please contact us, find a pantry at FeedingTeam.org, and follow us on social media to learn about upcoming food distribution events. Please share our message with those that

FeedingTeam.org Facts

- 81 outdoor pantries
- Two drive-thru food pick-ups monthly and two in-office food pick-ups monthly
- 20,000 meals per month
- Over 30 volunteer families

are in need too. We rely on neighbors to help neighbors connect with those who are in need. Thank you.

About FeedingTeam.org
More than 44,000 people in Hamilton County struggle with food needs. FeedingTeam.org is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit that offers outdoor, no-questions-asked food pantries that are open 24/7, all year long. These pantries help families who may not qualify for other programs but still need a few meals to get by.

We are so thankful for all the volunteers, hosts, donors, and sponsors who help us every day. We love serving our neighbors and seeing how your generosity changes lives. Hunger doesn’t always look the way people think it does, and every meal makes a big difference.

A simple can of food can mean everything to a parent who has nothing left to feed their kids. A few meals can change someone’s life.

If you’d like to help, there are many volunteer opportunities. We are also looking for new spots for future pantries. If you know a good location, please contact us.

Mark and Lisa Hall are the Founders of Feeding Team. They may be reached at lisa@feedingteam.org and mark@feedingteam.org or by calling (317) 832-1123.

The O’Connor House’s Baby on the Way 5K is almost here!

The REPORTER

You’re invited to celebrate 21 years of ministry with The O’Connor House at the annual Baby on the Way 5K.

The 5K Run/Walk road race starts at 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 20 at Guerin Catholic High School, 15300 Gray Road, Noblesville. Plus: there will be a free Fun Run for kids aged 10 and under immediately following the 5K.

The race is open to adults and children of all ages and abilities. Whether you’re racing, walking, cheering,

or pushing a stroller, it’s a morning full of community, fun, and purpose. [Get registered today!](#)

Grab your family and friends and come run with the good folks of The O’Connor House as they continue to work towards the organization’s mission of improving the lives of both mothers and children by providing a Christian home for pregnant, single women experiencing homelessness.

Sponsorship information is available at [this link](#).

See you at the starting line!

StoryPoint Group acquires Woodland Terrace of Carmel

The REPORTER

StoryPoint Group welcomes three new communities – formerly Woodland Terrace of Carmel by New Perspective, Woodland Terrace of Danville by New Perspective, and Woodland Terrace of New Palestine by New Perspective – into its family of communities under the new names: StoryPoint Carmel, StoryPoint Danville, and StoryPoint New Palestine.

The official transition took place on Sept. 1.

StoryPoint Carmel offers independent living, assisted living, and memory care. The community is located at 689 Pro-Med Lane, Carmel. To speak with the StoryPoint Carmel team, call (317) 343-8481.

The new communities are part of a network of sister communities across Greater Indianapolis: Independence Village of Avon, Independence Village of Carmel, Independence Vil-

lage of Fishers East, Independence Village of Fishers South, and Independence Village of Zionsville West.

While the communities’ names may be new, seniors and families in Greater Indianapolis will continue to receive the highest-quality care that is the standard across all StoryPoint Group communities. For more than 40 years, StoryPoint Group communities across the nation have been trusted to provide residents with the absolute best experience they deserve. With personalized support, intentional memory care, unique amenities and features, engaging life enrichment activities, award-winning culinary programming, and more, seniors can expect opportunities to shine every day.

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Indiana529 launches \$10K education sweepstakes

The REPORTER

September is National College Savings Month, and Governor Mike Braun has highlighted the importance of saving for education with a Proclamation establishing September 2026 as College Savings Month in Indiana. To celebrate, one Hoosier family will win a \$10,000 account deposit in the Indiana529 Education Sweepstakes.

To enter the Sweepstakes, individuals 18 years of age or older must complete the entry form available at [MyIndiana529.com/sweepstakes](https://www.mylindiana529.com/sweepstakes) by 11:59 p.m. Sept. 30, 2026. The winner will be randomly selected from all eligible entries to receive a \$10,000 Indiana529 account deposit.

"Every Hoosier child deserves the opportunity to choose the education

and career path that's right for them," Treasurer of State Daniel Elliott said. "A \$10,000 Indiana529 account deposit supports their goals with less student loan debt."

Indiana529 provides account owners and gift contributors flexibility when it comes to saving for education and career training after high school. Funds can be used at any eligible school or registered apprenticeship program, both in- and out-of-state. Accounts grow tax-deferred, and distributions are tax-free as long as the money is withdrawn to pay for qualified education expenses like tuition, books, computers, equipment, and credentialing expenses.



Elliott

Indiana taxpayers may also be eligible for an annual state income tax credit of 20 percent of contributions to their Indiana529 accounts, worth up to \$1,500 each year (\$750 for married couples filing separately).

"The future will be here before you know it, and Indiana529 is here to help families plan for it," said Marissa Rowe, executive director of the program. "\$10,000 is a strong start towards that future education and career."

For full contest rules and to enter, please visit [MyIndiana529.com/sweepstakes](https://www.mylindiana529.com/sweepstakes). For more information about Indiana529 Savings Plans, visit [MyIndiana529.com](https://www.mylindiana529.com).

Gov. Braun designates September as Indiana Archaeology Month

The REPORTER

Governor Mike Braun designated September as Archaeology Month in Indiana and is encouraging Hoosiers to take advantage of events happening across the state.

This year marks the 31st anniversary of this special celebration that brings universities, museums, government entities, organizations, and Hoosiers together to learn more about Indiana's archeological heritage.

Archaeology Month is coordinated by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Historic Preservation & Archaeology (DHPA) and officially designated by Gov. Braun.

"Indiana's story stretches back long before we became a state, and archaeology gives us a window into the people and communities that shaped the Hoosier State we know today," Gov. Braun

said. "Archaeology Month is a great opportunity for Hoosiers to get out, explore our history and better understand the generations who came before us."

During events throughout the month, Hoosiers can meet archaeologists and learn about the state's past. Through the prior years' celebrations, thousands of members of the public have been able to experience archaeology. Find more information and a schedule of events at on.IN.gov/DHPA.

Tying into the celebrations of the United States' semiquincentennial, this year's commemorative poster focuses on Vincennes and its rich multicultural heritage as a frontier capital.

Founded in 1732 in what was then French territory, Vincennes is Indiana's oldest continuously inhabited community founded by Europe-

ans. The area had been home to Native American tribes for thousands of years before European arrival. Control of the region shifted from Native Americans to France to Great Britain and later to the United States. The city served as the capital of the Indiana Territory from 1800 to 1813. The poster and an in-depth discussion of the design are available at on.IN.gov/archaeologymonth.

"I invite everyone to get out and participate in Archaeology Month, especially since this year is a special one for our nation," said Alan Morrison, DNR director and state historic preservation officer.

Archaeologists have recorded more than 76,000 sites in Indiana since the early 1800s, helping shape public understanding of the people who have called Indiana home.

If you can't safely return to your home, FEMA may need to inspect it

The REPORTER

Some residents in several Indiana counties, including Hamilton, Madison, and Tipton, have reported they cannot live safely in their homes. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) may need to inspect the damaged dwelling.

Apply for FEMA assistance

If you have insurance, file a claim before applying for FEMA assistance. FEMA cannot duplicate benefits for losses covered by insurance. If your policy does not cover all your disaster expenses, you may be eligible for federal assistance.

The fastest way to apply is online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.disasterassistance.gov). The deadline to apply is Oct. 25, 2026. Money may be available to help you with serious needs like hotel costs, displacement costs, basic home repair costs, personal property loss, or other disaster-caused needs.

Home inspections

Within 10 days of applying for assistance, you may be contacted by an inspector to schedule an appointment at the address where damage was reported. The inspector's phone number may be from out of state or show up on caller ID as "unavailable." Be sure to answer or call back so your application can move forward.

FEMA inspectors make several attempts to contact you to schedule an appointment. If FEMA is unable to get in touch, you will be sent a letter indicating your application cannot be processed further; to proceed you must call FEMA's Helpline at (800) 621-3362 to confirm your contact information and need for assistance.

FEMA inspectors will already have your nine-digit registration number when they contact you, but they may ask you to verify personally identifiable information by phone. They **do not** collect or ask to confirm your personal financial information. **Do not give your banking information to a person claiming to be a FEMA housing inspector.**

If you're unsure whether a FEMA call or visit is legitimate, contact the FEMA Helpline at (800) 621-3362 to verify.

When the FEMA inspector calls, write down:

- The inspector's name
- Date of call
- Date and time of appointment
- Inspector's telephone number

If you are contacted by an inspector, but no one in the household has applied for FEMA assistance, ask to withdraw the application and notify FEMA by calling (800) 621-3362.

During inspection

A typical inspection takes up to 45 minutes to complete. Inspectors do not determine eligibility for FEMA assistance; they are looking to verify the damage reported on your application. You or your designated co-applicant will need to meet with an inspector and provide a photo ID. You may invite another individual such as a household member, relative, or friend to help communicate with the inspector.

- If you or your co-applicant is unable to meet with an inspector, a third party can be designated in writing and pre-authorized before the scheduled time and date.
- A FEMA inspector car-

ries an official photo ID and will never ask for bank information or charge a fee for inspection. If you suspect an inspector isn't who they say they are, tell them to leave immediately and call local law enforcement.

- The inspector will attempt to verify the applicant's name, address, contact information, insurance coverage, and occupancy or ownership status.

- The inspector will walk through the home to assess the condition of both damaged and non-damaged areas, noting structural damage and completing an inventory of essential personal property (appliances, furniture, etc.).

- Inspectors will not climb on roofs or enter crawl spaces.

- Photos may be taken of the interior and exterior of the home during the inspection process.

- In situations where the home is inaccessible, the inspector may meet with the survivor at another location to verify identity, occupancy, and/or ownership.

After the inspection

Information gathered during the inspection is only one of several criteria used by FEMA to determine eligibility for assistance. If you have questions after your inspection, please call FEMA's Helpline at (800) 621-3362.

FEMA will mail you a decision letter about eligibility for assistance. To receive updates and notifications faster, create an online [DisasterAssistance.gov](https://www.disasterassistance.gov) account after applying for FEMA assistance.

Learn more about FEMA's inspection process by visiting the [Home Inspections page](#).

Deputy Clerk Position

The Cicero Clerk Treasurer's office has a full-time position opening for a **Deputy Clerk**.

The Deputy Clerk will be responsible for various clerical, payroll, Human Resource functions, bookkeeping, and utility activities. Process bi-weekly payroll, pension, and deductibles maintain all payroll records, and on-line filings. Payroll experience a plus. Assistant to the clerk treasurer for budget, attend meetings as necessary, filing, preparing reports, and serve and assist with utility billing activities, answering phones, waiting on customers and other duties as assigned.

Applications will be accepted through October 2nd, 2026.

Please send résumé to Rhonda Gary, 331 E. Jackson St., P.O. Box 650, Cicero, IN 46034, rgary@townofcicero.in.gov

Town's application will be required which may be picked up in our office, requested by e-mail or found at

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Carmel to unveil permanent Sister Cities street signage

Submitted by City of Carmel

Carmel city officials invite the public to attend a special street sign dedication honoring Carmel’s international Sister Cities relationships.

The brief ceremony is set for 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, during the Carmel Farmers Market. It will highlight the city’s ongoing commitment to global partnership, cultural exchange, and economic connection.

The dedication will take place along the Monon Trail at the southeast corner of the grounds of the Payne & Mencias Palladium.

Mayor Sue Finkam and Sister Cities representatives will share brief remarks celebrating these diplomatic and community ties:



Photo provided by City of Carmel

- Martin Baier, President & CEO, The International Center
 - Andris Berzins, Sister Cities and International Affairs Consultant
 - Raju Chinthala, Founder & President, Indiana India Business Council (Representing Visakhapatnam, India)
 - Sandi Richardson, Carmel Sister Cities Committee (Representing Seiffen, Germany)
 - City officials and community leaders
- Carmel’s Sister City relationships include active partnerships with Cortona (Italy), Jelgava (Latvia), Kawachinagano (Japan), Rueil-Malmaison (France), Seiffen (Germany) and Visakhapatnam (India).

Advancing Westfield Foundation awards \$499,000 in grants to local organizations

Submitted by City of Westfield

The Advancing Westfield Foundation has awarded \$499,000 in grant funding to 22 organizations serving the Westfield community.

The Advancing Westfield Foundation supports nonprofit partnerships that provide vital services for youth, adults, seniors, veterans, individuals with disabilities and families throughout the community. Funding is made possible through net proceeds from the Mayor’s Grand Gala and supports organizations working in areas such as health and wellness, food insecurity, youth development, senior support, mental health, and disability services.

“These grants represent the heart of what the Advancing Westfield Foundation was created to do – support the organizations that are meeting real needs in our community,” Mayor Scott

Willis said. “From youth development and mental health to food insecurity and senior support, these organizations are making a meaningful difference in the lives of Westfield residents. We are grateful for their work and proud to invest in their continued impact.”

2026 grant recipients include:

- Heart & Soul Clinic: \$50,000
- Prevail: \$50,000
- Westfield Youth Assistance Program: \$50,000
- Student Impact: \$50,000
- Westfield Youth Sports: \$40,000
- Westfield Education Foundation: \$28,000
- Grace Care Center: \$27,000
- Trinity Free Clinic: \$25,000
- Westfield Library Foundation: \$25,000
- Union Bible College: \$25,000
- Shepherd’s Center of



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- Hamilton County: \$20,000
- Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank: \$17,500
- Janus Developmental Services: \$15,000
- Indiana Center for Prevention of Youth Abuse & Suicide (INCPYAS): \$15,000
- The Cooper House: \$15,000
- Meals on Wheels Hamilton County: \$10,000
- Ascension St. Vincent YMCA in Westfield: \$10,000
- Family Promise of Hamilton County: \$10,000
- Christ United Methodist Church: \$10,000



- Open Doors of Westfield: \$2,500
 - Westfield Pride: \$2,500
 - HamCo Love: \$1,500
- The Advancing Westfield Foundation board includes community members representing various corporate, nonprofit, and community partners. Board members are Eric Douthit, Kristy Murphy, Allison Van Natta, Danyele Easterhaus, Pete Emigh, Mike Rudolph, and Mitch Frazier.
- For more information about the Advancing Westfield Foundation, visit AdvancingWestfieldFoundation.org.

Wear your support

Prevail’s new apparel store now open

The REPORTER

In partnership with T & T Sales and Promotions, Prevail, Inc. introduces the **Apparel Store**. This is your one-stop shop for all things Prevail, giving you a new way to proudly show your support and quite literally wear it on your sleeve.

The store features all the classics, including T-shirts, sweatshirts, professional wear, and more. You’ll also find a collection of creatively designed pieces that share Prevail’s mission in a more subtle way, using meaningful graphics and artwork rather than traditional branding. In other words, there’s a little something for everyone.

This is just the beginning. The Apparel Store will be updated regularly with new and limited-edition designs throughout the year, including special collections created for each of Prevail’s awareness months: Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October, Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month in February, and Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April.



Be sure to check back often.

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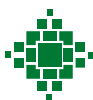
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Enjoy these opportunities for a new educational experience at the Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets are available at TheCenterPresents.org.

Field trips make science fun

The arts and the sciences are sometimes cast as contradictory pursuits, but nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, they share the Payne & Mencias Palladium stage several times a year, entertaining crowds of cheering schoolkids.

It happens in a program called Science of Light & Sound, a fun and interactive educational experience Allied Solutions Center pro-

vides free to central Indiana schools and homeschool groups, thanks to support from Sciencetech Foundation of Indiana, Business Furniture Co. and Genesys.

In the one-hour presentation, our production staffers “Dr. Brian” Coon and “Dr. Rob” Glass – sporting white lab coats, goggles and fictitious academic credentials – employ the Payne & Mencias Palladium’s state-of-the-art lighting and PA systems to demonstrate key concepts in physics, reinforcing classroom lessons in alignment with Indiana’s fourth-grade science standards. Check out this video to see what it looks like!

This season, Science of Light & Sound is offered

at 10:30 a.m. on eight dates from October through April for public and private school field trips, and [registration is open now](#). The presentations on Feb. 3 and April 7 also are open to homeschool groups. Attending groups can even apply for [Transportation Grants](#) to cover the cost of vehicles and drivers.

And speaking of free performances for students ...

Performances to celebrate Mexican culture

This season’s schedule of free Student Matinees for school groups includes an Oct. 29 musical and theatrical performance celebrating the Indigenous/Mexican practice known as Day of the Dead (officially

observed Nov. 1-2). *Hasta La Muerte*, created by the Los Angeles-based troupe Las Cafeteras, features rich storytelling and elaborate costumes and dance.

[Registration for the morning matinee is open now](#) for public and private school groups and will open Sept. 15 for homeschool groups. Other folks of all ages can attend the evening show, part of the Telamon Passport Series, with reasonably priced [tickets available here](#). **PB&J offers mariachi fun for families**

On a related note, our new season of Peanut Butter & Jam performances for ages 1-7 opens Sept. 26 with Mariachi Sol Jalisciense de Indianapolis, bringing mu-

sic and dance styles from the Mexican state of Jalisco to mark National Hispanic Heritage Month.

Sponsored by PEAS for Kids, the PB&J series is designed for youngsters to experience the joy of the performing arts. Just \$10 gets one kid and two grownups in the door, so [grab your tickets now](#) before they sell out, as these fun and interactive shows often do.

For grownups, an American music merger

Luminaries, our week-day speaker series on the arts, kicks off Sept. 29 with *Americana and Jazz Colide*, featuring Sam Butler and Garrett Fasig of the Indianapolis-based Visions Jazz Ensemble. They’ll

discuss their new commissioned album project that applies inventive new jazz arrangements to all-American standards like “Take Me Home, Country Roads” and “Ghost Riders in the Sky.” [Tickets for the 2 p.m. program](#) are just \$10.

Bookies to take on The Beatles

New York Times best-seller *John & Paul: A Love Story in Songs* by Ian Leslie will be the focal point of the next [Palladium Bookies](#) gathering on Oct. 12.

The Bookies reading club is a casual, non-exclusive organization, open to anyone who can find a copy and show up at 6:30 p.m. Just RSVP to Outreach@TheCenterPresents.org.

Life is a highway & you need to drive it in a Toyota with Graeter’s Chip Wheels

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Graeter’s Ice Cream, America’s oldest family-owned and operated craft ice cream maker, is collaborating with Toyota Sienna and the 2026 Sienna on “The Sweetest Way to Roll,” introducing Salted Caramel Chip Wheels.

Now launched nationwide, the Salted Caramel Chip Wheels put a new spin on Graeter’s fan-favorite Chip Wheelies. The limited-edition treat features Graeter’s rich salted caramel ice cream sandwiched between two made-from-scratch double chocolate chip cookies and rolled in chocolate jimmies.

“For more than 150

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The collaboration highlights a unique feature of the Toyota Sienna Platinum grade: the integrated front-console cooler, known as the FridgeBox™. Designed to help families keep beverages, snacks, and

treats at the right temperature, the available FridgeBox offers dual cooling settings. In addition to cool mode, its freeze mode is designed to keep frozen treats like popsicles and ice cream – including Graeter’s Chip Wheels – frozen.

“Great partnerships start with a shared commitment to quality and a passion for creating the best experiences for those who matter most,” said Owen Peacock, marketing general manager at Toyota. “Graeter’s brings that same level of care and craftsmanship to its ice cream that Toyota brings to its vehicles, making this collaboration a natural fit. The



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Wing Snob celebrates Noblesville opening with local school fundraiser

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Wing Snob, a fast-growing chicken wing franchise known for its fresh, made-to-order wings and extensive lineup of sauces and dry rubs, has opened its first Noblesville restaurant at 11150 E. 146th St., bringing a new dining option to Hamilton County.

The restaurant is operated by Indiana-based JHN Group, which has experience operating businesses throughout the Indianapolis area. The Noblesville opening marks the beginning of the group's plans to expand Wing Snob throughout the greater Indianapolis market, with five additional restaurants planned for the area.

For the local ownership team, becoming part of the communities it serves is an important piece of

that growth. To celebrate the Noblesville opening, the restaurant is hosting a fundraiser this week benefiting Fishers High School and Hamilton Southeastern High School.

Throughout the fundraiser, 20 percent of the sales generated through each school's fundraising box will be donated back to that school. To add some friendly competition, the school that generates the most support will receive an additional \$1,000 donation.

The fundraiser is designed to be the first of many opportunities for the restaurant to connect with its neighbors, with the local team planning to continue supporting area schools, sports teams, organizations, and community events as Wing Snob establishes roots in Central Indiana.



Photo provided
The new Noblesville Wing Snob is located at 11150 E. 146th St.

Noblesville joins Flaherty & Collins to break ground on The Granary

Submitted

Noblesville city officials and Flaherty & Collins Properties officially broke ground Wednesday, Sept. 2, on The Granary, a \$64 million mixed-use development that will transform a historic site along the Pleasant Street corridor and bring new housing, commercial space, public parking, and trail connectivity to downtown Noblesville.

The Noblesville Common Council approved the development agreement in August 2024. Construction is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2028.

During the groundbreaking ceremony, Deron Kintner, Principal & Special Advisor at Flaherty & Collins Properties, announced that Flaherty & Collins was making a \$10,000 donation to the Noblesville Township Trustee's office to help with flood relief efforts.

Located on approximately three acres on the south end of downtown Noblesville, The Granary will feature a four-story mixed-use building with 223 luxury apartment homes, 5,000 square feet of commercial retail space and approximately 300 structured parking spaces for residents and the public. The southern portion of the development will serve as a trailhead connecting residents and visitors to the Midland Trace and Nickel Plate trails and will include public restrooms and lockers. The location also provides convenient pedestrian and bicycle access to downtown Noblesville and the city's growing trail network.

"The Granary represents another major investment in the future of downtown Noblesville and an exciting milestone for the Pleasant Street corridor," Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen said. "As our community continues to grow, we are being intentional about creating new housing options, strengthening connections to our downtown and trail system, and investing in projects that enhance quality of life while respecting the history and character that make Noblesville special."

The development will bring new life to the former



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Noblesville Milling Co. granary site, an important piece of the city's milling history dating back to the early 1900s. That history also inspired the "Millers" name that Noblesville Schools proudly carries today. The Granary's architecture and design will incorporate elements that complement the surrounding historic area while creating a new gateway into downtown.

The Granary will offer residents a variety of amenities, including a saltwater pool and aqua lounge, co-working areas, a state-of-the-art fitness center, an outdoor kitchen with grilling stations and fire pits, a game room with billiards, a pet spa, bike storage and bike shop, and a club room with a kitchen, bar and group seating.

"The Granary is a bridge between Noblesville's rich industrial heritage and its vibrant future," said Jerry Collins, Chairman Emeritus & Founder of Flaherty & Collins Properties. "By transforming this historic site into a modern, walkable community hub, we're creating spaces where people can live, gather, and thrive while honoring the authentic character of downtown Noblesville. Flaherty & Collins is proud to collaborate with the city to turn this ambitious vision into a reality, and today's groundbreaking marks an exciting first step toward opening these doors to the community."

"As Noblesville continues to grow, we remain focused on supporting thoughtful developments that strengthen our community for generations to come," said Noblesville Common Council President



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Mike Davis. "The Granary honors the history and character of our downtown while introducing distinctive architecture, new amenities, and additional opportunities to enhance quality of life for our residents."

The Granary is the first significant private development along the new Pleasant Street corridor and builds upon the city's investment in Reimagine Pleasant Street. The multi-

year infrastructure project adds east-west connectivity and accessibility through Noblesville while enhancing mobility, public safety and pedestrian access.

Reimagine Pleasant Street also creates connections among three major trails – Nickel Plate, Midland Trace, and Riverwalk – further linking downtown Noblesville with destinations throughout Hamilton County and beyond.

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See The Rugged Brothers Band live at The Piper in Noblesville

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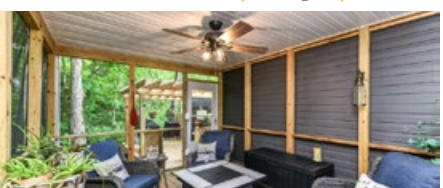
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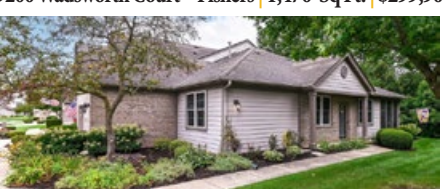
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The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles is preparing to launch digital driver's licenses, Indiana's I-Team has learned.

A mobile driver's license is a digital version of a physical license, learner's permit, or identification card. The license lives on a smartphone, typically in a mobile wallet or through an app.

While the agency has not released a specific timeline, officials say they are getting closer to the launch.

Potential uses include:

- Age verification for alcohol and tobacco retailers.
- Identity verification for banking.
- Identity verification during traffic stops.

Indiana's I-Team found at least 21 states already use mobile driver's licenses, including neighboring Kentucky, Illinois and Ohio.

Lily King said she likes the idea of a digital license.

"I approve of it," King said.

King spent the morning at a BMV branch on Crawfordsville Road after losing her license. She said having a digital version would have saved her time and money.

She is not the only driver looking for a technology upgrade.

"Sometimes you forget your ID, credit card, but your phone, it's everything," Nery Louis said. "Me personally, I would be happy. I would be using it every day."

Groups including the **American Civil Liberties Union have raised concerns about privacy, tracking, and security.**

"The ACLU of Indiana has serious concerns about digital driver's licenses, particularly around privacy, tracking, and the ability for the government to revoke someone's access to their ID," ACLU of Indiana advocacy manager Danielle Drake said.

Drake said any system needs strong privacy safeguards and should remain voluntary, keeping a physical ID option available at all times.

Drivers also expressed concern about cybersecurity.

"With all this new technology going on, they could easily download somebody else's face or pretend to be them," Sean Risner said. "I feel like it would create those sorts of problems for fraud identification."

The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles said it is following best practices for digital security.

A 2023 law, House Enrolled Act 1050, requires the agency to follow international standards to maintain data security for any Hoosier who has a mobile license.

"The BMV wants to ensure we create a system that is secure, reliable, and complies with Indiana law," agency spokesperson Greg Dunn said in an email to the I-Team.

Dunn said mobile licenses require careful planning to address how the program affects the community and to meet the needs of those verifying identities. He added that digital licenses are part of the vision for Indiana's future.

Dunn said once the program is closer to launch, Hoosiers will receive updates on how to access the new features.

The BMV has no plans to phase out physical driver's licenses.

The agency will present its proposal to lawmakers Wednesday. The Interim Study Committee on Roads and Transportation meeting will begin at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

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Homeland Security Task Force secures sentences for 11 illegal aliens

Submitted by U.S. Attorney's Office

Eleven illegal immigrants, most who are convicted felons, have been sentenced after pleading guilty to illegal reentry in the Southern District of Indiana.

The prosecutions, involving defendants arrested in Clay, Dubois, Hamilton, Hendricks, and Marion counties, stemmed from separate investigations. Each case was handled independently and concluded between March and August 2026.

- **Abemael Casanova-Martinez, 38, Mexico**, was sentenced to time served; two prior convictions of illegal entry; prior removals in December 2012 and May 2015.
- **Gregorio Castro Carbajal, 45, Mexico**, was sentenced to 15 months imprisonment and three years supervised release; prior convictions include driving under the influence of alcohol, resisting a public officer, use of a communication facility in facilitating the commission of felonies under the Controlled Substances Act, public intoxication; prior removals in April 2014 and September 2023.
- **Juan Carlos Cordova-Saravia, 56, Mexico**, was sentenced to 14 months imprisonment and three years supervised release; prior conviction of unlawful possession of a firearm by an alien illegally in the United States; prior removals in April 2010 and November 2019.
- **Nelson Javier Hernandez-Romero, 40, Honduras**, was sentenced to time served and one year of supervised release; no prior convictions; prior removal in June 2023.
- **Jorge Martinez-Guerrero, 51, Mexico**, was sentenced to time served and one year of supervised release; prior conviction of negligent vehicular manslaughter; prior removals in January 1998, April 2006, May 2008, and April 2014.
- **Jesus Alberto Mota Limon, 33, Mexico**, was sentenced to three years imprisonment and three years of supervised release; prior convictions include possession of methamphetamine, intimidation, and illegal re-entry of a removed alien; prior removals in November 2013, January 2024, and twice in May 2024.
- **Juan Ignacio Padron-Salgado, 39, Mexico**, was sentenced to 1.5 years imprisonment and three years of supervised release; prior convictions include attempted theft, criminal recklessness committed with a deadly weapon, and domestic battery in the presence of a child; prior removals in July 2005 and May 2015.
- **Isau Palencia-Martinez, 46, El Salvador**, was sentenced to one year and one day imprisonment; prior conviction of illegal reentry; prior removals in September 2001, October 2011, and October 2014.
- **Audel Trujillo Reyes, 59, Mexico**, was sentenced to time served and three years of supervised release; prior conviction of illegal reentry; prior removals in March 2007, May 2009, March 2012, April 2012, August 2019, September 2019, December 2019, and April 2021.
- **Mario Edgardo Rivas-Hernandez, 60, Honduras**, was sentenced to time served and six months of supervised release; prior conviction of dealing in cocaine; prior removals in March 2006 and March 2007.
- **Jose Francisco Rodriguez Escalera, 52, Mexico**, was sentenced to time served; prior convictions include hit and run, possession of cocaine (x2), diving without a valid license, and driving under the influence of alcohol (x2); prior removals in June 2002, August 2009, September 2016, and November 2016.

In 2014, the El Salvadorian National Police identified Isau Palencia-Martinez as a member of Mara Salvatrucha, commonly known as MS-13.

At the time the defendants entered their guilty pleas, they acknowledged that upon completion of their sentence, they will be subject to removal from the United States. Conditions of supervision require the defendants to surrender to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement upon release from federal custody.

U.S. Attorney Wheeler thanked Assistant U.S. Attorneys Meredith Wood, Matthew Miller, MaryAnn Mindrum, Cristina Caraballo-Colon, Adam Eakman, Peter Blackett, and Zachary Yauger, who prosecuted these cases.

"Violent criminal aliens who repeatedly violate our immigration laws and endanger our communities must face real consequences," said Tom Wheeler, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana. "Through Crossroads HSTF, we are unleashing the full force of the Department of Justice

What does financial fulfillment actually feel like?

Feeling financially fulfilled means so much more than just the number in your bank account. It's about being able to take your family out to dinner without calculating whether you can afford it. It means sleeping soundly on a Sunday night, knowing that if the water heater gives out tomorrow, you can handle it. And it's saying yes to a vacation because you planned ahead and the money is there.

In short, financial fulfillment is the feeling that your money is supporting the life you want.

Yet true fulfillment is surprisingly rare. Only 16 percent of Americans are financially fulfilled, according to a 2026 study by Edward Jones and Gallup, **"Money and Meaning: Understanding Financial Fulfillment."** Those at the other end of the spectrum, the financially stressed (32 percent), often say that money regularly controls their daily decisions. Most Americans (51 percent), however, fall in the middle: the financially conflicted. They manage to get by but often carry a persistent undercurrent of worry.

Notably, where you land on this spectrum has less to do with your income than you might expect. More than half of households earning \$175,000 or more are still financially conflicted.

Building the foundation

So, the question becomes, "What do financially fulfilled people do differently?" Simply put, they tend to have foundational planning structures in place. Five behaviors show up consistently among the financially fulfilled, and they're simple steps you can take, too.

- 1. Build an emergency fund** (98 percent of fulfilled have this). Aim for saving three to six months of living expenses in a liquid, easily accessible account. When you know you can handle the unexpected, you stop bracing for it, and lower stress gives you a higher quality of life.
- 2. Create a financial plan for retirement** (91 percent of financially fulfilled have one). It's hard to feel in control if you don't know where you're going. A retirement plan puts a real number on what you'll need and lays out a clear path to get there, with built-in protection against life's unexpected curveballs.
- 3. Save intentionally for major milestones** (87 percent of financially fulfilled do). A home renovation, a new vehicle or a child's education don't have to feel disruptive. Setting money aside deliberately for the milestones you anticipate means you can say yes without scrambling.
- 4. Put an estate plan in place** (66 percent of financially fulfilled have). Estate plans are not just for the wealthy. A will and basic estate plan help ensure what you've worked for still reflects your wishes after you're gone.
- 5. Work with a financial advisor** (60 percent of financially fulfilled who sought any guidance have used an advisor in the past year). The internet is great, but real guidance comes from a credentialed person who knows you and your family and what you want your money to do for you.

Knowing that your money is working toward the life you want doesn't happen by accident. Feeling financially fulfilled is worth the effort and may be more achievable than you realize.

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Judith Frederick
d. August 18, 2026



It is with profound sadness and overwhelming love that we announce the passing of our amazing sister, mom, and grandma, Judy Frederick, on August 18, 2026.

Judy was born in Indianapolis to her adoring parents, Gene and Doc Beasley. She spent her early life on a farm where she preferred being a tom-boy and riding horses with her dad and brother, as opposed to wearing the frilly dresses her mother gave her.

She later came into her own and worked for over 30 years as a data analyst at St. Vincent Hospital, where she met her husband of 42 years, Dr. Paul Frederick. We are consoled by the thought that they are undoubtedly together now where our mom is “asking” our dad not to watch another 30-year-old episode of Law & Order.

Judy was a mom in the truest sense of the word – but not just to her own children. She unofficially adopted every friend her children brought home. If you were hungry, she fed you. If you needed a place to go, her door was open. And if you were involved in one of her children’s shenanigans, chances are she already knew and laughed about it later.

And laugh she did.

Judy had a wicked sense of humor, a wonderfully sarcastic streak, and a perfectly timed “whatever” that could end an argument, dismiss nonsense, or express approximately 47 things without saying any of them.

She loved animals – especially dogs, cats, deer, and birds – and could often be found birdwatching, admiring a creature in the yard, or making friends with an animal that probably wasn’t supposed to be approached.

She adored Disney World because apparently being 80 was no excuse to stop believing in a little magic. She loved Key West, especially when it involved a beautiful sunset and a good margarita.

Our Mom was also a fighter. At 79, she beat cancer. Because apparently cancer didn’t realize who it was dealing with.

She will be forever missed and eternally loved by her brother, Steve Beasley (Terry); her children, Kirstie Hayduk, Colby Hayduk (Precilla), Gary Pitcock (Kelly), Kim Frederick (Darren), and Kelli Strom (Scott); as well as her grandchildren, Irie Hayduk, Dane Hayduk, Charlie Pitcock, Bo Pitcock, Finn Pitcock, Taylor Strom, Jacob Strom, and Elias Prodger; in addition to countless unofficially adopted children, lifelong friends; and her beloved Gus, Rusty, and Bowie.

We will miss her laugh.
We will miss her sarcasm.
We will miss her hugs.
Most of all, we will miss having her here.

But we know she would want us to keep laughing, keep telling stories, keep loving animals, keep planting flowers – and occasionally take in a sunset and have a margarita in Key West.

Visitation will be held from noon to 2 p.m., with a celebration of Judy’s life at 2 p.m., on Saturday, September 5, 2026, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Cool Creek Park where she spent many happy days (hamilton-county.in.gov/445/Support-the-Parks).

Condolences: randallroberts.com

Lozena A. Yankova
May 3, 1930 – August 30, 2026



Lozena Andonova Yankova, 96, Carmel, peacefully passed away on August 30, 2026, at her home surrounded by the love of her family.

Lozena was born on May 3, 1930, in the small mountain village of Frolosh, Bulgaria, nestled in the beautiful Vlahina Mountains. She was the daughter of Andon Pazova and Katina Pazova. Raised in humble circumstances as one of six children, Lozena learned responsibility and perseverance from an early age, helping care for her younger siblings and walking nearly three miles each day through the mountains to attend school. The values she developed during those formative years shaped the remarkable woman she would become.

After marrying her beloved husband, Ivan Yankov, Lozena moved to the city of Dupnitsa, Bulgaria, where they built their family and established their careers.

Her life journey was truly extraordinary. From a remote village in the Bulgarian mountains, she moved to a larger city, later lived in Bulgaria’s capital, and eventually crossed an ocean to begin a new chapter in the United States. When her granddaughter married, Lozena and Ivan traveled to America for the wedding and chose to stay so they could remain close to the family they loved so dearly.

To her granddaughter, Lozena was far more than a grandmother. She was a teacher, mentor, role model, and friend. She taught the importance of good manners, set high expectations for academic achievement, shared unforgettable stories from her childhood, and demonstrated through her own example that determination and hard work can overcome any obstacle.

In addition to her parents, Lozena was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Ivan Yankova; and all her siblings except one sister.

She is survived by her daughter, Snezhanka Ivanova; her granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Yvelina Ivanova Cox and Jeffrey Cox; her cherished great-grandchildren, Andrew Cox and Olivia Cox; and her beloved sister, Iliana Zasheva, along with many extended family members and dear friends whose lives she touched.

The Funeral Service will be held at noon on Saturday, September 5, 2026, at the Joy of All Who Sorrow Orthodox Christian Church, 1516 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis.

Burial will follow in Carmel Cemetery, 1000 N. Range Line Road, Carmel.

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the family in arrangements.

Condolences: bussellfamilyfunerals.com

TODAY’S BIBLE READING

OBEDIENCE COMMANDED

Now, Israel, hear the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the Lord your God that I give you.

You saw with your own eyes what the Lord did at Baal Peor: The Lord your God destroyed from among you everyone who followed the Baal of Peor; but all of you who held fast to the Lord your God are still alive today.

See, I have taught you decrees and laws as the Lord my God commanded me, so that you may follow them in the land you are entering to take possession of it. Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.” What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the Lord our God is near us whenever we pray to him? And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?

Deuteronomy 4:1-8 (NIV)

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The Carmel Police Department Merit Board will meet in an executive session at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2026, pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9) To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees.

The Board will hold a regular meeting at 2:10 p.m. or immediately after the executive session, whichever is later, in the Training Room at Carmel Police Headquarters, 1000 S. Range Line Road.

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