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TOTAL	3,445

GENERATIONS

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“Her message is going to focus on the power of collaboration across generations and what happens when generations work together in our community,” Applegate said.

Applegate told The Reporter speakers and activities will focus on a variety of community issues like housing for the elderly, leaving a legacy, AI usage, and combatting loneliness.

She said the conference strongly encourages volunteerism, with the commission inviting a retired fireman who is still giving back to the community through his service.

“There are always things to volunteer for because Carmel is such an active community,” Applegate said.

According to Applegate, her interest in intergenerational connection started during a national mentorship program.

For the program, Applegate connected with a young man, meeting over Zoom to talk each week. She said her pupil explored deep personal struggles with her, sharing how his experience in an active school shooting affected him.

“After that six-week period, the young man wrote me a letter about what he learned from me,” Applegate said. “And I found

that experience to be really touching for me because at first I thought, ‘I’m much older and he’s younger ... his life looks a lot different.’ But we really connected.”

As Applegate’s grandchildren grow older and start college, she said her experiences with young people continue to deeply resonate with her.

“We need to pay attention to intergenerational connections,” she said. “It’s a really big part of growing older and becoming a senior, looking at our own mortality and what have we done to affect the world around us.”

Applegate said she hopes the intergenerational connection in the conference will remind the seniors to not only make their own lives richer, but enrich the lives of young people.

“Our younger generations are the ones who are going to carry through for us,” Applegate said. “So problem solving with our younger generation is how we make Carmel become a community where generations don’t simply live together, but we truly know each other and make each other feel safe.”

This event is free and open to the public. You can register online at intergenerationaldayforse.rsvpify.com.

DANCING

One of the most cherished traditions of Navratri is Garba, a folk dance originating in Gujarat, India. Dancers move in a circle, clapping and stepping in rhythm with the music. The circle is more than a dance formation; it is a symbol of unity, continuity, and life itself.

What I love most about Garba is that there is room for everyone. You do not have to know every step to join the circle. You might miss a beat, turn in the wrong direction, or look to someone beside you for guidance. And that is perfectly fine. Someone smiles, someone makes room, and someone helps you find the rhythm.

Isn’t that what diversity and inclusion should look like in our everyday lives?

In our communities, we come from different backgrounds, speak different

languages, follow different traditions, and carry stories shaped by our own experiences. We may not all know the same steps, but we can learn from one another. We can slow down when someone needs support, make space for someone new, and ensure nobody is left standing outside the circle.

In Garba, every step matters, but no single dancer owns the circle. The beauty comes from moving together, respecting the rhythm, and recognizing that each person contributes something unique. If someone falls out of step, the circle continues to welcome them back.

Perhaps our communities can learn from this simple yet powerful tradition. Belonging is not about expecting everyone to move exactly as we do. It is about creating a space where people



Photo provided

feel comfortable learning, participating, and being themselves.

As we celebrate Navratri, I invite you to think about the circles in your own life. Who is dancing beside you? Who is waiting for an invitation? And how might you make room for one more person?

Because the most beautiful

circles are not the ones with perfect steps. They are the ones where everyone has a place, every story matters, and no one is left behind.

Let us keep the circle open and wider.

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

BREWING

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According to Foulke, Boo ‘n Brew doesn’t exclusively cater to children. Clay Terrace will bring in Upland Brewing, Field Brewing, and Bier Brewery to curate a “family-friendly beer garden.”

This year the event will welcome acclaimed pumpkin-carver Eric Jones. He is a 2023 Guinness World Record Holder, Winner of Food Network’s *Outrageous Pumpkins*, and a finalist in Food Network’s *Halloween Wars*. Community members have the chance to watch Jones in action as he carves pumpkins during the entire event.

Foulke said families can engage with an assortment of additional activities like hay-riding, pumpkin dec-

orating, a corn maze, and a pet costume contest. While families enjoy the festivities, local bands Jam Box and Toy Factory will perform.

“[The bands] bring the energy and kind of set the mood for the whole event, and you can hear the music all throughout the center,” Foulke said.

Foulke said she knows there are always numerous events hosted for families year-round.

“We truly appreciate people coming back year after year,” she said. “We talked to families each year, they say they’ve been coming since their kids were babies and now their kids are 7.”

According to Foulke, Boo ‘n Brew has become an annual event for a lot of people, and Clay Terrace “enjoys putting it on for the people who love it.”

You can find more information online at clayterrace.com/events/boo-n-brew-2026.



Photo courtesy of Clay Terrace

The Silly Safari show is always both fun and educational.



Photo courtesy of Eric Jones Studio

Acclaimed pumpkin carver Eric Jones will be in action at Boo ‘n Brew, carving up gourds like these throughout the entire event.

OVERCOME

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“I think it’s impossible for most people to imagine what it’s like living with an unknown health condition having such a devastating impact on your physical and mental state,” Pagán said. “It was hard accepting the harsh reality that no one knew what was wrong.”

Finally, in 2019, just days before her 40th birthday, Pagán met with an Indiana University Health movement disorder specialist who immediately diagnosed Pagán’s condition.

She had Parkinson’s disease.

Today, Pagán is one of more than 20,000 Hoosiers battling the neurodegenerative brain disease in which nerve cells that produce dopamine gradually break down and die. The condition causes a range of motor symptoms such as balance issues, rigidity, slowness, stiffness, and tremor – along with non-motor symptoms like anxiety, brain fog, and insomnia.

Nearly 90,000 new cases of Parkinson’s are diagnosed each year in the United States. There is currently no cure, but advocates and researchers are determined to change that.

Pagán is one of more than 300 people planning

to take part in the Parkinson Foundation’s “Moving Day Indianapolis” fundraising celebration from 9 a.m. to noon on Sat., Oct. 17, at Conner Prairie, 13400 Allisonville Road, Fishers.

“The mission of the Parkinson’s Foundation is to help improve the lives of those living with Parkinson’s disease by supporting cutting-edge research, care and education programs,” said Kerrie McKeough, Advancement Director for the foundation’s Midwest Chapter. “In everything we do, we strive to have a world where there is a cure for Parkinson’s disease. There are over 1.1 million people in the United States living with Parkinson’s, and the number continues to grow.”

Moving Day Indianapolis is a celebration of movement and exercise, which are proven to help manage symptoms. Community members at the event will experience workout demonstrations, a resource fair, and activities for kids of all ages. Those in attendance can also take photos with Freddy Fever and the 1939 Chevy used as the Hickory Huskers’ team bus in the movie *Hoosiers*, widely regarded as the all-time best



example of sports cinema.

“This is our third year hosting the event in Indianapolis,” McKeough said, “and each year we have seen an increase in attendance. Our Moving Days across the country have raised over \$55 million to support our work.”

As for Pagán, she continues dealing with the realities of Parkinson’s. But today – with the support of her husband, sons, and a “village” of other family and friends – she is hopeful about the future.

“Parkinson’s may have changed the way I move,” she said, “but it never changed my reason to keep moving. I’m not the person I was before Parkinson’s. I’m stronger, wiser, and a new version of me. I choose to move, I choose to live, and I choose to make every step count.”

You can register or donate to Moving Day Indianapolis at tinyurl.com/MovingDay-Indy2026. To learn more about the Parkinson’s Foundation or to find resources, go Parkinson.org.

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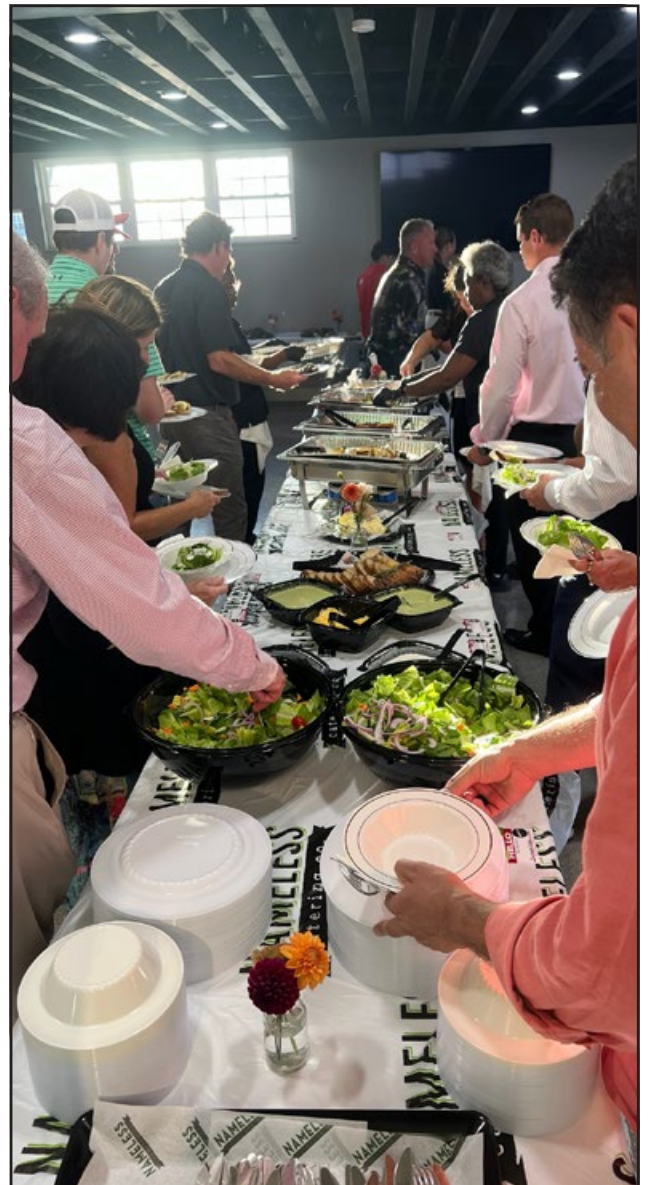
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It was all good: the weather, the cars, the cause

Universal Cares’ Cars, Condos & Cares Fundraiser took place Oct. 7 at Motor District Garage Condos, 1516 W. Tournament Trail, Westfield. In addition to several fine automobiles, music from Natalie Marque, a dinner from Nameless Catering, and décor by Wasson Nursery in Fishers, guests enjoyed several raffles and a silent auction. All money was raised to benefit Bows & Blessings, a program from Universal Cares to ensure families in need can have a wonderful Christmas celebration. You can learn more about Bows & Blessings at universal-cares.com/bows-blessings. (Reporter photos)



Danyele Easterhaus took a moment to pose for The Reporter’s camera. While we can’t confirm it, we trust both her hair highlights and the Mustang’s paint were intentionally going purple with Prevail.



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Mischievous comedy duo returning to Carmel

The REPORTER

Couples Therapy: The Theatrical Show brings its hilarity and mischief back to the Tarkington next month. See what unfolds when couples dive into therapy.

The show starts at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at The Tarkington in Carmel. [Click here](#) for tickets.

This unforgettable evening of laughter and entertainment is a unique and clever combination of theatre, stand-up comedy and improv that is as funny as it is insightful. Audiences go on a hilarious, relatable, and interactive ride as a pair of married relationship experts attempt to help couples with their relationships – but as the show wears on, you’ll see that they have more prob-



lems than their patients. And fear not guys, this is not one of those beat-down sessions on men. Instead, *Couples Therapy* equally explores, appreciates, and laughs at the differences between men and women. The show offers endless humor packed with practical relationship advice rooted in science and psychology (they re-

ally did their homework!). So strap in, as they don’t just break the fourth wall, they smash right through it! In short, this show will either strengthen or completely destroy your relationship. Either way, you’re welcome! *Recommended Age: 21 and over due to mature content.*



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Carmel Clay Parks & Rec invites public to Bear Creek Park groundbreaking ceremony

The REPORTER

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) invites the community to mark the beginning of the first phase of development of Bear Creek Park. A groundbreaking ceremony will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, at Bear Creek Park, 3777 Voyageur Way.

The ceremony will include brief remarks from Mayor Sue Finkam, along with representatives from the city and CCPR, followed by the official groundbreaking.

Located near 146th Street and Shelborne Road in northwest Carmel, CCPR acquired the nearly 27 acres of land that would become Bear Creek Park on Sept. 3, 2020. Acquiring land for a future park in northwest Carmel was identified as

a top priority of CCPR’s Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

CCPR has worked with the community to shape a vision for the park that responds to the recreational needs of northwest Carmel. Before beginning the master planning process, CCPR opened the underdeveloped property for primitive access, giving residents an opportunity to experience the park and provide input informed by the land itself.

“Bear Creek Park has always been envisioned as a place shaped by both the land and the people who use it,” CCPR Director/CEO Michael Klitzing said. “Breaking ground on this first phase marks an exciting step toward bring-

ing that community vision to life while preserving the natural features that make this property special.”

The first phase of the development will focus on Bear Creek Park’s north campus and include boardwalks with an overlook, a play area, multi-use courts, restrooms, and a parking lot. These amenities are part of a larger vision for a park that balances recreation and community gathering with the property’s existing natural features.

The ceremony and groundbreaking will take place near the entrance to Bear Creek Park. This event is free and open to the public. For more information or updates about Bear Creek Park, visit [carmelclay-parks.com](#).

From the desk of Hamilton Heights Superintendent Dr. Derek Arrowood

Update No. 181

There is something extraordinary about the people who choose to work in public education. It is not a profession one drifts into. It is a calling. It is one rooted in service, in hope, and in a belief that young people deserve adults who will show up for them with consistency, compassion, and conviction.

Today, more than ever, that calling is being tested. Public education sits under a spotlight that is often harsh, unfair, and disconnected from the daily realities of the work. Our teachers and staff carry expectations that grow heavier each year, while the voices questioning their value grow louder. And yet, despite all of it, they continue to walk through our doors each morning with purpose. They continue to teach, guide, encourage, listen, and love our students in ways that matter more than most people will ever fully see.

At Hamilton Heights, we are fortunate to have educators and staff who embody the very best of what this profession can be. Many of them live here, raise their families here, and invest their



lives in the same community they serve each day. They are heroes in the quietest, most meaningful sense of the word – not because they seek recognition, but because they choose to make a difference even when the world makes that choice harder than it should be.

Our teachers and staff are the ones who notice when a student is struggling before anyone else does. They are the ones who celebrate small victories that others might overlook. They are the ones who create classrooms where students feel safe to learn, safe to try, safe to fail, and safe to grow. They are the ones who stay late to help, who show up early to prepare, who give their energy, their creativity, and their hearts to the young people entrusted to them.

Much of their work is seen. But even more of it is unseen.

It is in the thoughtful pause before responding to a student who is hurting. It is in the extra time spent planning a lesson that will finally “click.” It is in the quiet encouragement offered to a colleague who needs support. It is in the belief they hold for students who have not yet

learned to believe in themselves.

These moments rarely make headlines. They rarely appear in reports or metrics. But they are the moments that shape lives. They are the moments that define Hamilton Heights.

To our teachers and staff: you are the heartbeat of this district. You are the reason our students feel known, supported, and capable. You are the reason families trust us. You are the reason Hamilton Heights continues to be a place where relationships matter, where values guide our work, and where students thrive not because of programs or policies, but because of people like you.

The work you do is noble. The impact you make is profound. And the way you show up for our students, day after day, year after year, is nothing short of heroic. Thank you for choosing this profession. Thank you for choosing Hamilton Heights. Thank you for choosing our students, even when the world makes that choice difficult. It is one of the greatest honors of my career to know you, to work alongside you, and to witness the difference you make.

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Victory Chapel Community Church will welcome American Christian musician, pianist, vocalist, and worship leader Tab Beechler for its morning worship service at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 18. Beechler has traveled all over the United States with his ministry. He at one time was pianist for the Southern Gospel Quartet, The Perrys. Victory Chapel Community Church invites the community to be a part of his ministry. The church is located at 13350 E. 216th St., Noblesville.

— Good News from Stony Creek Church of Christ —
Is authority from God or man?

In Mark 11:27-33, Jesus had just cleansed the temple by overturning tables of the money changers, driving out those buying and selling, and declaring His Father’s house to be a house of prayer. The religious leaders were furious. Now Jesus was back in the temple, and the Jewish leaders had questions for Him: “By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority to do these things?” In other words, “What gave You the right to come into our temple and tell us how to run things? Prove Your credentials!”

Honestly, it was a legitimate question, and Jesus would have answered it if they had sincerely asked it. Instead, He asked them a question: “The baptism of John – was it from heaven or from men?” If they answered His question, He



So, they refused to answer. They were more concerned with the consequences of their answer than with the truth of it (thinking like a politician). Jesus was not trying to show them up, but to lead them to the answer to their own question: Jesus has authority from God. So, does authority come from Heaven or man? When it comes to authority, these are the only two options. Everything we do has a source of authority: God or man. We cannot simply say, “Authority doesn’t matter.” The moment we do, we make ourselves the source of authority. Therefore, in everything we do and believe,

we should ask: “Does this come from God’s authority or man’s authority?” When it comes to our worship, church practices, church organization and government, and everything we teach and preach – God or man? The decisions I make in my family and relationships – God or man? My life, my actions, and my words – God or man?

If something does not come from God, then ultimately, it comes from man. We learn a couple of lessons from this:

No. 1: Authority Matters

What is authority? Merriam-Webster defines it as the “power to influence or command thought, opinion, or behavior.”

Who had authority in your home growing up? Dad? Mom? Both? Think about the influence they had on what you believe and do today. Yet even your parents should have recognized that there was someone above them.

Who has authority over the church? Is it your preacher? Is it the elders? Is it a denominational organization? Even those who lead a church must recognize that someone is over them. Yet, that is not always the case. Ephesians 1:22-23 says, “He put all things under [Jesus’] feet and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body.” Jesus is the Head of the church. The church is His body, and the Head has the right to direct every part of the body.

Have you ever watched a game on TV when the referee made a call you did not like? Suddenly, everyone on the couch becomes an expert referee. We may yell at the television and tell the official exactly what he should have done. But the game

does not stop because we disagree. Why? Because our opinion does not carry any authority, unlike the referee. That is how authority works.

Yet authority is even more important when it comes to spiritual matters. Souls are on the line. The stakes are eternal. When we are talking about God and eternal life, authority is not something to play around with.

No. 2: The Source of Authority Matters

There are many different sources from which people claim authority. Yet, ultimately, the basis is either God or man. We will consider some of those in the columns that follow.

God is the Creator, Giver, Owner, and Ruler of all things. Jesus is the standard. He made us, and He knows what is best for us. He gave us the church. He paid for it. He owns it; that is, if we are part of a church that belongs to Him.

It makes sense, then, to go back to Him to find out how it all is supposed to work, how we should worship, what the structure of the church is, how we are to live, what He expects, and what pleases Him (Ephesians 5:10, 17). Jesus has the authority to tell us how His church and our lives should be (Matthew 28:18).

The question Jesus asked is still a relevant question we need to ask today: Is it from heaven or from men?

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Secretary of State debate, round 2

Sharp divides in Indiana secretary of state debate over noncitizen vote, spending audit

By TOM DAVIES
Indiana Capital Chronicle

Republican Max Engling leaned into blocking noncitizen voting as a top priority as he and the other three **Indiana secretary of state candidates** debated Wednesday night.

Engling maintained that he was the only candidate firm on that issue — arguments that Democrat Beau Bayh called “ridiculous” and Lincoln Party candidate Greg Ballard labeled “ludicrous.” Libertarian Lauri Shillings described Engling’s push for tighter voter rules as unnecessary.

Bayh kept up his persistent push for an independent audit of what he calls corrupt spending by current Republican Secretary of State Diego Morales, whom **Engling defeated** for the GOP nomination.

Ballard used the televised matchup, sponsored by the nonprofit Indiana Debate Commission, to assert that an overhaul of the state’s Election Commission and Recount Commission was needed to remove political bias.

Here are key topics that emerged in the hour-long debate:

Quarrel over noncitizen voting

The sharpest exchanges of the night came over Engling’s arguments that other candidates weren’t as **dedicated to blocking noncitizens from voting**.

“They all said it was unduly burdensome to verify if you’re a U.S. citizen to be voting in our elections. That is a very big problem and they all said it,” Engling said. “The question was: Do we need to ensure that it’s only U.S. citizens voting in our elections? The answer is an absolute ‘yes,’ and I’m the only candidate that has said that and put that straightforward.”

Ballard, who was a two-term Republican mayor of Indianapolis, quickly retorted Engling’s statement.

“That’s a ludicrous assertion. We all think that,” Ballard said. “That’s ludicrous.”

Other candidates pointed out that **voting by non-citizens** is already illegal.

Bayh said during the debate that he supported Indiana’s current voter ID law and told reporters afterward that “our elections are safe and secure in our state.”

“Max is making this up because he wants to stoke fear and divide people and dissuade you from participating,” Bayh said. “People should have faith in our elections. We have 92 county clerks from both major



Photo by Doug McSchooler for Indiana Debate Commission

The Indiana Debate Commission hosted a debate on Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2026, featuring, left to right, Libertarian Lauri Shillings, Republican Max Engling, Lincoln Party candidate Greg Ballard and Democrat Beau Bayh. It was moderated by University of Indianapolis political science professor Laura Merrifield Wilson.

political parties who do a fantastic job on a bipartisan basis, making sure these things run smoothly.”

Engling, who most recently was a top staffer to Republican U.S. Sen. Jim Banks, said he would advocate for Indiana to adopt driver licenses with different backgrounds for noncitizens as a further safeguard against them casting election ballots.

Shillings said after the debate that Engling was “looking for a problem that doesn’t exist.”

“What he’s trying to do is bring the Republican SAVE Act and shove it down into our realm, and I think it’s unnecessary entirely,” she said. “We already have checks and balances in place to prove citizenship when you register to vote and our clerks do a great job of catching that.”

Bayh aims to keep Morales an issue

Bayh never mentioned Morales’ name during the debate, but repeatedly brought up the **spending controversies from his time in office**.

“The current secretary of state has spent \$92,000 of your taxpayer money on a luxury SUV for himself,” Bayh said. “He’s hired members of his family, six-figure positions. He’s taking trips all over the world and won’t tell us who’s paying or the purpose of the travel. He’s given out millions of dollars in no-bid state contracts to his largest campaign donors. That’s unacceptable.”

Bayh said he would immediately start a forensic audit of Morales’ spending and pledge to not give any contracts to campaign contributors.

Engling countered that he would support a review of the secretary of state’s office by the state inspector general.

About the office

The secretary of state is an administrative official who broadly oversees statewide policies for elections, which are run by county officials. The secretary, by law, is chair of the Indiana Recount Commission.

Other office responsibilities include the registration of businesses and nonprofit organizations, regulation of the securities industry, commissioning of notaries public and the licensing of motor vehicle dealerships.

Republicans have won every election for the office since 1994.

“I am the only candidate that has actually done something about the issues that we’ve seen in the office,” Engling said. “I ran at the (Republican) convention and replaced the current secretary of state. I am the Republican candidate in this race, and I’m pressing forth to win, to bring new processes, to bring new procedures into this office.”

After the debate, Bayh said an inspector general review was insufficient and that Engling “wants to kick this can down the road, pretend like this corruption never happened.”

“The inspector general was appointed two years ago by the Republican governor, who’s Max Engling’s biggest supporter,” Bayh said. “For two years, the inspector general has looked at the purchase of luxury SUVs in this office, has looked at no-bid contracts to large donors and has looked at unexplained world travel and hiring relatives, and not taken action.”

Voting change priorities

Bayh highlighted his support for ending straight-ticket voting and allowing citizen-led ballot initiatives — both issues that Democrats have unsuccessfully pushed for several years in the Republican-dominated Legislature.

“We’re one of only six states in the country which has a straight-ticket voting system,” Bayh said. “What this means is that the first

page on your ballot won’t have a list of names or offices on it. It’ll have political parties — red team, blue team. That reinforces some of the worst instincts of tribal politics.”

Engling said after the debate that he believed voters should have the option of casting a straight-ticket ballot.

He derided citizen ballot initiatives as “a way for folks that cannot work an issue through the Statehouse to try and evade the Statehouse.”

“Very often what we’ve seen is that ballot initiatives are sponsored by folks with millions and millions of dollars to try and do something that the state didn’t want to do through their elected legislators,” Engling said.

Ballard pressed his desire to **revamp the state’s Recount Commission and Election Commission**, both of which are now controlled by appointed Republicans and Democrats.

Ballard faulted the setup for the lack of investigation into complaints about possible improper campaign donations.

“Because there’s two Republicans and two Democrats on that Election Commission, they’re not meeting either because they don’t want to meet,” he said. “Those duties should be handed off to administrative law judges.”

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Engling clashes with secretary of state rivals over noncitizen voting

By GARRETT BERGQUIST
WISH-TV | [wishtv.com](https://www.wishtv.com)

Republican secretary of state candidate Max Engling faced sharp criticism from his opponents during a debate Wednesday night over his focus on preventing noncitizens from voting.

While federal law already prohibits noncitizens from voting in elections, Republicans nationwide have prioritized the issue this election cycle. During the event hosted by the Indiana Debate Commission, Engling claimed he was the only candidate committed to ensuring only citizens cast ballots in Indiana.

Engling’s remarks drew immediate condemnation from his rivals, particularly former Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard, an independent running on the Lincoln Party ticket. Ballard called Engling’s comments “ridiculous” and stated he supports verifying voter citizenship but argued the current system is secure.

Ballard said, “The [county] clerks would take great offense that the Republican Party’s implying this is having an effect. The only election that was in danger of being overturned is the one they created with the Deery-Copenhaver case.”

Democrat Beau Bayh questioned the lack of prosecutions following a voter fraud investigation by Republican Secretary of State Diego Morales and Attorney General Todd Rokita. That probe identified 21 instances of noncitizens voting in Indiana over several years.

Libertarian Lauri Shillings argued Engling is attempting to force Indiana to follow the proposed federal Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) Act, which she warned could disenfranchise voters who changed their names due to marriage, divorce, or adoption.

Engling defended his position.

“I have said very often, and now my opponents have come along too, that even one instance of illegal voting is too many. You’re

not hiring me to be a legislator; you’re hiring me to be the chief election officer for the state of Indiana. You have to have confidence that I am going to root out corruption, fraud, wherever it happens,” Engling said.

All four candidates agreed on the need to investigate Morales, who faces accusations of hiring family members, awarding no-bid contracts, and using taxpayer funds to purchase a luxury SUV. Ballard said he has spoken to law enforcement regarding a possible criminal probe but did not provide details. Shillings called for a full review of the office’s budget, while Engling suggested the state’s inspector general investigate the office.

Bayh repeated his call for an independent audit.

He said, “Certainly, if we uncover evidence of potential criminal wrongdoing, I will work with law enforcement and prosecutors to hold people accountable. But there’s something important here, and I want to bring up an important point. Max Engling brought up the inspector general, OK? The inspector general was appointed two years ago by the governor, who is Max Engling’s biggest supporter.”

While the debate focused largely on electoral and business functions, the candidates also discussed the potential for artificial intelligence to be used for securities fraud or election law violations. All four candidates said the office should address those risks.

Shillings said, “I think we need to have somebody on staff full-time that can monitor this or work with a trusted partner who can ensure that AI is being used effectively to flag these instances, to prevent it and to work and test our election machines and our business systems over and over again.”

Early voting is currently underway and continues through Nov. 2. Election Day is Nov. 3.

This story was originally published by WISH-TV at [wishtv.com/news/election/engling-noncitizen-voting-debate](https://www.wishtv.com/news/election/engling-noncitizen-voting-debate).

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Veterans Coffee: reconnecting through camaraderie

By Tiffanie Ditlevson
For The Reporter

Ask veterans what they miss most about military service, and one answer comes up again and again: the camaraderie.

When we take off the uniform, we don't stop being veterans. But we often lose the built-in community that came with serving – the people who understood the experience without needing an explanation.

That connection matters. Veterans continue to experience disproportionately high rates of suicide, and many veterans are unaware of – or simply aren't using – the benefits and resources they earned through their service. In Indiana alone, 149 veterans died by suicide in 2023.

That's why fellow veterans Matt Rapp, USN; Scott Billman, USMC; and I, Tiffanie Ditlevson, USAF, are launching Veterans Coffee in Fishers.

The idea is simple: create a welcoming place where veterans can reconnect, meet other veterans in our community, share information about available benefits and resources, and enjoy something many of us have missed since leaving the military: camaraderie.

Veterans Coffee begins Saturday, Oct. 24, and will meet every fourth Saturday of the month from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at F.C. Tucker Company, 10404 Olivo Road, Fishers.

No speeches. No big agenda. Just coffee, conversation, camaraderie, and an opportunity to make sure veterans in our community know about the people, benefits, and resources available to them.

All veterans. All branches. All generations.

To RSVP, call or text (317) 446-0416.

Tiffanie Ditlevson is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, and she serves on the Fishers City Council.

Halloween News

Have a safe Halloween at
Christ Lutheran Church

Christ Lutheran Church will hold a fun, safe, family-friendly Trunk-or-Treat in the church parking lot from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31.

The church is located at 10055 E. 186th St., Noblesville.

Letter to the Editor

Shaffer questions Carmel's collection of property taxes from apartment buildings

Dear Editor:

The overall apartment occupancy rate in Carmel generally hovers between 90 and 94 percent, according to Google. That's before all the new apparent construction kicks in.

How much lower the rates will go is controlled now by the Carmel Redevelopment Commission (CRC). And, of course, there's the long lead-time before the city, the schools, the township, or the library get a nickel of property tax from the projects.

It takes years and years from the start of construction to completion. Then another year in which the county assessor sets a net assessed valuation on each property.

The next year property taxes start to flow – to the CRC for upwards of 25 more years as the original debt plus interest are paid off.

Meanwhile, apartment dwellers have been using schools, library, and township and city services at the cost of the existing taxpayers.

All of the above applies to the 1,000 apartments being added every year.

A quarter of a century from the first repayment to the last and then property tax revenues begin trickling in.

What kind of inheritance is that?

Bill Shaffer
Carmel

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Education on an empty stomach? Not around here

Hunger can hit every demographic here in Hamilton County. We routinely see neighbors from across the socio-economic spectrum at pantries, drive-through food pick-ups, and even at our



MARK HALL
The Feeding Team Feature

in-office food pick-ups. One of the nasty things about hunger is that it can come from nowhere. Some tragedy hits, or a job loss or an illness, and all of the sudden you find yourself in need. Often, it's a need that's new to these neighbors. They don't know what to do, what to expect, or how to begin to seek help.

In this column we want to touch on a subset of those amongst us. Young adults within the working poor who are working hard to get to a good life. I'm talking about "The Crossing" High School inside of Gaylor Electric (crossingeducation.com). This is a special school for kids that need alternatives to finish high school and maybe learn a trade. The students experience an innovative path to graduation. By pairing classroom learning with real-world experience alongside Gaylor Electric staff, students acquire essential, hands-on business, and technical skills.

In partnering with Gaylor over the years, we have

watched this school grow from idea to reality. We also saw young adults trying to make a life for themselves, trying to do what is right, trying to get on the right future path. We saw these folks struggle to get by. Many of these students are living on their own, some come from very tough backgrounds, some are even parents, but many have limited means. It was a perfect place for a Feeding Team pantry.

When we recognized the opportunity to make a positive difference in these kids' lives, we went to get permission to drop pantry number 82 inside their high school inside the Gaylor Electric property. After a few conversations, the pantry was deployed.

Now, kids who were skipping meals or slamming ramen once a day now have non-perishable meals available to them and their families. Instructors that were bringing supplemental food for the kids can now breathe easier and students can focus on academics.

This isn't a typical Feeding Team pantry location. We look for high-visibility locations near areas where gap families reside or congregate. As a reminder, gap families are those with four or more mouths



Thanks to Feeding Team volunteers and the team at Gaylor Electric, students at "The Crossing" High School inside Gaylor Electric now have access to good, non-perishable food for them and their families.

FeedingTeam.org Facts

- 82 outdoor pantries
- Two drive-thru food pick-ups monthly and two in-office food pick-ups monthly
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- Over 30 volunteer families

to feed in the family with a household income above poverty levels and beneath approximately \$50,000 annually. This location stood out to us because of the situation and the opportunity to be a part of supporting success in these families' lives.

Major hat tip to our maintenance team for refurbishing an older pantry and making it work for this deployment. It took Jim almost two full days in some blistering heat to rebuild a pantry that would fit and



Photos provided by FeedingTeam.org



work well indoors. A second tip of the hat goes to the logistics and transport team at Gaylor. Aaron, Rudy, Big Rick, and the rest of their team move mountains to get pantries from point A to B. Thank you all.

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.

Buffalo Trace: the good stuff

"There will always be old barrels and bottles of whiskey. But friends and family won't always be around." – Freddie Johnson, Global Whiskey Ambassador and tour guide



JON SMYRNIS
Bourbon Psychosis

Okay, finally, the procrastination is over. Time for a quick gloss-over of Buffalo Trace. This place has so many offerings and so much history that there's no way to go into all of it in this dinky little column. Besides that, I don't want to. So there's that.

I know I've used this before, but I'm gonna do it again. If ever there was a distillery that resembled Duff Beer from *The Simpsons*, Buffalo Trace is it. I know you're saying to yourself, "there you go Jon, being negative again."

Yet, here's the kicker: it works. That's an understatement. Today they make some of the most iconic whiskey brands in the world, such as: Eagle Rare, Colonel E.H. Taylor, Weller, Blanton's, and Elmer T. Lee just to name a few. As I mentioned before, Buffalo Trace is making an absolute fortune in the bourbon market.

Not to mention that quite a few of their bourbons are ground breaking. Examples, Jon? Sure. Blanton's was the first "single-barrel" bourbon. Weller (which I've discussed previously) was the first wheated bourbon. Colonel E.H. Taylor (the actual guy) introduced modern manufacturing standards, including copper stills, that are used throughout the industry today. Pretty impressive.

So why the comparison to lowly Duff? Because it's true, and that's not necessarily a bad thing. All of B.T.'s whiskeys that are within the same mashbill start out *exactly* the same. What makes them eventually different? Well, there are a variety of factors, such as aging (of course), rickhouse location: floor lev-

el, building materials used in the actual rickhouse, as well as proof and blending.

For example, Eagle Rare is the exact same whiskey (at first) as Buffalo Trace and lowly Benchmark. Yet it is aged in different areas of the rickhouses and for 10 years. I was sipping on some Eagle Rare the other night and it was blatantly obvious. It has the same beginning notes on the palate (which I don't really care for – kinda harsh), then it becomes much more flavorful, complex, and smooth. Pretty good stuff.

Blanton's is one of the most highly sought-after bourbons around. I have to admit that at my first few tries it didn't blow my socks off. It's growing on me. I recently saw on social media a gentleman who reasoned that Blanton's isn't disappointing, the expectation of it due to its scarcity is what makes people disappointed in it. Fair opinion. I think that opinion goes for many of Buffalo Traces wares.

A few years ago (very few), many of these Buffalo Trace bourbons were extremely difficult to find, and their prices were outrageous on the secondary market. Much of that has to do with good ole supply and demand. Let's face it Buffalo Trace's popularity skyrocketed and they just couldn't keep up. Bourbon takes a long time to make, especially if it's aged (duh).

It got to the point that even regular ole Buffalo Trace was allocated. I visited a liquor store in Ohio during this time period hoping to score a bottle of Weller Antique 107. I pulled into the parking lot and there was a line of 30 to 40 people standing in front of the building. I walked up and asked "what are you guys in line for?" "Buffalo Trace." Are you kidding me?! It's all settling down a bit now. Production and time has caught back up.

Anyhoo, I'm not going to go through and rate all of these Buffalo Trace offerings. Remember, I didn't really want this to be a "bourbon review" column. Suffice it to say that they are all pretty darn good. Despite the fact that they are offshoots of the (in my opinion) pedestrian Buffalo Trace.

There is one that I do want to discuss (nope, not that one – yet). In my humble yet snobbish opinion, Stag (formerly known as Stag Junior) is one of the finest bourbons out there. The Googles list its flavor profile as "heavy notes of dark chocolate, rich vanilla, brown sugar, baking spices, and a sharp hit of cherry."

Google got it right. This is truly one of my favorite bourbons. Deep, rich, powerful, with a 126- to 134-proof, and they weren't kidding about the cherry. It hits you right off the bat. Absolutely delicious! Definitely in my top 10, which is a list that will be forthcoming at the end of the year.

The biggest problem with many of Buffalo Trace's offerings is that they are in such high demand that they are extremely difficult to find (despite the recent catch-up), and that they are very pricey. Stag is no exception. The MSRP for it is around \$65; good luck getting it for that (unless you're at the distillery when they happen to set a few out). The secondary market price is \$135 to \$170, and, unbelievably, I'm gonna say it: worth every cent.

There is one more Buffalo Trace scarcity that needs to be discussed. You all know what I'm talking about (at least all of you who are really into bourbon). The holy grail of bourbons: Pappy Van Winkle. I wish I had a bottle. That's

a discussion for next time. Until then cheers!

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

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Casual AND black tie? Only at Riverview



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The Riverview Health Foundation held its 50th Golden Anniversary Celebration Gala on Friday, Oct. 2, at Riverview Health Arena. You might notice everyone wearing tennis shoes, which was part of the dress code. Tuxes and tennis shoes ruled the night filled with live music, delicious food, exciting auctions, and great company as the community honored decades of compassion and philanthropy.

Masks

Hamilton County, get ready for an onslaught of superheroes, dinosaurs, pirates, and princesses! Halloween is right around the corner, and we'd better be prepared with lots of treats!

Halloween can be a fun time in part because of having the chance to put on a costume, possibly with a mask, and "becoming" another "being," at least on Oct. 31!

As we get older and leave our childhood behind, we can put on other "personas," wear other "masks." We may value "authenticity," but when have we ever been less than "authentic" putting on a different "face" in a particular situation?

Unfortunately, we probably have experienced someone who treated us politely like a friend only to "turn on us" later. Or perhaps we experienced someone using "friendship" as a ruse to exploit us in some way and then dropping us like a "hot potato" when not of use to the "friend" anymore!

Sadly, human nature is broken. Deception, betrayal, and exploitation are often rampant.

In his 1895 poem "We Wear the Mask," Paul Laurence Dunbar comments on Blacks needing to hide their suffering from injustices by wearing masks of "smiles" to hide their pain and to exist in society. He writes:

We wear the mask that grins and lies / It hides our cheeks and shades our eyes / This debt we pay to human guile / With torn and bleeding hearts we smile ...

How can we relate kindness and authenticity to "civility"? The bottom line is that to create trust in a relationship, we need to be authentic. That also means embracing some level of vulnerability. Not easy. And it takes time in a relationship to build trust. We have to spend this valuable currency of time in order to invest in a relationship worthy of trust.

In a genuine relationship, however, we can honestly disagree "without being disagreeable." We can do so with civility, not



NANCY KELLY SMITH
Civility Counts

trying to persuade but instead understand "where the other person is coming from." The goal of our conversation is to understand the other person and to continue the relationship.

And I can be authentically passionate about my views (but not by yelling or storming out of the room) while disagreeing – and still maintain the relationship. Indeed, we need to learn how to be both authentic and civil while disagreeing with others, treating others with dignity and respect.

To be authentic do we need to be able to share our deepest sorrows, any teenage risk-taking adventures, any regrets? Of course, the answer is "No, we do not." Wisdom and discernment and good judgment are always needed before sharing what's personal. Being "authentic" to me is "walking the talk" and "practicing what I preach." It's acting with integrity when no one is looking.

So, what about those "little white lies" when we are being less than completely honest? For instance, a woman friend modeling a dress asks the other woman friend if she likes it and the friend answers, "It's really nice" while thinking "Why in the world did she pick out that one?" Have we ever responded that way? Instead, we might follow the suggestion I came across recently and try to find something you can truthfully compliment such as "That color blue accentuates your beautiful eyes." Perhaps that's a technique worth trying!

Lastly, two wishes. This Halloween when masked goblins or superheroes come knocking at your door, hopefully you will admire their costumes! And just for fun, you might think of what mask and costume you might wear if you were again a 5-year-old on Halloween!

Nancy Kelly Smith is a retired English professor and published author. She is also an Ambassador for the national civility organization Civility Counts. Learn more at civilitycounts.com.

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Ford’s Garage to donate 100% of Pink Fund T-shirt sales to breast cancer patients

The REPORTER

This Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Ford’s Garage is once again turning pink for a purpose, continuing its longtime partnership with Pink Fund as the non-profit celebrates 20 years of providing financial support to breast cancer patients and their families.

Throughout October, guests can visit their local Ford’s Garage restaurant and purchase a limited-edition Pink Fund T-shirt for \$20, with 100 percent of proceeds benefiting Pink Fund. The nonprofit provides financial assistance for basic living expenses to breast cancer patients in active treatment, helping ease financial stress so they can focus on their health, recovery, and families.

The 2026 campaign marks the seventh-year Ford’s Garage and Pink Fund have joined forces. Through the generosity of

its guests and team members, Ford’s Garage has raised more than \$60,000 for the organization to date.

“Seeing our guests rally around Pink Fund year after year has made this partnership incredibly meaningful to our entire Ford’s Garage family,” Ford’s Garage President Billy Downs said. “This year is especially significant as Pink Fund celebrates its 20th anniversary. We’re proud to recognize that milestone while giving our guests an easy way to support breast cancer patients and families when they need it most.”

Since its founding in 2006, Pink Fund has worked to address financial stress that can accompany a breast cancer diagnosis. The organization provides financial assistance for essential expenses such as housing, transportation, utilities, and insurance, helping patients maintain financial stability



while undergoing treatment. “For 20 years, Pink

Fund has been committed to helping breast cancer patients keep a roof over their heads, food on the table and utilities on while they undergo treatment,” Pink Fund Co-Founder and CEO Molly MacDonald said. “Longtime partners like Ford’s Garage make that work possible. Their continued commitment and the generosity of their guests help us provide meaningful financial relief to patients at an incredibly challenging time.”

The October initiative gives Ford’s Garage guests an opportunity to make a tangible difference while showing their support.

Limited-edition Pink Fund T-shirts will be available for \$20 throughout October at participating Ford’s Garage restaurants, while supplies last.

Ford’s Garage Noblesville is located at 13193 Levinson Lane #100 at Hamilton Town Center.

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TODD HUSTON

the percentage of high school students completing at least one college course, with the average student earning 15 college credits before ever stepping foot on campus.

Expanded options and increased relevancy are helping students succeed. Indiana’s high school graduation rate recently reached a record high of nearly 92 percent – higher than the national average.

Now, let’s talk about funding.

These gains have come alongside robust and increased investment in Indiana’s students, teachers, and schools.

One of the clearest examples of Indiana’s progress is in early literacy.

After Indiana refocused on the science of reading, strengthened early interventions, and aligned curriculum with proven strategies, third-grade IREAD scores increased for the fifth consecutive year in 2026. Nearly 89 percent of third graders are demonstrating reading proficiency, and literacy rates have climbed 7.5 percentage points since 2021, surpassing pre-pandemic levels.

On the 2024 National Assessment of Educational Progress, Indiana ranked sixth in the nation in both fourth- and eighth-grade reading. A separate national analysis released this year ranked Indiana sixth among states for reading recovery.

Hoosier students are making progress in math as well. Student math proficiency on the state’s ILEARN assessment increased 5.2 percentage points from 2021 to 2025, with gains across every tested grade level.

We’re also better connecting high school with what comes next – whether that’s college, a career, the military, an apprenticeship, or additional training.

Indiana’s redesigned high school diploma is giving students more opportunities to gain work experience, earn credentials and make career connections before graduation. Indiana ranks fourth nationally in total active registered apprentices.

We’re also helping college-bound students better prepare while saving families money on college costs. Indiana leads the nation in

At the local level, funding has increased as well. And to be clear, our public schools statewide are receiving more – not less – in property tax funding this year than they did last year.

Indiana has also made raising teacher pay a priority. Through increased state investment and requirements that more education dollars reach the classroom, the average teacher salary has grown by nearly 16 percent since the 2020-2021 school year and now exceeds \$60,000 a year.

At the same time, we’ve expanded options for Indiana’s families, putting parents in the driver’s seat and empowering more families to choose the education environment that’s best for their student.

Indiana has refocused on the fundamentals, better connected the classroom to real-world success, provided ongoing investment and expanded educational opportunities for families.

There’s more work ahead, but Indiana is moving in the right direction and delivering real results for Hoosier students.

House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers) represents House District 37, which includes a portion of Hamilton County.

Thanks for reading



Upcoming Broadcasts

Wed Oct 7 - Volleyball and Noblesville Candidate Night
6:00 pm **Noblesville Candidate Night** | IN House Dist. 29 & School Board | HCTV
6:50 pm City Alliance Semis I | Varsity Volleyball | Indiana SRN
6:50 pm City Alliance Semis II | Varsity Volleyball | Indiana SRN

Thurs Oct 8 - Girls Volleyball
6:00 pm Brownsburg vs **Noblesville** | JV Girls Soccer | HCTV Sports
7:30 pm Brownsburg vs **Noblesville** | JV Girls Soccer | HCTV Sports

Fri Oct 9 - Football
6:45 pm Eastern vs **Sheridan** | Football | Bragg Sports
6:50 pm Terre Haute South vs Chatard | Football | Indiana SRN
6:50 pm Covington Catholic vs Cathedral @ Butler Bowl | Football | Indiana SRN
6:50 pm **Guerin** vs Mt Vernon | Football | Indiana SRN
7:00 pm **Fishers vs Westfield** | Football | Fishers Sports Network

Sat Oct 10 - Volleyball, Freshman Football & College Football
10:00am Carroll vs **Fishers** | Varsity Volleyball | Fishers Sports Network
10:00 am **Westfield vs Fishers** | Freshman Football | Fishers Sports Network
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Rep. Spartz named Health Care Legislator of the Year

Submitted by Office of U.S. Rep. Victoria Spartz

Congresswoman Victoria Spartz (R-Ind.-05) was recently named Legislator of the Year by the Indiana Primary Health Care Association (IPHCA) at its annual conference in Muncie.

The award recognizes Spartz’s health care policy leadership and continued work to improve access to affordable, high-quality care, as well as her ongoing engagement with Indiana’s community health centers. Spartz has worked extensively on health care reforms focused on increasing competition, choice and price transparency, reducing waste and fraud, and challenging health care monopolies to lower costs for patients and taxpayers.

IPHCA also recognized Spartz’s participation in the Community Health Center

Congressional Caucus, engagement with Indiana health center leaders, and health care roundtables held throughout Indiana’s 5th District.

“I am honored to receive this recognition from Indiana’s community health centers,” Rep. Spartz said. “Health care is my number one priority because our current system is unaffordable and unsustainable for patients and taxpayers. We need real competition, choice, transparency, and accountability to challenge health care monopolies and bring down costs for all Americans ... Community health centers play an important role in providing access to care, particularly in rural and underserved communities. I appreciate the work they do for Hoosiers and look forward to continuing to work together on meaningful health care reforms.”

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

DO NOT FORGET THE LORD

When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day.
Deuteronomy 8:10-11 (NIV)

Joshua David Moore

July 3, 1980 – September 30, 2026

Joshua David Moore, a compassionate and dedicated man, was born on July 3, 1980, in Noblesville to Phil and Dana (Overdorf) Moore. Josh passed away on September 30, 2026 at the age of 46.

Known for his reliability and loving spirit, Josh touched countless lives through his work as an ER Paramedic Registered Nurse. He was a strong pillar in the healthcare community, working throughout the St. Vincent Ascension Emergency Rooms, where he received multiple DAISY and Good Catch Awards for his exceptional service. He was not only a gifted and compassionate trauma nurse but also a mentor, teaching and guiding new nurses when he had the opportunity.

Josh was a man of many hobbies and interests. He enjoyed golfing whenever he had the opportunity, but especially when his daughter Kami was able to join. He enjoyed the thrill of riding his motorcycle and the tranquility of his runs and walks. He was an enthusiastic Colts and Pacers fan, which he enjoyed sharing with his papaw Moore who just passed three months earlier. He also made no secret of his distaste for the Steelers, a jest shared among friends and family. Josh's love for the holidays was evident in his penchant for dressing up, especially as Buddy the Elf and spreading good cheer among those around him. He loved eating crab and homemade ice cream. He was also a proud Butler dad and a member of the Noblesville Masonic Lodge.

Josh was a beacon of love for his family and a caring son who checked on his parents daily. He is survived by his parents, Philip and Dana Moore; his brother, Matthew (Joni) Moore; his sisters, Christina (Bradley) Thomas and Elisabeth (Jeff) Parobechek; his daughter Kami Scollick; and daughter Ella Corbit; his special friend, Jenny Carmack; former wife Amber Scollick; and his cherished nieces and nephews, especially David and Luke, additionally Kaiya, Isaac, Gabriel, Benjamin, Alec, Jabin, Elliania, and Malachi.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Russell and Eleanor Moore, Gordon and Dollorece Overdorf, and Anna and Arthur Lindener.

Please join us in a celebration of Joshua's life. Visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, October 17, 2026, at Arcadia Brethren Church, 8989 E. 266th St., Arcadia. The funeral service will follow at 2 p.m. at the same location with Pastor Mark Knapp officiating. A masonic service will also be held at the graveside, with burial to follow at the Arcadia Brethren Cemetery. Services are under the care of Hartley-Dunnichay Funeral Homes in Cicero.

Josh held a deep affection for taking care of children, so in lieu of flowers, donations in Josh's memory can be made to Peyton Manning's Children's Hospital or Riley Children's Hospital.

As we remember and honor Joshua, we encourage you to share your memories and upload photos to his memorial page. Joshua's life was filled with dedication and love, and he will forever live on through the memories we share of him.

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Veterans & Athletes United auction returns to Cyntheanne Christian Church

The REPORTER

Cyntheanne Christian Church will play host to the 17th annual Veterans and Athletes United (VAU) Auction at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, a free, family-friendly event raising funds and awareness for veterans with disabilities.

There is no cost to attend. Lunch will be available.

Every dollar raised at the auction – 100 percent of proceeds – goes directly to VAU, an organization dedicated to supporting those who have served.

The day's centerpiece is the Fallen Heroes Memorial Wall, on public display in the church parking lot and bearing the names of service members who gave their lives in defense of the



Grace Green / File photo

country. Visitors are invited to view the wall and read the names before or after the auction – a striking, visual moment of remembrance

that photographs and films well for media coverage.

“This auction is one way we can help these heroes regain some aspect of their

normal lives,” Senior Minister Larry Renihan said.

Cyntheanne Christian Church is located at 13151 Cyntheanne Road, Fishers.

See fan-favorite film *Hocus Pocus* for free this weekend at Fishers Event Center

The REPORTER

The Fishers Event Center continues its free Movies in the Plaza series this weekend with the seasonal fan-favorite *Hocus Pocus*. Get into the Halloween spirit with a spellbinding favorite that's perfect for the whole family.

The film begins at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, on the FORUM Credit Union Plaza at Fishers Event Center, 11000 Stockdale St. Gates open at 6 p.m.

Create your own spooky potion at Fishers Parks' Potion Creation Station. Stop by this free activity, grab your mini potion bottle, and

fill it up with mini Halloween-themed ingredients to take with you.

Know before you go

- This event is free admission, with no tickets or prior registration required.

- Free surface parking is available for spectators.

- Bring lawn chairs or blankets for comfortable seating, and weather-appropriate gear (sunglasses, ponchos, etc.), as it is an outdoor open-air venue).

- No outside food and beverage will be permitted. Themed menu items will be available for purchase inside Fishers Event Center

with various options available for patrons.

- [Click here](#) for more information.

Donation opportunity: Hygiene Drive

Give back while you enjoy a little Halloween magic. The Fishers Event

Center is collecting hygiene essentials to benefit HamCo Love and Wheeler Mission. Donations can include period products, sensitive-skin soap, travel-size toothpaste, deodorant, shaving cream, diapers and pull-ups, and women's disposable razors.

The Reporter's policy on obituaries

The Hamilton County Reporter does not charge families for publishing obituary notices in our pages. Every obituary appearing in online editions Wednesday through Saturday also appears in our Monday print editions. In order to continue to offer this as a community service, we ask that obituaries not exceed 500 words. The limitations of space may not allow for longer ones to appear in print.

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Meeting Notices

The Westfield Washington Public Library Board of Trustees will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2026, in Meeting Room 2A at the Westfield Washington Public Library, 17400 Westfield Blvd., Unit A.

The Hamilton County Plan Commission meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2026, has been canceled due to a lack of petitions for consideration. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2026.

The Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals will not meet as scheduled on Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2026, due to a lack of petitions for consideration. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2026.

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

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