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SKYLAKE Adventures welcomes Sheridan native Kristy Williams as Director of Marketing

The REPORTER
SKYLAKE Adventures has named Kristy Williams as Director of Marketing, expanding the Central Indiana adventure destination’s senior leadership team as it builds on its inaugural season and prepares for year-round operations and continued growth.



Williams

Williams brings 15 years of marketing and communications experience spanning the attractions, tourism, science, and education industries, with previous experience at COSI, Cedar Point, and LEGOLAND Florida Resort. Throughout her career, she has led integrated marketing and communications strategies, attraction and experience launches, media relations, digital and social media, partnerships, events, brand storytelling, and audience engagement.

At SKYLAKE Adventures, Williams will lead the organization’s overall marketing and brand strategy, overseeing advertising, digital and social media, public relations, partnerships, creative strategy, and guest-facing communications. As a member of the senior leadership team, she will also help inform pricing, product development, promotions, revenue opportunities, and long-term growth strategy as SKYLAKE Adventures expands from a seasonal attraction into a year-round outdoor destination.

“As we continue building SKYLAKE Adventures,

we’ve been intentional about bringing the right people onto our leadership team,” SKYLAKE Adventures Co-Founder Sean “Mouse” Howard said. “Kristy brings experience from some of the most recognized attractions in the country, but what makes her especially valuable is that she understands this community. Having someone with that combination of experience and personal connection helping shape SKYLAKE’s future is exactly what we need as we grow.”

For Williams, the opportunity also represents a return home.

A graduate of Sheridan High School, Williams grew up in Sheridan before attending Purdue University and beginning a career that ultimately took her to major attractions and cultural institutions in Florida and Ohio. Despite living outside Indiana for much of her professional career, Williams maintained close ties to the area and followed SKYLAKE’s development from its earliest stages.



“I’ve been following SKYLAKE Adventures since its inception because it’s not every day someone decides to build an adventure park in your hometown, especially when your hometown is Sheridan, Indiana,” Williams said. “My family is here, and even while my career took me to attractions and organizations in other parts of the country, I’ve continued coming home and watching this area grow and change. To bring the experience I’ve gained throughout my career back to the community where I grew up and help build something that could be part of its future is really special.”

Most recently, Williams served as Director of Communications for COSI in Columbus, Ohio, where she led organization-wide communications and public relations strategy across major exhibits and experiences, educational programming, partnerships, events, and institutional initiatives. She previously held mul-

tiple marketing, communications, public relations, digital, and event leadership roles at Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio, as well as a public relations role at LEGOLAND Florida Resort.

Williams earned a Bachelor of Arts in Public Relations and Rhetorical Advocacy from Purdue University.

Williams joins SKYLAKE Adventures following a successful inaugural summer season that welcomed more than 50,000 guests and generated more than 5,000 annual pass sales. The destination recently gained national attention through a **feature in PEOPLE** and announced a **partnership with Special Olympics Indiana** to host the Indianapolis Polar Plunge events in 2027. SKYLAKE is now preparing to introduce snow tubing, SKY Trails ropes course and additional experiences as it expands into year-round operations.

Find out more about SKYLAKE Adventures at skylakeindiana.com.

SRO

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The proposed program would include a minimum of 13 SROs, two sergeants, and one lieutenant. This structure would provide dedicated coverage for each school building (there currently are not enough SROs to cover each building full-time), along with consistent supervision, training, and support for officers.

“While Westfield Washington Schools excels in many areas, I believe there is an opportunity to further strengthen the SRO program through a comprehensive, relationship-centered approach,” Chief Keen said. “My vision begins with ensuring that every school has a dedicated SRO to promote safety, build trust, and provide a consistent law enforcement presence. Beyond ensuring adequate staffing, I envision a program that prioritizes meaningful relationships between SROs, students, and school staff.

Achieving this goal requires ongoing, specialized training that equips SROs with the skills and knowledge necessary to engage effectively with students, foster positive connections, and respond appropriately to the unique challenges within an educational environment.”

The proposal also outlines a shared financial responsibility between the district and the city. Beginning in 2027, and only if the operating referendum is approved, WWS would cover 80 percent of program costs, with the city covering the remaining 20 percent. This shift would mean WWS could cover about \$1 million of the \$1.6 million the city currently spends, meaning WPD can reinvest that \$1 million back into community safety.

“One of my commitments when running for Mayor was to strengthen public safety throughout Westfield, including in our schools,” Mayor Willis said. “This proposed partnership is another step toward delivering on that promise. By working together, the city and Westfield Washington Schools can establish a stronger, more sustainable school resource

officer program while allowing the Westfield Police Department to reinvest approximately \$1 million into public safety initiatives throughout our community. This is a responsible approach to taxpayer dollars that prioritizes the safety of our students, teachers, and staff while strengthening public safety for all Westfield residents.”

The proposed SRO program expansion is among the school safety priorities identified in the WWS operating referendum which appears on November’s ballot. The expanded program would not move forward under the proposed funding arrangement unless the referendum passes. Additional planning and formal approvals would also be necessary before implementation.

“I believe our students and staff deserve this level of commitment, and investing in a well-supported, relationship-focused SRO Program is an important investment in the safety, well-being, and success of our entire community,” Chief Keen said.

The recording of the Oct. 13 Board of School Trustees meeting can be seen on the **WWS YouTube channel**.

AUTUMN

from Page 1

Fall holidays are also wonderful, although I steer clear of the super scary Halloween décor, movies, etc. I love the fact that we have an entire holiday in November set aside for giving thanks. I’m already looking forward to having five days off in a row for Thanksgiving.

What sorts of things are you enjoying or looking forward to this autumn?

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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Mayors, players & Pacers

Rotary Club of Carmel & Carmel Clay Public Library to hold city’s 50th anniversary celebration

The REPORTER

The Rotary Club of Carmel, in partnership with the Carmel Clay Public Library, will present Mayors, Players, and Pacers on Nov. 12, a special community event marking the grand finale of Carmel’s 50th anniversary as a city.

The evening will celebrate the people, partnerships, and community spirit that have shaped Carmel since its incorporation as a city in 1976. The city’s growth and success have been driven by a strong partnership between municipal leadership and the business community, a relationship the event will recognize and honor.

A highlight of the evening will be “A Pacers Blue and Golden Anniversary Celebration,” scheduled for 7 to 7:45 p.m. The presentation will feature four individuals with significant connections to the Indiana Pacers: Chris Denari, Eddie Gill, Sarah Baird, and Rick Fuson.

Denari, a former Indiana SportsCaster of the Year, is in his 18th season as the Pacers’ television play-by-play announcer. Gill, a nine-year NBA veteran, serves as an in-game reporter and



(From left) Chris Denari, Eddie Gill, Sarah Baird, and Rick Fuson will be featured in “A Pacers Blue and Golden Anniversary Celebration.”

studio analyst for Indiana Pacers on DAZN alongside host Jeremiah Johnson.

Baird, a former member of the Pacers Foundation staff, serves as vice president of Corporate Partnership Activation at Pacers Sports & Entertainment. Fuson, who joined the Indiana Pacers in 1984, previously served as chief executive officer of Pacers Sports & Entertainment and led the planning and execution of two NBA All-Star Games in Indianapolis. He also served as chairman of the Indiana Sports Corporation Board of Directors.

Together, the four speakers will bring a wealth of experience and perspective on the Pacers organization, professional basketball and the role sports and civic partnerships play in strengthening Indiana communities.



communities.

The program will begin with a Mayors Community Reception from 5:30 to 6 p.m. It is followed at 6:05 p.m. by “The Carmel Connection, The Power of Friendship in Sports and in Life,” featuring Bart Burrell and Mark Herrmann, before the Pacers anniversary presentation concludes the evening’s celebration.

“Mayors, Players, and Pacers” offers an opportunity for the community to reflect on five decades of progress and recognize the collaboration among civic leaders, business leaders, and community partners that has helped make Carmel the city it is today.

The Rotary Club of Carmel and the Carmel Clay Public Library invite residents and community members to join in this milestone celebration honoring Carmel’s past, present, and future.

Sheridan middle & high school Ag brings learning to life ... literally

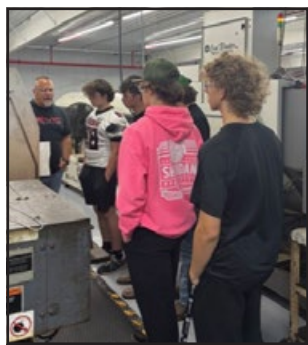
Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

Sheridan Community Schools’ (SCS) Agriculture Department, led by Scott Ison and Brett Beckner, is continuing to create opportunities for students.

Each year, there are new opportunities that allow students to explore different careers, pathways, and opportunities that they might have after high school. The most recent was an inside look at manufacturing and being able to grow produce in the laboratory.

On Wednesday, Sept. 30, members of Sheridan’s FFA put the new grow laboratory to use. They planted several cool-season vegetables to test the laboratory’s growing conditions and abilities. Several flats have already begun to germinate, and students are able to see that progress every day. This new lab allows students and FFA members to learn about and actually see plant growth, cultivation, and production. Eventually, students hope to be able to sample some of their harvest and see how they can upgrade their process in the future.

On Friday, Oct. 2, students in Sheridan’s Ag Power and Fabrication classes visited EMC for



Photos provided by Sheridan Community Schools
Sheridan’s Ag Power and Fabrication classes visited EMC for Manufacturing Day on Friday, Oct. 2.

Manufacturing Day. During the visit, students were able to tour the facility, better understand potential careers within the industry, and see how the concepts they study in class connect to the real world. At EMC, students were able to see modern manufacturing practices and how they produce parts that are distributed across the globe.

Both experiences demonstrate Sheridan’s commitment to hands-

on learning as well as to the development of career-ready students. The Ag Department is helping

students learn practical skills, discover potential new interests, and prepare for the future.

Upcoming Fall Festivals & Halloween Events

Harvest Festival at Stuckey Farm Orchard and Cider Mill

Every Saturday and Sunday through Nov. 1

A full-blown Harvest Festival with corn mazes, hayrides, pig races, apple cannons, and Adventure Acres are all part of the fun, along with fresh cider, caramel apples, and apple cider donuts.

The Arts in Autumn

Oct. 17

A free, family-friendly festival filled with creativity, laughter, and unforgettable memories. Enjoy hands-on craft stations, face painting, balloon artists, an outdoor movie, and charming fall photo opportunities.

Trunk-or-Treat at Bierman Autism Centers of Westfield

10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 17

Kids can move through decorated trunks, play simple games, and get their face painted, all in a setting built around their needs.

The event is free and sensory-friendly, designed specifically for children with autism and other developmental needs, while welcoming siblings, caregivers, and the broader community.

Bierman Autism Center is located at 16414 Southpark Drive, Westfield.

Carmel Clay Parks’ Sensory Friendly Trick-or-Treat Trail

1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24

A not-so-spooky Halloween celebration is returning with Carmel Clay Park & Recreation’s (CCPR) Sensory Friendly Trick-or-Treat Trail.

Individuals with disabilities and their families are invited to enjoy an afternoon of fun at River Heritage Park, 11813 River Road.

Headless Horseman Festival at Conner Prairie

Thursdays to Sundays through Oct. 25

Wander through carnival-themed fun with activities for all ages, plus mesmerizing live performances of music and magic. As the sun goes down, be immersed in storytelling across the grounds. Dare to take a hayride into Sleepy Hollow and learn about Ichabod Crane’s fate while encountering the Headless Horseman.

Boo Bash at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater

Oct. 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Fishers’ biggest Halloween celebration, a free event featuring live, interactive stage entertainment, themed costumes and costume parades across the AMP stage, decorated booths from local businesses and organizations handing out Halloween goodies, food trucks and more.

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.

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Leadership Connection connects local students with community leaders

Submitted

Exciting opportunities for high school students from Marion and Hamilton counties return this fall as Leadership Connection hosts two events designed to inspire, educate, and connect the next generation of community leaders.

Founded in 2021, Leadership Connection aims to connect today’s leaders with tomorrow’s trailblazers to help build a stronger community. The program gives local high school students the chance to engage with distinguished professionals from the private and public sectors while developing professional and personal leadership skills. Community leaders, in turn, help prepare students for their futures by sharing experience and guidance.

Since its inception, nearly 600 high school juniors and seniors and over 100 businesses, community and non-profit executives have participated.

Each year, students selected from area high schools participate in two Leadership Connection events featuring workshops, community service projects, keynote speakers and mentoring opportunities with representatives from local businesses and organizations in both the private and public sectors.

The events expose students to a variety of career paths while encouraging them to consider how they can make a positive impact in their own communities.

• This year’s **Leadership Connection Day of Service** will be held Friday, Oct. 23, beginning at 9 a.m.



at the One America Building, 202 N. Illinois St., Indianapolis.

• The **Leadership Connection Workshop** will take place Thursday, Nov. 5, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Carmel Clay Public Library, 425 E. Main St.

Participating students can build relationships with peers from different schools and backgrounds while learning directly from experienced leaders about careers, leadership, and community involvement. Students are eligible to apply for several scholarships offered through the program. The scholarships provide financial assistance toward a college or trade school of the student’s choice, along with a laptop computer. A special Dr. Richard Markoff Scholarship also honors the program’s founder, whose career was dedicated to service and who established Leadership Connection in 2021.

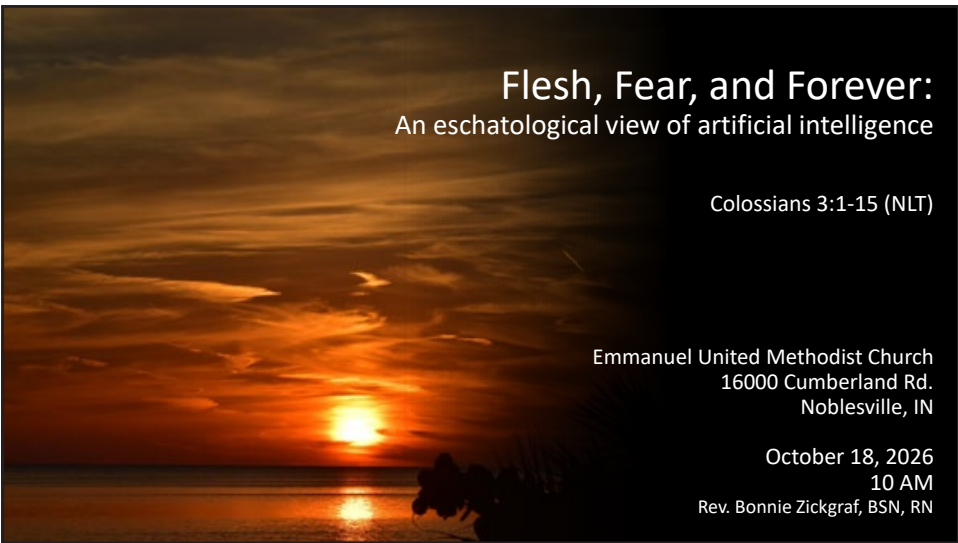
The impact of those experiences can be seen in the words of participating students.

“What I enjoyed most during this event was how we got to communicate and connect with other students from different schools,” one student shared. “Also, how we got to meet amazing people and got to talk to adults more about what will help our future the best.”

Through meaningful connections between students and community leaders, Leadership Connection continues to create opportunities that encourage young people to discover their potential, develop leadership skills and envision the many ways they can contribute to their communities.

Leadership Connection is a branded event of the Rotary Club of Carmel in partnership with iTeam Think Tank, Carmel Clay Schools, Carmel Fire Department, Christel House Watanabe High School, Brebeuf High School, and Elevate Indy.

For more information on how you can partner, volunteer for upcoming events, or support Leadership Connection, visit [click here](#).



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Stacey Swan named principal of Westfield Middle School West

Submitted by Westfield Washington Schools

Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) announces that Stacey Swan, current principal of Westfield Middle School (WMS), has been named the inaugural principal of Westfield Middle School West (WMSW).

The appointment was approved and announced during the Oct. 13 Board of School Trustees meeting.

Swan will lead the new middle school as WWS transitions to a two-middle-school model beginning with the 2027-2028 school year. The current Westfield Middle School will become Westfield Middle School East (WMSE), with both schools serving students in grades 6 through 8.

Swan joined WWS as principal of WMS in 2023, bringing extensive experience in secondary education and school leadership. She began her career teaching English at Kokomo High School before becoming an assistant principal at Noblesville High School.

“Stacey has done an outstanding job leading Westfield Middle School since joining WWS in 2023,” Superintendent Dr. John Atha said. “Her experience, leadership, and commitment to students and staff have been invaluable as we prepare for the transition to two middle schools serving grades 6 through 8.”

In 2012, Swan helped lead Noblesville Schools through its transition from an intermediate school model to two traditional middle schools serving grades 6 through 8. She was selected as the inaugural principal of Noblesville West Middle School, a

position she held until 2019. She then served four years as a principal in Hamilton Southeastern Schools before joining WWS.



Swan

Her experience opening a new middle school and navigating grade configuration changes has been particularly valuable as WWS prepares for its own transition.

This school year, Swan has also helped lead the establishment and operations of the WMS sixth-grade campus located at Cool Creek Elementary School.

For Swan, the opportunity to open Westfield Middle School West represents a meaningful milestone in her career.

“Being chosen to help open Westfield Middle School West is an incredible honor and a true full-circle moment in my career,” Swan said. “The opportunity to help open one school building is rare, and having the chance to do it twice is extraordinary. I am deeply grateful for the incredible teachers and leaders who have shaped my journey, challenged my thinking, and helped me grow along the way.”

Swan’s familiarity with the district, experience leading middle school transitions, and commitment to creating supportive learning environments will help guide the development of Westfield Middle School West’s school culture and programming.

“Most of all, I am excited about the students and staff who will be part of Middle School West in the years ahead,” she said. “I look forward to seeing them take full advantage of our great facilities and inno-

vative programming as we create a school community where students can explore their interests and discover new passions for learning.”

As Swan prepares to transition into her new role, WWS has begun the process of selecting the next principal of Westfield Middle School East.

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Public invited to farewell celebration at Shamrock Springs Elementary Schools

Submitted by Westfield Washington Schools

Westfield Washington Schools (WWS) invites former students, staff, families, and community members to celebrate the history and memories of the current Shamrock Springs Elementary building during a farewell open house from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 29.

As Shamrock Springs prepares to move into its new school building later this year, the event will offer the community an opportunity to walk the halls, revisit familiar spaces, and reflect on the many memories made in the building since 1994.

The open house will be a come-and-go event, with brief remarks from current and former school leaders beginning at 6:30 p.m., followed by a large group photo of attendees. Guests will also have opportunities to share memories and participate in small activities commemorating the



Photo provided by Westfield Washington Schools

The current building will be demolished and replaced by athletic fields in order to replace the fields which occupied the site of the new facility.

building's history.

The farewell celebration will take place while the current building is still actively serving students, offering visitors a chance to see the school as generations of Shamrocks have experienced it.

Known for its distinctive architecture, the current Shamrock Springs building has served generations of students and families.

While the building holds a special place in the community, aging infrastructure and the cost of necessary repairs made constructing a new facility a more cost-effective, long-term solution. The current building will be demolished and replaced by athletic fields in order to replace the fields which occupied the site of the new facility.

The event is open to

all community members. Please note that the new Shamrock Springs building will not be available for tours or walkthroughs during this event.

WWS looks forward to welcoming alumni and the community back to celebrate the people, traditions, and memories that have made Shamrock Springs Elementary a special place for so many years.

AG Rokita’s Unclaimed Property Division crushes all-time annual record

Submitted by Office of AG Todd Rokita

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita announced on Wednesday, Oct. 14, that, with months still remaining in 2026, his office has already shattered the record for the amount of unclaimed property returned to Hoosiers in a single calendar year.

As of this announcement, the Unclaimed Property Division has returned nearly \$90 million to rightful owners in 2026, surpassing the previous record of more than \$88 million set in 2025.

“From day one, our team has been laser-focused on getting every possible dollar back to its rightful owner,” AG Rokita said. “Breaking last year’s record-shattering mark shows what’s possible when we stay relentless in serving Hoosiers. This is a great achievement and milestone, but we’re not done. There’s still nearly a billion dollars of your money is still waiting to be claimed, and we’ll continue working to return every single cent.”

AG Rokita credited Unclaimed Property Division Director Amy Hendrix and her entire team for the record-breaking achievement,

praising their proactive outreach to locate owners before they even know to search.

“This record belongs to the whole team,” Hendrix said. “We worked hard and went further than ever to find

people and return what is theirs. Every claim we process is real money back in Hoosier hands.”

Unclaimed property includes forgotten bank accounts, uncashed wages or commissions, money orders, safe deposit box contents, refunds, insurance proceeds, utility deposits, and overpayments such as credit card balances or cell phone bills.

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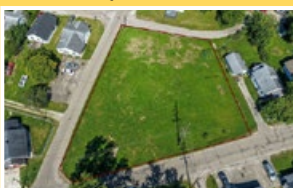
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With the approach of the Nov. 3 General Election, the Hamilton County Reporter is establishing some Letters to the Editor guidelines to keep things fair and balanced.

Letters addressing new topics about the upcoming election or the policies of individual candidates will be accepted until the end of the business day on Thursday, Oct. 22, and will be published on Friday, Oct. 23.

Letters in response to new topics published in our Oct. 23 edition will be accepted until Tuesday, Oct. 27, and will be published in our Wednesday, Oct. 28 edition.

These deadlines will give candidates and their supporters the opportunity to reply to letters addressing new topics.

Straight letters of endorsement will be accepted until Thursday, Oct. 29, and will publish on Friday, Oct. 30.

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Letter to the Editor

Fishers reader: Devon Wellington
will offer the leadership we need

Dear Editor:
I have known Devon Wellington for more than three years, and even though I do not live in District 29, I support her without hesitation. My confidence in her comes from watching how she treats people, especially those who need patience, understanding, and advocacy.

I once observed Devon work with a special needs child I taught. She didn’t simply offer encouragement; she re-

peatedly sought solutions, compromises, and creative approaches to help that child succeed in difficult circumstances. That experience showed me her character. Devon is a peacemaker, someone who listens first and works toward unity rather than division.

I have also seen her make every effort to understand the experiences of people whose backgrounds and concerns differ from her own. She engages with humility and genuine curiosity,

even when disagreements arise. That is the kind of leadership our state needs.

Indiana is home to many diverse communities – politically, culturally, and socially. We need representatives who can bridge those differences and work toward shared progress. Devon Wellington is uniquely skilled, qualified, and deeply committed to doing exactly that.

Patricia LeSueur
Fishers

Letter to the Editor

Noblesville voter: Pfister’s “tireless work
ethic” makes her perfect for Township Board

Dear Editor:
I support reelecting Peggy Pfister for Noblesville Township Board. Like many in Noblesville, my wife and I have known Peggy for years. We respect her integrity, strength of character, and tireless work ethic for those neighbors who are hurting and need a helping

hand. She’s an experienced volunteer with several organizations as well as her work for the Township Board.

If ever there was a position made for a person, it’s this job for Peggy.

You won’t find a person with a bigger heart or advocate for those less fortunate. Many in Noblesville

know her and, like us, count her as a friend. I know for a fact she’s received votes from Democrats as well as Republicans, and she deserves the votes again.

I hope you will join me in voting for Peggy.

George Hodgson
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Dr. Mundy will share district highlights, provide an update on school finances, and answer community questions - including questions about the upcoming referendum.

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Letter to the Editor

Noblesville voter:
Denise Dye will work to
serve families & taxpayers
while on the school board

Dear Editor:
I’ve known Denise Dye for several years as a friend and fellow volunteer, and I’m proud to support her for the Noblesville School Board.

Volunteering next to someone shows you who they really are. Denise shows up, does the work, and doesn’t need credit for it. She cares about this community because she’s part of it, and she’s spent the last decade making Noblesville home. That’s the kind of person I want representing my neighbors on the school board.

She also brings 24 years of experience in finance and business operations. That’s exactly what we need watching over a school budget this size. She wants every dollar to be easy to follow and wants as much of it as possible to reach the classroom.

Her goals for our schools are simple. Kids should leave able to read, write, and do math well, whether they’re headed to college, the military, a trade, or straight into a job. Good teachers make that happen, and Denise wants to keep the ones we have and back them up. She also believes parents should be able to see what their kids are being taught and how decisions get made.

Above all, Denise understands something that sometimes gets lost: the school board works for the residents of Noblesville, not for the school administration. Board members are elected to ask hard questions on behalf of the families and taxpayers who put them there. Denise will do that.

Early voting is open now, and Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 3. Please join me in voting for Denise Dye.

Carl Sampson
Noblesville

Letter to the Editor

Why Hoosiers should vote
‘no’ on Public Question 1

Dear Editor:
Public Question 1 is a vaguely worded attempt to carve away our Constitutionally guaranteed rights and force Indiana taxpayers to fund more incarceration before someone has been convicted of a crime. Hoosiers should vote NO.

It’s already the prosecutor’s job to present the facts of the case and the accused’s criminal history to the judge, who can set bail at an amount that properly reflects those circumstances, or place conditions on their release, like a requirement to stay away from certain places or people. A violation of those conditions would result in the revocation of bail; this is how our criminal justice system has always worked.

Bail is not about releasing criminals to our streets. Rather, it directly upholds the legal principle of “innocent until proven guilty.” Bail makes it easier for people to continue to work, pay their bills, feed their families, and coordinate with an attorney while the case against them is pending before the court. Since some cases may take many years to complete, denial of bail can result in folks sitting in jail that whole time only to be acquitted at trial.

With PQ1, the Republican supermajority in control of our General Assembly wants to be able to deny bail to more people. Accordingly, they need voters to permit them to amend our Constitution, carving away a Constitutionally guaranteed right so they can fill more jail beds with people who haven’t yet been convicted. Preserve your Constitutional right to bail: vote NO on PQ1.

Sharon Cruz
Indianapolis

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Overnight lane & ramp closures at I-465 & U.S. 31 interchange

Submitted by INDOT

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has announced that lane restrictions and overnight ramp closures are planned at the Interstate 465 and U.S. 31 interchange.

Closures are necessary to place steel bridge-support beams for a newly widened ramp carrying two lanes of traffic from I-465 to U.S. 31 northbound.

A week of nightly closures will occur from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., reopening before morning rush hour. Drivers are encouraged to plan ahead and follow posted signage in the area.

Anticipated schedule

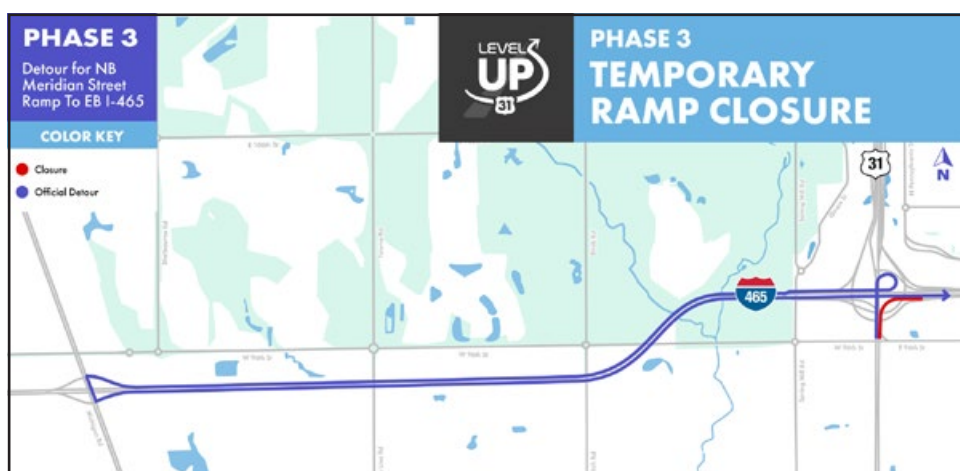
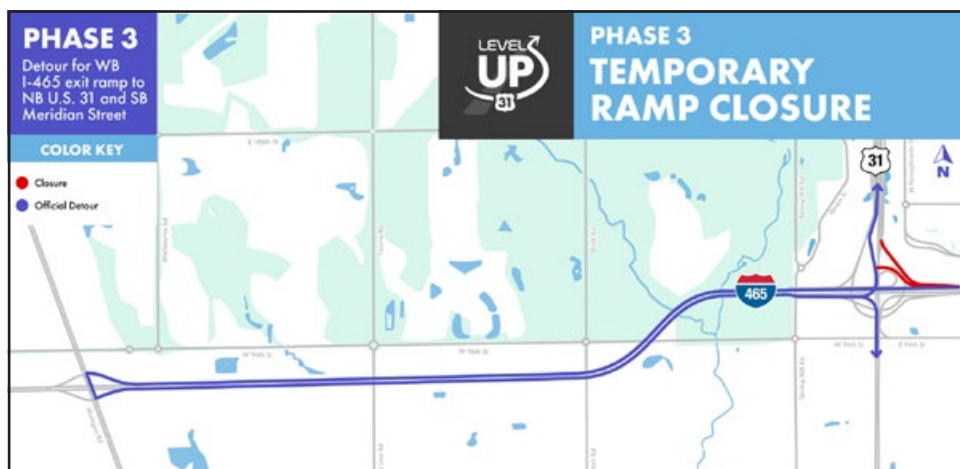
• **Thursday, Oct. 15:** Closure of the I-465 westbound ramp to U.S. 31/Meridian Street

• **Friday, Oct. 16 and Saturday, Oct. 17:** Closure of the northbound Meridian Street ramp to eastbound I-465; I-465 eastbound reduced to one lane near the U.S. 31 interchange

• **Monday, Oct. 19:** Closure of the northbound Meridian Street ramp to eastbound I-465; I-465 eastbound reduced to one lane near the U.S. 31 interchange

• **Tuesday, Oct. 20 and Wednesday, Oct. 21:** I-465 eastbound and westbound reduced to one lane near the U.S. 31 interchange

• **Thursday, Oct. 22:**



Graphics provided by INDOT

Closure of the I-465 westbound ramp to U.S. 31/Meridian Street

Detours

• The detour for the westbound I-465 exit ramp to northbound and southbound U.S. 31/Meridian Street is to continue on

I-465 westbound, exit at the U.S. 421 (Michigan Road) interchange, re-enter I-465 eastbound, exit at the U.S. 31 interchange. See the top map.

• The detour for northbound Meridian Street

ramp to eastbound I-465 is to take the northbound Meridian Street ramp to I-465 westbound, exit at the U.S. 421 (Michigan Road) interchange and re-enter I-465 eastbound. See the bottom map.

All work is weather-dependent, and schedules are subject to change. All current traffic impacts will be posted on the homepage of LevelUp31.com.



Learn about the emotional side of retirement

The REPORTER

Howard Bailey Financial invites the Carmel community to explore the personal and emotional side of retirement during a free screening of “The Psychology of Re-

tirement” on Oct. 22.

The documentary looks beyond the financial aspects of retirement to examine the challenges that can come with preparing for this next stage of life. It encourages

viewers to think differently about retirement and how they can navigate the changes, uncertainties, and opportunities that come with it.

The screening will begin at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 22 at Flix

Brewhouse, 2206 E. 116th St., Carmel.

Registration is required for the event, which is free and open to the public. Those interested may register here.

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Indiana’s commerce secretary making overseas trip this week

By TOM DAVIES
Indiana Capital Chronicle

The leader of Indiana’s business recruitment efforts is traveling to Japan for talks with executives of major automakers and other companies operating in the state.

Secretary of Commerce Chuck Goodrich is making the trip this week to the cities of Tokyo and Nagoya, state officials announced Tuesday.

Goodrich’s schedule includes meetings with leaders of Subaru, Toyota, and Honda – all three of which have large assembly plants in Indiana.

“Japan is our most prominent international partner and the ideal destination for a strategic economic development trip,” Goodrich said in the trip announcement. “Our



Goodrich

friendship with Japan has created thousands of career opportunities and investment in our communities over the last few decades, and we’re not slowing down.”

The trip by Goodrich will be the first for Gov. Mike Braun’s administration after he greatly scaled back the pace of foreign travel set by his predecessor, Gov. Eric Holcomb.

Holcomb made 27 foreign trade missions during his eight years as governor, including trips to Japan in 2017, 2019, and 2023.

Braun said he was proud that Indiana had built “a nearly 40-year partnership with Japan that has provided countless talent development and career opportunities for Hoosiers.”

“The state’s trip to Japan this week is a commitment to continuing our

work together and advancing our shared strengths, particularly across the automotive and advanced manufacturing sectors,” he said.

Braun appointed Goodrich in July as commerce secretary, overseeing the Indiana Economic Development Corp., the Indiana Destination Corp. and other agencies, while Goodrich continues as CEO of Indianapolis-based Gaylor Electric.

Goodrich will be accompanied on the Japan trip by his wife, two officials from IEDC’s Indianapolis office, and a representative of its Tokyo office, according to the announcement. Goodrich and his wife are paying for their travel expenses, with the Indiana Economic Development Foundation paying most of the expected \$25,000 cost for others on the trip.

This story was published on Tuesday, Oct. 13, at indianacapitalchronicle.com.

Indianapolis ranks No. 19 among most rodent-infested cities

Submitted

Rodent activity is shifting across the country, with Indianapolis ranking No. 19, according to new data from Terminix, a Rentokil Terminix company.

Based on 2025 service data from more than 300 Rentokil-owned Terminix branches nationwide, where residents most frequently used rodent control services in 2025, the company’s annual list of the Top 50 Most Rodent-Infested Cities reveals notable movement across the country. Five new cities entered the ranking, Milwaukee broke into the Top 20, and San Diego dropped 15 spots.

The findings come as fall begins, when dropping temperatures can drive rodents indoors in search of food, water, and shelter. While the nation’s Top 10 saw relatively little movement year-over-year, the shifts farther down the list highlight how rodent pressure can vary from one year to the next and across different regions.

“Several factors can influence where rodent pressure shows up from year to year,” said Emory Matts, Board-Certified Entomologist and Technical Service Manager at Terminix. “Weather, drought, development, population shifts, and the availability of food and shelter can all play a role. Dry conditions can push rodents indoors in search of food and water, while milder falls and winters can extend breeding windows and allow populations to grow before colder weather arrives.”

What are the Top 10 most rodent-infested cities?

1. New York (no change)
2. Los Angeles (no change)
3. Philadelphia (+1)
4. San Francisco (-1)
5. Houston (+2)
6. Chicago (-1)

7. Washington, D.C. (-1)
8. Boston (+1)
9. Dallas-Ft. Worth (-1)
10. Detroit (+1)

Outside of the Top 10, several metro areas made significant moves:

- Milwaukee made its first appearance in the Top 20.
- Portland and Honolulu each climbed seven spots.
- San Diego fell 15 spots, the steepest decline of any ranked city.
- Oklahoma City fell 10 spots.
- San Antonio fell nine spots.
- Phoenix, Minneapolis, Springfield, Mo., and Richmond entered the Top 50.

How can homeowners help prevent seasonal rodent infestations?

“Most homeowners don’t think about rodents until they find evidence of them, and by then, the infestation may already be established,” Matts said. “Fall is when rodents are most actively searching for a way inside. A mouse can fit through a gap the size of a dime, so even a small opening can become an entry point.”

Terminix recommends homeowners take the following steps before colder weather sets in:

- **Seal entry points.** Inspect your foundation, garage, roofline, and utility penetrations for gaps or cracks. Seal openings with steel wool and caulk. Install door sweeps on all exterior doors.

- **Eliminate food access.** Store dry goods in hard-sided containers, remove pet food bowls at night, and secure outdoor trash with tight-fitting lids.

- **Reduce shelter.** Keep firewood stacked away from the home, trim shrubs, and low branches back from the foundation, and clear debris piles where rodents can nest.

For more information on rodent activity and com-

prehensive prevention strategies, visit terminix.com/rodent-control.

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Carmel Winter Farmers Market opens Saturday

Submitted

The Carmel Farmers Market is ready to celebrate Indiana’s glorious fall and winter by bringing guests the freshest and best Indiana grown/produced food in the United States.

The winter market opens Saturday, Oct. 17 at the 6-1-1 Building, 611 3rd Ave. SW, Carmel, and is open from 9 a.m. until noon every Saturday through March 27, 2027.

The winter market has now grown to 63 of the finest vendors bringing the best they have to offer. Families will enjoy talking with vendors, tasting delicious food at the cozy indoor market, located in the heart of Carmel.

Joining the vendor line-



up are six vendors who are new to the Carmel Winter Farmers Market, including Elevation Produce, FDGI, Happy Little Pineapple Shop, Moore's Pie Shop, Skillington Elderberries, and The Dirt Bar.

The winter market will be closed for the holidays of Saturday, Nov. 28 and Saturday, Dec. 26, but will be chocked full of delicious foods for family’s celebra-

tion leading up to these dates.

Be sure to stop by the winter market on Saturdays in Carmel starting Oct. 17. There is always plenty of free parking and a welcoming smile. We look forward to seeing you so you can ‘Get Fresh on Saturday’!

Learn more at Carmel-FarmersMarket.com/wm-home.



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By KELLY McVEY

President, Indiana Peony Festival, Inc.

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Beyond their show-stopping flowers, peonies are low-maintenance perennials that reward gardeners year

after year. They are highly resilient, attract pollinators, and make stunning cut flowers for your home. With proper care, these coral and red peony roots will thrive for decades, offering enduring beauty and value to your landscape.

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Riverview Health Arena to host five professional boxing events

The REPORTER

Riverview Health Arena at Innovation Mile is partnering with 4 Champs Promotions and Unboxed Collective to bring a new five-event Midwest Boxing Showcase series to Noblesville beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21.

The series will bring high-quality professional boxing to Riverview Health Arena in Noblesville throughout 2026 and 2027, creating a consistent home for fight fans while showcasing professional boxing talent in an intimate arena environment.

“We’re excited to welcome 4 Champs Promotions and Unboxed Collective to Riverview Health Arena and build something that extends well beyond a single event,” said Mar-

cellus Barksdale, General Manager of Riverview Health Arena at Innovation Mile. “This series gives us an opportunity to establish a strong boxing platform in Central Indiana, deliver an exciting experience for fight fans, and continue bringing diverse live entertainment to Noblesville.”

The Midwest Boxing Showcase launches Saturday, Nov. 21, followed by four additional events in 2027:

- Friday, April 30
- Friday, June 25
- Friday, Aug. 13
- Friday, Nov. 12

“Some of the greatest fighters in boxing history came from the Midwest, and there is still tremendous talent in our gyms today,” said Damon Howard, Owner-Operator of 4

Champs Promotions. “Our goal is to give those fighters an opportunity to be seen and to create a platform that can propel them to the next level. We want to bring major boxing back to the Midwest, give our local fighters a stage, and ultimately take the Midwest Boxing Showcase global.”

The full fight card for the opening event will be announced soon.

Tickets for the Saturday, Nov. 21 event are on sale now and will be available through Ticketmaster and at ArenaInnovationMile.com.

Additional fight cards and event details for the Midwest Boxing Showcase will be announced at a later date. More information can be found at 4champsboxing.com.

Graeter’s Backstretch Bourbon Cherry Ice Cream takes top honors

Submitted

Dairy Foods readers have picked Graeter’s Backstretch Bourbon Cherry over 11 other nominees, a field that ranged from cottage cheese to frozen Greek yogurt to protein pops. Graeter’s took 57 percent of the vote, so this flavor has clearly traveled well beyond Cincinnati and the Derby infield.

This is the second year in a row Graeter’s has won. Skyline Spice Ice Cream took the first-ever Product of the Year award in 2025. Two very different flavors winning back to back points to the process behind them more than to any one recipe.

What’s in this ice cream?

Backstretch Bourbon Cherry was created in collaboration with the Kentucky Derby. This bourbon flavored ice cream starts with a bourbon-kissed base made in Graeter’s 2.5-gallon French Pot process, then gets packed with black cherries and praline pecans. There’s no chocolate in it. The flavor is warm bourbon, dark fruit, and praline pecan. Because French Pot batches are only 2.5 gallons, the bourbon holds up and the cherries stay dense in every scoop.

The flavor nods to the classic Kentucky bourbons known for their rich, dec-



Photo illustration courtesy of Graeter’s Ice Cream

adent taste. Fans who love bourbon, cherry, and pecans together often call it the best bourbon ice cream they’ve tried.

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After the Lord your God has driven them out before you, do not say to yourself, “The Lord has brought me here to take possession of this land because of my righteousness.” No, it is on account of the wickedness of these nations that the Lord is going to drive them out before you. It is not because of your righteousness or your integrity that you are going in to take possession of their land; but on account of the wickedness of these nations, the Lord your God will drive them out before you, to accomplish what he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Understand, then, that it is not because of your righteousness that the Lord your God is giving you this good land to possess, for you are a stiff-necked people.
Deuteronomy 9:1-6 (NIV)

Next Carmel Small Business Network lunch meeting set for Oct. 20

The REPORTER
The Carmel Small Business Network (CSBN) lunch on Tuesday, Oct. 20 will start at 11 a.m. This event is brought to you by presenting sponsor State Bank, location sponsor Capital Group, and lunch sponsor Serendipity Labs.

Mayor Sue Finkam and city officials invite local business owners and professionals to the last CSBN meeting of the year at Capital Group, 12711 N. Meridian St. There is ample free parking on site. There is no cost to attend, but **registration via Eventbrite** is required. The October gathering features keynote speaker Scott Abbott presenting “Moments to Momentum,” a dynamic experi-

ence built around his BOS-UP framework. Designed to challenge everyday decision-making, the presentation equips leaders with practical habits and actionable strategies to strengthen confidence, improve execution and accelerate business growth.



Abbott

Attendees will receive a complimentary copy of Scott Abbott’s book, *BOS-UP Moments*.
• CSBN meetings provide local leaders an ongoing opportunity to:
• Build relationships with fellow business owners
• Connect directly with Mayor Sue Finkam and city staff
• Gain practical tools to grow their organization
• Enjoy a complimentary lunch

Donald Robert Dolphin
June 6, 1942 – October 10, 2026

Donald Robert Dolphin passed away on Saturday, October 10, 2026. He was born on June 6, 1942, to Benjamin and Alice (Wood) Dolphin in Lakewood, Ohio. Don lived in Rocky River and Bay Village before attending Purdue University where he met his wife, Judy. He graduated in 1965 with a degree in Pharmacy.

Don was drafted in 1966 and spent time in Ft. Dix, Ft. McClelland, Ft. Benning, and Ft. Hood before he was sent to Vietnam as a 1st Lieutenant of a mortar platoon, 3rd Battalion, 9th Infantry Division.

Don worked at Hooks Drugs until 1996 and then worked at Long Term Care until he retired in 2007.

Don enjoyed tournament racquetball and golf including volunteering at golf tournaments around the country. Also, dinner with friends throughout his life.

He is survived by his wife, Judy Dolphin; children, Jeff and Shelly (Eusebio Palacios); grandchildren, Jason and Justin; and sister, Sue Wright.

He was preceded in death by his parents. The Dolphin Family has entrusted Randall & Roberts Funeral Home with Don’s care. Memorial contributions may be made in Don’s memory to Conner Prairie, 13400 Allisonville Road, Fishers, IN 46038. Condolences: randallroberts.com



Mike C. Bentley
June 12, 1956 – October 10, 2026

Mike C. Bentley, 70, Noblesville, died Saturday, October 10, 2026.

Born June 12, 1956, in Noblesville, Mike was the second oldest son of Marilyn (Cook) and Willard Bentley. He is survived by his wife of 47 years Jill (Harper) Bentley; his daughters Audrea, Nicole, and Jessica; his son Michael; his grandchildren Dace, Ayla, Paul, Daniel, Ashley, Beverly, Cameron, and Ethan; and his brothers and sisters, Pam (Bentley) and Ted Brown, Willie Bentley, Robin (Bentley) and Tom Collins, Jason Bentley, Cindy (Bentley) and Buddy Coverdale, and Thomas and Julie Bentley; along with several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He is preceded in death by: John E. Bentley, Jane Ann Bentley Leeper, Wilma Kay Bentley, Jerry Bentley, Karen Bentley, David Bentley, James Bentley, and Carl Bentley.

Mike proudly served his country as a U.S. Marine. He later served his community as an officer with the Noblesville Police Department and then as a deputy of the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Department. Of the many roles he held in his life, his service to his country and his community were the two professional accomplishments he held highest.

Mike was a loving brother, husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He loved fishing, playing cards, and spending time with his family. But above all, he loved his wife and best friend.

Mike was always focused on helping those around him, with an ever-present willingness to give to others who were in need. He requested not to have a traditional funeral. Instead, he asked those whose lives that he impacted celebrate him in their own way, and to honor his memory through acts of generosity to those in need.

The Bentley family has entrusted Randall & Roberts Funeral Home with Mike’s care. Condolences: randallroberts.com



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