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TODAY'S WEATHER



Today: Mostly cloudy, with more shower chances, mainly in the morning. Snow could mix in with the rain.

Tonight: Partly cloudy.

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Photos provided by Sheridan Community Schools

Whether it's off to college, the military, or to the workforce, a plethora of options exist for today's students.

Sheridan High School hosts quarterly Future Fair

Submitted by Sheridan Community Schools

On Tuesday, Nov. 10, Sheridan Middle and High School held its quarterly Future Fair for high school students and eighth graders. These college and career fairs are held each quarter for students to gain insight into the businesses, schools, and opportunities that await them after high school and beyond.

At this quarter's Future Fair, students had the opportunity to learn about the various career paths and colleges while interacting with the representatives from the local businesses and organizations. Through the conversations, students were able to form a personal connection and gain real-world insight into the different pathways. These experiences help bridge the gap between high school and post-graduation life while allowing students to better understand what they are capable of.

At the Future Fair, one student was overheard saying, "While I do plan on going to college, these fairs help me see what other options I have!"

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Lighting more than lamps, building a brighter community



Diwali, often called the Festival of Lights, is one of the most cherished celebrations in Indian culture. Traditionally, families light oil lamps, decorate their homes, prepare festive food, exchange sweets, and gather with loved ones. The light symbolizes the victory of good over evil, knowledge over ignorance, and hope over darkness.

But what happens when we take that light beyond our homes and share it with an entire community?

Last month, Fishers witnessed exactly that.

Our community came together for a spectacular Diwali celebration, welcoming nearly 4,000 people for an evening filled with culture, food, music, dance, and togetherness. Despite the unpredictable fall weather, the enthusiasm of families and visitors never faded.

The celebration featured 12 performances, ranging from Bollywood to classical dance and fusion, along with interactive activities, a fashion show, and a spectacular 15-minute fireworks display synchronized to music. Thirteen vendor booths and 17 food trucks added to the festive atmosphere, offering something for everyone.

But for me, the most meaningful part was not the numbers or the entertainment. It was seeing neighbors, friends, and families from different backgrounds come together, curious to experience something new and excited to be part of something bigger.

Diwali is deeply rooted in Indian traditions, but celebrating it with the wider community serves a much bigger purpose than celebrating among people who already share the same culture. It creates an opportunity to exchange stories, introduce traditions, experience different perspectives, and build friendships across cultures.

You don't have to celebrate Diwali to enjoy a Diwali celebration. You don't have to know the meaning of every dance, recognize every dish, or understand every tradition.

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Hamilton County sheriff-elect plans to end voluntary ICE partnership

By MARGUERITE INCARDONE
WISH-TV | wishtv.com

Hamilton County sheriff-elect Charles Hollowell said Thursday that he plans to end the county's voluntary partnership with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, wanting to focus resources at the local level.

"If we start looking at the bed space, the high percentage of that bed space currently is being filled," Hollowell said Thursday in an interview in Westfield. "We don't really want to put ourselves in the position that we don't have the capacity to be able to meet the needs of Hamilton County and what Hamilton County is going to need."

Section 287(g) of the U.S. Immigration and Nationality Act allows local police and sheriff's deputies to carry out certain immigration enforcement duties. Current Hamilton County Sheriff Dennis Quakenbush, a Republican, in February 2025 agreed to cooperate with ICE enforcement. Cooperation in the program is voluntary.

Quakenbush could not run for the position again due to the state's rules on term limits.

Hollowell, the first Democratic Party sheriff in Hamilton County in decades and the county's first black sheriff, defeated Republican Dustin Dixon in the November general election.

"The Sheriff's Department is not, you know, immigration," Hollowell said Thursday. "It's local law enforcement, and we have to make sure that those resources are here for the people in Hamilton County and be used for that."

Hollowell made it clear that the county will not end all cooperation with federal law enforcement and will continue to follow the law.

"We're going to abide by all the laws that we have to abide by," he said. "All lawful orders, we'll abide by those orders, but we have to make sure that the resources that we have are going to be geared toward Hamilton County and Hamilton County residents."

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Photo by WISH-TV

Sheriff-elect Charles Hollowell granted an interview to WISH-TV on Thursday, Nov. 12.

Plans underway to turn portion of historic Tipton County Jail into 17 rental homes

The REPORTER

Hamilton County Area Neighborhood Development (HAND) and the Tipton County Foundation have announced plans to redevelop the historic Tipton County Jail and Sheriff's Residence, creating 17 rental homes, most of which will be affordable.

Completed in 1895, the jail and Sheriff's Residence was designed by architect Adolph Scherrer, who also designed the Tipton County Courthouse and Indiana Statehouse. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the property was named one of Indiana Landmarks' 10 Most Endangered historic places in 2020 and 2021.

The redevelopment offers an opportunity to preserve an important piece of Tipton County's history while expanding housing options for local residents.

"This project is about more than finding a new purpose for a historic building. It's about creating homes and opportunities for people who want to call Tipton County home," HAND Executive Director Andrea Davis said. "We're grateful for the partnership that makes it possible to honor Tipton County's history while investing in its future."

The Tipton County Foundation has helped advance the project by bringing local partners together around the redevelopment opportunity. HAND will serve as the affordable housing developer and plans to own and manage the completed



Photo provided

Built in 1895, Tipton County jail and Sheriff's Residence is currently under planning to become affordable housing, an ongoing need in the community.

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We had a third plan. It appears Microsoft didn't.

The REPORTER

By now, many people are aware of the global Microsoft service outage that began Thursday morning. As The Reporter's email accounts operate through the Microsoft Exchange network, we were affected as well.

Now that we're living in a world where computer technology is, in fact, becoming less trustworthy and less functional by the day, we at The Reporter work to maintain backups that are as up-to-date as possible. Because of that diligence, we were able to bring you today's edition without interruption.

As Reporter Publisher Stu Clampitt's father Stanley used to say, "Always have a third plan."

We have a third plan.

If this problem persists in days to come, and if you need something published with a tight timeline, you can call our publisher directly at (765) 365-2316 for multiple backup digital information delivery options. If he does not answer, he will call you back as quickly as possible.

Stanley also used to say, "Technology is great … until it's not."

Welcome to the age of "until it's not."

Future

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Jill Cali, the Education Professions and Early College coordinator for SHS, said, "I love seeing our students interacting with guests at the SHS Future Fairs! Our students are learning that talking about college, technical training, military, or potential careers isn't scary and is worth their time and effort. I'm also pleased that they're practicing the really valuable employability skills of effective communication and professionalism when they attend these events."



Photo provided by Sheridan Community Schools

Students got to meet and make connections with the following businesses and organizations:

- Agape Therapeutic Riding Center
- Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation
- Hamilton County 911
- Hamilton County Health Department
- Indiana Donor Network/Donate Life Indiana
- Indiana State Police
- INvestEd
- IU Indianapolis
- IU Kokomo
- Ivy Tech Community College - Hamilton County
- Lincoln Tech
- Noblesville Township Trustee
- The Vet Tech Institute of Indiana
- Trinity Allied Health Education
- Westfield Police Department

Sheridan Community Schools officials appreciate the businesses and organizations for their time, support, and willingness to invest in students by providing meaningful conversations and real-world opportunities.

Tipton

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homes, helping ensure they remain affordable for years to come.

"The Tipton County Foundation is very excited to partner with HAND on this project," said Chad Huff, president and CEO of the Tipton County Foundation. "The need for housing in Tipton County cannot be overstated, and creative approaches like this one make a meaningful difference in the effort to bring more families to this wonderful place. The Foundation is grateful to HAND and County leadership for coming alongside this vision and for the contributions of resources and expertise they've leant to the project so far. This project is a milestone for our community."



Photo provided

The project is currently in predevelopment, with additional details to be shared as plans progress. HAND currently owns and manages five affordable senior rental homes at Southwood Villas in Tipton. Completion of the jail renovation would bring HAND's Tipton County portfolio to 22 homes.

About HAND

Founded in 2003, Hamilton County Area Neighborhood Development (HAND) is a nonprofit organization that develops, owns, and manages affordable rental housing in Hamilton, Boone, and Tipton counties. HAND provides quality affordable housing and advocates for housing options where everyone can thrive. For more information, visit **handincorporated.org**.

About the Tipton County Foundation

Founded in 1986, the Tipton County Foundation is a community foundation dedicated to strengthening Tipton County through philanthropy, strategic grantmaking and community leadership. By connecting donors, resources and local organizations, the Foundation supports the causes that matter to the community, now and for generations to come. Learn more at **tiptoncf.org**.

ICE

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Hollowell, who has lived in Hamilton County for more nearly 25 years and spent the last 24 years with the Westfield Police Department, said his top priority is the people of Hamilton County.

"I want to make sure that we are serving and protecting all people. Everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and respect, and Hamilton County has done that," he said.

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita said on social media that his office will keep a close eye on Hollowell's pledge to keep ICE out.

"We will be watching closely to ensure the Sheriff-elect, once he's sworn into office, upholds the law by honoring ICE detainers as required by the FAIRNESS Act and fully protects the people of Hamilton County," Rokita said.

Hollowell will be sworn in as the Hamilton County sheriff in January.

*This story was originally published by WISH-TV at **wishtv.com/news/hamilton-county-sheriff-elect-plans-to-end-voluntary-ice-partnership**.*

Light

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Sometimes, all it takes is showing up, asking a question, tasting something unfamiliar, or simply enjoying the music.

That is how cultural diversity becomes a shared community experience rather than just something we talk about.

This is not a city-funded event. It is organized by a volunteer-led committee, with funds raised through generous community sponsorships. The support of the Fishers Parks team, sponsors, volunteers, performers, vendors, and countless helping hands makes this celebration possible. It is a reminder that when people believe in a shared purpose, remarkable things can happen.

One special attraction was Diyara, our Fishers Diwali mascot, beautifully brought to life through a Rangoli-inspired artwork created by our very own volunteers. Rangoli is a traditional Indian art form made with colorful patterns, often welcoming guests and bringing good fortune into homes. Seeing this piece of art stand proudly at our celebration felt like seeing our culture represented through the hands and hearts of our community.

Last week, as families celebrated Diwali in their own homes, lighting diyas, sharing sweets, and wishing one another happiness and prosperity, I found myself reflecting on what our community celebration had already accomplished.

Perhaps the real meaning of spreading light is not simply lighting another lamp. It is making someone feel welcome. It is opening a door to a tradition they may have never experienced. It is creating a space where someone who is unfamiliar with our culture feels like they belong.

We often talk about building inclusive communities, but inclusion doesn't happen through words alone. It happens when we create opportunities to show up, participate, learn, share, and celebrate together.

A diya may be small, but its light can travel far. And when thousands of people bring their little lights together, the entire community shines brighter.

This Diwali, may we remember that the brightest celebrations are not just the ones we host, but the connections we create and the lives we make a little brighter along the way.

Because every story shared is belonging, and every light shared makes our community brighter.

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

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Tabitha Newton named Husky Hero for being a champion for students

Submitted by Hamilton Heights School Corp.

Hamilton Heights School Corporation recognizes Tabitha Newton, sixth-grade science teacher at Hamilton Heights Middle School, as the newest Husky Hero. For her students, Newton is much more than a science teacher. She is a mentor, role model, cheerleader, and one of their biggest supporters.

For Newton, the recognition is especially meaningful because it comes from the families she serves. Just into her first year at Hamilton Heights, Newton has already made a lasting impression on students and families alike. Again and again, parents described a teacher who goes above and beyond, generously investing her time, energy, and heart into helping students succeed.

Here's what families shared:

Jessica Grandson: "Miss Newton has been a phenomenal teacher to my son but also to every sixth grader. She is apparently a huge football fan, and it showed this football season. She had just met all her new incoming 6th graders at the start of the year but yet she showed up to their very first game to support them. She made it to every single 6th grade game. The kids were pumped knowing she was there watching them. She even purchased a ticket to Lucas Oil and came to support them there! At the end of the season she had all of the football players wrote thank you notes to every one of their coaches. She is not only teaching them science but also how to be respectful young adults. She most definitely deserves to be named husky hero!"

Megan Bishop: "Miss Newton is an amazing addition to the HHMS family. Since day one, she has unwaveringly supported her sixth-grade students, both in and outside of class. She makes it clear that she is an available resource in times of need and has spent much of her free time supporting outside activities of her students. It is clear that she was born to be a teacher!"



Photo provided

(From left) Melissa Martin (Technology Integration/HHEF President), Chelsea Pacheco (HHMS Counselor), Sabrina Duncan (HHMS Counselor), Tabitha Newton, Craig Bowen (F.C. Tucker), and Dr. Bret Bailey (HHMS Principal).

Mike Cameron: "Amazing role model to the sixth-grade football boys. Showed up to every game including paying to go down to Lucas Oil Stadium. Even the end of year team party. Way outside of her obligated hours. Engaged with all of the parents and just a joy to have around."

Irlene Hanson: "Ms. Newton showed up for her youth football league kids. She came to all of the games, supports the boys in and out of the classroom and cares about her job so much! She is a phenomenal teacher!"

Chelsea Smith: "She shows up for these kids! She came to all the boys' football games no matter how big or small! She helps support them in and out of class and they respect and love her so much!!"

Lisa Bailey: "She's extremely supportive of our kids and is dedicated to their success."

Jessica Clingler: "Miss Newton has been a great teacher and supporter for the 6th grade student. She has taken time out of her day to come to the 6th grade football games to support the players and cheerleaders. She made sure to have the players make cards for their coaches. She has also been a great help with getting assignments turned in and making sure they all understand how important it is to turn in your assignments on time."

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"Being named Husky Hero means so much to me, especially because the nomination came from my students' parents," Newton said. "It's a reminder that the little things I do each day can make a real difference for my students. Knowing that their families see and appreciate those moments makes this award even more special."

Her motivation stems from a powerful influence in her own life. Newton credits her high school guidance counselor with helping her believe in herself and making a lasting impact that continues today.

"I want to be that kind of person for my students," she said. "Someone they can talk to, trust, and count on to be in their corner."

Whether it's greeting students with a high-five, sharing a special handshake, supporting extracurricular activities, or helping them navigate challenges, Newton embraces the opportunity to connect with students and help them grow.

Receiving the Husky Hero Award only strengthens Newton's commitment.

"I want them to leave my classroom more curious about science and more confident in themselves," she noted. "Years from now, I hope they remember that Miss Newton was in their corner."

Do you know a Husky Hero? Nomination forms and information about this special recognition program for Hamilton Heights employees are available at **bit.ly/hhschuskyhero**. The Husky Hero Recognition program is made possible through the Hamilton Heights Educational Foundation in partnership with Craig and Amber Bowen (FC Tucker). #hhedfoundation

The possibility of peace

COLUMNIST



NANCY KELLY SMITH
Civility Counts

I was holding a lit candle ready to pass it on to an undergraduate during a university graduation ceremony as we Seniors prepared to get our degrees. As I held my candle with a multitude of other graduates holding theirs on the campus grounds, we all sang "Let There Be Peace on Earth."

Perhaps you are familiar with the updated lyrics:

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me / Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be / With God our creator, children all are we / Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony ...

I imagine that now most of us are still processing thoughts and emotions after the results of the mid-term elections. We may be feeling a mixture of grief and joy. We may also be challenged to maintain our civility in conversations with those who voted for candidates running against ours. With Thanksgiving just weeks away, we may soon find ourselves surrounded by family at the Thanksgiving table, and we might be tempted to present our point of view about the mid-term election while sharing the feast.

Alexandra Hudson, author of *The Soul of Civility* and founder of the national civility organization Civic Renaissance, was being interviewed on a national broadcast last Thanksgiving Day giving suggestions on how to maintain civility with family members on Thanksgiving. She emphasized that it was important to avoid discussing politics at Thanksgiving to foster a harmonious experience for all present. To offer your opinions on the election or any hot-button issue at another time is wise counsel.

Many families encounter challenges that can lead to estrangement.

According to Dr. Arthur Brooks, professor at Vanderbilt University, "38% of American adults are estranged from at least one close family member." An unfortunately high number! Our goal must be to preserve family ties whenever possible.

Years ago, at the time of my father's passing, a faculty colleague of mine confided to me that the last time he saw his father alive, they had had an argument. There was no time left for a reconciliation. Sometimes it is best to just agree to disagree.

Dr. Brooks adds that not all family rifts come from disagreements, however. They may come from having different understandings of the relationship.

If a family member is suffering from an addiction or alcoholism, hopefully that one will seek help. A support group like AlAnon for family and friends of alcoholics can help one navigate the holidays (and life) when living in these circumstances. If the loved one refuses to get help, we can still keep our own serenity – at least most of the time – for that is under our control. We do not have to react angrily to what someone else says or does. But we also may need to emotionally and physically detach from that family member whom we still love. Nevertheless, abuse in any form is unacceptable! We must take care of our own emotional, spiritual, and physical well- being and that of children in our care.

When do you have peace in your heart? How can that peace be nurtured? My answers to these questions come from my faith.

I read once, and believe it's true, that peace in our hearts can foster peaceful relationships. We can still be passionate about our beliefs, but we can also have peace in our hearts changing the dynamics of a situation by being civil.

"Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me."

May we all have a happy, harmonious Thanksgiving 2026!

*Nancy Kelly Smith is a retired English professor and published author. She is also an Ambassador for the national civility organization Civic Renaissance. Learn more at **civic-renaissance.com**.*

Nominations open for Westfield Chamber's Lantern Awards

The REPORTER

Can you think of a business that went above and beyond, a leader who made a lasting impact, or an individual who makes Westfield a better place to live, work, and do business? Help the Westfield Chamber celebrate their accomplishments by submitting a nomination for the 43rd Annual Lantern Awards.

The Lantern Awards have been a time-honored tradition of the Westfield Chamber of Commerce since 1982. This event will offer an opportunity for you to nominate and uplift your peers for their accomplishments in 2026.

Nominations should be submitted by early December. Multiple entries are allowed, but you must submit a separate form for each award category submission. Winners are based on the quality of submission rather than the quantity of nominations.

This year's semi-formal cocktail reception awards ceremony will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, 2027, at the Prairie Waters Event Center, 4180 Westfield Road, presented by First Bank Midwest.

More information on tickets and sponsorships will be announced in the future.

Celebrate the people and businesses that make a difference in the Westfield community. Your nomination could be the reason someone gets the recognition they deserve.

Benjamin Ahern of Fishers graduates from UW–Madison

Submitted

In August 2026, just over 1,600 students received doctoral, bachelor's, master's, and professional degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Among those graduates is Benjamin Ahern of Fishers, who earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry.

The 2025-26 academic year was another record-breaking year, with UW awarding 14,162 degrees to 14,092 recipients, the most in university history.



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Millers explore future opportunities

Noblesville High School students recently met with representatives from more than 80 organizations to learn about college, career, and military opportunities. Thank you to all the local partners and Junior Achievement for supporting Noblesville students. (Photos provided by Noblesville Schools)



















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(ABOVE LEFT, from left) Board Members Greg Dierfeldt, Erica Foreman, and Molly Hammer took part in the March 2026 Second Friday reception. (ABOVE RIGHT) Two of FAC's board members are shown here during the 2026 Día de Los Muertos celebration. (From left) Board Member Esperanza Alonzo, Luis Chavez, Board Member Fabi Gonzalez, and Victor Zamudio.

Fishers Arts Council seeks additional board members

The REPORTER

Fishers Arts Council (FAC) is looking for community members passionate about the creative arts. FAC seeks applications from individuals who want to help promote visual and performing arts in the city of Fishers.

FAC's mission is: *To support, advocate, and cultivate visual and performing arts opportunities that educate, enhance, and/or enrich the lives of those who live, work, and visit Fishers.*

People who apply should be:

• Willing to give two to three hours each month to promote and grow public and private art in the city through participation at meetings, on juries, or by volunteering at art events and activities; and be

• Willing to participate in making events happen.

If you are one of these individuals, you are needed to help FAC continue promoting the visual and performing arts in Fishers. Don't leave the decision to others. Board members play active roles in all that FAC does; this is a working board who helps support the part-time Executive Director. Your time, talent, and treasure truly make a difference.

Obtain an application at **fishersartscouncil.org/how-to-help** and scroll down to the Board Application button. Both a printable PDF and online application are available.

All are invited to come meet current board members and tour the galleries during the Second Friday Gallery Hop reception on Friday, Nov. 13. From 6 to 8 p.m., meet Board President Chris Hayes in the Ball State Gallery-Fishers at Ball State Fishers Center, 8626 E. 116th St., Suite 300, accessible from the Switch Plaza. Meet more board members from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Art Gallery at City Hall at 1 Municipal Drive, Fishers. You can also meet board members at the final Second Friday of the year from 5 to 9 p.m. Dec. 11 at the Art Gallery at City Hall. Ask questions and decide if you will be a part of shaping the future of art in Fishers. Applications are due by Dec. 14.

FAC Executive Director Les Reinhardt joined the board in 2018 and served as board Treasurer.

"Over the past eight and a half years, I've witnessed an incredible variety of projects, events, and exhibits, thanks to the talented and creative people we have on our team," she said. "The ideas that come forward and blossom into opportunities for creatives, the connections we make with artists of all disciplines, the strong partnerships and relationships in our city and county – it is truly rewarding in so many ways. My passion for supporting the visual and performing artists grows every year, aided by the strong support of our board of directors. If you have a passion for the arts and are willing to lend a hand to make it happen, I strongly encourage you to apply for the board of directors."

Questions regarding board membership can be directed to **info@fishersartscouncil.org** or by calling or texting (317) 537-1670. Applications can be filled out online, mailed, or emailed to the addresses on the form. If you wish to have a form emailed or mailed to you, please contact FAC.

About Fishers Arts Council

Fishers Arts Council is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit arts organization whose mission is to support, advocate, and cultivate visual and performing arts opportunities that educate and/or enhance the lives of those who live, work, and visit Fishers. Visit the gallery space inside Fishers Municipal Center at 1 Municipal Drive. FAC also maintains the Build BW Gallery at 11 Municipal Drive and the Ball State Gallery-Fishers at 8626 E. 116th St., Suite 300. For more information, visit **FishersArtsCouncil.org** or call or text (317) 537-1670.

Noblesville Boom falls to Iowa at home

The REPORTER

The Noblesville Boom (1-3) fell to the Iowa Wolves (1-3), 126-121, Wednesday night, Nov. 11, at Riverview Health Arena at Innovation Mile in Noblesville.

Pacers two-way forward Kobe Brown paced the Boom with a game-high 28 points on 10-of-20 shooting from the field, including four three-pointers, along with six rebounds, six assists and two blocks. Wade Taylor IV followed with 20 points, six rebounds and six assists. Cameron Hildreth and M.J. Iraldi added 17 points apiece, while Keba Keita notched his first double-double of the season.

Iowa was led by Nate Santos, who finished with 26 points on 9-of-14 shooting, while Enrique Freeman added 23 points, four rebounds and three assists. Rocco Zikarsky and Jules Bernard each contributed 20 points, with Zikarsky also recording a game-high five blocks.

Noblesville established the early advantage behind an efficient opening quarter. The Boom shot 52 percent from the field and scored 18 points in the paint, using a balanced attack to take a 32-24 lead after one while Taylor led the way with seven points in the period.

The Wolves pulled within one midway through the second quarter before the Boom answered with a three-pointer from Taylor to take a 46-43 lead. Noblesville later stretched the advantage to nine as Hildreth scored nine points in the quarter, helping the Boom carry a 67-58 lead into halftime. Hildreth, Taylor, Brown, and Iraldi each had 13 points at the break.

The game shifted in the third quarter as Iowa erased Noblesville's nine-point halftime advantage. The Wolves shot 60 percent from the field and outscored the Boom 37-21 in the period. Iowa took its first lead of the half at 70-69 and eventually stretched the margin to 12 before a late Brown 3-pointer helped the Boom trim the deficit to 95-88 entering the fourth quarter.

Noblesville responded in the fourth, shooting 57.1 percent from the field (12-of-21) and outscoring Iowa, 33-29, in the frame. The Boom erased a seven-point deficit and took a 103-102 lead with 7:06 remaining. Brown later gave Noblesville a 105-104 advantage before RJ Felton and Kowacie Reeves Jr. scored on consecutive possessions to push the lead to a quarter-high three, 109-106, with less than five minutes remaining.

Iowa answered down the stretch, eventually building a 123-113 advantage with 58.8 seconds remaining. Noblesville made one final push, cutting the deficit to 123-121 with 10.8 seconds remaining, until Iowa added a late free throw to hold off the Boom for the 124-121 victory.

The Boom hit the road for a two-game series against the Motor City Cruise, beginning tonight, Nov. 13, at Wayne State Fieldhouse. Coverage will be available on **NBA.com** and the NBA App, with tipoff set for 6:30 p.m.

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Longtime CCHA Law attorney Mike Antrim receives IU McKinney Distinguished Alumni Award

Submitted

Church Church Hittle and Antrim (CCHA Law) attorney J. Michael "Mike" Antrim has received the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law Distinguished Alumni Award, which honors graduates whose achievements and service bring distinction to the law school and the legal profession. He was recognized at the law school's awards celebration held on Nov. 1 at the Eiteljorg Museum in Indianapolis.

Antrim joined CCHA Law in 1975 and became a partner in 1977. Over five decades, he represented individuals and families in personal injury and complex civil litigation and became one of Indiana's leading traumatic brain injury attorneys, writing and speaking widely on the subject. He holds Martindale-Hubbell's AV Preeminent rating and was named an Indiana Super Lawyer from 2004 to 2021.

"Mike has consistently demonstrated that lawyers can be both zealous advocates and respectful professionals," said retired Indiana Supreme Court Justice Steven H. David, Of Counsel at CCHA Law and the 2024 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient.

Antrim is also known as a mentor. He championed CCHA Law's Sports Law Practice Group when it was only an idea and mentored its co-founder and leader, Kelleigh Fagan. The practice now has more than 10 professionals and ranks among the nation's premier sports law practices.

"His willingness to invest in both people and ideas proved transformative," said Julie Roe Lach, Executive Vice President of External Relations and Community Engagement for Pacers Sports & Entertainment.

A member of the IU McKinney Board of Visitors, Antrim helped develop the law school's Sports Law Clinic and leads CCHA Law's annual alumni giving campaign, which consistently reaches 100 percent participation. He is a past president of the Hamilton County Bar Association and the Indianapolis Law Club and past chairman of the Brain Injury Association of Indiana.



Photo provided

Longtime CCHA attorney Mike Antrim (center) has received the IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law Distinguished Alumni Award, presented Nov. 1 at the Eiteljorg Museum.

"I was surprised and humbled to receive such an extraordinary award," Antrim said. "It was a real honor and pleasure to share this with my family and my CCHA colleagues, many of whom took the time to attend the awards ceremony with me. It has been a privilege to practice law in this great community with this wonderful group of people, and I will be forever grateful to and appreciative of IU McKinney School of Law for making such an opportunity possible."

Antrim earned his bachelor's degree from the IU Kelley School of Business and his J.D., cum laude, from IU School of Law, Indianapolis, where he was an editor of the *Indiana Law Review*.

You can't fight pharmacy deserts by putting pharmacies at risk

GUEST COLUMNIST



JIM MERRITT

Indiana has a pharmacy access problem. The last thing it needs is to revive a proposal that could put existing pharmacies at risk.

Lawmakers **considered** pharmacy-ownership restrictions in 2025 but removed them before passing a broader pharmacy benefit manager reform law. Before returning to that approach, they should confront a problem. Some communities depend on the pharmacies an ownership ban would affect.

An Indiana Capital Chronicle **article** captured the contradiction. Darren Covington, executive vice president of the Indiana Pharmacy Association, called Arkansas's ownership ban the "North Star" of reform. But the article also reported his acknowledgment that many areas of Indiana are served only by CVS.

That is the central issue.

If a community already depends on one pharmacy, putting its future in question raises an obvious question. Where are patients supposed to go?

The goal should be access, not an ownership purity test.

Indiana has no margin for error

Indiana's licensed-pharmacy count **fell further** from November 2024 to July 2025. Even more concerning, a 2021 study cited in the article found that 60 percent of Indianapolis neighborhoods qualified as urban pharmacy deserts.

In central Indiana and across rural communities, Hoosiers are already feeling the effects of pharmacy closures. Some former pharmacies become other stores. Others sit vacant. Either way, patients lose a place to fill prescriptions. Indiana needs to stem these closures. Longer trips make health care harder to reach and add costs for families already feeling squeezed.

For patients with complex medical needs who lack resources, technology, or family support, finding another pharmacy is not necessarily a matter of driving a few extra minutes.

Yet the ownership-ban debate treats existing pharmacies as interchangeable pieces on a corporate chessboard.

Patients do not fill prescriptions at an organizational chart. They need a counter they can reach, a prescription they can obtain and service they can depend on.

The sign above the door does not change those needs.

Tennessee's warning is in writing

Before Indiana revisits an ownership ban, lawmakers should read Tennessee's fiscal analysis.

Tennessee **enacted** its FAIR Rx Act this year, with ownership restrictions scheduled to begin July 1, 2028. Reviewing an earlier version, the General Assembly's Fiscal Review Committee acknowledged that "some pharmacy closures or operational disruptions may occur."

Then came **the warning** Indiana should take personally.

"Any pharmacy closures that occur are likely to have the largest economic impact in rural areas of the state where fewer pharmacy providers operate."

That is the assessment of the state's legislative fiscal staff.

TennCare officials separately **warned** about consequences for treatment access and program finances.

The uncertainty is the point. "Someone else can buy it" is not a patient-access guarantee. Who is the buyer? Will the location stay open? What happens if no buyer materializes?

Lawmakers should answer those questions before voting, while patients still have a place to go.

Arkansas is a cautionary tale, not a blueprint

The Arkansas law **praised** as the "North Star" of reform in the Capital Chronicle article offers another reason for caution.

Arkansas **enacted** Act 624 in 2025 to prohibit PBMs from owning or operating pharmacies. Before its scheduled January 2026 implementation, a federal judge **blocked** enforcement, finding that the law likely violated the Constitution's Commerce Clause and was likely preempted by TRICARE, the federal health program serving military personnel, retirees and their families.

The potential disruption was substantial. CVS warned that the law would **force** its 23 Arkansas stores to close, illustrating the existing access lawmakers were putting at risk.

Indiana should not confuse an ambitious restriction with a proven solution. Arkansas's law encountered serious legal obstacles before taking effect. Banning an ownership structure does not magically put another pharmacy within reach.

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I'd like to buy a vowel. Is there an O?

American Red Cross: type O blood donors especially needed

The REPORTER

The American Red Cross asks donors to go for a spin and help save lives by giving blood in November.

The last two months of the year can be a challenge for many donors trying to juggle regular donation appointments with packed schedules full of seasonal activities and holiday planning. Donors of all blood types – especially those with type O blood – are urged to make an appointment to donate now.

The Red Cross and *Wheel of Fortune* are teaming up to give back to donors this Thanksgiving. Those who come to give blood between Nov. 23 and Dec. 6 will receive an exclusive Red Cross x Wheel of Fortune oversized mug, while supplies last. Additionally, all who come to give during that same period will automatically be entered for a chance to win a three-night trip for two to Los Angeles with entry to a Wheel of Fortune taping. Full details can be found at **RedCrossBlood.org/WheelofFortune**.

Every spin counts. Every drop matters. Reserve your spot to give blood or platelets by visiting **RedCrossBlood.org**, downloading the Red Cross Blood Donor App, or calling 1-800-RED CROSS.

The Red Cross urges donors not to wait to make a lifesaving difference. Share your good health this holiday season by donating blood for patients in need. In November during National Diabetes Awareness Month, successful donations will get free A1C testing (one result per calendar year; do not fast before donating). For details, visit **RedCrossBlood.org/Maze**.

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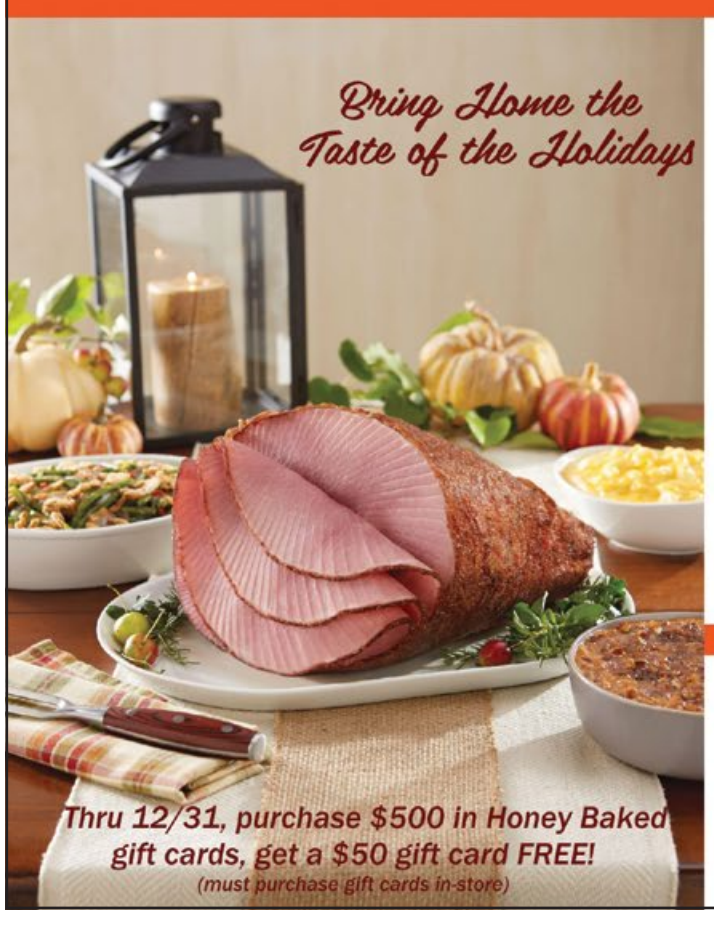
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Scoop up the holidays

Graeter's Peppermint Stick & Crème Brûlée are back, festive flavors rolling out all month

The REPORTER

Graeter's Ice Cream has officially kicked off the holiday season with the return of Peppermint Stick, available now online and in all scoop shops.

Cool, bright, and refreshing, this pure peppermint ice cream with crisp peppermint candies is a festive flavor that truly welcomes the holiday season. Handcrafted the Graeter's way using the signature French Pot® process, just 2.5 gallons at a time, it's a seasonal favorite for holiday gatherings, cozy nights in, and sharing with loved ones.

Enjoy this festive peppermint flavor by the scoop, blended into a creamy Peppermint Milkshake, or served atop chocolate cake in the indulgent Noel Sundae.

The Christmas cheer is just getting started. Following the return of Peppermint Stick, Graeter's is rolling out three additional limited-time holiday flavors in scoop shops throughout November.



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• **Available now:** Crème Brûlée – Velvety vanilla custard with a caramelized sugar crunch, capturing the warmth and indulgence of the season's sweetest celebrations.

• **Nov. 16:** Cozy Hot Cocoa – Rich chocolate swirled with gooey marshmallow for the comforting taste of fireside cocoa in every creamy spoonful.

• **Nov. 23:** Spirited Eggnog – Spiced eggnog infused with notes of rum, bourbon, and brandy, finished with a touch of nutmeg for a warm, spirited scoop.

While local guests can look forward to each flavor's in-store debut, all four flavors are already available for nationwide shipping at **Graeters.com** through a Create Your Own Pack or the 'Season's Graetest' Holiday Bundle Pack. The bundle includes two pints of Peppermint Stick plus one pint each of Cozy Hot Cocoa, Crème Brûlée, Spirited Eggnog, and Black Raspberry Chip, making it the perfect way to send a sweet taste of the holidays to loved ones anywhere in the country.

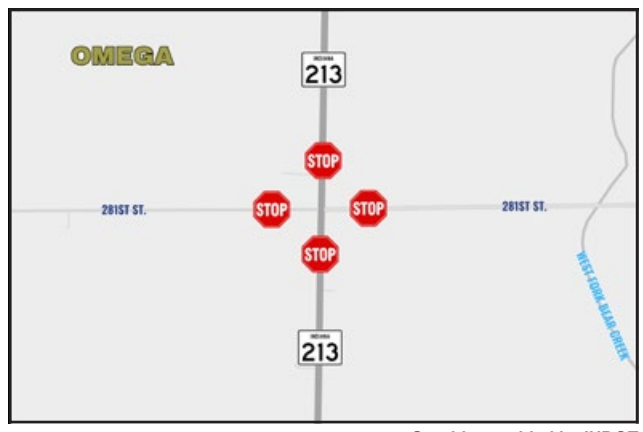
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Four-way stop coming to Omega

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The Indiana Department of Transportation has announced that the intersection of State Road 213 and 281st Street in Omega will be converted to an all-way stop on or after Friday, Nov. 20.

The all-way stop will replace the existing two-way stop due to a history of severe right-angle crashes at the intersection. All-way stops are a proven and effective tool in reducing right-angle crashes at lower traffic volume intersections. Flashing LED stop signs will be installed on SR 213, along with stop ahead signs and portable message boards marking the new traffic pattern.



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Ryan Fireprotection families step inside Fright Academy at The Children's Museum

Submitted

Ryan Fireprotection brought 200 employees and family members together on Oct. 3 for a Fall Family event at Fright Academy, The Children's Museum Guild's annual Haunted House at The Children's Museum of Indianapolis.

Team members from the Noblesville and Indianapolis offices and their families took part, choosing between Friendly Hours and Frightening Hours.

Fright Academy is the Guild's 62nd annual Haunted House and the museum's largest annual fundraiser. The Guild is an all-volunteer organization of women, and its members design, build, and run the house themselves. Since the first Haunted House in 1964, it has welcomed more than 3.3 million visitors, and the Guild has donated more than $17 million to the museum.

The tradition is personal for the Ryan family. Chrissy Ryan, wife of CEO Dan Ryan, and Christen Ryan, wife of President Kevin Ryan, each gave six years to the Guild as volunteers.

Chrissy served from 2001 to 2007 and put her energy into fundraising. Every dollar the Guild raises supports the museum, including new exhibits, and she was proud to help make that possible. The Guild also became a big part of her social life, and she made some of her closest friends there. She welcomed all of her children during her six years of service, and she remembers the experience as a great one for her family and for the community.

Christen served from 2012 to 2018. She served as look chair, leading the creative side of the Haunted House, and she loved the work so much that she rejoined the committee afterward. Community outreach was one of her favorite parts, from bringing hands-on activities connected to museum exhibits into local classrooms to welcoming neighbors for a community night at the Haunted House. What she treasured most was the family connection her kids got to experience.

"Watching our team and their kids go through Fright Academy together was a great reminder of why we invest in family at Ryan

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Risk

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Before following Arkansas or Tennessee, Indiana should demand a credible plan to keep patients connected to their prescriptions.

Target practices, not prescription counters

Concerns about reimbursement, transparency, and spread pricing deserve scrutiny. But identifying a problem does not make every proposed remedy sensible.

Before reviving an ownership ban, lawmakers should identify affected locations, map realistic alternatives, and explain how patients would maintain uninterrupted access.

Indiana has communities dependent on chain pharmacies. Tennessee's analysts acknowledge that ownership restrictions could lead to closures. Anyone proposing that disruption should explain how it would improve access.

Patients should not have to wait for a corporate restructuring to learn whether they still have somewhere to fill a prescription.

You cannot fight a pharmacy desert by gambling with the pharmacy that is left.

Jim Merritt is a former State Senator who served Hoosiers in the General Assembly for more than three decades.

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The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater football team raises the Miner's Axe rivalry trophy following its 24-21 victory at UW-Platteville on Nov. 7.

Westfield's own Preston Pekala part of UW–Whitewater football conference championship team

The REPORTER

Preston Pekala, a Westfield native majoring in Management, is a member of the University of Wisconsin–Whitewater football team, which earned the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship and an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Playoffs with a 24-21 victory at UW–Platteville on Nov. 7.

The Warhawks, who clinched at least a share of the title with the win, have now tallied a league-record 40 conference championships. They are ranked No. 1 in the NCAA's NPI National Ranking and second in both the **D3football.com** Top 25 and the American Football Coaches Association Division III Coaches Poll.

UW–Whitewater (9-0 overall, 6-0 WIAC) wraps up the regular season this Saturday, Nov. 14, at UW–Eau Claire before starting the postseason Nov. 21.

Centier Bank named 'No. 1 Bank To Work For' in Indiana

Submitted

Centier Bank, Indiana's largest private, family-owned and operated bank, has been ranked No. 1 Best Bank to Work For in Indiana by American Banker, a distinction held by Centier for the past nine years. **American Banker's 2026 Best Banks to Work For** list, released on Nov. 10, also ranked Centier No. 6 out of the top 100 banks in the nation.

"Centier has built our bank and our culture on putting people first and doing what's right," Centier Bank President Chris Campbell said. "This incredible American Banker Best Banks to Work For ranking and recognition means a lot to Centier, especially this year, as it reinforces that the relationships that we continue to foster and nurture, both internally and externally, really are everything to us."

American Banker, a nationally renowned industry publication, again partnered with Best Companies Group to identify banks that excel at creating positive and supportive workplaces for employees. This year 100 banks earned a spot in the ranking of American Banker's 14th annual Best Banks to Work For list, based on an anonymous employee survey and a thorough review of the benefits and perks offered. The survey and awards program are designed to identify and honor banks with the best cultures for helping employees thrive.

"Centier has a long heritage of caring for our associates, because we know that they are the heart of our culture and organization," Centier Bank Chief People Officer Chrisanne Christ said. "We are very lucky to employ the best and brightest associates in the industry, but even more important, they are some of the kindest and most caring individuals. Doing what we can to support and invest in them is the undercurrent for everything we do."

Determining the Best Banks to Work For involved a two-step process. The first consisted of evaluating each participating bank's workplace policies, practices, and demographics. This part of the process was worth approximately 25 percent of the total evaluation. The second consisted of employee surveys aimed at assessing the experiences and attitudes of individual employees with respect to their workplace, which is worth the remaining 75 percent of the evaluation. The combined scores determined the final ranking.

"The banks recognized as Best Banks to Work For are institutions employees want to join and stay," American Banker Editor-in-Chef Chana Schoenberger said. "They understand how to give workers reasons to find purpose in their jobs."

To be considered for participation, banks had to have at least 50 employees working in the U.S. and been in business for a minimum of one year. Best Companies Group managed the registration and survey process and also analyzed the data to determine the final ranking.

For more information about Centier Bank, go to **centier.com**.

To learn more about the Best Banks to Work For program, visit **BestBanks toWorkfor.com**.

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Fireprotection," Dan Ryan said. "Chrissy spent six years helping raise money for this museum, and we are proud to be part of that tradition now alongside our Ryan families."

"Our kids could not wait until they were old enough to volunteer," Kevin Ryan said. "Christen loved the creative side of the Haunted House and the chance to bring the museum out into the community. Sharing this tradition with the Ryan family was special for all of us."

To learn more about The Children's Museum Guild, visit **childrensmuseum.org**.

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Former officials of Indiana online charter schools to be sentenced following massive fraud scheme

Submitted by U.S. Attorney's Office

Following an eight-day trial, a federal jury has found Phillip Holden, 65, Middletown, Ind., guilty of 17 counts of Wire Fraud and one count of Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud for his role in a scheme that fraudulently obtained more than $60 million in state education funding through two Indiana online charter schools.

Holden faces up to 20 years in federal prison per count and is scheduled to be sentenced on Feb. 25, 2027.

Thomas Stoughton, 77, Carmel, founder of Indiana Virtual School and Indiana Virtual Pathways Academy, was also scheduled to stand trial but pleaded guilty the day before trial began to 58 counts of Money Laundering, 17 counts of Wire Fraud, and one count of Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud. Stoughton faces up to 20 years in federal prison per fraud count, and 10 years in prison per money laundering count. He is scheduled to be sentenced on March 11, 2027.

The trial included testimony from 40 witnesses and more than 350 exhibits.

According to court documents and evidence presented at trial, Holden served as Director of Operations for Indiana Virtual School (IVS) and Indiana Virtual Pathways Academy (IVPA). From at least 2016 to 2018, Holden participated in a scheme with Stoughton, former Superintendent Percy Clark, former Manager of School Operations Christopher King, and former Manager of Student Service Representatives, Kyle Schroeder, to fraudulently inflate student enrollment figures reported to the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE).

Like other public and charter schools in Indiana, IVS and IVPA received state funding based on student enrollment. The more students reported as enrolled and attending, the more funding the schools received. To increase funding, the defendants knowingly submitted false enrollment numbers claiming more than 6,000 students were enrolled between the summers of 2016 and 2018.

As a result of these fraudulent submissions, the Indiana Department of Education overpaid an excess of $60 million to IVS and IVPA.

Evidence at trial showed that the defendants directed employees to stop verifying student interest before enrollment or reenrollment, allowing inactive and ineligible individuals to be counted as students. Employees were instructed to use incomplete applications to enroll students in advance of the 2017 and September 2018 Count Days. Many of these individuals never attended classes at either school. Some had already graduated, joined the military, transferred to other schools, or were deceased.

Shortly before the September 2018 Count Day, the defendants directed an information technology contractor to identify former students who had been unenrolled due to inactivity but were not listed in the Indiana Department of Education's database as attending another school. After receiving a list of approximately 600 such individuals, the defendants instructed employees to re-enroll many of them so they could be included in official enrollment counts.

After IVPA was established in 2017, the defendants also transferred hundreds of chronically inactive students from IVS to IVPA. This allowed them to continue claiming funding for those students while shielding IVS from accountability measures tied to student participation and performance.

The evidence further showed that Holden, at the direction of Stoughton, retaliated against an employee who attempted to report the fraudulent conduct to the Indiana Department of Education in 2017. Holden threatened and ultimately terminated the employee after learning of the disclosure.

The investigation also revealed that IVS and IVPA paid substantial amounts of state funding to for-profit companies controlled or operated by Stoughton. After being funneled through those entities, millions of dollars were distributed to Stoughton, members of his family, and the other defendants involved in the scheme.

Former Superintendent Percy Clark, 84, Carmel, previously pleaded guilty to one count of Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud. Former Manager of School Operations Christopher King, 64, Greens Fork, Ind., pleaded guilty to Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud in 2023 and is scheduled to be sentenced on Feb. 10, 2027. Former Manager of Student Service Representatives Kyle Schroeder, 52, Fishers, pleaded guilty to Misprision of a Felony and is scheduled to be sentenced on Feb. 11, 2027.

"For years, the defendants treated taxpayer-funded education dollars as a personal revenue stream, siphoning millions of dollars away from their intended purpose," said Tom Wheeler, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana. "Every dollar obtained through this fraud scheme was money meant to educate and support Indiana students. This conviction demonstrates our commitment to protecting public resources and aggressively pursuing those who abuse positions of trust to enrich themselves with taxpayer dollars."

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Indiana Hospital Association announces 2027 legislative priorities

Submitted

The Indiana Hospital Association (IHA) today announced its 2027 legislative agenda focused on protecting patient access to care, growing the state's healthcare workforce, increasing transparency for patients, and reducing administrative barriers that add unnecessary costs and complexity to the healthcare system.

"It's our job and the mission of every Indiana hospital to see that Hoosiers have access to high-quality, affordable care when and where they need it," IHA President Scott B. Tittle said. "We look forward to collaborating with state leaders to fulfill that mission for the patients and communities our members serve."

IHA's priorities for the 2027 legislative session include:

Protect patient access to care

Protecting access to care starts with ensuring hospitals have the resources they need to serve their communities. IHA will advocate for policies that keep Hospital Assessment Fees (HAF) paid by Indiana hospitals dedicated to supporting care for Healthy Indiana Plan members and Medicaid reimbursement for hospitals, while preserving any remaining funds to help offset future Medicaid cuts under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA).

"Mitigating the impacts of these cuts will be imperative to protecting long-term access, especially for rural communities," Tittle said.

The association will also seek a statewide review of underpayments from private insurance companies that administer the state's Medicaid program to reduce unnecessary barriers to care for Hoosier patients and strive to ensure such underpayments and unnecessary appeals are avoided in the future.

"Hospitals deserve to be paid for the care they provide," Tittle said. "When insurers fail to reimburse hospitals for services delivered to patients, it puts unnecessary financial strain on the very healthcare providers Hoosiers depend on."

Patients who are eligible for Medicaid shouldn't lose access to care because of procedural or administrative barriers. IHA will advocate for eligible patients who do not have coverage at the time of service or were otherwise disenrolled from Medicaid for administrative reasons to have qualifying care covered retroactively. Since January 2025, more than half a million Hoosiers on Medicaid have **lost coverage**.



Tittle

At the same time, Indiana hospitals are absorbing more of the cost of caring for uninsured patients, with uncompensated care rising 30 percent just in the last year.

"IHA appreciates FSSA's recent administrative action to provide 30-day retroactive coverage for Healthy Indiana Plan members, but it will be important to codify such a framework for the future," Tittle said.

Protecting the 340B Drug Pricing Program is also essential to helping eligible hospitals stretch their limited resources to support ongoing patient and community care, the association said.

"340B was intended to be the pharmaceutical industry's contribution to keep healthcare prices down," Tittle said. "These discounts represent **just 3 percent** of pharmaceutical companies' global revenues – yet they provide critical resources for patients and Indiana healthcare providers that struggle with sustainable operations as a result of government underfunding."

Grow the healthcare workforce

Indiana needs more healthcare professionals to meet the growing needs of Hoosier communities.

According to the **Indiana Graduate Medical Education (GME) Board,** Indiana will need another 817 primary care physicians by 2030. GME programs help build Indiana's physician pipeline as nearly 70 percent of doctors decide to practice medicine near where they complete their training.

IHA supports increasing state funding for programs that provide clinical training for medical school graduates.

"Building on the state's existing investments in medical education will help keep more physicians in the state and expand healthcare access in the communities where they receive their training, while reducing patient wait times and providing more options for care," Tittle said.

Increase transparency from insurers

Indiana patients deserve more transparency from their health insurance companies about what they can expect to pay for care.

IHA will advocate for corporate health insurance companies to provide in-network rates directly to patients, including patient deductibles, copays, and coinsurance amounts.

Insurers should also report how many prior authorization requests and patient claims are initially denied and then ultimately approved, providing greater visibility into critical decisions that can delay and affect the care patients rely on.

Reduce administrative barriers to care

IHA supports reducing red tape that adds unnecessary costs and regulatory complexity to Indiana's healthcare system without improving care.

"Administrative processes shouldn't make healthcare more expensive or stand between patients and the care they need," Tittle said.

That includes streamlining credentialing processes that delay newly hired physicians from caring for patients and eliminating duplicative hospital reporting requirements that take time and resources away from hospitals' patient care missions.

Click here to read IHA's full 2027 Legislative Agenda.









Meeting Notices

The Hamilton Heights School Corporation Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2026, in the Board Room at the Hamilton Heights Student Activity Center, 420 W. North St., Arcadia.

TriCo Regional Sewer Utility will hold a Personnel and Benefits Committee meeting at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2026, at 7236 Mayflower Park Drive, Zionsville.

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****.*

— NOBLESVILLE —

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT NOTIFICATION OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

Featherston Property, 14740 River Avenue Noblesville, IN 46062) is submitting a Notice of Intent to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management of our intent to comply with the requirements of 327 IAC 15-5 to discharge storm water from construction activities associated with the Noblesville, IN Featherston Property project. Project is located at 14740 River Avenue, Noblesville, Hamilton County, Indiana. Run-off from the project site will discharge into White River. Questions or comments regarding this project should be directed to Chris Beaver of Beaver Materials.at 16105 River Road, Noblesville, IN 46060.

R8970 *11/13/26, 11/16/26*

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT NOTIFICATION OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

Featherston Gravel Extraction 146th Street and River Road, Noblesville, IN 46060) is submitting a Notice of Intent to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management of our intent to comply with the requirements of 327 IAC 15-5 to discharge storm water from construction activities associated with the Noblesville, IN Featherston Gravel Extraction project. Project is located at 11570 River Road, Noblesville, Hamilton County, Indiana. Run-off from the project site will discharge into White River. Questions or comments regarding this project should be directed to Chris Beaver of Beaver Materials.at 16105 River Road, Noblesville, IN 46060.

R8971 *11/13/26, 11/16/26*

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT NOTIFICATION OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

Beaver-Old Castle Addition, 8030 E. 160th Street, Noblesville, IN 46062) is submitting a Notice of Intent to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management of our intent to comply with the requirements of 327 IAC 15-5 to discharge storm water from construction activities associated with the Noblesville, IN Beaver-Old Castle Addition project. Project is located at 8030 E. 160th Street, Noblesville, Hamilton County, Indiana. Run-off from the project site will discharge into White River. Questions or comments regarding this project should be directed to Rob Shank of Beaver Materials.at 16105 River Road, Noblesville, IN 46060.

R8972 *11/13/26, 11/16/26*

— CICERO —

NOTICE

On November 17, 2026, the Cicero Town Council will hold an Executive Session at 6:00 PM at Cicero Town Hall, 70 N Byron Street, Cicero, IN. The Executive Session is being held to discuss the following: A real property transaction including: (i) a purchase; (ii) a lease as lessor; (iii) a lease as lessee; (iv) a transfer; (v) an exchange; or (vi) a sale; by the governing body up to the time a contract or option is executed by the parties per Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(D). This clause does not affect a political subdivision's duty to comply with any other statute that governs the conduct of the real property transaction, including IC 36-1-10 or IC 36-1-11.

Also for discussion on November 17, 2026, per Indiana Code IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(4)(I) Interviews and negotiations with industrial or commercial prospects or agents of industrial or commercial prospects by a governing body of a political subdivision.

R8992 *11/13/26, 11/16/26*

TODAY'S BIBLE READING

Worshiping Other Gods

If a prophet, or one who foretells by dreams, appears among you and announces to you a sign or wonder, and if the sign or wonder spoken of takes place, and the prophet says, "Let us follow other gods" (gods you have not known) "and let us worship them," you must not listen to the words of that prophet or dreamer. The Lord your God is testing you to find out whether you love him with all your heart and with all your soul. It is the Lord your God you must follow, and him you must revere. Keep his commands and obey him; serve him and hold fast to him. That prophet or dreamer must be put to death for inciting rebellion against the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt and redeemed you from the land of slavery. That prophet or dreamer tried to turn you from the way the Lord your God commanded you to follow. You must purge the evil from among you.

Deuteronomy 13:1-5 (NIV)

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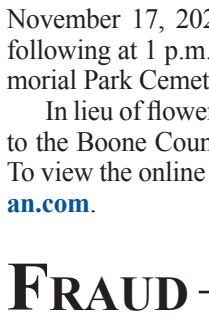
The Hamilton County Reporter does not charge families for publishing obituary notices in our pages. Every obituary appearing in online editions Wednesday through Saturday also appears in our Monday print editions. In order to continue to offer this as a community service, we ask that obituaries not exceed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

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Michael Francis Maddox

August 16, 1952 – November 4, 2026



Michael "Mike" Francis Maddox, 74, Lebanon, Ind., formerly of Westfield, passed away on November 4, 2026. He was born on August 16, 1952, in Indianapolis, to parents, the late Francis and Anna Mae (Wright) Maddox.

Mike was a graduate of North Central High School. He met his wife, Michelle, on a blind date, and the two were married on June 8, 1974. They shared 37 wonderful years of marriage before her passing.

Mike dedicated 23 years of service to the City of Westfield as the Superintendent of the Street, Water, and Sewer Departments, overseeing these important areas of the community until his retirement.

After retirement, Mike truly enjoyed being able to relax and spend his days doing whatever he wanted, whenever he wanted. He appreciated the freedom to enjoy life at his own pace and make the most of his well-earned retirement.

Mike is survived by his children, Kimberly Gettings and Kurtis (Sarah) Maddox; grandchildren, Brianna Gettings (Jake Lee), Jacob (Kenzie) Gettings, and Autumn Maddox; great-grandchildren, Lance Gettings, June Gettings, and Jean Gettings; former son-in-law, Jason (Pam) Gettings; partner, Martha Gibbs; siblings, Tim (Pat) Maddox and Teresa Beikes; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; loving wife, Michelle Maddox; and brother, Ronald Cecil.

Visitation for Mike will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday, November 16, 2026, at Flanner Buchanan – Hamilton Memorial Park (Prairie Waters), 4180 Westfield Road, Westfield, with a Masonic Ceremonial Service at 7 p.m. Additional visitation will be from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, November 17, 2026, with a funeral service immediately following at 1 p.m. Burial will take place at Hamilton Memorial Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Boone County Humane Society in Mike's memory. To view the online guestbook, please visit **flannerbuchanan.com**.

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation – Indianapolis Division, Indiana State Board of Accounts, Indiana Office of Inspector General and the Indiana State Police investigated this case. U.S. District Judge Richard L. Young presided over the trial.

U.S. Attorney Wheeler thanked Assistant U.S. Attorneys Bradley P. Shepard, Kate Olivier, Samantha Spiro, Sarah Plew, and Kelly Rota, as well as the trial team of paralegals, a victim-witness coordinator, and IT specialists, for their outstanding work on this case.



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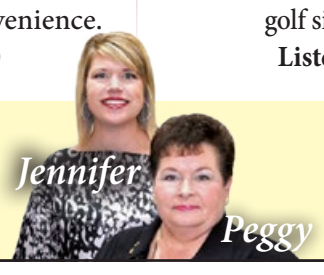
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