

■ TODAY’S VERSE

Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

■ ADOPT A PET WINSTON



Winston is a happy-go-lucky pup who desperately needs a new friend. This 2-year-old male Pit Bull Terrier has been available for adoption at the Humane Society for Hamilton County (HSHC) since 5/10/24, and he is more than ready to find his forever home. Winston is always full of smiles as a playful and charming companion, and he is looking for someone to whisk him away for a lifetime of love and adventure. Come meet this loyal friend at HSHC anytime Monday-Tuesday or Thursday-Sunday from 12-5 PM. To meet Winston, please fill out an adoption application at [hamiltonhumane.com/adopt](http://hamiltonhumane.com/adopt).

Near as I can tell, those Kings Hawaiian rolls are about the closest thing to eating grandma’s noodle dough I’ve run across in the last 60 or so years!



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■ BOOMER BITS

## How Do I Apply for Social Security?

**Dear Rusty:** I just turned 65 years old in February 2025. I need to sign up for Social Security but don’t even know where to start. Signed: Seeking Assistance  
Dear Seeking: It is fairly easy to sign up for your Social Security benefits, by either calling the Social Security Admin-



ASK RUSTY  
Social Security Adviser

istration at 1.800.772.1213 or your local SS office, to make a telephone appointment to apply, or by completing your application for Social Security benefits online at [www.ssa.gov/apply](http://www.ssa.gov/apply). However, to apply for benefits online you will need to first create your personal “my Social Security” account at [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount). Once you have your personal account set up, you can apply directly from that account and also see an estimate of your SS benefits at different ages.

You may already be aware that age 65 is not your Social Security full retirement age, or “FRA.” Your FRA is when you get 100% of the benefit

you’ve earned from a lifetime of working. By taking benefits at age 65, your monthly amount will be reduced (to about 87% of your FRA amount; a permanent reduction). Born in 1960, your FRA is age 67, which means you will be taking your SS benefit about two years early and

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## Make Summer Safe, Fun

More than 350,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occur in the United States each year, and 90% of people who have a cardiac arrest will not survive. The American Heart Association, devoted to changing the future to a world of healthier lives for all, is calling on parents and families to make this summer as safe as it is fun.

According to the American

Heart Association, more than 23,000 children experience cardiac arrest each year, with nearly 40 percent related to sports and nearly 20 percent occurring in infants. If performed immediately, CPR can double or even triple a person’s chance of survival, yet less than half of people actually receive the help they need from a bystander. With

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## Tips to Help You Stay Healthy on Summer Travel

By Dr. Amit Arwindekar  
Medical Director at UnitedHealthcare Global

As the weather gets warmer and the school year ends, many Indiana residents may be planning a vacation. While some prefer a staycation, 86 percent of Americans plan to travel out of state and 50 percent plan to travel internationally.

Everyone hopes their trip will go smoothly, but more than 1 in 4 Americans report getting sick or hurt on a vacation and 56 percent needed medical treatment as a result. To help you prioritize a healthy and safe trip, consider these tips:

Check-in with your primary

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■ HAMILTON HAPPENINGS

Today’s the day! Because today and tomorrow, the Noblesville Lions Club will be Grillin’ on the Square Under the Big Tent! Today, between 11 a.m. and 8 p.m., you can get lunch or dinner. The price is only \$15 in advance (\$17 at the door) and only



\$8 if you want to go with the hot dog! On Saturday morning, from 7 to 11, it’s the popular Pancake Breakfast! That’s only \$10 for adults, \$6 for kids and the little ones under 2 are free! You can get advance tickets from any member of the Nobles-

■ QUOTE OF THE DAY

“There should be a special place in hell for fathers who abandon their children.”  
— Nikki Giovanni

■ JOKE OF THE DAY

June Bugs are like College Dropouts. They sleep all day, they party at night, and after a month, you don’t see them anymore.

■ THREE THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

**1.** The U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana recently granted the ACLU of Indiana’s request for a preliminary injunction against Indiana University over its “expressive activity” policy. The Court found that the policy likely violates the First Amendment. In a lawsuit filed last year, the ACLU of Indiana argued that the policy was overly broad because it prohibited “expressive activity” between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m., even when the activity is not disruptive. Finding that the plaintiffs are likely to succeed in the lawsuit, the preliminary injunction temporarily prohibits IU from enforcing the policy while the case moves forward.

**2.** Indiana food and beverage companies served up their best products to a global audience of foodservice professionals at the National Restaurant Association Show, held recently in Chicago. “The National Restaurant Association Show provides an incredible platform for Indiana’s food businesses to shine,” said Lt. Gov. Micah Beckwith, Indiana’s Secretary of Agriculture. “Having six Hoosier companies showcase their locally crafted products to thousands of industry professionals is a testament to Indiana’s vibrant food and beverage innovation.” Six Hoosier companies showcased their locally crafted products to thousands of industry professionals looking for the next great addition to their menus and markets. They were: Culver Duck in

Middlebury, Old Major Market in Indianapolis, Tell City Pretzel Company in Jasper, Triple XXX Root Beer in West Lafayette, Tulip Tree Creamery in Indianapolis and Smoking Goose Charcuterie in Indianapolis.

**3.** Our friends at Gambling ‘N Go asked 3,056 respondents to rate their favorite parks on real-life factors like field quality, sports options, amenities, crowd size and that all-important “vibe” score. Three Hoosier green spaces were rated among the best in the U.S., Brown County State Park, Eagle Creek Park and Fort Harrison State Park. Some of the tops in the country? Central Park, New York, the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in Tennessee, Myrtle Beach State Park and, of course, Golden Gate Park in San Francisco.





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Jensen Weighs In on Injured Officers

The City of Noblesville and the Noblesville Police Department confirm that two of our officers were injured in a multi-vehicle accident when a vehicle struck their patrol vehicles last Tuesday evening. The officers are both school resource officers and had been working Noblesville High School’s graduation ceremony at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. Both sustained minor injuries and were taken to a local hospital for evaluation where they were later released. The incident occurred around 9:45 p.m. in the 3900 block of Fall Creek Parkway North Drive in Indianapolis.

“Our officers willingly put themselves in harm’s way every day to serve and protect our community,” Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen said. “Every mayor fears the phone call I received last night. However, I am relieved to hear that both officers are doing well and are on the path to recovery.”

The mayor and the city thank the first responders and medical personnel for their prompt assistance and care. The safety of officers and community members remains a top priority.

MIBOR Responds to Carmel Vote

*EDITOR’S NOTE: The following is from the Metropolitan Indianapolis Board of Realtors, an organization that serves nearly 10,000 members across 14 counties. It was founded in 1912 and strengthens the marketplace through collaboration, advocacy, professionalism, education and innovation.*

MIBOR Realtor Association is deeply disappointed by the Carmel City Council’s decision to approve a rental registry and cap ordinance, seeing it as a serious misstep with far-reaching consequences for the community. Following the flawed example recently set by the City of Fishers, MIBOR is troubled by Carmel’s decision and stands in firm opposition to its implications. This action was taken without adequate consideration, sufficient data, or analysis to understand its long-term impact and represents a troubling step backward for housing policy in central Indiana.

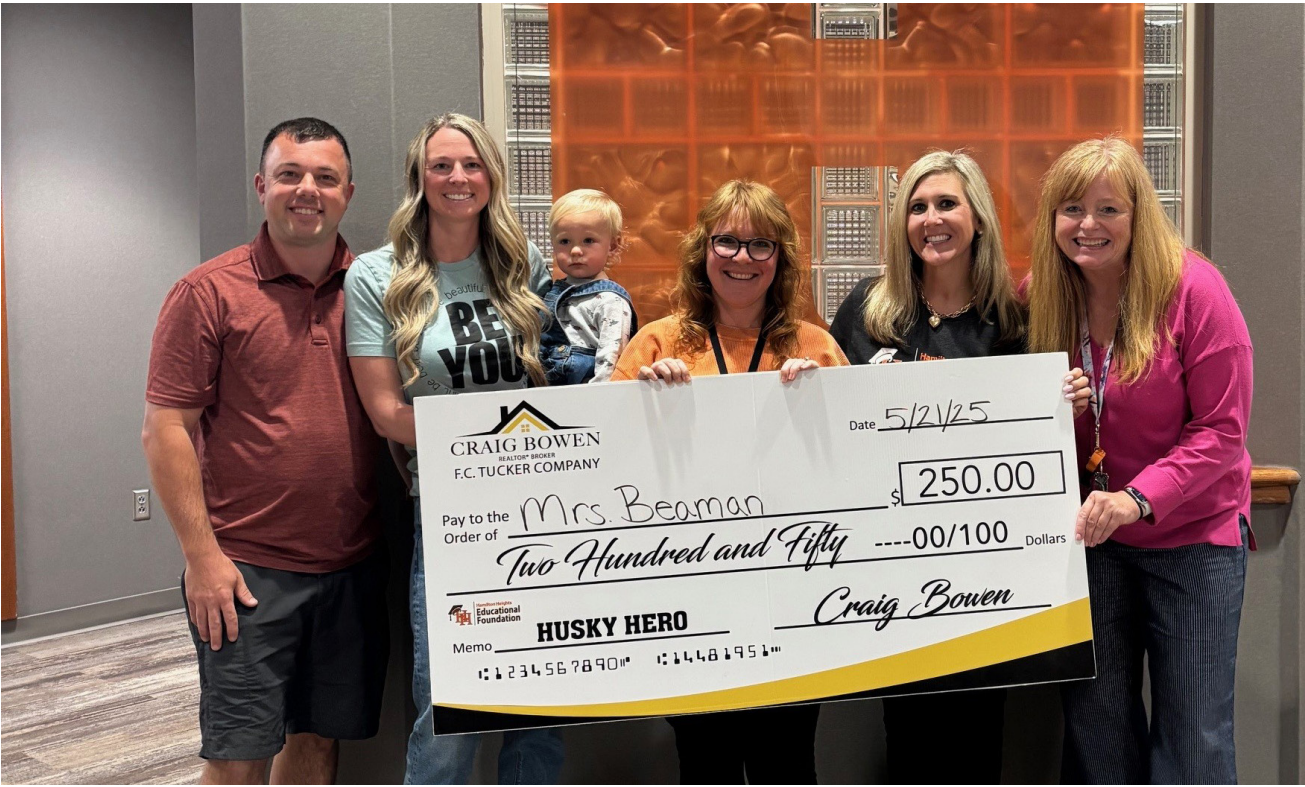
As the definitive source for local housing market data and a long-standing defender of private property rights, MIBOR has consistently provided

factual, evidence-based insight on the impacts of such policies. Decades of research clearly show that increasing housing inventory—not restricting rental opportunities—is the most effective way to address issues of housing access and attainability.

We are especially concerned that the Council chose to disregard comprehensive data and policy recommendations we presented, including clear evidence of the unintended consequences this ordinance could have on housing affordability, neighborhood stability, and community access.

In addition to the economic and social impacts, the Council has failed to fully evaluate the administrative burden this ordinance places on city staff—creating new layers of regulation and enforcement without a realistic implementation plan.

Despite this setback, MIBOR remains committed to working with the council to find balanced, data-driven solutions that expand opportunity, protect property rights, and build an inclusive, thriving housing market.



From left, Craig, Amber, and Laken Bowen (FC Tucker), Erika Beaman, Amy Prater (HHEF) and Julie Griffey (Principal, HHES). Photo courtesy Hamilton Heights Schools

Erika Beaman Named Husky Hero

Erika Beaman, a dedicated 4th-grade Instructional Assistant at Hamilton Heights Elementary School, has been named the Husky Hero for April. In just a few short years, Beaman has built meaningful connections with her students, creating a supportive and engaging learning environment. With her calm demeanor, great sense of humor, and unwavering commitment to student success, Beaman goes above and beyond to help her students thrive both academically and socially.

Here’s what some of the nominators had to say about Beaman:

“Erika goes about and beyond for her students. She never stops thinking of ways to be supportive. She is someone who will give up her lunch break to sit and listen to a student who is struggling. Erika has been known to lay on the cold, wet ground with a struggling student because they needed to be met where they were. Erika stepped up when I went into labor early and there wasn’t a maternity sub in place at that time. She never missed a beat, and the students were able to have a sense of normalcy. Erika truly makes a difference in our community. Past students and parents still look to Erika because she builds relationships and is genuinely invested in her students.”

— *Brittany Jones*

“Being selected as a Husky Hero means so much to me,” said Erika Beaman. “I’ve never won an award before, so this recognition feels incredibly special. I’m truly honored to be acknowledged for my hard work and dedication to our students. It’s a privilege to work in a place where staff are genuinely seen and appreciated.”

For Beaman, her job has brought a deep sense of purpose to her life. “I was a bit of a lost soul in school myself, but I had some incredible teachers who made me feel loved and seen,” she recalled. “I carry that with me every day and strive to leave that same lasting impact on every student I meet. One of the most meaningful parts of this work is the lasting relationships I get to build. I often see former students who rush over to give me a hug and share updates about their lives. Those moments are reminders of the connection and trust we’ve built—and that means everything to me.”

“This award will have a lasting impact,” added Beaman. “There are times when you wonder, ‘Am I really making a difference?’ This recognition quiets those doubts and reassures me that I am. I’m incredibly grateful to be seen, and to know I’m making a difference in the lives around me.”

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

Carmel Bank Helps Secure \$200K in Grants for Local Housing Nonprofits

Merchants Bank celebrates securing \$200,000 total in grants through the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis Community Multiplier – Member Match Program. The grants will support RDOOR Housing Corporation, Coburn Place, and Hamilton County Area Neighborhood Development Inc. enabling them to continue their vital work in providing affordable housing and community services for low-income individuals in the Indianapolis metro area.

The Community Multiplier – Member Match program is FHLBI’s newest program offering, designed to support targeted affordable housing initiatives that fall outside of FHLBI’s other grant programs. Community Multiplier offers grants between \$25,000 and \$125,000 for non-profit organizations headquartered in Indiana or Michigan who partner with an FHLBI member financial institution on targeted affordable housing initiatives. With a 10% matching funds commitment from the member financial institution, FHLBI has allocated \$5 million in total grant proceeds. The program opened March 27, 2025, and all funds have been exhausted.

“We are thrilled to secure funding for these local housing nonprofits and uplift their missions in creating affordable housing opportunities for individuals in need,” said Mike Dunlap, President and CEO of Merchants Bank. “These organizations hold deep significance to our team at Merchants Bank, and we are honored to continue their work as they provide meaningful solutions to those experiencing housing challenges.”

One grant recipient is RDOOR Housing Corporation, located in downtown Indianapolis, a nonprofit organization dedicated to developing and preserving affordable, multifamily housing for Hoosiers. RDOOR serves low- and moderate-income individuals, families, seniors, and other at-risk populations by providing safe, quality housing options and focuses on creating stable, vibrant, and healthy communities.

“The Community Multiplier and Member matching funds will provide critical resources to expand the reach of HomeNow Indy which is a coordinated, system-wide approach for connecting individuals and families experiencing homelessness with rental assistance and services that will help them find housing and stay housed long-term,” said Lauren Rodriguez, President and CEO of RDOOR. “With our community facing increased homelessness due to availability of affordable housing, these funds will extend our ability to serve clients and improve their housing stability.”

Hamilton County Area Neighborhood Development, Inc. (HAND) is a nonprofit organization based in Noblesville, Indiana, dedicated to expanding affordable housing options in the northern suburbs of Indianapolis. The organization develops and manages affordable rental properties, assists residents in obtaining homeownership, and advocates for housing options where everyone can thrive, owning more than 150 affordable housing units across Hamilton, Boone, and Tipton counties.

Coburn Place is a greater Indianapolis nonprofit dedicated to providing ongoing support and secure housing to survivors of domestic violence and those battling homelessness. Founded in 1996, Coburn Place directly connects community members and their children with safe housing first while also offering both parents and children healing services aimed at ending the cycle of abuse and restoring hope.

To learn more about Merchants Bank, visit [www.bankmerchants.com](http://www.bankmerchants.com) or find Merchants Bank on Facebook, LinkedIn, X, and Instagram.

PUBLIC NOTICES

**HAMILTON COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE**

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Redevelopment Commission will meet on Friday, June 13, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Courtroom located in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060.

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# Westfield Honors Retiring Superintendent Paul Kaiser

The Westfield Washington Schools community came together recently in joyful celebration to honor Dr. Paul Kaiser, who is retiring after an extraordinary 44-year career in education. The event was filled with heartfelt stories, laughter, and admiration for a leader who has left an unforgettable mark on our schools, our staff, and our state.

Dr. Kaiser joined Westfield Washington Schools in 2021, stepping out of retirement to help lead the district through a period of rapid growth and challenge. In just four years, he guided the district with calm resolve, deep wisdom, and a clear vision for the future. Under his leadership, the foundation has been solidly laid to support not only today’s 10,100 students, but also the many more to come.

His leadership style—rooted in grace, integrity, and genuine care for others—has inspired educators and community leaders alike. Whether navigating complex decisions or encouraging a new teacher, Dr. Kaiser led with both strength and heart.

At his retirement celebration, it was clear just how far his influence has reached. Among the many in attendance were Westfield Mayor Scott Willis, District 39 State Representative Danny Lopez, Beech Grove City Schools Superintendent and President of the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents Dr. Laura Hammack, former Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Tony Bennett, and educators from across Westfield and the state of Indiana. Many shared



Dr. Paul Kaiser retired after an extraordinary 44-year career in education. Photo courtesy Westfield Washington Schools

stories of how they were mentored, supported, and uplifted by Dr. Kaiser throughout their careers.

A highlight of the evening was a very special moment led by Dr. Laura Hammack, who shared the following on behalf of Governor Mike Braun:

“On behalf of the Governor of the State of Indiana, I am privileged to present Dr. Kaiser with the Distinguished Hoosier Award—one of the highest honors the Governor bestows, reserved for those who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and service to the people of our State. We offer you this commemoration paired with deep gratitude from all of us who have had the privilege to work with and learn from you.”

Adding to the evening’s honors, District 39 State Representative Danny Lopez personally presented House Resolution 27 to Dr. Kaiser, recognizing his remarkable career and enduring legacy in public education. Co-authored by District 24 Representative Hunter Smith and District 32 Representative Victoria Garcia Wilburn, the resolution underscored the deep respect and appreciation Dr. Kaiser has earned, not only within Westfield but across the state of In-

diana.

What sets Dr. Kaiser apart most is his ability to connect people, schools, and communities. His ability to bring individuals together, to inspire a shared purpose, and to lead with humility is rare and deeply appreciated.

Now, as he prepares to embrace retirement once again, Dr. Kaiser looks forward to spending time with his daughters, grandchildren, and enjoying his favorite pastime: fishing. The decision to retire in 2024 also carries personal significance: 44 years in education matches the jersey number he wore while playing basketball at Cathedral High School and Ball State University.

Dr. Paul Kaiser leaves a legacy of excellence and service that will continue to guide and inspire us for years to come. We celebrate not just his remarkable career, but the extraordinary impact he has had on so many lives.

Thank you, Dr. Kaiser, for your incredible contributions to Westfield Washington Schools. Your leadership will help us ensure that All Rocks are Life Ready. And we hope you always remember—Once a Rock, Always a Rock!

In your words and your legacy, we’ll continue to strive to “Win the Day.”

## Travel

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ry care doctor before traveling. Schedule an appointment with your doctor prior to your vacation. During your visit, inform your doctor of your travel plans to see how best to support your health while traveling, including getting any recommended or required vaccinations. Before leaving, refill any prescriptions you might need while away and pack enough to last your entire trip. Check travel health information and recent travel notices for destinations abroad so you know what to expect when you arrive.

If you haven’t had an annual wellness exam and preventive screenings recently, this may be a good time to make sure you are on top of any health concerns. Health plans usually cover preventive care, which means you may pay \$0 out of pocket for certain covered preventive services if you go to a network provider.

You may also consider options like virtual visits for non-emergency care. Virtual visits may be both cost-effective and more convenient. Talk to your health plan and doctor about virtual care options that might be available to you while traveling. Virtual care may help you quickly and

affordably access needed care with a network provider while on the road.

Pack properly and make sure you have enough essentials. Prior to leaving home, check the weather at your destination and pack accordingly. Prepare a travel health kit with essentials like hand sanitizer, over-the-counter medications, sunscreen and bug spray. Remember to pack important items like prescription medications in your carry-on luggage in the event of an emergency, or if your checked bags get lost during travel.

Take care of your health during your vacation. Physical activity may help reduce stress and promote well-being. Plan to incorporate some form of activity during your vacation, such as sight-seeing walks, bike rides or daytime hikes. To help avoid dehydration, carry a water bottle and refill it throughout the day. Also, make sure to wear and reapply sunscreen to protect your skin and use bug spray to keep yourself safe from bug bites.

Prepare for possible jet lag. Data shows that 60-70 percent of long-distance travelers may experience some form of jet lag. Preparing for time changes and getting good sleep prior to travel may help reduce symptoms of jet lag. Make sure to drink lots of water. At your destination, soak in

the sunlight as this may help reset your internal clock to help promote better sleep, which may be key to reducing jet lag and supporting your immune system.

Consider travel medical insurance and travel protection. Accidents happen. That’s why it’s important to be prepared for the unexpected. That may include making sure you have health coverage while you’re away, which may help you avoid major costs in the event of an accident or sudden illness. If you plan to travel, check with your health plan to see what coverage you may have at your destination — especially if you’re traveling internationally as many health plans may not cover medical expenses while abroad.

These tips may help you stay on top of your health so you can enjoy a worry-free vacation and return home reenergized.



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also means that – if you are still working – you will be subject to Social Security’s Annual Earnings Test (AET). The AET limits how much you can earn before some of your benefits are taken away. For 2025, the annual earnings limit is \$23,400 and, if that is exceeded, SS will take back \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you are over the limit (they take benefits back by withholding future payments long enough to recover what you owe).

So, you can apply for your Social Security benefits, as indicated above, either online or by calling SS for an appointment. Just be aware that by applying at age 65 your benefit

will be permanently reduced, and you will be subject to Social Security’s earnings limit (the earnings limit lasts until you reach your FRA, after which you can earn as much as you like without penalty).

Also, because you are 65, if you wish to enroll in Medicare, please be aware that you don’t need to take your Social Security benefits to enroll in Medicare. You can enroll in Medicare (only) by calling Social Security as explained above or enrolling in Medicare online. Here is a link which explains how to enroll in only Medicare: <https://www.ssa.gov/medicare/sign-up>.

I hope this information is helpful, and please know that the AMAC Foundation is always available to answer your questions. If it’s

easier, you can also speak directly to one of our certified Social Security Advisors by calling us during normal EST business hours at 1.888.750.2622. We cannot submit your SS application for you, but we can answer all questions you have about applying.

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## Fun

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school out for summer, children will be away from teachers and coaches who might be trained in CPR, making it crucial for parents to know this life-saving skill.

The Association offers this checklist for a heart healthy summer and beyond:

Learn CPR and join the Nation of Lifesavers™. In Indiana, families can take an online CPR course, watch a 60-second video to learn Hands-Only CPR for adults or watch this video to learn how to save an infant or child using CPR with breaths. Travelers can also get trained in Hands-Only CPR in about five minutes while they wait for their flights with an airport kiosk, located in airports across the country. For more information on how to learn CPR, visit [heart.org/nation](http://heart.org/nation).

Pick one healthy habit for you and your family to work on. Staying on track with your family’s health goals during summer can be a challenge. Set manageable goals and choose one aspect of physical or mental health to focus on. The American Heart Association’s Life’s Essential 8™ are key measures for improving and maintaining cardiovascular health throughout your life: embrace healthy eating, move

### The American Heart Association

The American Heart Association is a relentless force for a world of longer, healthier lives. Dedicated to ensuring equitable health in all communities, the organization has been a leading source of health information for more than one hundred years. Supported by more than 35 million volunteers globally, we fund groundbreaking research, advocate for the public’s health, and provide critical resources to save and improve lives affected by cardiovascular disease and stroke. By driving breakthroughs and implementing proven solutions in science, policy, and care, we work tirelessly to advance health and transform lives every day. Connect with us on [heart.org](http://heart.org), Facebook, X or by calling 1-800-AHA-USA1.

your body, quit tobacco, sleep well, maintain a healthy weight, control cholesterol, keep blood sugar in check and know the blood pressure basics. There’s even a Life’s Essential 8 for kids.

Plan ahead. Schedule doctor’s appointments and refill prescriptions to make sure you have enough medication to get home safely if you’re traveling. Check if your summer destination has an emergency plan or cardiac emergency response plan (CERP) in place. A CERP establishes specific steps to reduce death from cardiac arrest in any setting – be it a school, community organization, workplace or sports facility.

Join a local Heart Walk. Every walker who joins and every dollar donated means more people trained in lifesaving CPR, more lifesaving research funded and longer, healthier

lives for everyone. In Indiana, Heart Walks will take place in Indianapolis (Sept. 20) and in Lake County (Sept. 27).

“Summer is a time for fun and relaxation. It’s also a great opportunity to make sure you’re prepared in an emergency,” said Haley Rudolph, executive director in Indianapolis. “We each have to do our part to model health for our families and communities, whether that means organizing a CPR training at work, scheduling check-ups for the family or finally quitting tobacco.”

The American Heart Association is committed to turning a nation of bystanders into lifesavers. The long-term goal: to ensure that in the face of a cardiac emergency, anyone, anywhere, is prepared and empowered to perform CPR and become a vital link in the chain of survival.



Pork Chops  
Dogs & Extras

## Noblesville Lions Club

# Grillin’ on the Square

## Under the Big Tent

**Friday, June 6, 2025**  
**Lunch/Dinner**  
**11:00 AM to 8:00 PM**  
**\$15 Advance \$17 At the Door \$8 Hotdog**

**Saturday, June 7, 2025**  
**Pancake Breakfast**  
**7:00 AM to 11:00 AM**  
**\$10 Adult \$6 Kids (free under 2 yr)**  
**Advance tickets available from any Lion**



# Fishers Has Your Summer Sizzling

The City of Fishers and Fishers Parks are turning up the summer fun with a season packed full of traditions, celebrations, and unforgettable memories. Recently ranked one of the best places to live in the country and the 2nd best place to live in Indiana from U.S. News & World Report, Fishers is showcasing some of the best it has to offer this season, from the award-winning Fishers Farmers Market, to the week-long Spark!Fishers celebration, to free concerts at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater (NPD AMP).

The summer event line-up includes:

### Free Tuesdays at the NPD AMP

*Tuesdays, June & July | 7 p.m. (unless noted) | NPD AMP | Free*

This popular summer tradition returns to the NPD AMP with free Tuesday night concerts throughout June and July. Grab your picnic and lawn chair and enjoy a beautiful evening with family and friends in the heart of downtown Fishers. No tickets or pre-registration is required. Learn more at [NPDAMP.com](#).

Shows include:

- June 3: Mike and Joe
- June 10: Wildheart Band
- June 17: Toy Factory
- June 24: Spark!Fishers Concert (entertainment TBA, 8 p.m.)
- July 1: The Big '80s
- July 8: Living Proof Indy
- July 15: The Midtown Mad Men
- July 22: The Nauti Yachtys
- July 29: GrooveSmash

### Ticketed Summer Concert Series

*Dates & times vary | NPD AMP | Get tickets at [NPDAMP.com](#)*

From country to funk to indie rock, there's something for everyone at this season's lineup of ticketed shows at the NPD AMP!

- June 7 | Sam Barber (sold out!)
- June 14 | Chase Rice with Drake White
- June 18 | Band of Horses with Secret Guest
- July 17 | Yo La Tengo & Built to Spill
- July 25 | Michael Franti & Spearhead
- August 9 | Here Come the Mummies
- September 13 | Ole 60 with the Jack Wharff Band and Rob Langdon

### Fishers Parks Summer Camps

*Monday-Friday, half & full days available*

Spots are still available at Fishers Parks' half-day and full-day camps! Kids five and older can explore their interests, make friends, and shake their summer-break boredom with camps across Fishers! Whether your kid is an adventurer, nature lover, artist, all-star athlete, or scientist-in-training, Fishers Parks camps offer something for everyone to keep kids active and learning. Register at [FishersParks.com/Camps](#).

### NRPA Family Health + Fitness Week

*June 9-13 | 10 a.m.-noon & 4-6 p.m. | Geist Waterfront Park | Free*

Help us celebrate Family Health + Fitness Week, ahead of



Chase Rice will perform June 14. *Courtesy*

the National Recreation and Parks Association's (NRPA) annual Family Health + Fitness Day on June 14. From June 9-13, Fishers Parks and the Fishers Health Department will host free, fun activities at the beach at Geist Waterfront Park. Tap into your inner athlete as you challenge your balance, speed, and agility! All participants must sign our liability waiver on site before competing (no pre-registration required). Each station will be completed with teams/groups of 2-4, ages six and older. At the end of the week, the winning team will be contacted for a Fishers Parks prize pack! Learn more at [FishersParks.com/NRPA](#).

### Fishers Fire & Emergency Services' Cul-de-sac Drills

*Dates & locations vary | 7 p.m. | Free*

Fishers Fire & Emergency Services returns to neighborhoods around Fishers this summer for cul-de-sac drills! Firefighters will give little and big kids alike an opportunity to handle the fire hose line or run through the spray during these family-friendly neighborhood events. For dates and locations, visit [Fire.FishersIN.gov/CulDeSacDrills](#).

### Fishers Farmers Market

*Saturdays | 8 a.m. to noon | NPD AMP | Free*

The Fishers Farmers Market, Presented by IU Health, is back for the summer season at the NPD AMP in the heart of Fishers' downtown Nickel Plate District. One of the only dog friendly markets

in the Indianapolis metro area, the Fishers Farmers Market runs every Saturday morning through September and features more than 90 vendors from around Indiana. Kick off the market with a free fitness class from 8-9 a.m. every morning on the NPD AMP stage and live music from 10 a.m. to noon each week. To learn more, visit [FishersParks.com/FarmersMarket](#).

Upcoming specialty days include:

- June 7 | Thrift-A-Thon
- July 12 | Accessibility & Inclusion Day
- July 19 | Biz Kidz Day
- August 2 | Health & Wellness Day

### Forest Bathing

Dates & times vary I Ritchey Woods Nature Preserve I \$36 for residents, \$54 non-residents

New this summer, join a Certified Nature and Forest Therapy Guide for Forest Bathing at Ritchey Woods Nature Preserve. Forest Bathing is a practice of nature immersion, elevating sensory observations in the present moment. Participants "bathe" in the sights, sounds, textures, and scents they encounter while on an intentionally slow, guided outing. Your certified Nature and Forest Therapy Guide will facilitate your experience through a series of invitations to promote nature connection. Register at [FishersParks.com/Forest](#).

### Spark!Fishers, presented by Meijer

*Tuesday, June 24-Saturday, June 29 | Nickel Plate District | Registration required for 5K Race & All Abilities 1-Miler*

Fishers Parks' annual, week-long Spark!Fishers festival, presented

by Meijer, will take over downtown Fishers the last full week of June. Celebrate what it means to be uniquely Fishers with this community tradition, including the 5K Race and All Abilities 1-Miler, presented by IU Health; a Car & Art Show highlighting local artisans along with vintage and classic cars; free concerts on Tuesday and Friday evenings at the NPD AMP; drone and fireworks shows; and Saturday's Street Festival – the biggest day of the week – featuring a parade, multiple stages of live music, food, drink, and artisan vendors, art displays, kids and teen zones, and so much more! Get the full lineup at [SparkFishers.com](#).

### Fourth of July Fireworks, Concert

Friday, July 4 | Dusk (approximately 10 p.m.) | Locations vary | Free

Celebrate Independence Day with three fireworks shows throughout Fishers, presented by Fishers Parks! Viewing locations include the NPD AMP lawn, Cyntheanne Park, and Geist Reservoir. Looking for more 4th of July fun? Enjoy a free concert from My Yellow Rickshaw at the NPD AMP at 8 p.m. before the fireworks show.

Monsoon Madness *Saturday, July 26 | 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. for pre-purchased early access | 12 – 3 p.m. for general admission | Holland Park (1 Park Drive)*

Cool off from the summer heat at Monsoon Madness, returning to Holland Park on July 26! Enjoy giant waterslides, a mini-monsoon area for little ones, and live entertainment and this annual family favorite.

This year's event will offer an early access option to experience a smaller crowd and shorter wait times from 11 a.m. to noon, limited to the first 500 registrants. Free general admission begins at noon. Pre-registration is required. Learn more at [FishersParks.com/MonsoonMadness](#).

### Arts Council Second Friday Gallery Hop

*August 8 | 5-9 p.m. | Nickel Plate District | Free*

Hop around the galleries in downtown Fishers including the Art Gallery at City Hall, Fishers Art Center, Ignite Studio at Hamilton East Public Library, High Frequency Arts, Meyer Najem, FAC Hub Gallery, and Four Day Ray. Learn more at [FishersArtsCouncil.org](#).

### Yoga on the Beach

*Dates and times vary | Geist Waterfront Park | Free*

Fishers Parks is again hosting its free yoga series on the beach at Geist Waterfront Park through the summer 2025 season. No registration is required for this free event. Participants must be 13 years or older and bring their own yoga mat.

### Free Yoga Wednesdays

*Wednesdays I 8:30 a.m. | Flat Fork Creek Park | Free*

Kick off your morning with a free, outdoor yoga class from Roots & Wings Yoga Wellness. No registration is required and all skill levels welcome. Participants must bring their own yoga mat.

### Splash Pads

*Open daily through Labor Day | 10 a.m. – 8*

*p.m. | Throughout Fishers | Free*

We're keeping the summer cool with our free splash pads at Holland Park (1 Park Drive), Billericay Park (12690 Promise Road), and the NPD AMP Pavilion (10 Municipal Drive). Splash pads are open daily (weather permitting) through Labor Day. Learn more at [FishersParks.com/WaterAmenities](#).

### Story Walk

Families can enjoy the great outdoors any time during free, self-guided reading hikes! In partnership with Hamilton East Public Library, each month we'll feature a children's book on a Fishers Parks trail or walking path for you to enjoy during an easy, quarter-mile hike. Book locations rotate every month to a different Fishers Parks property. In June, visit Fishers AgriPark for Ann Patchett's book, *Escape Goat*. Books are available all month long (rain or shine).

### Summer Make It Take Its, Classes & Camps

*Dates & times vary I Fishers Art Center | Register at [FishersArtCenter.org](#)*

Registration is open for summer classes, camps, and workshops at the Fishers Art Center, located at 1 Municipal Drive adjacent to Fishers City Hall. With one-time Make It Take It workshops and multi-week classes available for youth, teens, and adults, there is something for everyone! Visit [FishersArtCenter.org](#) to register.



# Former Anderson University President Joins CCHA Law

Church Church Hittle + Antrim (CCHA Law) is proud to announce that John S. Pistole, a nationally recognized leader in higher education and government public service, has joined the firm as a senior advisor in its Higher Education Practice Group.

Pistole’s appointment marks a significant milestone in the firm’s ongoing commitment to serving over 75 institutions of higher education nationally from coast to coast. His distinguished career spans decades in national security and university leadership. Most recently, Pistole served as President of Anderson University.

Prior to his presidency at Anderson University, Pistole served as the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration, the longest-serving in the agency’s history, where he led a 60,000-member workforce and oversaw security operations across more than 450 airports nationwide. Before that, he spent 26 years with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, serving as the deputy director and playing a pivotal role in shaping U.S. counterterrorism strategy following the Sept. 11 attacks.

“I have had the great fortune to work with John Pistole and have witnessed his unique combination of hard-won expertise coupled with genuine humility,” said Jodie Ferise, attorney at CCHA Law. “He brings a staggering scope of wisdom and knowledge to our practice group. His experience in both higher education and governmental affairs will allow us to expand the way we serve our institutional clients. We are honored to welcome John to our team.”

At CCHA Law, Pistole will support the Higher Education Practice Group by offering insights into the unique needs of small colleges and universities, facilitating strategic conversations with campus leaders and identifying emerging challenges, and providing seminars and training to institutions of higher education.

“It’s a privilege to continue serving the higher education community through this new role,” said Pistole. “Institutions across the country are facing unprecedented challenges. I look forward to being part of the CCHA Law team helping college and university presidents, their cabinets, and their Boards continue to achieve their unique institutional missions even in these tumultuous times.”

Pistole holds multiple honors for his service, including the Presidential Rank of Distinguished Executive, the Edward H. Levi Award for Outstanding Professionalism and Exemplary Integrity, and an Honorary Doctor of Laws from Anderson University.

To learn more about Pistole and his work, visit [cchalaw.com](http://cchalaw.com).

# Touch-a-Truck Returns to Grand

Get ready to start your engines at Touch-a-Truck, presented by Centier Bank! Join Westfield Welcome at Grand Park Sports Campus (Lot F) on June 18 from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. for the return of Touch-a-Truck, offering little ones the chance to climb up into the driver’s seat of trucks, emergency vehicles, and construction vehicles that keep our city moving.

“Touch-a-Truck is one of those rare events that’s as fun as it is educational,” said Mayor Scott Wilis. “I’m glad our kids will have the chance to sit in the driver’s seat while connecting with the people and vehicles that help keep Westfield moving in the right direction.”

The first hour of Touch-a-Truck will be a sensory friendly hour for children who need a quieter but equally fun experience. During this time, honking horns, flashing lights, blaring sirens, or loud sounds will not be permitted. After 5:30 p.m., free ear plugs will be available for those who still wish to participate in the fun but wish to have a quieter experience.

Vehicles that will be on display include a fire truck, police cruiser, SWAT vehicle, semi-truck cabs, a garbage truck, and more. Additional activities will include lawn games, a bounce house, and sports-themed games.

Admission and parking are free, and the event is open to families of all ages. Join us for an unforgettable evening of hands-on fun!



# Mexican National Sentenced Following 8th Illegal Re-entry, 7th deportation

Manuel Vasquez-Mongia (a/k/a Manuel Vasquez-Mungia), 32, of Mexico, has been sentenced to 13 months in federal prison followed by three years of supervised release after pleading guilty to illegal re-entry of a removed alien.

According to court documents, between 2011 and 2015, Vasquez-Mongia was found to be illegally in the United States on seven separate occasions. Each time, he was ordered removed to Mexico by an immigration judge and prohibited from entering the United States for a period of five to twenty years.

On October 15, 2015, after illegally reentering the United States a seventh time, Vasquez-Mongia was found guilty of Transportation of Illegal Aliens and sentenced to six months in federal prison. Following release, he was again deported to Mexico and prohibited from entering the United States at any time.

Nearly a decade later, on September 11, 2024, Vasquez-Mongia was located and arrested in Indianapolis after entering the country illegally for the eighth time. This is his fifth federal conviction for immigration offenses.

“Vasquez-Mongia has repeatedly shown blatant disregard for the law,” said John E. Childress, Acting U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana. “Despite multiple deportations and warnings not to return, he reentered almost immediately—even bringing others with him. He clearly thought he could evade justice, but today’s sentence proves otherwise. We will continue working with ICE and our partners to locate and remove individuals who illegally enter our country.”

Immigration Customs and Enforcement and U.S. Marshals Service Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force investigated this case. The sentence was imposed by U.S. District Judge James P. Hanlon.

Acting U.S. Attorney Childress thanked Assistant U.S. Attorney Meredith Wood prosecuted this case.

This case is part of Operation Take Back America, a nationwide initiative that marshals the full resources of the Department of Justice to repel the invasion of illegal immigration, achieve the total elimination of cartels and transnational criminal organizations (TCOs), and protect our communities from the perpetrators of violent crime. [use if applicable] Operation Take Back America streamlines efforts and resources from the Department’s Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF) and Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN)

# Tickets on Sale for ‘Tonight, Tonight, CCS Goes Broadway’

Circle City Sound, Central Indiana’s premier men’s chorus, is proud to announce its upcoming performance, Tonight, Tonight, CCS Goes Broadway, taking place on Saturday, Aug. 16 at 7 p.m. at the Tarkington Theatre in the Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts, Carmel.

This one-night-only musical celebration will showcase the Broadway-inspired talents of Circle City Sound, an award-winning chorus that has been a vibrant part of the region’s arts scene since 1948. Known for their rich harmonies and dynamic per-

## Event Details:

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**Who:** Circle City Sound, featuring Gimme Four  
**When:** Friday, Aug. 16 at 7 p.m.  
**Where:** Tarkington Theatre, Allied Solutions Center for the Performing Arts, Carmel  
**Tickets:** Available now at [Fifth Third Bank Box Office](http://FifthThirdBankBoxOffice.com), [TheCenterPresents.org](http://TheCenterPresents.org), or call (317) 843-3800

formances, CCS is set to bring the magic of Broadway to life in an unforgettable evening of music and entertainment.

The show will also feature a special guest appearance by Gimme Four, an internationally acclaimed barbershop quartet known for their tight harmonies, engaging stage presence, and award-winning performances on the global stage.

Tickets are now on sale and expected to go quickly for this high-energy event that blends the timeless appeal of Broadway with the unmatched vocal artistry of barbershop harmony.

# Kolb Livestock Joins Membership of American Angus Association

Kolb Livestock, Sheridan, is a new member of the American Angus Association®, reports Mark McCully, CEO of the national breed organization headquartered in Saint Joseph, Missouri.

The American Angus Association, with more than 21,000 active adult and junior members, is the largest beef breed association in the world. Its computerized records include detailed information on over 21 million registered Angus.

The Association records ancestral information and keeps production records and genomic data on individual animals to develop industry-leading selection tools for its members. The programs and services of the Association and its entities — Angus Genetics Inc., Angus Media, Certified Angus Beef LLC and the Angus Foundation — help members advance the beef cattle business by selecting the best animals for their herds and marketing quality genetics for the beef cattle industry and quality beef for consumers.

# Lori Hippensteel Named HHHS Dean of Students

Hamilton Heights School Corporation is pleased to announce that Lori Hippensteel has been named as the high school’s Dean of Students. Hippensteel, who served as the high school’s Media Center Specialist alongside our school leadership, who put Hamilton Heights students and staff first.”

“I have enjoyed working in the High School Media Center for the past 19 years,” continued Hippensteel, who is thankful and honored to have been selected for this position. “Our administration has supported my growth in the academic aspects of my job and my involvement with the Honor Society and Student Government, both inside and outside the school building. Through these experiences, I hope to bring the same enthusiasm to building relationships with students and staff, collaborating with community members, and being a part of creating a school culture of pride alongside our students.”

“Lori has a solid rapport with students and staff, both,” said Whitney Gray, Principal, Hamilton Heights High School. “She goes above and beyond and will work to find solutions for any problem that comes up. We are so excited for her to step into this new role.”

In this role, Hippensteel will work closely with administrators, teachers, and counselors to foster a positive school culture, ensuring that students receive the guidance and resources needed to thrive academically and socially.

“I have had excellent mentors who exemplify how personal integrity, positivity, continuous learning, and laughter create great leaders,” she said. “I hope to have a positive impact in this position by emulating the actions of our high school administration. Observing and collaborating with Mr. Mason, Mrs. Gray, and Mr. Street provided me with a front-row seat to witness their interactions, problem-solving, and support for students and staff during challenging situations all while celebrating their achievements.”

Hippensteel added that her goal is to fulfill the expectations of the school community by supporting, assisting, and encouraging our students. “I will continue to be an advocate and mentor for students who are working hard in class, finding joy in our many extracurricular activities, and determining their future pathways for life beyond high school. I am also excited to engage with various community groups that can help us explore new ways to assist our students.”



Lori Hippensteel





Mark Kipp, chairman of the Scholarship Committee, shakes hands with, from left, Jack Morris, Marshall Frye and Dana Buitrago. Photos courtesy Kiwanis Club of Cicero

# Cicero Kiwanis Awards \$7,000 in Scholarships

The Kiwanis Club of Cicero proudly recognized three outstanding graduating seniors from Hamilton Heights High School with scholarships during the school's 2025 Awards Night, continuing its tradition of investing in the futures of promising young leaders.

This year's recipients were awarded a total of \$7,000 in scholarships across three categories,

each tailored to recognize different paths to success and service.

Jack Morris received the Cicero Kiwanis Key Club Scholarship in the amount of \$2,500. Jack has been an active and dedicated member of the Key Club and excelled academically while also participating in a variety of school and community activities. He plans to attend Trine University,

where he will study Information Technology.

Marshall Frye was awarded the Cicero Kiwanis Technical/Vocational School Scholarship for \$2,500. Marshall has demonstrated a strong commitment to his education and community and will be attending Legacy Trade College in Utah to pursue a career in cabinetry.

Dana Buitrago received

the Cicero Kiwanis William Conder Scholarship, valued at \$2,000. Dana's strong academic performance, financial need, and record of service set her apart. She will be attending Indiana University to study nursing.

"These scholarships represent more than financial support—they are an investment in our future," said Mark Kipp, Chairman of the Scholarship

Committee. "By helping students like Jack, Marshall, and Dana pursue their goals, we're nurturing future leaders who are committed to serving others and making a meaningful difference. That's why every Kiwanis member remains dedicated to leaving a lasting, positive impact on the children within our communities."

The Kiwanis Club of Cicero

extends its heartfelt congratulations to the scholarship winners and thanks all the applicants who applied this year.

"If these young people are any indication of what the future holds," said Kipp, "we are in great shape."

For more information about the Kiwanis Club of Cicero and its community programs, visit: [www.cicero-kiwanis.org](http://www.cicero-kiwanis.org)